

Faculty debates curriculum, government changes

• By John Cook

Questions involving drastic changes in Alma's government and curriculum program were main topics of discussion at the Faculty Organization meeting Monday night. Faculty members discussed the report of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee on Community Government and the progress report of the Curriculum Committee on proposed changes in graduation requirements.

Dean of Natural Science Howard

Potter reported that at the present stage of the Curriculum Committee's work, the distributive requirements would be replaced by four courses elected from the topic-oriented, team-taught general education course.

Aside from HPE and proficiency in English Composition, these 'problem' courses would be the only subjects required for graduation. Western Civ., speech, language and natural science requirements would be abolished. The student would be expected, however, to take five courses

outside the division of his major department.

The Faculty will take final action on the question after further discussion in divisional meetings and the Faculty Organization. The educators will begin by holding meetings within the divisions in January.

If the plan were approved as it now reads, next years sophomores would be required to take only one topic centered course to fulfill their general education requirement. Students who will be juniors in the 1968-69 academic

year would, like next year's seniors, be required to take one 'problem' course instead of Senior Studies.

A subject of much discussion at the Faculty meeting was the question of staffing the topic centered courses. Some professors expressed doubt that 21 individuals could be recruited to staff the proposed program. Potter replied that the number of men needed to make the plan workable were available; although specific

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Students able to plan own activities budget

President Swanson outlined a proposal which would enable the student body to develop and finance student activities at a Tuesday meeting attended by elected and appointed student leaders.

The administration's proposal, which would be initiated by students, provides for the creation of a Student Budget and Finance Committee to recommend programs and for a budget for student activities (which now includes social activities, Student Council, the almanian and Scotsman). The total amount budgeted for student activities this year, President Swanson said, was approximately \$25,000.

President Swanson revealed two reasons for proposing the idea. On the practical side, four or five administrators have to make decisions about student affairs budgeting for the student body. These people, the President continued, do not always feel capable of assessing the needs of the students. From the philosophical point of view, the move would introduce students into the role of decision making and enable them to better assume such responsibilities in the future.

SCOTSMAN WILL ARRIVE SOON

Today Scotsman editor, Mason Cobb, announced that the proofs for this term's Scotsman have been received from the publisher's plant in Dallas, Texas. He explained that this means the magazine is complete at the plant, pending last minute corrections by the staff.

The staff plans to correct the proofs and phone the Taylor Publishing Company to speed production. Cobb estimates the arrival and distribution of the magazine will be before January 25th, two weeks from today.

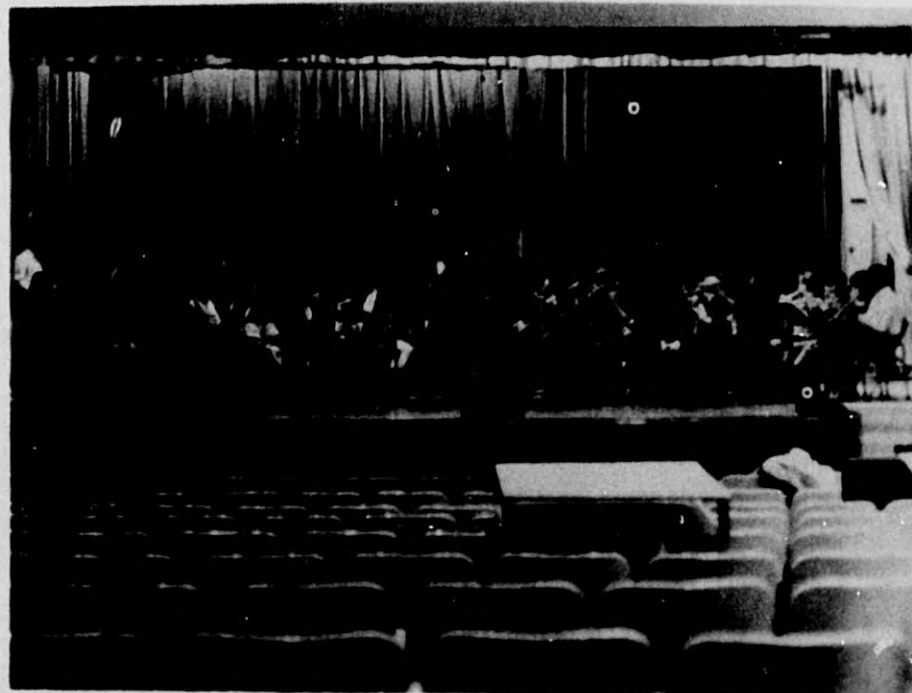
If the student body would accept this proposal, a student affairs assessment would be paid separate from the tuition payment at registration. The amount the students would pay would be proposed by the Student Budget and Finance Committee and voted on by the entire student body.

Although part of the present \$25,000 used for student affairs comes from endowments and gifts, money for the activities under the proposed plan would come entirely from the student head tax.

The Student Council will discuss the plan at a meeting at 7 p.m. in the U.N. room of the Library this evening.

Scots Lose to Adrian, 79-80

The Scot cagers dropped a close contest to Adrian last night by a margin of one point, 79-80. Except for the first few minutes, Adrian led throughout the game, with the score of 42-37 at half-time. Leading scorer for the Scots was Drake Serges who tallied 20 points. Charlie Hudson followed with 18 points, and Al Vandermeer was next with 14 points. Jerry Knowlton and Gordon Hetrick both scored 13 points while John Fuzak scored one.



Surrounded by the empty auditorium seats, the Alma Symphony Orchestra practices for its first concert of the season scheduled for Sunday at 4 p.m. in Dow Auditorium. According to conductor James Upton, the orchestra has chosen to illustrate the many different sides of Haydn's creative genius.

Poll asks for coffeehouse

Results are in from the campus activities poll, taken by Tyler Board last term.

Plans and ideas have sprung from the student interest indicator. 'More and better movies' polled highest along with a vote for more live bands for dances. A coffeehouse and the carnival-masquerade party categories received 70% favor.

Of the 300 students polled, Greeks and non-Greeks voted for the same type of activities. Since nearly everything on the survey from faculty open houses and progressive dinners held in off-campus housing, to small student theatrical groups and auctions also received very enthusiastic votes, Tyler Board looks to much student interest in whatever events they plan.

'There will definitely be a coffeehouse this term,' said Tim Kraft, co-chairman of Tyler Board. 'The Presbyterian Church down the road has offered basement rooms and thus the coffeehouse could work with very flexible hours and be open after per.'

Live bands will be coming for all the upcoming Greek dances - KI Luxury Liner, TKE on the Town, AST Amo Te, and the snow carnival, as well as the band last Sat. night. Plans are also under way for bridge, chess, and checker fans to meet others who play, and to compete in tournaments to be offered.

Tyler Booth tentatively plans to get some scrabble, cribbage, monopoly, checkers, and other board games for use in the union, as well as subscriptions to the New Yorker and Wall St. Journal or National Observer. The Board is also working on starting a paperback book store for Tyler.

Tyler Board is acting on still two other events - a Campus skating pond and a psychedelic dance.

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VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A central issue in the Faculty Organization's discussion of the community government proposals was lack of student involvement in the government of A.C. Some faculty members and administrators maintained students were not willing to assume the responsibility a larger role entails.

Other educators demonstrated more understanding. These people suggested that the lack of involvement resulted from the fact that students were given no real opportunity to participate in the decision making process of this institution.

But now there is such an opportunity for students.

At a meeting of campus leaders Tuesday evening, President Swanson outlined a plan which would enable students to determine their own budget for student activities. Under this proposal students will demonstrate their eagerness to participate in governmental affairs while at the same time working to improve student activities on this campus.

Because the budget of the almanian would be subject to the approval and scrutiny of the students under such a plan, some people might have thought we would disapprove of this proposal. But the opposite it true. We have a faith in the concern and responsibility of students of this campus which unfortunately is not shared by many members of Faculty Organization.

The students of A.C. should grasp this opportunity, and the concrete authority it represents, immediately.

Kirby art featured at center

BY EDWARD M. JACOMO

Exploration, Experimentation, and a sense of 'now'

Reality is more than skin deep. It lies in the cell. It floats in the solid particles of a puff of smoke and in the farthest reaches of the firmament. It flowers in the brightness of a spark and is hidden in the velvety swirl of liquids. Somehow and somewhere it glows from under the earth. Man has not the sight to see it all. Yet some men capture it in their art. Such a man is Kent Kirby.

Opening with a preview on Sunday, January 14th, 1968 and continuing until February 4th will be an exhibition of recent paintings by Kent Kirby. The Alma Arts and Crafts Center is pleased to present an exhibition of not just pictures, but paintings, paintings marked by exploration, experimentation and a sense of 'now', yet forged from years of discipline. Mr. Kirby's work is marked by a quality of alive color and excellent craftsmanship. Canvas, paper or new formed plastic panels vibrate with excitement. He is a poet in paint and is truly sensitive to the hidden realities of life.

For the past six years he has been chairman of the Art Department at Alma College, coming from Wilkes College in Wiles-Barre,

Pennsylvania. Awards are always forthcoming for his works and among them several exhibit the diversity of his talents. He recently received the Best in Show Award at the Saginaw Museum and Best Painting Award at the Annual Art 'N Apples Festival Exhibition in Rochester, Michigan. This is his eleventh one man show.

The All-School reading selection for winter term 166 is Senator Fulbright's book *Arrogance of Power*. Books are available at the Varsity Shop. Students should satisfy this requirement with their advisors. If this is not done they are required to take the All-School reading examination which will be given February 24.

Fulfilling the requirement for the All-School reading program is (continued on page 3)

If worms make you squirm...

Dear Editor:

I quite recently wrote a letter to the Dawson's Bottling Company for which I am awaiting a reply. In the few days since it was sent off it has taken on, in my imagination, the aspect of a cliff-hanger. I pass it on to your gentle readers without benefit of audience tie-in. Perhaps your readers too, will await the reply with 'baited breath'.

Dear to whom it may...

First, I wish to make clear that this is a well-meaning crank letter, though a crank letter nonetheless.

Since I was old enough to remember, I have been a member of the Pepsi Generation - spurning the other colas in favor of your illustrious beverage. I have twenty years and as my girth is great, this represents a lot of cola. Until this day, I had always exhibited the greatest faith in the free enterprise system and in particular, your company.

Today, I was surprised to find some dark object flowing into my glass from your bottle. Needless to say, I scrutinized it and found it to be the eighth part of an annelid - a segmented worm - a nightcrawler, containing various and sundry pepsi-pickled internal organs. First, I threw up my hands in dismay. However, when my head had cleared, a whole new realm of conjecture was opened to me as to its origin. Such is my product-loyalty, however, that I almost immediately opened another bottle and drank that.

Only one question remains- what do you intend to do about it?

Sincerely,

Douglas Keeelar

P.S. I realize that this is only circumstantial evidence but I feel that it is, as Emerson says, as convincing as a trout in milk.

Worm affixed here with scotch tape

P.P.S. Please return exhibit 'A' as it has sentimental value to me.

P.P.P.S. Despite my style, the facts are accurate and my gripe legitimate.

Dear Editor,

A certain professor on campus has been encouraging students to sign a petition to screen professors for Christian commitment.

This petition evolved from the reaction of some students to the Bible in the Western Civilization course.

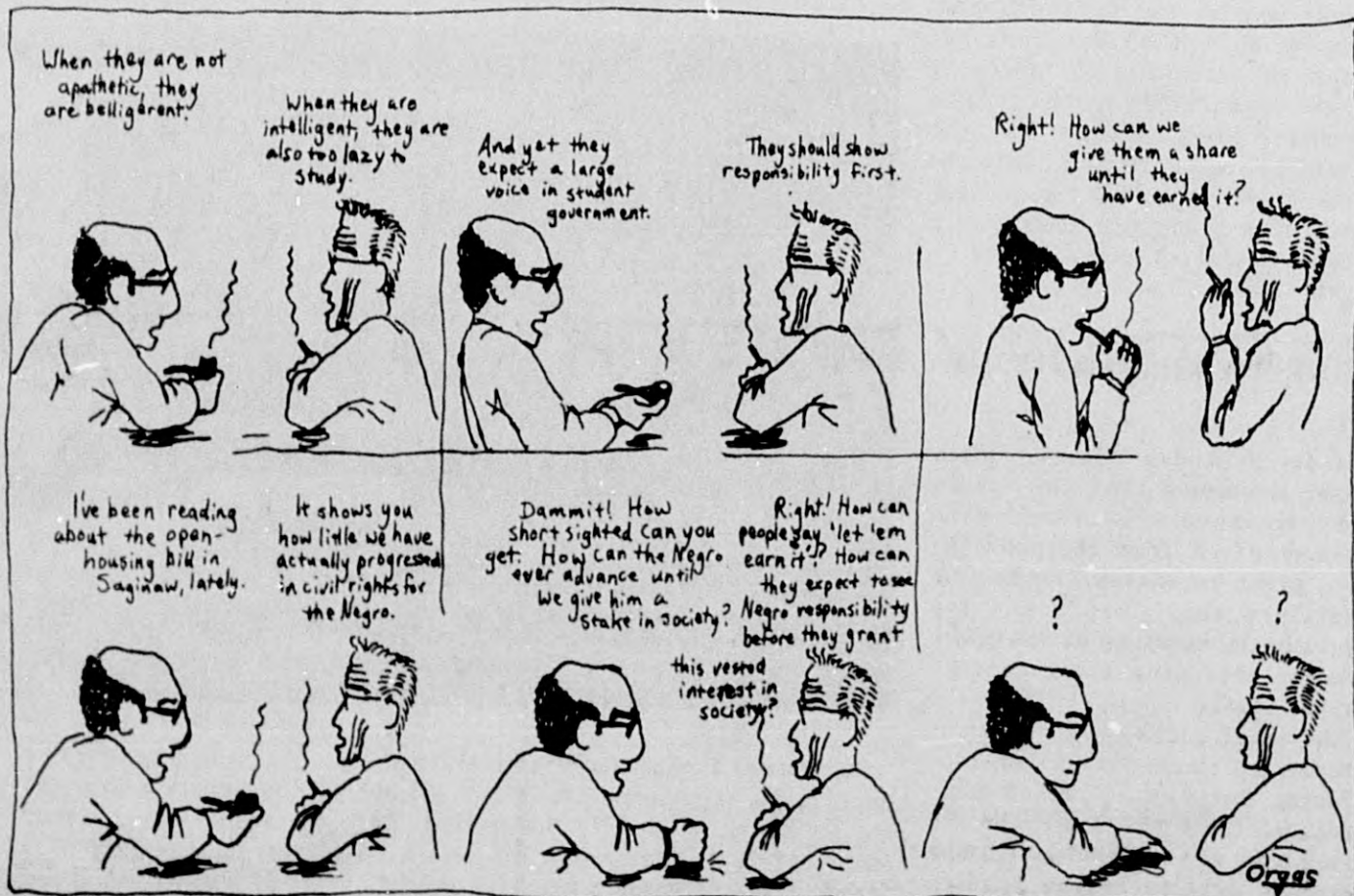
Conversely there is an attempt to set up a definition of a Christian college in order to create a more open atmosphere for professors.

These issues and the people behind them will be present at the S.S.S. meeting. Come Sunday evening at 6:30 to Van Dusen lounge. What is your view?

Trudy Evans

The Ecumenical Institute from Chicago is leading a weekend seminar in Grand Rapids Jan. 26-28.

The Institute is known internationally as one of the most progressive, dynamic, and intense voices speaking to 20th Century culture and Christianity. It is presenting 'The Religious Revolution,' an in depth study from 7:30 Friday night to 2:00 Sunday at Howard Johnson's. The cost is \$25, which covers room, meals, and materials. Financial aid is available. Students interested in going should see Rev. Berry no later than Monday morning.



CAMPUS NOTES

Faculty Meeting...

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The fraters of Tau Kappa Epsilon are pleased to announce the following: the lavaliering of Miss Sue Constant to Mark Foster, the pinning of Miss Barb Hays to Jim Allison, Miss Pam Chase of Alpha Theta, to Bill Moss, Miss Beth Long, of Kappa Iota, to Roger Frayer, Miss Araxe B. Ohanesian to Michael T. Kurkiewicz, the engagement of Miss Sue Buckmaster of Kappa Iota to Robb Gould, and the marriage of Miss Marlianne Mauch, of Alpha Sigma Tau, to Rick Warmbold.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Dr. Luke and the other interested faculty and students who made the "Community Government" discussion at the TKE house Wednesday evening possible.

And finally we would like to inform the college community of the upcoming annual "TKE on the Town" dance to be held Saturday evening, January 27th.

Wesley Fellowship meeting this Friday after the basketball game (Jan. 12) at Dr. Fuller's house, 312 Orchard. Mr. Paul Barru will speak on "Urban Adjustment to the Suburban College."

JOB PLACEMENT

The following are the school systems, businesses, and industries that will be having interviews on campus in the next few weeks. If you are interested in these interviews make appointments with the Placement Office.

For the week of January 8:
1-12 General Electric

For the week of January 15:
1-17 IBM
Saginaw Schools
1-18 John Hancock Insurance

The Chapel Choir rehearses from 7-8 p.m. every Thursday evening and sings at the Sunday morning Chapel Service on Campus. There are openings in all sections for the winter term. Music to be performed during the term will include Chapman's ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, the 20th Century folk mass, an excerpt from Faure's REQUIEM.

There will be a meeting of Saints, Sinners and Skeptics Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The Christian college will be the topic of discussion.

The flying club meeting, originally scheduled to meet Thursday in Tyler, will now meet Thursday in Room 102 of Old Main at 7:00 p.m. Attend if you think you may be interested.

Miss Peil will perform in Dow Aud. on Sunday, January 14, at 3:30 p.m. (There has been some confusion on posters and other publicity.)

The men who ordered team jackets may obtain same from Tom Jakovac or Dale Dillingham. Bring your money.

The sisters of Kappa Iota Sorority would like to extend best wishes to the former Miss Jane Maynard for her recent marriage to John Emery. Best wishes also go to Carol Bennett for her engagement to Don Seager, Sue Buckmaster for her engagement to Rob Gould and Mary Woodhouse for her engagement to Greg Jackson. Congratulations go to Marilyn Stetz for her pinning to George Nagy, Jr. of Tau Kappa Epsilon at the University of Michigan, and Beth Long for her pinning to Roger Frayer of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

individuals had not been chosen. At the close of the discussion, Dr. William McGill asked Curriculum Committee Chairman Potter if a hearing would be created where members of the student body could air their opinions. The Chairman replied he was eager to promote such interaction.

As stated by Dean of Social Sciences Frank Jackson, the Faculty could reject the proposal in two ways: First, by not enough faculty members willing to participate in the plan; and, secondly, by voting the proposal down at a Faculty meeting.

DISCUSS COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

Michael J.J. Smith began the discussion on the three Community Government proposals prepared in committee by asking Chairman Cornelius what had become of a fourth proposal which had been prepared in a divisional meeting during a preliminary period of discussion. Cornelius replied by stating the committee examined all suggestions and discovered the original three proposals met most of the objections offered by faculty members.

In the discussion of the merits of the three different proposals which followed, Faculty debate was centered on student involvement in the decision making process.

Dr. Robert Smith asked Preparatory Committee Chairman Cornelius what evidence was available to assume that students will make the sacrifices of time and responsibility. Cornelius replied that hard-core evidence probably would not be available until

after the program was initiated by the Faculty.

Dean of Women Christine Kinkead said that from conversations with a number of student leaders she learned that many thought the problems of student involvement were not the same as when the Ad Hoc report on Student Life was compiled. Furthermore, Miss Kinkead said many students had not taken time to read the Community Government report due to lack of time. Students who really want to be active, she concluded, had an opportunity to do so under the present system.

Dr. Jacob DeYung said students would become involved in the government of the college just as soon as they were given an opportunity for concrete discussion. Dr. Tracy Luke also added that student involvement will come when students are given a meaningful part.

Michael Smith stated he believes students should form their own committee system so that they can participate in the decision making process in an independent manner. Smith labeled the system which puts students on committees with faculty members as paternalistic. Luke replied that, rather than paternalistic, the community government proposals were a responsible attempt to give students a voice in what goes on.

Action on the three proposals will be taken at the February Faculty Organization meeting.

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pre-requisite for graduation or re-enrollment. There will be one makeup examination on March 9 for which a fee will be charged.

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Physics flick runs tonight

By Michael Sullivan

Today, the Alma College Student Section of the American Institute of Physics will show one of a series of seven filmed lectures of Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Richard P. Feynman. The film titled 'Symmetry in Physical Law' will be shown in the Dow Science Building, room 134 at 7:30 p.m. As their regular bi-weekly meeting the group will watch the 58 minute lecture by Dr. Feynman which was originally given as one of seven by Dr. Feynman at the Cornell University Messenger Lectures in 1964.

The lectures were video-taped by the British Broadcasting Corporation for broadcast throughout the United Kingdom. They have only recently been made available in the United States.

The audience for whom these lectures were prepared was quite general, thus the series of topics can be a valuable source of information for anyone, including

the aspiring physicist. Professor Feynman is noted for his ability to bring his subject alive to the non-physicist as well as the Physics student.

Many of the models and analogies that Professor Feynman uses in these lectures were derived from material in his published two-year physics texts.

Dr. Feynman is the Tolman Professor of Physics at the California Institute of Technology. Known to play bongo drums at parties, he is a New Yorker who received his Bachelors degree at MIT and earned his Ph.D. at Princeton. Author of numerous physics books and journal articles, Feynman taught at Cornell before going to Cal Tech in 1950.

He also won the Albert Einstein award of \$15,000 for Scientific Achievement in 1954 and the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on Quantum Electrodynamics in 1965.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1968

Basketball with Oakland University
Movie - Dow Aud., 7:15 p.m.,
'Ipress File'

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1968

KI Luxury Liner - Tyler Aud.
Movie - Dow Aud., 7:15 p.m.,
'Ipress File'

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1968

International Film Series, Dow
Aud., 8:00 p.m., 'Two
Daughters'
Mary Beth Peil, Talk-Sing, Convo-
cation, Dow Aud., 3:30 p.m.

In the interest of serving the student body, the Almanian has opened it's services to classified advertizement.

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.



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Art Center opens the 'world'

Starting in September, the Alma Arts and Crafts Center began a new art program. 'Window to the World of Art.' Again this term, these discussion, lecture, demonstrations will take place one Thursday a month at the Center. The schedule is as follows:

January, Thursday the 18th.
The Disciplined Eye - Part I.
The dramatic and scientific use of light and color as they lead us in enjoying a painting. What possessed artists, new and old, to use dramatic color?

February, Thursday the 15th.
The Disciplined Eye - Part II.
How our eye moves in a picture. Why and how artists 'built' pictures as they did. Who told them to do so?

March, Thursday the 14th. **Is That You Grandmother?** The mystery of portraits is revealed. Famous men and women recorded in paint await us behind this door.

April, Thursday the 11th.
...and they rolled away the

stone.' The Passion as recorded by the world's great artists. The agony and ecstasy of this great Christian drama is presented in works by Durer, Rembrandt and El Greco.

May, Thursday the 9th. **The Threads of America.** A stitch in time gave us some beautiful textiles. We now look at the curtain on our window to the World of Art as we discover the American textile.

June, Thursday the 6th **My Fair Lady.** We shall examine some of the most beautiful and elegant paintings by man. Painting in Georgian England closes the window on this series. We won't lock it, will you?

After the game, drop in at 315 Orchard Street for a discussion of Alma's relation to students from the ghetto, led by Mr. Paul Barru.

Women tryout for Basketball

There will be women's Basketball Extramural tryouts and practices from 6:00-7:00 tonight. If

Those going to the Artur Rubinstein concert in Detroit are to be at the Reid-Knox Building parking lot ready for departure at 3:30 p.m., Saturday.

Two tickets under reservation for the faculty are still available. These are at Tyler Booth.

For information, contact Ed Garrison, College House.

interested sign up with Miss Southward.

1968 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Delta College, January 23, 4:00, away.
Open, January 25, 7:00, HOME.
Delta College, February 7, 4:00, HOME.
Olivet College, February 13, 7:00, HOME.
Kazoo, February 15, 7:30, away.
Central, February 21, 7:00, away.
SPORTS DAY at WAYNE, FEBRUARY 24.

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