

Foster Elected S-C President



Foster

Newland

John Foster held a slim margin over Lewiston (N.Y.) junior Mollie Glennie to win the office of Student Council President in yesterday's election. Earl Newland, who ran unopposed for vice-president, polled 410 votes assuring him of the office.

In a rather poor voter turnout, Foster's 257 votes left him a relatively low margin of 39 when compared to Miss Glennie's 218.

Two write-in candidates also polled a small number of votes for both offices. Ray Conner, a junior from Lansing, received 9 votes for the vice-presidency, while Tom Dymott, Allen Park junior, polled 10 ballots for president on the write-in ticket.

Foster, a junior from Mt. Clemens, served as a student council representative

in his freshman and sophomore years. On the council he held chairmanships of the homecoming and float committees. He served this year as vice-president of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

In last year's Council election Foster was an unsuccessful candidate for the vice-presidency.

Foster has criticized this year's council "as being too large" and has noted the flaws in the present system of choosing representatives.

He advocates making the system more functional by concerning it with issues of greater importance, and by working to increase student enthusiasm for the work of the Council.

Newland, sophomore from Allen Park, has served as a Council member during the present year.

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Carolyn Waltz, Ben Smith, Kathy Ferrand, Ed Garrison, Jim Matuzak, Debbie Trudgen, Carol Bennett and David Weamer are shown in a dance routine choreograph-

ed by Carol Bennett for the SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY production. (photo by Lichau)

Spoon River Differs With Music, Verse

Tonight and tomorrow night will feature the final performances of *Spoon River Anthology*, the all-campus play at 8 p.m. in Dow auditorium. Director Mr. Philip Griffiths states that *Spoon River* is a "very unique conglomeration of music and verse."

Spoon River Anthology is different from any play Griffiths

has done. It is a challenge because of the arrangement of characters and there is no plot to hold it together and keep it interesting. The actors must continue to sustain interest with vignettes. It is a burden on the actor to create a series of characterizations, each one different from the one before, because of the eight to ten different characterizations.

According to Griffiths, the actors are all doing a fine job. He stated, "It's been fun to work with them." None of them have done anything like this show before. Griffiths worked individually with each person, rather than with everyone at the same time.

The play is an honest observation of people. As a literary piece, the people show exaggerated characteristics pointing out some of our own. The people have no action in which to involve themselves, it is harder for the actor to act. He must present the only interest.

Music adds complexity to the show. It was not inserted until the last two weeks of rehearsal. Music helps change mood and stimulate interest. When the music was brought in the actors felt added support to their characterization.

Students Elect Class Officers On Tuesday

Campus-wide balloting for class officers is scheduled for Tuesday between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Gelston Lounge and the Student Council Office. The slates of candidates are presently posted on the Student Council bulletin board.

Running unopposed for the senior class presidency is John R. Steele of Lathrup Village. Also running unopposed for the position of treasurer is David Gray of Marcellus.

Candidates for Student Council representative for the senior class are Susan Erlanson, Silver Springs, Maryland; Mary Davison, Caro; and James T. Beck, Marysville.

In the junior class election, which seems to be receiving a more enthusiastic response than the other two, candidates for the top position are Gary Fenchuk, Temperance, and Rick Vandenberg, Grand Haven. Seeking the vice-presidency are Robert Nichol, Snyder, New York; Jack Sluiter, Dearborn; and Ron Sexton, Midland. Bonnie Mancour is running unopposed for the office of secretary-treasurer.

Seeking positions as junior class Student Council representatives are Bill Folger, Grand Rapids; Yogi Oliver, Baldwinsville, New York; and Marilyn Taylor, Franklin.

Contesting for the leadership of the sophomore class are Mark Morley, New Canaan, Connecticut; John Mueller, Garfield, New York; and James Wiley, Rochester. Unopposed for the positions of vice-president and secretary-treasurer are Roger Frayer, Livonia; and Elly Harden, Towanda, Pennsylvania, respectively.

Running for Student Council representatives from the sophomore class are Howard Anderson, Linwood; Jay Davies, Grand Rapids; and DiAnn Wolf of Southfield.

AWS Votes On Thursday

Campaigning for AWS is slated to begin on Monday and will culminate in balloting Thursday between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Tyler.

Highlighting the campaigning will be a series of speeches by the various candidates on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in Tyler Auditorium.

Running unopposed for presidency of the organization is Millard sophomore Barbara Baker.

For the position of first vice-president the candidates are Jean Cates, Birmingham freshman, and Grosse Pointe sophomore Jane Maynard.

Candidates for second vice-president are Linda Loft, Ludington sophomore; Judy Scrip-

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The bus for the Cultural Affairs Committee sponsored trip to U of M for the Philadelphia Orchestra's performance of Beethoven's NINTH SYMPHONY will LEAVE from Gelston Parking Lot at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets will be distributed as people get on the bus.

Annual U. N. Held Tomorrow; Representatives Probe Issues

"Should Red China be admitted?" will be one issue pending before the third annual Model U. N., which opens Saturday in Tyler Auditorium with a registration period at 8:30 a.m.

The Model United Nations was first held on Alma's Campus in the spring of 1964, and since then it has become one of the annual activities of the student council.

At 10 a.m. the keynote speaker, Mr. Eugene Kolb of the political science department, will address the delegates in Tyler Auditorium. Kolb will speak on the necessity of taking a realistic view of the United Nations.

After a coffee break following the address, the delegates will divide into three groups to consider the resolutions in each of the three blocs; west, east, and "neutral."

In the afternoon the delegates will reconvene in Tyler Auditorium for the General Assembly, where the three major resolutions, and several others, are to be discussed. These resolutions are 1) the admission of the People's Republic of China (Red China) to the United Nations, 2) the peace-keeping force in Viet Nam, and 3) the British intervention in Rhodesia.

Presiding over the General Assembly is Glen Rice, a 1965 graduate of Alma, who has been active in the area of international affairs. The Secretary-General to the Assembly is Ed Garrison, who will officially op-

en the assembly.

Students representing forty-eight countries will meet to shoulder these problems of the world. Approximately 20 students are participating from other colleges in the Michigan area.

"Quite a few students seem to be absorbed in their own little campus world, unenlightened about what's going on in international affairs," commented Greg Sutherland, director of the Model U.N. Sutherland highly recommends the afternoon session from 1 to 5 p.m. for observation by visitors, when the three major issues will be discussed and voted up-

on.

The importance of the Model U.N., according to Sutherland is that it will enable students to examine issues, to see the view from other positions, and to produce workable compromises and programs. This has tremendous possibilities for international understanding and cooperation.

Sutherland and Dennis Rice will represent the United States; Jim Beck will represent Russia. Nine delegations from off campus will be coming for the session; this is the largest outside support that the Model U.N. has had.

a peek at the world . . .

Mrs. Lurleen Wallace, wife of Alabama governor George Wallace, won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination by a landslide in Wednesday's primary election. Mrs. Wallace led in virtually all of the state's 67 counties and ran first in the home counties of her nine male opponents. She won a larger vote than did her husband in the primary four years ago.

A group of national dignitaries headed by President Johnson flew to Detroit Wednesday to attend the funeral of Senator Patrick V. McNamara (D-Mich.), who died Sunday. Governor George Romney and a 50-member delegation from the Michigan Legislature were also present at the rites.

American B52 bombers pounded the southern end of the main Viet Cong supply route again in a drive to cripple the Communists' expected monsoon offensive.

A Greek engineer working at a NATO base on Crete has been charged with passing military secrets to the Soviet embassy in Athens. The suspect has been arrested and is awaiting trial.

During this week's campaign both candidates for the office of Student Council President recommended major changes in the structure of that organization.

John Foster said the problem of the Council lies in the lack of student interest and the present size of Council. In order to bring about his reforms, Foster suggested the students and Council should make recommendations to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mollie Glennie referred to increasing communication between the Council, faculty, and students. She spoke of "overlapping representation" and the problem of stimulating student interest.

ad hoc talk . . .

In the wake of the open Ad Hoc hearings over the past two weeks, it occurs to us that the campus has shown very little interest in one of the most important questions with which the Committee is dealing — the reorganization of the campus governing structure.

The Committee's report states that the present "hour-glass" structure of campus government is filled with overlapping responsibilities and undefined functions and authority. The whole system, says the report, is not functioning as effectively as it should.

Problems in the present structure have caused a lack of enthusiasm and respect for student governing offices, a fact which became readily apparent in Student Council and class elections.

In the Student Council election it appeared, for some time, that there would be no candidates for the presidency and even at present only one candidate is seeking the vice-presidency.

Notable in the class officer elections is the large number of candidates running

Glennie's method of dealing with these problems, a student-faculty retreat and hard working Student Council members, may sound attractive but they do not represent a realistic platform for initiating reform.

During previous campaigns the situation has been much the same. Candidates verbally reform the Council and then, in the Fall, the victor's reform zeal diminishes in proportion to the obstacles he encounters.

Will the pattern be repeated again next Fall? Much depends on whether a program will be initiated now, while the reform spirit is great, to facilitate action next Fall. A plan calling for specific goals and detailed procedures for realizing these ends, coupled with a willingness to experiment, would greatly enhance the Council's possibilities of recapturing student interest and assuming a larger role in campus affairs.

unopposed.

The need for change is obvious, and the Ad Hoc Committee has outlined several proposals for change.

One proposal which seems particularly promising is the "Maltese cross" setup. Under this structure, the four separate divisions of campus personnel — students, faculty, administrators and trustees — would form the arms of the cross. Each would elect representatives to serve on a President's Advisory Council. Thus, areas for action on specific proposals would be clearly defined and overlapping issues would flow into one central agency for action. This would solve many of the problems of the present campus governmental entanglement.

But this is only one of the several proposals. All have their merits and demerits and, for this reason, need to be discussed before the Committee recommends any one in particular.

We hope to hear some debate on these proposals in the near future. Their importance demands it.

Is The Classroom An Arena For Egoists?

Austin, Texas (ACP)—All too often classroom discussions are a show, a clash of egos, a performance for the benefit of the professor who makes those decisive marks on a student's academic record, the Daily Texan of the University of Texas says in an editorial.

Classroom interchanges can be more valuable than lectures. When ideas are bounced among the participants, thoughts are put in a broader perspective. Lectures usually travel along a straight line, but discussions can take side roads into areas of particular interest or concern.

All too often, however, a class

discussion serves not as a group effort at enlightenment, but as an arena for feats of intellectual vainglory.

Asking questions or tossing a comment into a fast-moving discussion requires an understanding of the subject matter or skill at shooting the academic bull. A student who asks a naive or uninformed question is often considered a fool. He reveals an ignorance and jeopardizes his grade. Yet is it not more honest to ask out of ignorance than out of vanity?

To show off is only human. One can derive great satisfaction from a lively interchange

of ideas, especially when he comes out on top. But a classroom discussion should also be a quest for knowledge, and such a quest may reveal a student's weakest points. Under the A to F grading system, a student who wants good grades must not reveal his weaknesses but rather emphasize his strengths. Thus the library is often a safer place than the classroom to fill the gaps in one's education.

The necessity to perform rather than learn in the classroom is one of the greatest drawbacks in this refuge for intellectual egoists.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the board of directors and the staff of the Michigan Division, American Cancer Society, and the members of the Gratiot County Unit in particular, I wish to convey to the students of Alma College the heartfelt thanks of all our volunteers for the magnificent act of public service extended by a good portion of your student body last Thursday evening during the Cancer Crusade in the city of Alma.

The \$841.33 brought in on that night, plus the additional sums which were promised by some householders, will be wisely used in our national program of research, and in the local program of service to the cancer patient and education to professional and lay groups throughout the county.

To Dee Perren and her committee we extend our profound thanks for setting up the details which go into making a crusade of this kind a success. Without their cooperation, the results of the drive could have been less productive.

May I repeat - a hearty "thank you" to all of you!

Sincerely yours, Ralph C. Pickett, Division Representative

Dear Editor:

As it has been announced earlier in this paper A.P.O. is running a lost and found service. We are picking up a large amount of lost items but no one is coming to claim these items. Thus as a public service we are putting the list of items that have been picked up for the week of April 29 in the almanian in hopes that these items will be picked up. They may be picked up by going to Mitchell Hall M, W, Fri. 12-1 and asking for Tom Miser. Thank you.

Richard S. Osborn, Service Chairman Alpha Phi Omega

- 1 pair of gloves - black
1 grey scarf
1 white sweater
1 head scarf - madras
1 handkerchief
1 book - Masters of Political Thought.

Disadvantages Seen In Grading System

Kalamazoo (ACP)—New draft procedures are making grades increasingly important, magnifying all the drawbacks of the grading system, the Western Herald, Western Michigan University, said in an editorial. Students will soon take only courses in which they know they can do well, thereby narrowing and limiting their educational experiences.

At the University of California, Berkeley, an undergraduate with a grade point average higher than B is eligible to take one course per semester, outside his major field, for which he receives credit but no grade.

The idea behind this kind of pass-fail course is that students who ordinarily would not take an extremely challenging course for fear of sacrificing grade points, would be allowed to do so without risk of lowering their

averages. The HERALD continued: In order to encourage the broadening of education, we feel that a system such as Berkeley's should be considered. We would suggest, however, removing the grade point requirement, because students with B averages are relatively safe in taking hard courses. The system in that case would only protect those who don't need the protection.

The Selective Service system should not be allowed to force students into narrow valleys of education by putting a premium on taking easy courses and limiting students to their fields of specialization. But since the draft system cannot be changed, to help the universities attain their goals the universities should help themselves by initiating some form of non-graded classes.

Around The Campus

Dr. Edwin C. Blackburn, associate professor of history, has received a Ford Foundation grant for a faculty development summer seminar on East Asia to be held at the University of Michigan June 27 to August 12.

The seminar will enable the 15 professors selected to attend to broaden their knowledge of Japan, Korea and China by exposure to authorities in the humanities and social sciences and by access to extensive research materials.

Blackburn has been a member of the faculty since September, 1963. He was a teaching fellow at the University of Michigan from 1952 to 1955 and was associate professor of history at Moorehead State College, Moorehead, Minnesota, from 1956 to 1963.

During the 1962-63 academic year he was on sabbatical leave from Moorehead and was a Carnegie Research Fellow in Asian Studies at the University of Michigan.

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Edgar, professor of biology, received a B.A. degree from Alma College and M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. Kapp, associate professor of biology, received B.A., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan.

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ter, Warren junior; Marilyn Geissinger, Dearborn sophomore; and Laura Evans, Bad Axe freshman.

Contesting for the office of secretary are Marilyn Corley, Brunswick (Ga.) sophomore and Towanda (Pa.) freshman Eleanor Harden.

Running for the position of treasurer are Sophie Mends-Cole, Monrovia, Liberia, freshman; and Alice Townsend, Sturgis junior.

Unopposed for International A.W.S. coordinator is Bloomfield Hills freshman Mary Anne Hall.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Table with columns for dates (May 6-Friday to May 14-Saturday) and events (Tennis at Central Michigan University, Delt Sig Closed Picnic, etc.)

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Ad Hoc Views Personnel Services

As part of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Life, consultation team of five from the Counseling Service of Michigan State University evaluated campus Student Personnel Services. The team came to Alma in January, and has recently released their report, including recommendations.

The first seven recommendations begin with increasing salaries for head residents. The team also felt that there should be a full-time Director of Admissions. Another policy is one that would initiate a leadership program for students.

Recommendations that would make student rules more easily understood are a greater use of the Student Affairs Committee in policy formulation and the enlargement of the booklet, "A

Statement of Policies."

The final two suggestions relate to the structure of administration. The team stated that the Dean of Students and his staff should continue to participate on the committees to which they are now assigned.

Residence Halls

One of the most critical questions for the resident assistants in the women's halls were closing hours, freedoms, etc. However, the important positions, where the most capable leadership is, are not handling the issues most important in the minds of coeds. The positions with the highest prestige are not in the A.W.S., which handles problems of this nature.

After citing the problems, the team recommended one student government structure with the

presidents of campus organizations coming together for important discussions and policy review. The residence hall leaders should determine residence hall issues and concern themselves with local autonomy for the living units as much as possible.

The consultants concluded that somewhere students need to be told that "the expectation at Alma College is that the intended liberal arts goal is implemented in the student personnel services in our residence halls; these are our laboratories for learning, a place for you to put your ideas to work and your creativity will be evidenced by your ideas and debates in your living units."

Regarding off-campus housing, the team stated that "students have little sense of identity with

the rest of the college when they live 'off-campus'."

The consultants found that "because of Saga's dedication to Alma, they have developed excellent food and service."

Athletics

Recommendations for intramural programs are that the student government establish an intramural committee. This would represent the different campus living units and governing units or any other groups that participate in intramurals.

Financial Aids

The financial aids program seemed to be adequate, but some consideration might be given to adopting the "package approach." After a student's financial aid need is determined, the financial aid officer should then develop an aid package consisting of a scholarship, grant, loan, job or some combination.

In the area of Admissions the consultants suggested that an additional counselor be added to the admissions staff in order to relieve the Dean of Students of having to travel in connection with the admissions program.

Student Activities

Suggestions in the area of student activities center around leadership training for student officers and a closer working relationship between the advisor to student organizations and the Dean of Students office.

Sorority housing was also an issue of concern. The team decided that, in the not distant future, some consideration will have to be given for sorority housing if sororities are to be encouraged at Alma.

The social program is well or-

ganized. However, some consideration might be given to student responsibility in the registration of social events. Along this line the team felt that the Student Union could benefit from a stronger advisory staff.

Many recommendations were suggested for student government. The team found that the present structure appears to be too awkward and cumbersome for a small college, and at the same time does not provide a meaningful way for students to involve themselves in college government. A complete re-evaluation is needed.

Health Service

Provision for food for bed patients in the infirmary is a major concern. It is mandatory that some form of hot tray service be provided by the food services of the institution.

Increasing numbers of married students may require that the current insurance coverage be extended. The report also concerned itself with the counseling of students. Additional personnel should be employed for the counseling of men and women students in the educational and vocational realm. A full-time counselor who is a vocational specialist and knowledgeable about employment opportunities for graduates with a liberal arts emphasis, is necessary.

Greater emphasis should be placed upon utilization of collegiate education for women in other than vocational endeavors.

Regarding the placement facilities, the team believed that they must be expanded and given coordinated emphasis by means of full-time personnel.

Student Council Candidates Answer Students Questions

by John Cook

Both contenders for the office of Student Council President, Mollie Glennie and John Foster, are discontent with the present structure of the council. The two candidates, and Vice-President candidate Earl Newland, aired their dissatisfactions at the convocation for Student Council candidates held last Tuesday night in the Chapel. They also gave alternate plans for the Council and told how they intend to establish these reforms.

In his opening remarks, John Foster called this election "one of the most important," due to current "efforts to strengthen the present system or change to a system which is more functional." Analyzing the current system, Foster said, "We have a Student Council which does not have a lot of work to do and more things of importance should be given to it." Foster added that the present Student Council is too large and that there are many flaws in the present manner of choosing representatives. "Many," said Foster, "are chosen without being asked if they want the job or without being present when they are elected." Foster concluded by saying the Student Council should be composed of people who want to make that body an active organization.

Miss Molly Glennie stated there was a lack of effective communication between Student Council and faculty, and between Student Council and the student body. She lamented, "Students only express interest during times of elections," and added, "There is no reason why it cannot be set down on paper who has what responsibility." Miss Glennie spoke of the many different governing bodies on the campus and stated, "It's up to us to make the Student Council more effective." She concluded by saying she would "work with you and for you to make the Student Council truly representative of Alma College."

Vice-presidential candidate Earl Newland recognized his peculiar situation as the only competitor for that office. He added, "I want the job of Vice-president of the Student Council, I'm aware of the duties of Vice-president and will do my best to fulfill those duties."

In a question and answer period which followed the opening remarks, Foster and Miss Glennie were asked how they hoped to go about reforming the Student Council. Foster stated that the Council should be modeled after a governing body at Michigan State University which contains thirteen representatives from the most important segments of the student body. He added that such an organization at Alma would include a representative from IFC, Pan-Hell, five at large and so forth. In order to bring this system into being, Foster said, "The student body and the council should present recommendations to the Ad Hoc Committee."

Miss Glennie said, "It will be a function of the Student Council to push and get these things enacted next year." Miss Glennie stated that the present constitution is "completely out of date," and problems should be discussed at a "retreat" by both faculty members and Student Council members.

The Candidates disagreed over the question of representatives from classes in a newly organized Student Council. Foster favored class representatives on the grounds that freshmen and sophomores have a lot to add to the Council and would not be included if classes were not represented. Miss Glennie also recognized the advantages of having representatives from freshmen and sophomores, but stated there was a definite lack of "feed-back" to the classes from their representatives.

When asked how the Council could stimulate student interest, Miss Glennie stated there was too much "overlapping" representation and not enough communication by the organization with the student body.

Foster stated that the problem lies in the fact that the Council is "too large for the members to work closely together." "A smaller body," he suggested, "would create more interest and get more done." He stated that if there were only one representative from each dorm it would be someone who is really interested and willing to campaign to get the post.

In reply to a query on the candidates' opinion on the President's Advisory Council suggest-

ed by the Ad Hoc Committee, Foster stated, "It's a good setup, but you can't get matters back to the student body, and thus the students would have no knowledge of the council's activities." Miss Glennie said, "We still need small groups, and I'm not sure how the faculty will react. I don't think they want us to have a say on many things concerning themselves, such as faculty tenure, which is mostly what we would be concerned with."

Hurwitz Describes Adventure As A Floating University Man

by Jolly Conine

Paul Hurwitz, Windsor, Canada, junior, recently described with contagious enthusiasm his experiences on the University of Seven Seas division of California's Chapman College.

The Seven Seas University sails around the world endeavoring, according to their Area Studies syllabus, "To develop a sense of world culture and to feel a part of it."

Hurwitz explained that students attend classes at sea, daily except Sunday, in courses similar to Alma's on a semester basis. The courses are taught by a cosmopolitan faculty composed of department heads on

leave from various colleges, as well as many professors just entering the teaching field.

He stated it is "probably the closest student-teacher association of any teaching relationship I know of. There is a duality of relationship — when professors were through lecturing they weren't through with school, often engaging in personal conversations until one a.m."

Among the University's ports of education were Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Thailand, British Hong Kong, Japan, and Hawaii. In a course required of all students aboard for the

first time, is an introduction to the cultural, social, historical, and economic complexities of each port.

Hurwitz described the general schedule in each country. The first two days were occupied largely by tours and gaining a "basic feeling of the country." The next three or four days were free time to pursue assignments, and take optional department interest tours.

One of the most enjoyable ports for Hurwitz was Hong Kong. In an assignment to test the validity of a Newsweek magazine article concerning Hong Kong society, Hurwitz interviewed members of the American embassy, and Chinese businessmen.

His major concerns were the amount of currency going into Red China through Hong Kong, and the extent of corruption in the business community. While Hurwitz admitted that the Newsweek author was able to do more extensive research than himself, he still drew opposing conclusions, and found the Newsweek article generally not up to date.

Hurwitz' enthusiasm for the University expressed itself as "a wonderful opportunity that isn't in normal one-country over-seas studies." For instance, a student spending a year in France learns more about France than a Seven Seas student, but the University provides a broad overview of world problems and cultures.

Hurwitz summarized the feeling of closeness to other peoples in describing a camel ride in Egypt. "I have a feeling for the nomad's life after riding a camel-believe me! It was exciting, but I don't know if I'd take it over the automobile!"

Hurwitz' vivid descriptions of acquaintances made on his voyage revealed that the academic value of the University greatly surpasses that of touring services. Indeed, the Seven Seas students are more nearly world travellers than tourists.



Paul Hurwitz, home from a semester on the University of the Seven Seas, poses with some souvenirs of a broad educational experience. (photo by Sullivan)

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The Store That Confidence Built

Alma Students Ignore Proposed Government

by Leslye Hofmeyer

Controversy has been paramount during the Ad Hoc hearings. However, it has been limited to the things which the students felt to be most urgent. These are the fraternity and sorority and cars on campus questions. Much more vital for the student and campus is the recommendation for a community type of college government.

How did this suggestion come about?

The subcommittee on student government evaluated the present system; what was it, how did it function, how ought it to function? At this time the governmental structure takes the shape of a bottom-heavy hourglass with the faculty and student ruling bodies at the base. Next is the administrative staff with the President at the neck of the hourglass. On the top half is the Board of Trustees. Each of these operates within its own sphere unless a specific need arises.

Student government is a barbed fence of overlapping responsibilities and undefined functions and authority. There are AWS, dorm council, student council, fraternity and sorority officers, class officers, Tyler Board and Tyler Staff. Mixed in are the student representatives to some of the faculty committees. The whole system of communication and action is not working as effectively as it could, the subcommittee decided.

Therefore a change is necessary. The campus should have a community type of government which hopefully would "provide the best possible framework for the growth of personal values and responsibilities of the students." It would also bring the four governing levels together and make them operate in the same sphere; a type of government formulated to be meaningful and make a difference.

What form would the new government take? The subcommittee stated that ideas for change should come from the students since the main changes would most likely involve them. They have made student government what it is now and they will have to alter it.

To this end there are loose suggestions floating around. One is to have student representatives on more faculty committees and some advisors on the Board of Trustees. This would also involve faculty representation on student governing bodies. Another is a President's Council with members from all campus organizations. Third, each organization might have non-voting members on the committees. Next might be a body structured like a super Ad Hoc.

Fifth could be a Matrese cross setup, involving the four separate areas present now. Representatives from each would form a President's Advisory Council to handle areas of overlapping concern. There are many other possible combinations.

One problem is the time needed to set up such a system. Once it is developed will the Alma student want to spend the time to make it work? Does he care?

At this point three things are needed, the first of which is student concern; second, student ideas and feedback and third, some definite decisions and action.

Perhaps there could be a committee formed this year to blue-print a structure or a conference to do the same. It might take a year to do the paper work. The question is: do the students want something better badly enough to act?

Involve people in evolving!

Index Shows Faculty, Student Perceptions

Recently a summary of college characteristics was published and distributed on the campus. The Index of College Characteristics is based on a survey of nine separate groups including administrators, faculty and various student classifications. Nine groups are represented.

Scheduled for Tuesday is a dinner meeting to discuss the

findings in the Index, at 6:30 p.m. in the Highlander Room. Students wishing to attend the meeting should sign a list available in Tyler Booth.

Dean Fred Smith, who prepared the Index, said it was "intended to give an indication of how people on campus perceive and feel about campus environment." The results

two categories. The first is intellectual climate) and considers only the academic aspects of student life. The second is non-intellectual (not to be confused with anti-intellectual climate and considers such out-of-class activities as athletics and social events.

Hopefully, the Index will stimulate discussion among campus groups as to why different segments of the community answered differently on the survey.

Some of the more interesting discoveries are that only freshmen and the administrators feel strong emphasis is placed on academic excellence. Similarly, only the freshmen and administrators view the environment as highly conducive to an intellectual climate, while the faculty scored negatively.

Summarizing the more notable differences in campus groups, one conclusion derived is that the students in small housing units do not differ greatly from residence hall students with a few notable exceptions.

Also, the study discerned that fraternity men have the highest over-all similarity with all groups, differing substantially from only the freshmen and administrative staff.

Another interesting discovery found in the Index is that the faculty is in relatively high agreement with most groups,

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Volunteers Needed By Teacher Corps

Volunteers for the National Teacher Corps are being sought by the U.S. Office of Education. Those who are accepted for the program will begin an eight-to-twelve week training program in mid-June. At the end of this training program some 3,000 recruits for the Teacher Corps will be ready to move into 200 to 400 city and rural poverty-area school systems.

During the training period recruits will attend university courses on the sociology of poverty and the teaching of educationally deprived children. While in training they will receive \$75 per week plus \$15 for each dependent. On acceptance by a local school agency, Teacher Corps members will be paid at the local level of teacher salaries.

The Corps was authorized in the of the Index are divided into

Higher Education Act of 1965, which was signed into law last November 8. Appropriation requests for the remainder of the Fiscal Year 1966, and for the Fiscal Year 1967 are before Congress.

The Office of Education said that final action on Teacher Corps applications must await Congressional decisions on the appropriation. Applications are being sought now so that the Office will be prepared to proceed with the program as soon as funds are available.

Applications or requests for information from volunteers and local education agencies should be addressed to the National Teacher Corps, 400 Maryland Ave. S. W., Washington, D. C., 20202. The application deadline is May 31.

Tyler Staff: Jobs And Applicants

At the present time the four members of next year's Tyler Staff have not been determined. The nine applicants are sophomore Art Bova, junior William LeDuc, sophomore Rosemary Chase, freshman

Mark Morley, sophomore Kay Connor, sophomore Sam Pfeiffer, junior Tom Shaw, sophomore Bob Nichol and junior Don Tobias.

The positions are Tyler Business Manager, Tyler Building Manager and two Social Activities Directors. The present staff, Dean Kimball, Dean Kinkead and Dean Smith make written recommendations for the jobs.

The Tyler staff works as an arm of the Administrative Office to operate and plan social activities. It is a corporate body which performs the same job that a social activities director executes at other colleges.

The staff members share a \$1,700 salary payment, based on experience. Their budget is unrestricted up to \$3,000 for entertainment for students.

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Women's Dorms Announce Officers

Students of Gelston and Newberry Halls announced the election of Southfield sophomore, Miss Karen Murphy, and Sawyer sophomore, Miss Sue Westhauser as dorm presidents for the coming year.

Also on the Gelston Dormitory Council will be Miss Mary Woodhouse, Flushing sophomore, serving as first vice-president; Suzanne VanDusan, Huntington Woods freshman as second vice-president. Secretarial duties will be the responsibility of Miss Carol Ayers, Detroit freshman. The treasury will be in the hands of freshman Sue Buckmaster of Detroit.

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especially the small housing women and fraternity men.

In interpreting the conceived intellectual and non-intellectual climates on campus, it is important to remember that a high score indicates that the college is conceived to be conducive to the pursuit of intellectual goals (or non-intellectual goals depending on the category).

The Index does not necessarily depict the conditions on the Alma Campus, but rather serves to indicate the opinions of a cross-cut of the community. The actual situation probably lies somewhere between the opinions of the administration and the students.

Smith is scheduling a dinner-discussion in the Highlander room on Tuesday, May 10. This open meeting will be for the purpose of discussing the results of the Index and starting opinions as to the best interpretation of these results.

In order to be successful each of the nine groups surveyed should be represented in the discussion. The time for the dinner will be announced later.

Gelston Dorm Council looks forward to maintaining special activities such as the Church Jewelry diamond demonstrations, and the open houses sponsored this year. As incumbent president Karen Smith expressed, "Gelston Dorm Council has picked up this year in being a representative voice of the residents, and we want to continue that effectiveness."

Other elected council members in Newberry Hall are Miss Marcia Smith, Troy sophomore, who will act as vice-president; Grand Rapids freshman, Miss Priscilla Gray serving in a secretarial capacity. Treasurer will be Royal Oak freshman, Miss Kathy Dyer.

Sue Westhauser, President-elect, stated the hope of "strengthening ties between dormitory government, A.W.S., and student council, by having elected representatives on the two latter committees." Those positions will be filled by Huntington Woods freshman, Miss Carole Brand, and Chagrin Falls (O) junior, Miss Jane Butterfield, respectively.

Miss Westhauser also proposed "working with other dorm councils to create systematic open houses, and more weekend activities."

Competition for the 1967-68 United States Government graduate grants for academic study or research abroad opened officially on May 1, the Institute of International Education (IIE) announced.

IIE conducts competitions for U. S. Government scholarships provided by the Fulbright-Hays Act as part of the educational and cultural exchange program of the U.S. Department of State. Under this program, more than 850 American graduate students

will have the opportunity to study in any one of 353 countries. The purpose of the awards is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills.

Candidates who wish to apply for an award must be U.S. citizens at the time of application, have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the beginning date of the grant and, in most cases, be proficient in the lan-

guage of the host country.

Selections will be made on the basis of academic record, the feasibility of the applicant's proposed study plan and personal qualifications. Preference is given to candidates who have not had prior opportunity for extended study or residence abroad and who are under the age of 35.

Two types of grants will be available through IIE under the Fulbright-Hays Act: U. S. Government Full Grants, and U.S. Government Travel Grants.

A full award will provide a grantee with tuition, maintenance, round-trip transportation, health and accident insurance, and an incidental allowance. A limited number of travel grants is available to supplement maintenance and tuition scholarships granted to American students by universities, private donors and foreign governments.

For further information concerning the IIE program, students should consult Mr. Wesley Dykstra, the campus Fulbright advisor, or write The Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, N. Y. 10017.

Band Gives Sunday Concert; Choir Performs At Albion

Parents' Day's annual outdoor concert, presented by the Alma College Concert Band, under the direction of James Upton, will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. on the Library Mall.

This is the only occasion on which the band performs as an outdoor counterpart of the orchestra, although that was the original function of the concert band.

Included in the concert will be several marches, among which are: "The Thin Red Line" by Alford and "The Footlifter" by Fillmore. There will also be Tchaikovsky's "Waltz" from Swan Lake, two Exotic Dances by Gillis, the adagio from Upton's Prelude Adagio and Fugue, and selections from Me and Juliet by Richards Rodgers.

In case of rain the concert will be held in Dow Auditorium.

Choir Festival

Last Wednesday the Alma College A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ernest Sullivan, participated in the Michigan Intercollegiate Choir Festival at Albion.

The Festival, organized for the

choirs from church-related colleges in the state, consisted of an afternoon rehearsal session and an evening concert for the public.

In the concert each choir sang a six-minute group number and the massed choirs sang four selections. The latter included "The God Who Gave Us Life" from Pandall Thompson's Testament of Freedom, a selection for men's voices; a section from Bach's Jesu, der du meine Seele for women's voices; "Awake The Trumpet's Lofty Sound" from Samson by Handel and "Gloria" by Alan Hovhaness.

The Alma Choir's selections were Hugo Distler's setting of the 98th Psalm, and "XXth Century" by Pooler.

Two Alma students, Bonnie Wessendorf and Ruth Henderson, played in the orchestra, which accompanied the choirs, on cello and clarinet respectively.

Other colleges participating in the festival were Adrian, Albion, Andrews University, Calvin, Hope, Olivet and Kalamazoo.



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