

Ad Hoc Begins Hearings

Having completed its preliminary reports in each of the areas under study the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Life will hold its first hearings scheduled for 7 p.m. in Tyler Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday the subcommittees on Social and Cultural programs, clubs, fraternities and sororities, Student Government and communications will hold hearings. On the 20th the subcommittee on Personal Staff and Services, Financial Aid, athletic, Residence Hall, Food Service, Health Service and Facilities will hold hearings.

A large variety of recommendations will be discussed at the hearings which all students and faculty members are urged to attend. Written reports by subcommittees listed several observations and recommendations which will be up for discussion of the hearings.

Beginning with the findings of the Resident Hall Subcommittee some of the observations are listed as a concern over the amount of freedom granted women students within the resident hall program. Other high points are the appeal of off-campus housing and the conflicting role

played by the R.A. (disciplinarian vs. counselor.)

Recommendations provide for the expansion of off-campus housing, gradations of women's regulations (ranging from key privileges to present system) and a closer alliance between R.A.'s and F.A.G.'s.

The subcommittee on Religious Climate concludes that classroom confrontations need to be explored, student-faculty informal discussions need to be encouraged, programs should be provided in cities and that the faculty-student evaluation of the meaning of "Liberal Arts - In-

formed by the Christian Faith" should be continued.

The Faculties Subcommittee has observed that the health facilities are inadequate. Included with this observation is the feeling that there is not enough professional medical and psychological care available. Another discovery is the inadequacy of the recreational facilities.

Among the recommendations which are intended to correct these findings is student desire for a commercial enterprises on campus (e.g. book store, laundromat.)

The preliminary report on the

Student Government Subcommittee reached the conclusion that a reorganization of campus government is necessary. Another conclusion specifies that clearly defined areas of responsibility and authority must be established with the President and Board of Trustees.

Listed among the recommendations are a community government structure (e.g. student-faculty committees to be established in all areas of concern to serve as President's Advisory Committees).

The Subcommittee on R.O.T.C. revealed that Alma has no chance of establishing its own R.O.T.C. program. The subcommittee discovered that it would be possible for Alma students to take Naval R.O.T.C. work at Ann Arbor. In this case students remain fully registered on the home campus but can qualify for the two year contract program as long as they can meet the established schedule of N.R.O.T.C. classes including weekly lab sessions.

The reports final conclusion relates that, unfortunately, other R.O.T.C. programs do not make this provision. Except for individual initiative and interest in the N.R.O.T.C. at Ann Arbor, the door seems to be, at the moment, closed.

The budget subcommittee is concerned with the rising cost of education to Alma's students. It pointed out that the College has only three main sources of revenue, which are: student tuition, and fees, endowments and gifts including aid from the Presbyterian Church.

The report states that the present tuition places the college with the four most expensive colleges in Michigan. The Admissions Staff has repeatedly pointed out that our tuition and fees are now at a level where we are in danger of pricing ourselves out of range for many students and their families. While the College has quintupled its financial aid to students in the past four years, costs still present problems to many of our students.

Alma's athletic program came under the scrutiny of a subcommittee on athletics, which had several recommendations. The committee first recommended continuing the present intercollegiate program and strengthening it to the point that "the teams fielded will have the prospect of exhibiting a creditable performance." The committee pointed out the disadvantage of an athletic "emphasis which achieves more OR less than a win-loss proportion of 50:50" in the long run.

Another recommendation is that the College organize junior varsities for the major sports—football, basketball, baseball and possibly tennis. The committee also theorized that each team should have its own coach.

Financial aid to athletes, said the committee, should be awarded to "scholars who may be athletes rather than athletes who may or may not be scholars."

As a means of strengthening the MIAA the committee advocated a greater uniformity among the conference schools in standards for eligibility, athletic support and recruiting practices. A further recommendation was that varsity schedules be "paced to a functional minimum," particularly in sports such as basketball and baseball, whose schedules extend over several interruptions in the College calendar.

Other recommendations included MIAA "Sports Days," a greater variety of intramural sports, expansion of field areas and athletic facilities and an increase in transportation facilities

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Dr. Samuel Cornelius, dean of the faculty, has asked that students and faculty with suggestions for the all-school reading titles for the 1966-67 school year submit these ideas to him.

Cornelius acts as chairman of the Curriculum Committee, which selects the titles for all-campus reading. The Committee will soon be announcing next year's selections.

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The girls from Alpha Theta sorority shown above are rehearsing for tomorrow night's Songfest. The Theta group will be one of eight appearing in Tyler at 8 p.m. (photo by Sullivan)

Eight Groups Perform For Song Fest Awards

Eight groups, quartets and ensembles, will vie for awards in this year's Song Fest tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Tyler auditorium.

In case of an overflow crowd the College is providing closed-circuit TV viewing of the event in the snack bar.

Opening the program will be the TKE ensemble with the theme "Viet Nam—the Moment to Decide". Members of the group are John Emery, Jim Ladd, Tom Dymott, John Duda, Gary Fenchuk, Rick Hall, Jim Butterick, Bill Brown, Larry Luchini, Bob Hadley, Rich Skinner, Skip Mosshamer, Larry Dickie and Al Fournier.

In the second position on the program the KI ensemble will sing "That Lucky Old Sun". The ensemble is composed of Marilyn Grinnell, Kathy Wass, Jane Maynard, Linda Taylor, Jo Bottocelli, Nancy Kelly, Sue Dilts, Kaye Bowman, Linda George, Sandy Byrd, Connie Taisey, Karen Walker, Marianne Torrence, Danny Stearns, Kitty Carey, Nancy Kapp, Sue McGuire, Ann Fisher and Nancy Taylor.

Quartets will then begin to share the spotlight, opening with a Newberry group of Kathy Kallweit, Mark Ann Williams and Chris Burr.

Next on the agenda is the Phi O ensemble with "Soldier's Lament." Singing in this group are Ann Giebel, Betsy Bell, Marcia Cameron, Ruth Henderson, Noel Stichel, Margaret Mueller, Beth Wilson, Linda Bivona, Marilyn Taylor, Nancy Brown, Sallie Spencer, Dianne Long, Kathy Nolan, Kay Oster, Jane Rothfuss, Mary Burg, Linda Olson and Kathy Hume.

An Alpha Theta ensemble will sing "Through the Eyes of a Child". Members of the ensemble are Lesley Denherder, Judy Shumway, Mary Jane Henne, Kathy Hallin, Sue Rogers, Sue Mitchell, Kathy Goodenow, Ann

Pierson, Barb Klenk, Kathy Karry, Diane Henne, Debbie Parker, Stephanie Allen, Mary Beth Bultema, Casey Cummings, Mary Skinner, Jane Rath, Leora Colcord Jan Grace and Liz Smith.

"College Songs of Different Ages" will be the theme used by the TKE quartet. The four are Skip Mosshamer, Bill Brown, Jim Butterink and John Emery. continued on page 5

"Library Noise" Concerns S-C

The Student Council passed a resolution to support the administration's dinner-dress regulations as they now exist, at the regular meeting of the Student Council Tuesday night. This action was prompted by the fact that recently students have been wearing sweatshirts and no socks to the evening meal.

Other business at the meeting consisted of the reading of the minutes and committee reports. The international affairs committee reported that the college did not participate in the China Conference as intended because faculty members could not be found that were willing to attend the conference. Therefore the seventy dollars allocated for the conference was returned to the treasury. It was also reported that the faculty auction and hootenany held for the benefit of project Mayflower earned approximately \$350.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported that Mr. Fraker requested that students stay away from the construction area at the north end of campus to their own safety. He also mentioned that the "please" signs are to remind students please stay off the grass and also please do not remove the "please" signs.

Under new business several topics were mentioned and briefly discussed. First, that it would be desirable to coordinate the clocks on campus to the same time. Second, students have recently been having trouble with transcripts from the registrar's office containing mistakes which have been detrimental to their admission to graduate school. Third, that there has been unnecessary noise on the second floor of the library, which seems to have become an extension of the union. The council asked that students be more considerate of those trying to study. Finally, it was brought up that the possibility of a smoking room in the library be investigated. This would be to provide a place for students to smoke while studying.

17 Students Perform In Spring Concert

This year's Orchestis concert will feature seventeen dancers performing in twelve numbers. Each dance has been developed by the students themselves during the year. Much of the actual choreography was worked out during the winter term, freeing the members of Orchestis to concentrate this term on the final pulling-together and polishing of their numbers.

Although more solo dances will be performed this year than in previous concerts, there will be several group numbers. One dance, developed during the term by the entire choreography class, is a fantasy that gives a

new twist to the old spring-fever-at-college story.

Another group number, choreographed by Randy Hopkins, Sturgis junior, will be the opening dance. This number, done to music from The Fantastics, will draw all the dancers together in a scene of backstage preparation.

One of last year's dances which was very favorably received will be repeated. Jacqueline Harper, an Alma graduate, will be returning to dance with Randy Hopkins the duet, "There Is a Place Where Love Begins."

The Orchestis concert is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. in Dow Auditorium. Tickets will be available during the week of the concert at Tyler Center and at the information desk in Reid Knox.

Paintings Stolen From Dow Exhibit

Two German Expressionist prints were discovered missing from the art exhibit in Dow Lobby Wednesday morning. Both date from the early 20th century and are estimated at a total value of \$120.

The two prints are Kirchner's "Umbre Vitae" and Munch's "Landscape" which was slated for purchase by the Alma College Permanent Art Collection for rental to students and faculty.

Mr. Kent Kirby, art department chairman remarked on the theft, "It is only occasionally I become disappointed with the Alma College student body; now is one of those times. Although in this instance the problem is not so much a reflection of the entire student body, I am sure, as it is of one, or a few individuals. Unfortunately, the influence of those individuals in this case may be far reaching.

The disappearance of two prints from the display in the lobby of Dow Science Building represents a serious dilemma to

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a peek at the world . . .

The U.S. Air Force disclosed Wednesday that the first B-52 attack on North Vietnam Tuesday was the biggest bombing raid since World War II. Officials said it set off a massive mountain landslide that sealed off the strategic Mu Gia Pass on the Communists' Ho Chi Minh infiltration line into South Vietnam.

Premier Nguyen Cao Ky has hardened his opposition to the Buddhists and is determined not to surrender to their demands for the immediate capitulation of his military regime, it was learned Wednesday. The same report stated that he is ready to use all force necessary to remain in power.

French President Charles de Gaulle still wants to remain friends with the United States and has no intention of allying France with Russia or Communist China, Premier Georges Pompidou said Wednesday. But de Gaulle himself said he does not want to wait forever for the U.S. to pull its military forces out of France.

President Johnson and Lady Bird flew to Mexico City yesterday for informal visit, his first visit to a foreign capital since he took office. While he is there Johnson will dedicate a statue of Abraham Lincoln to Mexico, a gift from the United States.

Letters to the Editor

It all began a few years ago. With the makers of a small foreign automobile sold in the United States. Their advertising displayed a new style. It was short, Direct. There were no large words. And few commas.

The ads were easy to understand. And the company sold thousands of cars.

And now more and more companies are adopting this same style in their own advertising. We are confronted with one-word sentences. And run-on sentences separated by periods. And incomplete thoughts. And poor grammar. And inadequate vocabulary. And halting speech.

And not only from automobile manufacturers. But soft drink companies. And airline companies. Even cosmetic companies. And the ads appear everywhere. Not even the Wall Street Journal is exempt.

So we say stop.

We are fed up with catchy phrasing. And non-sentences. And sentences which begin with conjunctions. And items in a series separated by periods. And para-

graphs which would not pass the theme requirements of high school.

We dislike thoughts limited to two words. Or one word. We dislike the paucity of conjunctive adverbs. Or any adverbs. We like to discuss our thoughts in complete sentences. So that people will understand what we mean.

So stop.

Before we forget the pleasures of subordinating ideas with subordinating conjunctions. Before we forget introductory clauses. Or parenthetical expressions. Or that commas do exist. And that sentences must contain a subject and a verb.

Stop before this style of writing influences too many people. Especially youngsters. Who may think this is the only way to communicate one's thoughts.

And perhaps the style will spread elsewhere. To books. Or journals. Or the Congressional Record. Or maybe even to newspaper editorials.

Stop.

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago I had the unfortunate experience of finding an error on my academic transcript. I was angry, but, then again, people do make mistakes. Now I find I am not the only one upon whom such inaccuracies have been so casually impressed.

Talking to Molly Parrish has done little good because she is convinced that in the long run these errors are of little consequence. So, without much hope of eliminating the source of the trouble, I would like to alert those of you for whom it is not too late.

Sincerely,
J. Mitchell Dykstra

Dear Editor:

In view of recent campus events and their coverage in the almanian, I have a few rather unrelated and perhaps unqualified gripes to make.

First, the women on this campus deserve some severe criticism for lacking the courage to carry through on their "reform" measures. All that noise for such a triviality as a one hour extension of women's per on only one night of the week? How absurd! What happened to all the other glorious plans?

Second, when are the administrators going to learn that we are human individuals and not clothing store "dummies" that they may dress as they see fit? A dictated dress policy for evening meals or any other part of college life is utterly ridiculous! How can one become an adult when he is constantly treated like a child? Next they will be "tucking us in" at night.

My last gripe is against all these milk-toasts who are brave enough to write letters to the almanian protesting college policies, but don't have the guts to sign their names! No strength of convictions?

Name withheld
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The Case For Dirty Books

by Jolly Conine

Last month, and in fact for many years, the Supreme Court has had the most difficult predicament of defining pornography. It seems that the nation's book stores are packed with risqué titles like *Lust Craze*, and *After Sex With The Single Girl*, and these publications are found guilty of decaying the morals of America's children, adolescents, and adults. Authors of those books which have no redeeming social or literary value, and whose "sole emphasis is on the sexually provocative aspect" may face heavy fines and prison sentences.

Who will decide what books constitute pornography? Obviously



ly what one person considers valuable literature another may consider shameful smut. What happens when a judge must admit that he was "sexually provoked" by a certain novel; will it reflect on the judge's morals or the book's value? Similarly, the novel *Candy* was repulsively indecent to many readers, yet, whether it succeeded or not, it was intended as a lampoon on the rash of obscene garbage that litters our book stores. Where some can read only its filth, others find a social criticism.

Those who complain that pornographic books are wilting the flowers of chasity, avoid the true ill in our society. Normal human beings are not reduced to perverts by reading trash. It may, in rare cases, spur the pervert to some indecent act, but more often it probably serves as a release to the pervert, and may even keep him off the streets.

The attitude that sex is dangerous reading for adolescents indicates a feeling that sex is dirty. No teen-ager, whether from New York slums or Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, is going to reverse his entire moral code because of a sensual novel.

Almost every paperback for sale in Times Square New York is valueless. I wouldn't recommend most of them to any reader regardless of his age, sex or emotional stability. However, the evils of censorship were proved by Hitler, the dangers of pornography we should be able to handle effectively by stressing positive values in educating our populace.

When this nation no longer has faith enough in its people to permit so-called "dangerous" literature, we have admitted that democracy failed, and it is time to reorganize more than our bookshelves.

Student Government Tends Toward Reform

Austin, Texas (ACP)—Gone are the days of torchlight parades for campus politicians, massive marches on the Capitol and rigged cheerleader elections, says the *Daily Texan*. Election turnout is the same as ever—appallingly small, but in the olden days at least a portion of the student body seemed to care about the University's brand of personal policies.

Student government has gone "responsible." Candidates and electorates no longer care about the froth that once consumed so much sound and fury. This trend toward seriousness could be for the better, but unfortunately the Student Assembly and Students' Associaion are still geared to the days when somebody really cared about getting his best friend appointed to the sweetheart nominee appeals board sub-committee.

Today students are asking for a role in the governing of the University. They are willing to sit through hours of droning Regents meetings, plow through acres of administrative red tape, delve into important but unspectacular aspects of University policy. Student leaders have approached the Board of Regents, asking for seats on some of the policy-making committees, and the Regents have shown a willingness to consider their requests.

This plea for a voice in University affairs is a plea for the very life of student government. For if students cannot have a significant voice within the University they will attempt to influence it from the outside through such methods as demonstration and unionization.

If student government is not granted a greater degree of power, fewer and fewer outstanding University students will be attracted to it. Even now, independent groups attract many potential leaders by confronting significant issues such as integration, American foreign policy and academic ills which student government most often ignores.

We hope this year's campaigning platforms will reflect thoughtful suggestions for reform, rather than tired promises to solve the parking problem and hold regular office hours. There has been a change in attitude among thoughtful elements of the student body. But if student government does not herald—or at least reflect—this change it will alienate itself even more from potential leaders and lose its opportunity to articulate and help solve the University's problems.

Newberry Opens House Tonight

"Surf's Up!" That is the theme of the open house and mixer to be held at Newberry Hall tonight.

Sue Westhauser, Newberry's Social Chairman and Vice President, has been in charge of plans for this event. The dorm will be open from 7:30 to 10 p.m. At 10 in Newberry's basement there will be a mixer. There will be dancing and a live band for entertainment.

For refreshments there will be submarine sandwiches and punch. The dress will be casual to go with the theme — "Surf's Up."

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 15—Friday	7:30 p.m.	Chemistry Club Mid-Central Regional Convention	Newberry Hall Dow Auditorium
April 16—Saturday	7:30 p.m.	Newberry Hall Open House and Mixer	Newberry Hall Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Film—"Tobacco Road"	Dow Auditorium
April 18—Monday	7:30 p.m.	Chemistry Club Mid-Central Regional Convention	Tyler Auditorium
April 19—Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Film—"Tobacco Road"	Dunning Chapel
April 20—Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Songfest	Dunning Chapel
April 22—Friday	7:30 p.m.	Phi Omicron Patroness Tea Convocation—D. Gale Johnson	Dow Auditorium
April 23—Saturday	8-11:00 p.m.	Gamma Delta Alpha Banquet	Delt Sig House
	9-11:00 p.m.	Baseball with Adrian Tennis with Adrian	Tyler Auditorium
	7-12:00 Midnight	Film—"The Big Sky"	Sig Tau House
	7:30 p.m.	Delt Sig-Theta Pledge Party	
		Phi O Dime Dance	
		Sig Tau Closed Party	
		Baseball and Tennis with Albion	
		Alpha Phi Omega Car Wash	
		Alpha Theta Work Day	
		Track at Albion	
		International Night	
		Film—"The Big Sky"	Tyler Auditorium Dow Auditorium

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Placement Casement

The following business and industries will have representatives on campus on the dates specified to interview prospective employees. More specific information regarding the companies and the specific openings can be obtained in the Placement Office. Appointments for interviews should be made through the Placement Office.

Monday, April 18—Huron Valley Sch. Dist., Milford.
 Tuesday, April 19—Michigan National Bank; I.B.M.
 Wednesday, April 20—Rockford Public Schools; Kearsley Comm. Schs. Flint.
 Thursday, April 21—Cherry Hill Sch. Dist., Inkster; Litchfield Comm. Schs.
 Tuesday, April 26—Royal Oak Public Schools.
 Thursday, April 28—Kelly Girls.

Meeder Will Be Mott Program Director Here

The appointment of Terry L. Meeder, assistant superintendent of Alma Public Schools, as director of the Mott program of Community Education at Alma College has been announced by President Robert D. Swanson.

Meeder, 28, will assume his new duties here on July 1, heading a program of community enrichment made possible by a grant from the Mott Foundation.

The grant, which was announced last month, will enable the College to work with all schools in the county and eventually a wider area in Central Michigan in extending cultural, educational, social and recreational opportunities.

Meeder, who was awarded a B. S. degree by Michigan State University in 1959 and an M. A. Central Michigan University in 1964 was a teacher and coach in Ellsworth Public Schools from 1959 to 1962.

He came to the Alma Public Schools District as audio-visual director and administrative assistant to the superintendent in 1962. He is presently assistant superintendent of the district.

During his period of service with Alma Public Schools, Meeder was instrumental in establishing and has directed the Gratiot County Instructional Materials Cooperative, an educational film and audiovisual material library.

He also was primarily responsible for establishment and supervision of a licensed practical nurse training program for the Central Michigan area.

He directed the Alma Adult Education Program and two ten-week audio-visual workshops for Alma teachers and administrators. Meeder was a Mott Community School extern in 1964-65, and he has served as a state-wide consultant on the Elementary-Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Active in several local, state and national education associations, he is chairman of the Michigan Education Association's Commission on Instruction, a nine-member group appointed last year. Last fall he was elected a member of the Executive Board of the Michigan Audio-visual Association.



Randy Hopkins and Sue Rothfuss practice for one of the twelve numbers which will be featured by seventeen dancers at the upcoming Orchestris Concert. The concert is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29 in Dow Auditorium. (photo by Krohn)

Alma Will Host A.C.S. Convention

The sixteenth annual regional meeting Friday night on convention of the Mid-Central Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society will be held at Alma this weekend. Representatives from twenty-three colleges and universities in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana will meet in the Dow Science Building for lectures, presentations of undergraduate papers, and business meetings.

Last year the convention was held at Notre Dame University in Indiana. During that meeting, Alma was chosen as the site for this year's convention and Gladys Motz, St. Johns' junior, agreed to be Chairman of the operation. Miss Motz received the assistance of all members of the organization at Alma, the Chemistry faculty, and Mrs. Cay Eldrich.

Speakers for the convention will be Mr. Thomas Powers, and Dr. Erwin Benne. Powers will address the students at the general meeting.

Choir Visits Alma Concert Monday

Monday evening, the Alma Methodist Church will host the Albion College Concert Choir in a program of sacred music.

The concert, which will occur in the sanctuary of the Methodist Church at 8 p.m., is part of the choir's annual spring tour. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Albion Choir is recognized as one of the finest small college choirs in the state.

the problem "The Technical Aspects of the Water Problem". Powers served with the Michigan Water Resources Commission, United States Public Health Service and Former President Eisenhower's water pollution advisory board of the Public Health Service. In 1936 he joined the Dow Chemical Company as manager of Waste Disposal operations and is now manager of Water and Waste Treatment Development activities.

Benne, who will speak at the banquet Saturday night on the topic "Chemists and Society", is in the Biochemistry Department at Michigan State University. His research has been directed toward soil chemistry and analyzing agricultural materials.

In the morning and afternoon on Saturday, undergraduates from participating schools will present their research papers. Presentations will be divided into three sections: Analytical, Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, Organic and Biochemistry, and a section with presentations on various other aspects of chemistry.

The best paper will receive a trophy which is traditionally circulated between winning schools. Judges for the convention will be chemists from Dow Chemical Company and Dow Corning Corporation. The basis for the award will be quality of research and manner of presentation.

Registration fee for the convention is \$1.00 and all interested students are invited. Registration will take place between 2 and 5 p.m. on Friday and 8 and 9 a.m. on Saturday. There will be an additional cost for lunches and the banquet.

Genetics Challenges The Future Augenstein Poses Question

by Lynne Wight

Last Tuesday morning, Dr. LeRoy G. Augenstein presented to Alma College a "Challenge for a Decisive Generation. — The challenge to use science to combat hereditary defects in man within an ethical framework."

Augenstein is chairman and Professor of Bio-Physics at Michigan State University. He won his B.S. Degree from the University of Chicago and his M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees from the University of Illinois. His background includes work at the Controls Systems Labs at Illinois, the Brookhaven Energy Commission. He is also an adjunct professor at San Francisco Theological Seminary and is the author of numerous scientific articles.

"In approximately 5 to 8 years, 50 per cent of the students here will be parents. What kind of a child will you have? This is a decision that you can make as individuals and as a society." Augenstein challenged the students seated in



Augenstein

Dunning Chapel with this opening statement. Through heredity there has been found to be between 120-130 defects that can be passed on by recessive traits. We can test for 7 of these defects, such as muscular dystrophy, diabetes, and the RH blood factor. However, if we wish to correct these traits we

must chemically alter heredity before birth. We cannot wait until the adult is formed to correct these defects.

The ethical problems in this question are numerous and of growing concern for this generation. It has been possible to do "inspection operations" on animals, removing the fetus, inspecting it for hereditary defects, and then replacing it. This way it may be aborted if defective. In the test for defects it is hard to know where to "draw the line." It is definitely not an open and shut question. If there is a possibility that a child would be born with a serious problem because of a defective hereditary gene in its parents system, should the parents volunteer to this operation? The conceived child pays the price. Do we have the right to volunteer even in the first place? Augenstein challenged that you were, "damned if you do and damned if you don't."

Augenstein felt that we all want to give our children the best economic level in life, the best education possible, so why not the best genetic background possible? He felt that this generation must do three things: 1. Test for defects. 2. Educate the public. 3. See 'Genetics', p. 4

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WHAT'S THAT YOU HAVE IN IT?

TAPIOCA PUDDING!

Fraternity Pledging Varies

by Peter M. Scott

With the giving of bids on April 2, the spring pledging program of the four Alma fraternities began. Pledging is an important and integral part of Greek life and interviews with the pledge-

masters of the fraternities brought this fact out, as well as revealing differences in the programs themselves.

Pledge President Robert Boyd and Pledgemaster Richard Dana

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Service

Under the direction of pledgemaster Tom Davis, Alpha Phi Omega pledges must complete twelve service hours—four to the campus, four to the community and four to the fraternity—before becoming actives. This requirement must be fulfilled by each pledge during the six-week pledge period.

Davis stated that the purpose of the APO program is to "instill Friendship, Leadership and Service in the actions of the individual."

Pledge projects will include working at the Masonic Home and, although not formally affiliated with the scouting movement, work at Camp Rotary with

the Boy Scouts. The newest of Alma's fraternities, Alpha Phi Omega took in its largest pledge class so far—seventeen—consisting of juniors Devere Curtis and Leon White; sophomores Robert Hillenbrand

ther explained that chief emphasis was given to the development of a spirit of unity between the pledges and actives.

During the seven week pledge period the pledges become acquainted with the fraternity through weekly meetings, house improvement projects and a period of living in the house itself.

The twenty-four pledges constitute one of the largest pledge classes the Delt Sigs have ever had. They are: Bob Boyd, Jim LeDuc, Dave Blanden, Keith Camann, Jim Wiley, Howard Anderson, Dave Backensto, Michael Breckon, Ken Gates, John Loetscher, Robert Masson, Pete Miller, Jim McCarthy, Bill Quinn, Dan Raleigh, Dave Delongchamp, Eddie Robertson, Tom Schneider, Frank Sellers, Duane Taber, Norm Transth and Mike Weatherwax.

Advisors are Dr. Louis Toller, currently on sabbatical leave, and Dr. Frederick Knarr.

Social Life

"The purpose of pledging is to make good Sig Taus out of the pledges," said Stu McKenzie, pledgemaster of Sigma Tau Gamma. Throughout the five-week pledging period the pledges are kept busy with projects, meetings and plans for their own party which climaxes the program.

"We are primarily a social fraternity," stated McKenzie, "and do not try to mold or change an individual in our program." One of the recent additions to the



Pledge President Robert Hillenbrand and Pledgemaster Tom Davis

(photos by Krohn)

honor and John Wooton; sophomores Jim Moore and Sandy Wilson; and freshmen Bill Moss, Rob Gould, Jay Davies, Mike Olson, Roger Abel, Don Angerman, Julio Martinelli, Roger Frayer, Larry Aspin, Jim Ciceri, Steve Kaiser, Paul Balliet, John Mueller and Mark Kidd.

Tau Kappa Epsilon advisors are Dr. Eugene Pattison, Dr. Ronald Kapp, Dr. Arlan Edgar and Dr. Edwin Blackburn.

Thus fraternity pledging em-

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things. First, public officials must begin to discuss these problems in time. Second, once these problems are up for discussion, to see that extremists don't take over and cloud the issues by saying things are either black or white. There are no easy quick answers. And finally as the "Decisive generation," to prepare ourselves well. The timing is now. Within the next 15-25 years the techniques of heredity will be possible and probably be defined. The present generation will not be able to make the decisions, for they have overacted to the previous generations before them. They have found that absolutes didn't work. The decision cannot be made on ethical and moral values alone, for we can not get the ethical framework from science.

In our confused ethical framework of today we are playing God. The force is upon us by the success of science. Through corrective treatment, not cures, "In the first few moments we we propagate defective genes. We must find a workable combination of science and the humanities. We must be humble and prayerful, but at the same time be responsible. Our actions are not separate from society. can find success or in the last few seconds ultimate tragedy"—the "Challenge for a Decisive Generation."



Pledge President James Helbig and Pledgemaster Stu McKenzie

pledge program has been the organization of a pledge review board to help the pledges avoid trouble and problems during pledging.

The present pledge class of seventeen is one of the largest for the Sig Taus in recent years. Its members are: Jim Helbig, Kurt Mabbit, Tom Thompson, Steve Bryan, Jim Coleman, Paul Davies, Ken Faux, Russ Griffin, William Herman, Mike Jackson, Russ Jaqua, Bill Manus, Jim McIntyre, Mark Morely, Dennis Purcell, Chuck Tomlinson and Raleigh Weidner.

Advisors to Sigma Tau Gamma are Dr. William McGill and Mr. Joseph Waiser.

Scholarship

Gary Carson, pledgemaster for Alma's largest fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, stated that one of the major emphases in Teke pledging was on scholastic achievement. A record is kept of the pledges' grades, and if a pledge needs help in a particular subject a tutoring service is made available.

Carson said, "We expect a pledge to keep his grade point stable and we hope that he can raise it. We are proud that two of our pledges are on the Dean's List."

During the six-week pledging period pledges are also encouraged to participate in activities which range over the whole of campus life—from music to athletics. Co-operation with other fraternities and other groups on campus is also stressed.

The nineteen Teke pledges are: juniors Chris Allen, Chuck Wa-

phasizes various facets of Greek life. In the words of pledgemaster Dana, "The greatest misconception about pledging is that it is a waste of time, a lot of nonsense. Pledging is essential for Greek life. Most people are not willing to learn all about a group before becoming a member of one. Fraternity pledging provides an important stepping-stone toward a better understanding of the brotherhood."

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Pledge President John Wooton and Pledgemaster Gary Carson



Rehearsals Continue For "Spoon River"

Miss Kathy Ferrand, Rockford Senior (top photo) and Midland freshman Ben Smith go over their lines in rehearsal for SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY which will open May 5.

SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY was adapted for the stage by the Theatre Group, a professional group at U.C.L.A., and taken to New York where it received rave notices on Broadway.

Written by Edgar Lee Masters, the play takes place in Spoon River, a mythical Illinois town, with a graveyard as the setting. It is written in segments, each of which reveals several characters of the town who give epitaphs about themselves and tell about the town.

The group has been rehearsing for three weeks.

(photos by Lichau)



Lambda Iota Offers Exchange Of Ideas

by Dave Schwalm

How many students and faculty know what L.I.T. is, or what it does? Lambda Iota Tau is an International Honor Society in literature. Its primary purpose is to offer the opportunity to exchange and discuss new ideas with others that have a common interest in literature.

Election to membership constitutes a reward for excellence in scholastic achievement. A new member formally presents a paper to the other members who offer comments to the author. These papers can be either a creative or research topic of interest to the author. The subject is usually based on a thesis or taken from an independent study paper. During the next meeting, for example, the subject "Black Humor" will be presented by some of the members.

The subjects can range through any field of literature, French, German, English, or American are the most common, but no particular stress is emphasized for any one language or field. Since the society is international, the members are able to correspond with members from foreign countries, allowing a greater exchange of ideas.

There are several other benefits from the society that are not apparent at the first glance. Some of these include: an annual journal, L.I.T., in which is published the society's annual biblio-

graphy of masters' thesis in literature; subscriptions to **Elementary English**, the **English Journal**, or **College English** at special member rates; a number of other literary journals at reduced rates; an opportunity to qualify for the Best Scholar of the Year award, which carries both a cash award and a graduate scholarship; and a salary differential upon entering any civil service job.

The president of Alma Chapter of L.I.T. is Kathy Karry, the vice-president is Carolyn Waltz. Kathie Martin is secretary and Dr. Kirk is the advisor.

The most important aspect though, is the opportunity to meet with interesting people and exchange meaningful ideas. President Karry summed this up when she said, "Anyone who is truly excited about literature would enjoy the opportunities offered by L.I.T. to discuss with and learn from fellow enthusiasts."

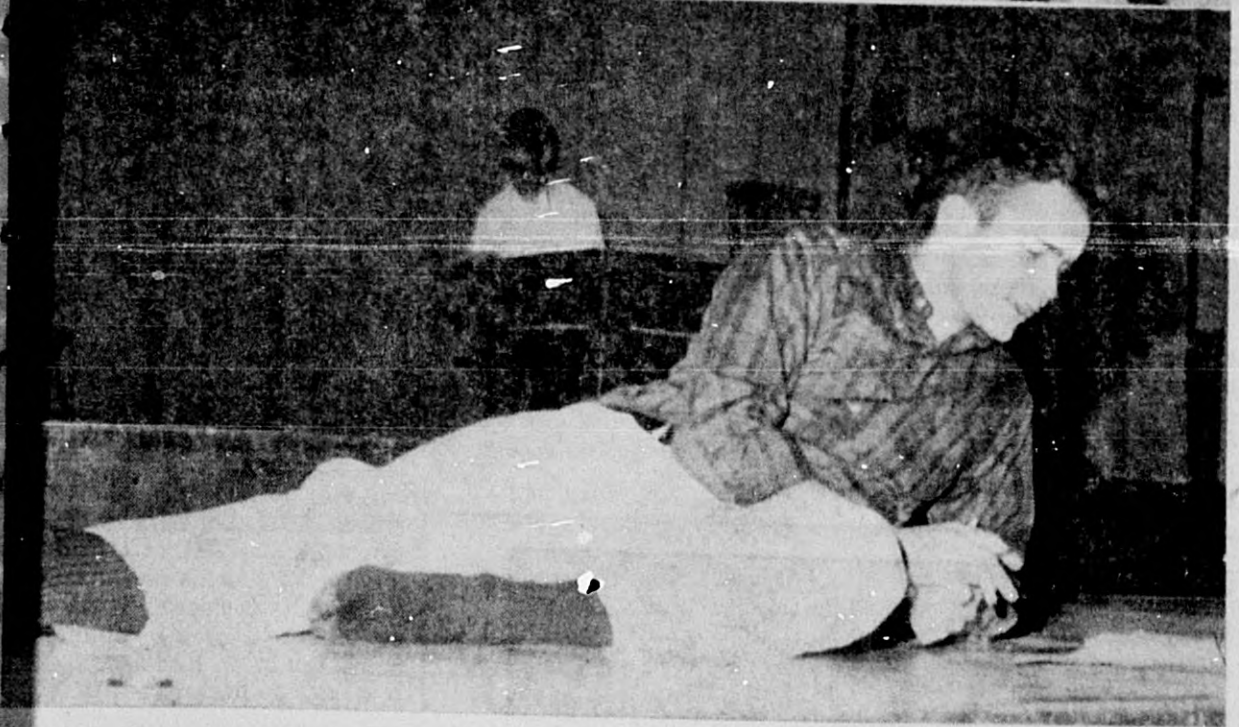
SONG FEST (cont.)

An AST ensemble will use "Rain" as its general theme. Members of the group are Bev Brown, Chris Burr, Connie Constant, Kathy Richards, Kathy Tripp, Kathy Kallwait, Bey Greanya, Linda Affolder, M. J. Hoisington, Jan Nichols, Mary Kay Burgess, Kathy Smith, Karel Smith, and Nancy Burley.

Closing the program will be an Independent Ensemble singing "Songs of the 20's". Its members are Bob Allen, Linda Brocklehurst, John Becker, Shirley Ford, Dick Gibson, Sue Hopkins, Larry Koutz, Tarry Koutz, Don Lindley, Dave McGill, Rick Mills, Bob Purdue, Jane Richards, Linda Robison, Robyn Rutson, Bill Scaife, Mike Trout, and Dick Wayne.

Following an intermission and tabulation of the judges' ballots, President Robert Swanson will present the awards for the three places in each division.

Handling the MC duties for the event will be Bay Village, Ohio junior Larry Luchini and Rick Vandenberg, Grand Haven sophomore.



Let's Have Study Days Says Furman U. Newspaper

GREENVILLE, S. C. (ACP)— We support the Senate resolution calling for a two-day period prior to exams, said the Furman University Paladin, Greenville, South Carolina.

Schools such as Princeton, Harvard, in some cases as main administrative argument against such a practice is that "students don't use it." Everyone doesn't read his history parallel either, but do professors stop as-

signing it? No. They make sure it is there for those students who are disciplined and conscientious enough to use it.

If it turns out there are students who think they can take off for a pre-exam vacation and still perform well on exams, let them go. Let us decide what we will do with our time. If we make mistakes, at least they will be our own.



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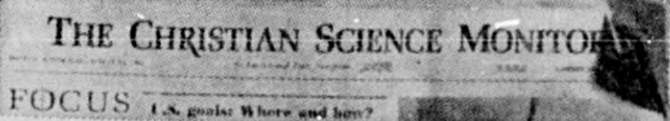
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Advertisement for Dynamic Minister Speaks Sunday. Announces a guest speaker, Dr. Henry Kuizenga, at 11 a.m. chapel service. Provides background on his education and ministry at various churches and seminaries.

Spring Sees Three Sports Commence

GOLF

Tuesday afternoon Alma College will travel to Adrian College to open up their 1966 league play.

Last year Alma soundly defeated the Bulldogs by the score of 16-0. On that particular day Jud Lind led the Scots to victory as he shot a 74.

BASEBALL

Wednesday afternoon, at 2 p.m. Alma College's baseball team will host Adrian College in both team's first league games of the season. The game will be

played on Bahlke Field and will feature two 7-inning contests.

Last year Alma had to go into extra innings in both games in order to defeat Adrian twice by the scores of 10-7 and 5-4.

TENNIS

Also opening their 1966 MIAA season will be Joe Walsler's tennis team when they meet Adrian College on the courts in back of the stadium. The matches will start at 2 p.m.

Last year Alma defeated Adrian in tennis.

GDA Welcomes 22 New Members

Last Thursday evening Gamma Delta Alpha, the senior women's honorary, had a dessert in the Reid-Knox Memorial Room for prospective members. In addition to Mrs. Charles Ping, one of their faculty advisors, twenty-two junior and senior women attended the dessert.

The purpose of the dessert was to give prospective mem-

bers and active members an opportunity to know each other, and for the newly elected members to learn about G.D.A.—its plans, activities and projects. The twenty-two young women

will be formally initiated at the Banquet on April 19 in the Highlander Room. Mrs. Esther Vreeland, former Dean of Women, will be the guest speaker at the

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At one o'clock all the teams will be split up into three-somes at each of the 18 holes, and once a gun is sounded the tournament will officially be on its way.

Once again this tournament will be played on Friday April 22, and will not cost you a dime. This is a chance for all you pessimistic Alma followers to see one of the best golf teams in Alma's history get off on the right foot.

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Dr. John Kimball, dean of student affairs, announces that he is presently taking applications for the four paid positions on Tyler Staff for next year.

Students interested in the positions should apply in writing before Saturday, April 23. Applications should state why the student is interested in the position and any special qualifications he may have for the position.



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To learn about other needs of the six million Americans who are retarded and how you can help them—write for a free booklet. Address: The President's Council on Physical Fitness, Washington, D. C.

J. B. Speaks On Sports

By Jim Bristol

For those of you who have never attended a golf tournament you finally have the chance to do so, and I can assure you that you will be in for a unique and interesting experience. Next Friday afternoon, at 1 p.m., at the Pine River Country Club, Alma College will be hosting their first annual Alma Invitational Golf Tournament.

Along with our own linksmen you will be able to see Detroit College, Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, Calvin, Hope, Hillsdale, Central Michigan University, Ferris, Grand Valley, Wayne State University and Aquinas College in action.

Each team will have five players participating in the tournament, with the four lowest scores constituting the team's official score. There will be four trophies awarded with three going to the low three medalists and one to the teach which is the tournament victor.

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Stephanie Allen is pictured here practicing for the song fest which will be held in Tyler tomorrow night at 8.

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both the Art Department and the College as a whole. If we are to assume this is a prank, then the joke falls flat. Not only is the property of others involved but the loss of minor, but nevertheless, important monuments in the cultural history of man is at stake. The monetary value of the works, while not irrelevant, is secondary to the fact that they cannot be replaced. There are no more; they are unique in man's cultural heritage.

"Whoever you are, you have also deprived the whole student body of the enjoyment of having a fine etching of one of the 19th century's greatest artists available to you on a permanent basis, in that one of the prints, the Munch, was slated for purchase for the Alma College permanent collection which, as you may or may not know, is made available to students for their rooms for a nominal rental fee.

"Perhaps the most serious result of your act is the question of whether or not we can continue to hang shows on campus."

The missing works appeared here under the auspices of the Ferdinand Roten Galleries of Baltimore and the Art Department.

Kirby also stated that if the individual or individuals will hang the works back up the issue will be dropped.

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for athletic events.

The Financial subcommittee observed that at least half of the students are financially assisted each year. This includes scholarships, loans and on-campus jobs. This subcommittee also noted that loan funds generally are ample to meet the demand. Because of this no student need quit college for strictly financial reasons. Another fact the subcommittee discovered is that the State of Michigan Scholarship Program was expected to bring more students to the private liberal arts college than it apparently has thus far.

The recommendations of this subcommittee are generally aimed at making it possible for qualified students to be able to proceed toward graduation, if need be, through grants, scholarships and loans.

Until the time when it is declared that all who gain admission to Alma possess the requisite attributes to successfully complete their degree here then scholarships and loan funds would be available in terms of need.

Another recommendation realizes that some students make greater contributions to campus life than other students. This is very often time consuming and a system of evaluation should be explored with the view that these individuals be allowed a grant amount correspondent with the contribution.

This concludes the preliminary report of the Ad Hoc subcommittees. The almanian has presented the more important findings and recommendations here; there has been no attempt to record the entire report.