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Curriculum, Grooming, and Required Reading discussed

By John Cook

The Faculty Organization considered a plan to replace all of A.C.'s present general education requirements with a problem-oriented, core curriculum at a meeting held Monday, December 4, 1967.

In a progress report to the Faculty, the Curriculum Committee invited consideration of a Problem-Studies Program consisting of a number of one unit courses dealing with problems "of vital concern to contemporary man." Subjects suggested by the committee included: War and Peace, Urban Life, Aesthetics, Population Control, Developing Nations, Man and His Natural Environment.

The student's entire general education requirement would consist of four or six of these problem courses--along with a strong major, and perhaps a cognate minor, English composition and Physical Education. Under the Curriculum Committee's plan, all incoming freshmen would also take a common course to orient them to the problems courses.

Rationale for the proposed curriculum switch is as follows: 1. allows the student to choose courses tailored to fit his needs by reducing significantly the

number of distributive requirements; 2. develops a curriculum which would focus on contemporary and relevant concerns; 3. provides a program which would emphasize a broad-gauged approach to general education with all academic divisions represented.

In discussion of the proposal at the December 7 Faculty meeting, Curriculum Committee Chairman Howard Potter said this is a 'for instance' type of report. Potter added that objections to the proposal--including the problems of faculty staffing, team teaching and the selection of specific problems--would be considered in greater detail at the committee level. There will be more discussion of the plan at the January Faculty Meeting.

The Spring Term All-School Reading Selection will be *Growing Up Absurd* by Paul Goodman (Vintage Press). The selection for the Winter Term, as previously announced, is *Arrogance of Power* by Senator Fulbright.

Discuss Grooming

In other action, the Faculty sent back to committee a proposal submitted by the Student Affairs Committee recommending adoption of a Student Council resolution which reads: "Any dress or grooming policy created for Alma College students by Alma College personnel for curricular or co-curricular activities shall be subject to approval by a joint student-faculty committee."

The move to send the proposal back to committee came after discussion over the definition of "grooming" and "co-curricular activities." Dr. Eugene Kolb said the matter should be referred back to the committee for a more precise proposal.

A Student Council Committee had brought the resolution before the Student Affairs Committee earlier. Dr. Phillip Griffiths explained that these students said there

was no set place for them to go for recourse when a decision is made on dress and grooming policy.

The Faculty also considered a report from the curriculum committee stating students may choose either *Growing Up Absurd* by Paul Goodman, *Autobiography of Malcolm X* or *Mao*; Selected Readings to fulfill the all-school reading requirement for the Spring term.

A number of faculty members protested they would not read all three of the works. Dr. Richard Fuller moved to do away with the required all-school reading program. Dr. Harlan McCall responded by stating the program does provide a common base for communication. The motion to eliminate the required reading program was defeated and the question of required reading for the Spring term was referred back to the Curriculum Committee with instructions to select one book.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT IS SUNDAY

The Alma Symphony Orchestra will present its first concert of the season Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m. in Dow Auditorium. The program will feature the music of Joseph Haydn. According to conductor James Upton, music has been chosen to illustrate the many different sides of Haydn's creative genius. The orchestra

will perform the Symphony No. 82 (The Bear) in C, an example of graditional writing in symohonic style, two examples of the Divertimento, and selections from Haydn's "German Dances."

Tickets will be available from members of the Women's Symphony League, or at the door.

JAMES DAY WINS FIRST PLACE GAVEL AT SPEECH NIGHT

James Day, a senior from Taylor, Michigan, majoring in psychology, won a gavel as first prize in the Eleventh Semi-Annual "Speech Night," held just prior to final examinations last term. In his speech, "The Case for Open Lounges," Day urged that if the College refuses to extend evening hours for using dormitory and small housing lounges that students should stage successive sit-ins in various living units. This would indicate to the College, the speaker argued, that students are serious in their request for longer privileges.

Three other speakers also survived elimination rounds and appeared in the finals with Day. Mary Ann Hall, an elementary education major from Bloomfield Hills in a speech entitled "The Lost Twenty-Four Hours," urged that the College abandon Study Day and move examinations up one

day since the time is now poorly used.

Jeff Huish, a junior in chemistry from Troy, Michigan, deplored in his speech, "A Student Power Boycott," the inflated candy prices in Tyler and urged a campus-wide boycott of the product in order to force down the prices. John Kerr, a junior from Lima, Ohio, majoring in German language and literature, raised the question in his speech, "Today in Court," of whether the civil rights movement has moved too far in its demands on American society.

In presenting the award for outstanding speaking, Professor Robert Smith of the Department of Speech and Theatre, noted that the gavel, made from trees of Thomas Jefferson's estate in Virginia, symbolizes fairness and impartiality.



Alma Colleg's Monteith Library is somewhat of a second home for the five members of the Lester Eyer family. All are students at the college this term.. From left, they are; David, a freshman; Phyllis, a sophomore; Dr. Lester Eyer, professor of biology at Alma who is auditing a course in Spanish prior to spending a sabbatical leave in Costa Rica; Jerry, a senior; and Mrs. Alma Eyer, who is taking Spanish in preparation for the stay in Costa Rica with her husband.

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VIEWPOINT

archaic regulations

The article from the Associated Collegiate Press (appearing on this page) dealing with the decline of "in loco parentis" colleges and universities makes one thing obvious: the social regulations of Alma College rank with the most conservative and archaic.

In commenting on the college's decline as a substitute parent, the article said some changes in rules "can be attributed in part to the student activists, but others have come solely by administrative decree in recognition of the temper of the times."

We do not intend to

We do not intend to appeal to the student activist on campus to change out-dated rules; they are either lying dormant or are non-existent.

Instead, we will elaborate on the temper of the times in which we live; so that administrators might better recognize the ridiculousness of A.C.'s rules.

It is not uncommon for a student over the legal drinking age to consume alcoholic beverages in his home -- with or without his parents present. He or she should have the same privilege in campus housing.

A high school girl seldom has a rigid and impersonal curfew forced upon her in the home today. Freshmen and sophomore co-eds at Alma usually face a situation on campus not at all analogous to the system at home. For junior and senior women the contrast is even greater -- even with the limited freedom provided by a key to the dorm.

Very few parents are enraged when their son or daughter are alone in a room with a member of the opposite sex. In the home, it is usually possible to find privacy somewhere other than a bedroom. At Alma this is just not possible. Privacy should not be denied because there is a bed and a door present in the campus 'home' of every student. Needless to say, these same furnishings would make little difference in a summer apartment or at many homes.

Other differences between parents and 'campus parents' include:

Rarely is a son or daughter forced to live at home, or with a guardian, when he or she is finally 'on their own' -- regardless of age. According to A.C.'s outdated creed all single students must live on-campus even after they are 21.

The vast majority of freshmen at Alma drive automobiles; in fact many drive their own cars. But what is permitted at home is forbidden at Alma, and the cars stay home for freshmen.

We believe a system of realistic social rules at A.C. would benefit administrators, parents and students alike.



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CAMPUS NOTES

There will be a Panhellenic Briefing Session for all of those interested in Spring Rush on Mon., Jan. 8 at 9:00 p.m. in Tyler.

The brothers of Delta Sigma Phi would like to extend their congratulations to the following:

ENGAGED

Jim McCarty to Teresa Sykes of Western Michigan University;
 Jim Ogg to Mary Jane Henne of Alpha Theta;
 Frank Sellers to Lynn Geisinger of Alpha Sigma Tau; and
 Larry Smith to Linda Ration of Mt. Clemens, Mich.

PINNED

Tom Keel to Linda Penny of Alpha Theta; and
 Jeff Wolverton to Celeste Keel.

LAVELIERED

Dennis Williams to Jane Anderson and
 Dave Young to Jeanne Boyden of Alpha Sigma Tau.

Copies of the Schedule of Events are now available at the Student Services Office, Reid-Knox Building.

There will be an organizational meeting for anyone interested in learning how to fly Thursday, Jan. 11, in Tyler. If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact Barb Sawyer in Gelston by Thursday.

A revision of the Community Government proposals has been prepared. Copies of this report are available in Dean Cornelius' office for students. It is hoped that a number of the students will secure and use these books.

In the interest of serving the student body, the Almanian has opened its services to classified advertisement.

If you have any item to sell, buy, or services which you wish to make public, you are welcome to employ this means of communication.

If you obtain the purpose of your add, there will be a fee of twenty-five cents per issue. However, if you are not able to sell or buy what you wish, in three issues, there will be no charge.

College role as substitute parent is crumbling

(ACP)--The role of the college or university as a substitute parent for its students is slowly crumbling.

The doctrine of "in loco parentis," based on a long-held notion that the educational institution can and should act "in place of a parent," is being modified slightly in some schools, rejected completely in others.

Changes are being seen in every area encompassed by the doctrine: Curfews for women.

Visitation in dormitories and apartments.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages on and off campus.

Place of residence (i.e., allowing students to live in off-campus apartments versus requiring them to live in college-supervised dormitories).

Many students regard in loco parentis as archaic, and student newspapers have led the crusade to tear it from its entrenched position as the foundation of the system of social regulations and replace it with an updated, more realistic view of the student's non-academic life.

On the day when social regulations and counseling services were to be scrutinized by the deans of Valparaiso (Ind.) University at an All-Student Congress, the school newspaper, the Torch, editorialized:

"People who accepted the in loco parentis function of the college formulated a system to shelter naive students from the evil influences of the real world and to inculcate in them a moral code for eventual contact with

adult society."

At the Valparaiso Congress, during which the students were surprised by the announcement that curfews for senior women would soon be abolished, Dean of Students Luther Koepke explained the philosophy underlying rules at Valparaiso.

Three kinds of rules are enforced, Koepke said: "moral rules from the Bible or from God (teaching students Christian ethics is a VU objective), civil rules which must be obeyed as the edicts of authority, and social rules enforced to insure orderly living conditions."

Students are not allowed to make all their own rules, the Torch quoted Koepke as saying, because they have not yet been "tempered by history and exper-

ience."

ABOLISH WOMEN'S HOURS

Grinnell (Ia.) College abolished all women's rules this fall in the belief, President Glenn Leggett said, that "any regulation of college women's hours... is a matter of security rather than morality and that reasonable security can be secured... without the necessity of the college's maintaining an arbitrary hours system.

Michigan State University and University of Minnesota recently eliminated curfews for all dormitory women except freshmen, who are generally thought by administrators to require a period of adjustment between the assumed

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Dean's list numbers 119, 34 reach 4.00

Course features four lectures

Following is the Dean's list for the Fall 1967 term.

Ann, 3.50; Nylund Karen, 3.50; Perry, Deborah, 3.50; Rice, Linda,

MacLachlan, Bonnie, 4.00; Michael, Patricia, 4.00; Olson, Michael, 4.00; Paulson, Pamela, 4.00; Phillips, Richards, 4.00; Thompson, Thomas, 4.00; Fisher, Nancy, 3.75; Hill, Eric, 3.70; Hopkins, Suzanne, 3.70; Peck, Cathy, 3.70; Allison, James, 3.66; Bachman, William, 3.66; Brand, Carole, 3.66; Cook, Jerry, 3.66; Gates, Kenneth, 3.66; Halbig, James, 3.66; Jacobi, Deborah, 3.66; LaBeur, Sally, 3.66; Larkins, Theodora, 3.66; Rappley, Susan, 3.66; Reber, Helen, 3.66; Richards, Kathleen, 3.66; Roslund, James, 3.66; Rutledge, Sylvia, 3.66; Secrest, Stephen, 3.66; Serges, Drake, 3.66; Walker, Richard, 3.66; Walker, Susan, 3.66; Hall, Mary, 3.60; Camann, Keith, 3.57; Butterfield, Mary, 3.50.

Students taking the Philosophy of Science course this winter will have a special bonus since this subject will be featured at four Isenberg lectures to be delivered at Michigan State University at approximately two-week intervals throughout the winter term. Any interested students, whether members of Dr. Starkey's class or not, may join the groups which he plans to organize for attendance at these lectures by contacting him at his office one day in advance.

The lecture schedule has not yet been released; but Dr. Starkey, who is himself a specialist in the philosophy of science, has seen the list of lecturers and assures that they are among the most outstanding philosophers of science in the country.

Watch for further details on the philosophy bulletin board, second floor Hood, or check with Dykstra or Starkey.

Since Science has proven to be the most potent new influence in the history of modern man, the philosophy of science, which endeavors to transmit an understanding of its methodology--theory-building, concept-formation, and logic--of its ethical and social involvements, and of its formative influence on our own world-view, should be of vital concern to science majors and non-science majors alike.

FRESHMEN

Book, Peggy A., 4.00; Larson, Janice, 4.00; Lovett, Karen, 4.00; Harkins, Michael, 3.90; Hill, Marjorie, 3.90; Poideraun, William, 3.90; Smith, Susan, 3.90; Evans, Linda, 3.80; Volt, Mary, 3.80; Bailey, Kathryn, 3.70; Cook, Charles, 3.70; Drolet, Mary, 3.70; Gibbs, Donald, 3.70; Hamel, Sharon, 3.70; Lakatos, Roger, 3.70; McCann, Ann, 3.70; Rogers, Bruce, 3.70; Schmidt, Beverly, 3.70; Thurston, Richard, 3.70; Woodrow, Mary, 3.70; Cappell, Michelle, 3.63; Giesy, John, 3.63; Gilbert, Mary, 3.63; Shaklee, Harriet, 3.63; Clark, Christina, 3.60; Holcomb, Mona, 3.60; Jancha, Paul, 3.60; Mikesch, Karen, 3.60; Teeuwissen, Peter, 3.60; Thomen, David, 3.60; Young, Cynthia, 3.60; Morris, Diane, 3.58; Pratt, Linda, 3.54; Maynard, Susan, 3.50; Miner,

SOPHOMORES

Damerall, Susan, 4.00; Dilliard, Diane, 4.00; Garrison, Martha, 4.00; Grimes, Marcia, 4.00; Oredein, Olugbenga, 4.00; Wisniewski, Janice, 4.00; Williams, Shelly, 3.88; Mathews, Lois, 3.80; Vansickle, Chris, 3.70; Bonnell, Bruce, 3.70; Anderson, Jane, 3.66; ~~Aspin, Gary, 3.66~~; Brand, Margaret, 3.66; Hamel, Louise, 3.66; Higginbotham, Roderick, 3.66; Honkala, Charles, 3.66; Nattermann, Margwret, 3.66; Stenger, David, 3.66; Wiegmann, Claire, 3.66; Shelley, Charles, 3.63.

JUNIORS

Anderson, Kathleen, 4.00; Aspin, Larry, 4.00; Becker, John, 4.00; Boyd, Robert, 4.00; Greanya, Beverly, 4.00; Klein, Jane, 4.00;

SENIORS

Benjamins, Susan, 4.00; Coddington, Elizabeth, 4.00; Lockwood, Victoria, 4.00; Miller, Dallas, 4.00; Miller, Marianne, 4.00; Murphy, Karen, 4.00; Nichols, Barbara, 4.00; Oge, James, 4.00; Olney, Janet, 4.00; Reese, Judy, 4.00; Sexton, Ronney, 4.00; Smith, Claude, 4.00; Stone, Charles, 4.00; Webb, Maureen, 4.00; Grinnell, Merilyn, 3.87; Bean, Bruce, 3.75; Long, Diane, 3.75; Dempster, Anne, 3.66; Loesch, Carole, 3.66; Purdy, Frederick, 3.66; Wainright, Susan, 3.66; Wilson, Sandy, 3.66; Finger, Kenneth, 3.60; LaLonde, Patricia, 3.57; Taylor, Anthony, 3.57; Allen, Stephanie, 3.50.

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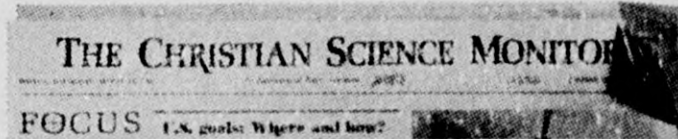
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Scots slay Knights

in first battle of the season 102 -95

BY JOHN TOLAND

In a bid to make their mark in the MIAA, the Alma basketball team met their first test last Saturday night when they went up against a praised Calvin squad. The Scots sent the Knights back home with a 102-95 defeat.

The Scots grabbed a 6-4 lead early in the game as Gordon Hetrick canned three quick baskets. From there on Calvin was unable to catch Alma, but managed to keep it close. At intermission the Scots were holding on to a slim 44-42 lead.

Then with the start of the second half Calvin found itself in as much trouble as a group of hippies at a Rotary Club luncheon. Relying on the scoring punch of Charlie Hudson, John Fuzak and Jim Lawson, the Scots outscored the Knights 13-20.

Minutes later Alma had narrowed the gap to 20 points putting Calvin on the brink of disaster.

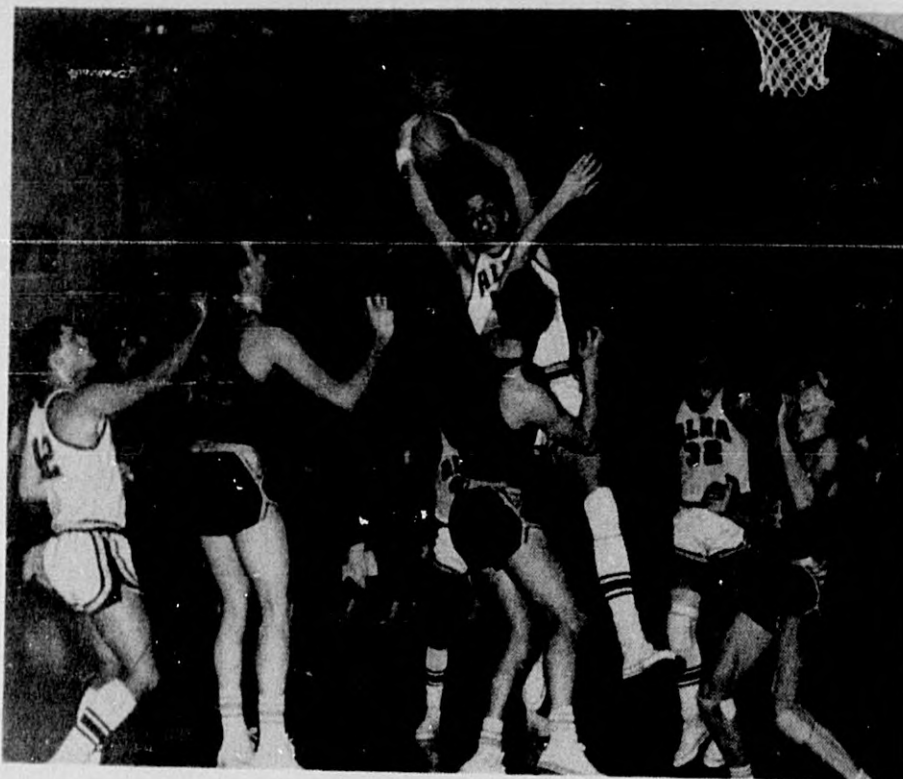
The Knights came back, however, and chipped the margin down to 7 points, but the clock ran out and so did Calvin's hopes. Hudson's 27 tallies led the Scot scoring followed by Fuzak with 25. Lawson and Hetrick added 18 and 16 respectively in the well-balanced attack.

Next Wednesday the Scots travel to Adrian and follow it up with a home game Friday night against Oakland University.

Concerts this week

Tickets for the Carlos Montoya guitar concert at Michigan State University this Wednesday and the Arthur Rubinstein piano concert in Detroit this Saturday will be available at Tyler Booth beginning at 7 p.m. tonight.

Both concerts are sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee. Transportation is provided free, and tickets are half-price to faculty and students. The college vehicles will leave from Reid-Knox at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for the Montoya concert, and at 3:30 p.m. Saturday for the Rubinstein concert.



Up, up, and away, with a beautiful rebound by Al Vandermeer. Also pictured are John Fuzak, Charlie Hudson (background) & Jim Lawson.

Scots win one, lose four in holiday tournament action

Jim McCarty

Although the southern sun was bright, warm, and pleasant, Alma's holiday basketball escapade proved to be not quite so rewarding on the court.

The Scot's lone win came at Troy, Alabama on December 11 when Coach Bill Klenk's crew conquered William Penn of Iowa 74-68 in the opening contest of the Troy Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The next night saw the Scots bow to the host Troy State squad in the championship game 93-80. Drake Serges' 21 markers paced Alma's offensive attack, while Gordon Hetrick meshed 17. Charley Hudson (14) and John Toland (11) were also in double figures.

Hetrick, Hudson, and Jim Lawson were named to the All-Tournament

team from Alma's runner-up delegation.

Thursday evening the Scots dropped a 93-86 decision to unbeaten St. Leo College in St. Leo, Florida.

A second half burst almost overcame a 57-35 halftime deficit as Alma pulled to within five points of the host cagers. The visitors again placed four men in double figures. Lawson swished 24 tallies and Hudson had 22, while Serges and Fuzak added 16 and 11 respectively.

Alma's final defeat came at the hands of Florida Presbyterian College in St. Petersburg, 86-75. Hudson's ten field goals and 20 points paced the Scots attack while Hetrick had 17. Fuzak pitched in with 13 scores. Bob Singletary, 6'3" jumping-jack, led the Tritons scoring punch with 26 points.

Women bowlers are needed for a team to compete at Ferris College Saturday, January 13. Any average over 120 will be acceptable. If you are interested, contact Lee Ann Hensel in Newberry or Miss Hayden.

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SUBSTITUTE PARENT...

regulations of home to the complete freedom of no hours.

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, extended dorm closings to 2 a.m. for juniors and seniors and began a senior women's hall with no hours restrictions. But despite the improvement over the old system, the Western Herald wasn't satisfied. The newspaper urged the university to follow MSU's example.

OPEN HOUSING DEBATE

Debate over open houses and open doors is nothing new; it has been several years now since the well-publicized case of the male dorm resident who, rebelling against a policy requiring doors during visitation to be open the width of a book, substituted matchbooks for textbooks.

Since then the debate has been sporadic but often intense.

Lela Zills, president of Freeborn Hall at the University of California, Berkeley, called the requirement for open doors during room visitation a "ridiculous invasion of privacy."

"If we're judged mature enough to be permitted ten open doors a month, then we should be likewise trusted to entertain guests with the doors closed," she said. "With the privacy afforded by an open door we might as well sit in the lobby."

And then there's the question of whether students should be allowed to live in apartments. Until recently, coeds at the University of North Carolina were not permitted to live in apartments. Now, senior women have that privilege.

Changes in rules regarding alcoholic beverages are perhaps less frequent than in other social regulations. Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., recently added its name to the list of schools with liberal liquor rules. That institution now permits students who are of age to drink in the dormitories.



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