

Distributive requirements apply to all but seniors

By John Cook

At a Faculty Organization meeting Wednesday morning, a large majority of members approved a Curriculum Committee proposal which proposed making the new distributive requirements effective for students who are presently freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Seniors graduating in June will continue under the old requirements.

For students who have already taken Freshmen and Sophomore Studies, these courses will ful-

fill four of eight units which must be completed outside the major. The other four units must consist of two units in each division outside the major division.

The class of 1971 must also complete two units in the division outside their majors. Counting Heritage 101-102 as two of the other requirements outside their major, next years sophomores will have to take two units in problem courses or regular courses. Completion of two units of Sophomore Studies

(Heritage 201-202) which may be offered as an elective, would fulfill these other two requirements.

Stating the Faculty had a moral responsibility to allow the classes of 1969, 1970, and 1971 to complete the curriculum requirements they began, Dr. Robert Smith proposed an amendment to the Curriculum Committee's proposal which read: "The classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971 may either fulfill the requirement in affect at the time they entered or shall be gov-

erned by the new requirements..."

Dr. Verne Bechill asked if many students entered Alma because of its curriculum. President Robert Swanson stated he doubted very much if students come to Alma solely because of its curriculum, although he said it was one factor in the decision.

Before the Faculty voted down the amendment by voice vote, Dr. Robert Smith noted a former

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The Concrete Chameleon coffee house will be open this weekend for four big nights. This will provide an "escape" for those who will be remaining on campus during the mid-winter recess. Starting tonight, it will be open through Sunday. As usual it will be open until one hour after per. So come by for a while, have a cup, and shoot the bull!

PLAN ALASKAN FANTASY

1968 SNOW CARVINAL

Plans for this years Snow Carnival, Alaskan Fantasy, are well under way as the event appears to be one of the biggest Snow Carnival celebrations yet. The all-school election for Snow Carnival Queen will be held Monday, Feb. 19th, during the lunch period.

Snow sculpture themes and relay teams are being selected now for the event. Snow sculpturer's will begin work at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 21st; judging will be upon completion of the sculptures at 4:00 Friday.

A unique feature in this years weekend plans is the 25 passenger horse-driven sleigh which will be giving 1/2 hour rides Friday between 4:00 and 6:00. Details on this are available at Tyler Booth-if you are interested in going on the sleigh ride sign up today in Tyler, as there are very few

openings.

Friday night from 9-11 p.m. the well-known Father Tom Vaughn and his trio will present a Jazz Concert in Dow Auditorium.

Saturday's activities will prove to be equally exciting. At 12:30 relay games will be held between the Chapel and Tyler. At 2:00 our 1968 Snow Carnival Queen will be crowned At 3:00 the movie Shenandoah will be shown in Dow. Saturday night to climax the weekend a 12 piece Motown Band "E.W. and the Motiques," has been contracted to play for a dance from 9:30-1:00 in the gym.

As a special value to students, faculty members, and the administration, a special "week ender Ticket" is being sold now in Tyler Booth. The price of this ticket is \$2.50, and includes admission to the Father Vaughn Concert, the "Motown Goes Alaskan" dance, and the movie, Shanandoah.

An open letter from Smith

RACE RELATIONS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE

Claudie Smith

This article is about nothing in general and everything in particular. Don't worry, it is not a discussion of student government, a criticism of Saga Foods, an examination of Senior Studies, a conference on booze, a study of sex, or anything else overtly pressing. It is merely an attempt to establish a new dimension in the sacred arena of American race relationships.

This time worn subject has taken on a new and dynamic philosophical tone in the growing circle of ghetto breed and middle-class black students on white campuses. They are profoundly aware of the social, cultural, and intellectual inadequacies of the white value system for the black; they are tired of the frustration of the futile search for an identity in the white world; and some have decided that it is time that America's Ivory Towers do some soul searching - a conference has been set up for April 20 & 21 on Alma's campus for precisely this reason.

The conference will attempt to discover the deficiencies of the present concept of higher education for today's black student. Further, it will endeavor to offer constructive criticism and light the path to more compatible race relations on college campuses.

The inspiration for this conference came for an address delivered on nation wide TV by Archie Epps, the assistant Dean of Admissions at Harvard University. Mr. Epps has also led discussions on several college campuses and appeared in an article in LOOK magazine on the subject of "The Inadequacies of College for the Black Student."

EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH REASONABLE CERTAINTY OF SUCCESS TO ATTAIN DEAN EPPS AS THE KEY-NOTE SPEAKER FOR THE CONFERENCE.

The conference will run all day Saturday and half a day Sunday with Dr. Robert Greene of Michigan State giving the summarizing remarks Sunday morning.

Students from this other S.E.S.C.A. schools, as well as Alma, will participate in the conference as discussants and as members of the discussion panel. Also participating in discussion will be students from other predominantly white and predominantly black campuses.

A record will be kept of all the proceedings and compiled into a manuscript. The manuscript will then be submitted to the Alma College Sociological Dept. to be editorialized and then published under the auspices of the Alma College Afro-American Society.

Anyone with any questions, comments, or suggestions contact Dennis Carter, 232 Wright Hall.

FLASH: SCOTS BEAT GRAND VALLEY STATE COLLEGE 93-79 WEDNESDAY EVENING. HUDSON HAS 21 POINTS AND FUZAK SCORES 20 IN THE CONTEST AT PHILLIPS GYMNASIUM.

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Chris Van Sickle, an Alma College sophomore, beat Larry Carter of Flint in the novice middleweight championship bout last Saturday night in the State Golden Gloves Finals in Grand Rapids. After taking much punishment in the 1st round, Van Sickle came on strong in the second. Van Sickle's powerful blows to face and body proved to be too much for the Flint champ, and Chris knocked him out midway through the 2nd round.

Chris's boxing career began when he started training in December, boxing 3 nights a week in St. Louis under the supervision of a retired professional boxer, Jerry Nelson, who operates Mosarro's restaurant in St. Louis. Having fought 3 fights to become the Saginaw regional champ, Chris gained a berth to the State finals. Here, he had a close fight with the Lansing regional champ, Bruce Boone, 2 hours before fighting the championship bout with Carter.

CAMPUS NOTES

The brothers of Delta Gamma Tau would like to extend congratulations to William Leivense on his lavaliering of Darlene Bowerman of Western Michigan University, to Paul Croom on his lavaliering of Beth Lathrop, to Willie Herman on his pinning of Gail Madar of Michigan State University, and to Bill Manus on his pinning of Sandy Best of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

The men of Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to announce the recent pinnings of Frater Ron Norris to Barb Schachinger of Alpha Sigma Tau and Frater Bruce Landino to Sandy Schultz of Central Michigan University.

The men would also like to congratulate Frater Chris VanSickle on his winning of the state Golden Gloves Boxing Championship on Saturday night. He fought in the 165 lb. novice class, and he is now eligible to participate in the National Championship.

There will be a Birth Control discussion tonight at 9:00 in Bruske Hall Basement, room S-1. Drs. Stack and Rath along with Dr. Kapp of our biology department will be the discussants. This informative meeting will not be a moral debate on the subject. Birth Control information will be disseminated. If you're on campus don't miss this opportunity to learn about something that affects us all.

Jane Stuart of Birmingham, and Lesley Den Herder of Holland, will be showing their sen- Art Exhibit in the Old Church Gallery from Feb. 12 - Feb. 23.

FACULTY MEETING

dean had indicated the faculty did not have the right to impose requirements on students different from the ones they entered under. Dr. Jackson said the organization has the right to change requirements, as long as new plans do not impose harder requirements on students.

Dean of Natural Sciences Howard Potter noted there are certain unresolved questions facing the Faculty under the proposal adopted. Foremost is a general statement of A.C.'s philosophy which states each student must have a classroom encounter with the Judao-Christian tradition.

Students who recently volunteered to help on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the County Preschool Nursery for Retarded Children (at First Presbyterian Church in Alma) need to have a medical report. The necessary forms may be obtained from Dr. Frederick A. Knarr of the Psychology Department. A special orientation meeting is set for 7 p.m. on February 18 (Sunday), in Room 202 of Old Main.

The Young Men's Christian Association will send a team of representatives to the Alma campus, Wednesday, February 21, to interview students seeking summer and full-time employment.

Following are the school systems, businesses, industries or government agencies that will have representatives on campus for the week of February 19, 1968:

- 2-19 Brandon Schools, Ortonville
Atherton Community Schools, Flint
- 2-20 Jones & Laughlin Steel Co. Manitowac, Wisconsin Public Schools
National Bank of Detroit
- 2-21 Birmingham Schools
Warren Consolidated Schools
Y.M.C.A.
John Deere
- 2-22 Montgomery Ward
Bullock Creek Schools, Midland
Croswell Dude Ranch (summer)

The women of Pioneer Hall wish to congratulate Harriet Shaklee on her lavaliering to Saul Goldstein of Chicago, Illinois, presently a senior at Yeshiva University, New York. Congratulations also to Janis Morton on her opaling to Richard D. Gould of Washington, D. C. presently a student at Parson's College, Iowa.

Dear Editor:

After the convocation the other night, I was stopped by Dr. Jackson, who asked me accusingly why I had been reading my textbook during the program. When I told him that I didn't think it was any business of his, he said it was. Then he wanted to take my name, implying that I would be tattled on.

Although we are required to attend these lectures, there is no stipulation requiring us to listen to them. In this instance, the speaker was very interesting, and I read little. But in many cases it pays to take a book along.

I find it quite irritating to find that a member of the faculty/administration was over-seeing my actions, and most aggravating to think that he felt it was his business to be doing such a thing.

Phyllis Eyer

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Alma College community I am moved to regret your editorial "regret that so many students and faculty members are so eager to preserve the old." (almanian, February 8, 1968, p. 2).

This concerns me mainly because it fits in so well with a spirit of not tolerating honest dissent. This spirit, which sometimes seems very pervasive here, appears in Senior Studies, in stereotypes of "peaceniks" or "conservatives," and other kinds of labelling and pegging. Perhaps this spirit simply reflects the uniformity of compulsive suburbia or of the American dream.

Many who were "eager to preserve the old" may be willing to give the new a chance. But it becomes more difficult to do so graciously when you give editorial support to the notion that opposition to the new is a symptom of fossilized antiquarianism.

Sincerely,
Eugene H. Pattison

Dr. Pattison,

We tolerate and appreciate your dissent. In retrospect it appears we may have exaggerated the "fossilized antiquarianism" of the majority of faculty members in the opposition. But many conversations with students before publication of the edi-

torial definitely indicated what we considered a hypocritical and an "eager to preserve the old" type of criticism to the new proposal.

In the interests of intellectual analysis, we would also add that, in your desire to illustrate our generalization and labelling, you have in turn pegged us with the label "intolerant." It is a good way to make your point, but we too reserve the right to dissent without being stereotyped.

The Editor

Dear Saga Employee,

I was disturbed and confused by your recent letter. I must agree that \$17 a week just for lunch is a lot, but is that really the only meal you ever eat? And if it is, then it is by your own choice, so that is your own problem, not Saga's. Thank you for the breakfasts I get up for.

Although there have been times when I have failed to receive seconds (at 1:15p.m.), I have never been unable to have firsts. If you know me, you know that I have made as many bad comments on the food as anyone. However, in all the hospitals and schools I have ever eaten in Saga serves the best institutional food I have ever had. I know Saga welcomes legitimate complaints--but I hope it ignores your letter.

Sincerely,

Tom Schumm

A CAPELLA CHOIR PREPARES FOR JACKSON CONCERT TRIP

The Alma College A Capella Choir has been busily working this term in preparation for a short trip this month to Jackson, and the choir tour during Spring break. The choir will sing at the morning services of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson on Sunday morning, February 25. The program will be selected from several works, including numbers written for two choirs. In these pieces the two pieces the two choirs respond to each other or combine the melodies, such as in a lively Bach motet, *The Spirit Also Helpeth Us*. This work is in four sections, beginning with a fast-moving fugue, followed by an allegro movement. A short fugetta composes the third part, and the ending is a four part chorale for one set of voices.

Other works which might be included in the service are *Behold God the Lord*, from Mendelsohn's *Elijah*, *O Clap Your Hands* by Vaughn Williams, and a three-movement motet by Brahms.

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