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INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

Rules of the Game explained

This Sunday evening (February 25) the International Film Series presents *Rules of the Game*, a 1939 French social satire. It will be shown in Dow Auditorium. Screen time is 8:00 p.m.

Designated "Jean Renoir's greatest work" by the London Observer, this film was long banned in France by a community too soft-skinned for the stinging appraisal it makes. The film frankly delineates the charades of the French leisure class before the outbreak of World War II. Forsaking the humanism of his earlier works, Renoir here mordantly satirizes the social and sexual mores of a decadent society near collapse.

Robert de la Cheyniest (played by Marcel Dalio) finds himself part of a society which prefers to maneuver elegantly through misunderstandings rather than to try

to resolve them. Andre Jurieux, a famous aviator, taking an un-garnished approach to life, finds it difficult to fathom this world of intrigue and sophistication, where professing honesty is more important than practicing it. Somebody doesn't survive - for these are the rules of the game.

Georges Sadoul, writing in French Film, notes that "historically speaking, *Rules of the Game* was both in style and in theme absolutely the film of the moment.

Sadoul writes further: *Rules* was withdrawn from general distribution only a few days after its first showing, and was not offered to the open market until almost thirty years later. A few weeks later the war broke out, and the film was banned by the censor, and so ended its short career."

Individual admissions will be available at the door at 75¢ each.

SNOW CARNIVAL

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| Thursday | No snow sculpturing due to lack of snow. | 9:30-1:00p-Gym--with E.W. and the Motiques--casual to ski attire. |
| Friday | Sleigh rides cancelled (no snow). | |
| | Father Vaugh Concert 9-11 Dow. | Tickets for snow carnival are being sold in Tyler Booth. A special value for students, faculty and administration is the Weekender ticket. Included in the \$2.50 per person price is admission to the Father Vaugh Concert, the Shanandoah matinee, and the dance. |
| Saturday | Snow games cancelled (no snow). | |
| | Coronation Ceremony-- 2:00--Quadrangle. | |
| | "Shanandoah" matinee--3:00--Dow. | Single admission tickets to the Vaugh Concert are \$1.50, to the dance \$1.50 at the door. |
| | "Motown Goes Alaskan" | |

Now there's a summer place

A small but significant start has been made in the direction of a summer program at Alma. Beginning July 8 through the 26, there will be an intensive program of courses offered. Biology 101, English 100, Psychology 121B and Sociology 201 will be available to college students, students who have applied for admissions to

Alma College, and to students who have completed their junior year in high school and are recommended by the school.

Each course carries a full unit and the student's credit will be established on a permanent record at Alma, and will be transferable or applicable toward graduation requirements. High school students who complete the courses will have their credits held in escrow.

Application for this summer session can be made at the Admissions Office and must be in before May 15. Cost of this three week session will be \$80 for tuition and \$150 for room and board.



ONE WILL BE QUEEN — The four young ladies above are the candidates for the 1968 Snow Carnival Queen, to be crowned

Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Quadrangle. From left the women are: Marj Brand, Linda Larson, Kim Kimball, Jeanne Boyden and Betsy Bond.

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KLUGH SPEAKS AGAINST RUDENESS AT CONVOCATIONS

This editorial is a response to a Letter to the Editor from H.E. Klugh, Chairman for the Academic Standards Committee. If you have not read that letter, do so now and then come back.

Indeed, Dr. Klugh, it is a pity.

It is a pity you reduce the question of reading in convocations to a black and white situation without regard to the pressures of academic life imposed on every student, the very fact of required convocations and the basic right for a student to make an ass of himself if he so desires -- however deplorable that may be to you.

It is also a pity you are so naive to assume no student at Alma College sleeps, reads or simply ignores the professor in the classroom.

And it is a pity that, in the tone of a high school principal, you find it necessary to warn that the faculty will not "tolerate" discourteous behavior in either the classroom or the auditorium.

We, too, are disgusted by some students' rudeness, but we realize it is not possible to legislate courtesy or wipe out rudeness with threats. We defend the right of a student to fall asleep or read a book if he chooses. Sheep can be herded and punished for straying from the flock; but our basic concern for the expression of the individual -- whether he is a student or a faculty member -- dictates a policy different than the handling of sheep.

Dear Editor:

It seems, from observation at recent convocations, that there are some students who feel that they can be rude provided they have the anonymity of a crowded auditorium.

It is rather unlikely that these students would read a book during a regular class in case the class got "dull," or would sail airplanes, fall asleep, or in general deport themselves as high school sophomores at "assembly." The reason is rather obvious; at such "required events" as classes they can't get away with this kind of behavior because the faculty member in charge would ask them to leave.

Just as an individual faculty member has the responsibility for eliminating boorish behavior if it occurs in his class, so all

faculty members assume some responsibility for discouraging discourteous behavior when it is demonstrated by students attending convocations.

Now I want to make it perfectly clear that the faculty has no wish to legislate a group of "thou shalt nots" for convocations. It simply shouldn't be necessary to tell students that it is rude to read while someone is speaking, or that it is rude to fall asleep, write letters, etc. Most of the students who do these things know perfectly well that it is rude. They feel, however, that if their physical presence is required at convocations, their good manners are not and if the speaker fails to be properly titillating they can be as rude as they please and it should be no one's business but their own. Well, that is just not the case.

These students are hereby informed that we are concerned with their behavior. We are just as disgusted by student rudeness directed toward guests of the college as we would be by the same behavior in our classes and we are unwilling to tolerate it in either place. The Academic Standards Committee which speaks for the faculty in these matters is now convinced that due process for enforcing some standards of minimally acceptable conduct at convocations may be necessary after all. It is a pity.

H.E. Klugh, Chairman for the Academic Standards Committee

JOB PLACEMENT

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

- 2-22 Montgomery Ward
Bullock Creek Schools, Midland
Crosswell Dude Ranch (summer)
- 2-23 Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.
Davison Community Schools
Rockford Public Schools

For the week of February 26, 1968:

- 2-26 Portland Public Schools
- 2-27 Wayne Community Schools
Federal Service Exam
Camp Channing (summer)
- 2-28 Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery
Livonia Public Schools
Kalamazoo Public Schools
Traverse City Public Schools
- 2-29 L'Anse Creuse Schools, Mt. Clemens
Detroit Bank & Trust
Nankin Mills Schools, Westland
Royal Oak Schools
Oneida, New York Public Schools
Alpena Public Schools

The recent Football Recognition Banquet in Van Dusen Commons was served by members of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and special volunteers. In addition to squad members, cheerleaders and numerous members of the faculty and administration of Alma College, some 125 parents and special guests also enjoyed the unusually efficient and courteous efforts of this service fraternity. The members of the football squad and the Physical Education Department wish to express our gratitude to these individuals and the ideal they represent.

Applications for next year's R.A.I positions will be available next Monday, February 26, from the dean of students or any head advisor.

Spend a summer in Chicago and study the metropolis in Crisis.

Mundelein College, a CSCA College, is sponsoring a six weeks interdisciplinary program, bearing six semester hours of credit in the social sciences or the humanities using the metroplex of Chicago as its laboratory, and focusing on the modern city as the central fact of contemporary life in America. Enrollment is limited to 100 resident students. There are no prerequisites except you must be a student in good standing.

Dr. Hruby, vice president of Mundelein, will come to the campus to talk with anyone interested in the program. Please contact Dr. Linder before March first if you are interested.

CAMPUS NOTES

Tickets for a performance by the NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS at Masonic Auditorium, Detroit, on Saturday evening, March 2, will go on sale at Tyler Booth Monday at 7:00 p.m. The tickets are on sale to Alma students and faculty for \$1.50 (10 tickets) and \$2.00 (7 tickets). This is at half the regular ticket price. The rest of the ticket price, and free college transportation, is paid by the Cultural Affairs Committee.

Next Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. tickets will go on sale at Tyler Booth for a performance by the FRENCH NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY at Masonic Auditorium, Detroit, on Friday evening, March 8. This will be a program of "folk" dance rather than "classical ballet." Ten tickets are available at \$1.50 each, and six tickets at \$2.00 each. This is half the regular ticket price. College transportation will be provided by the Cultural Affairs Committee.

The Philosophy Department is offering a seminar (1 unit credit) in Esthetics next term. Professors W.C. Dykstra and K. Kirby are collaborating in planning and will collaborate in offering the course. Present intentions include these kinds of things in it: selected readings, preparation and presentation of student papers, some studio work (amateur or otherwise), museum and gallery study. Likely, the groups will meet for a couple of hours once a week. Students enrolling in the course are asked to let Professor Dykstra know their spring-term schedules just as soon as possible.

Entertainment Saturday night at the Concrete Chameleon will be provided by high school students. Sue Hill, of Alma College, will play Sunday.

The Philosophy Department announces that it is adding to its spring term offerings the course Critical Thinking (Philosophy 203). The course has no prerequisites and is open to all students. Meeting time is 1:00. Those who plan to take this course and can do so this spring are encouraged to do that in order to help relieve enrollment pressures next fall.

Professor John Paul Scott, Director of the Center for Research on Social Behavior at Bowling Green State University, will deliver a public lecture on the Alma College campus in Dow Science Building, Room 100. The lecture, scheduled for Friday, February 23 at 7:30 is sponsored by the Central Michigan Chapter of Sigma Xi and Alma College's Convocation Series. Dr. Scott, the author of books on Aggression and Animal Behavior, will speak on Animal Behavior: The Genetics of Temperament.

The Rev. Lacy Harwell will deliver the sermon at the chapel convocation this Sunday. He is very active in community problems in Philadelphia. His sermon topic is "No Hiding Place Down Here." Miss Linda Robison will sing a solo: Hear ye Israel by Dudley Buck.

A member of the Curriculum Committee will be in LG 10 at 7 p.m. tonight to answer questions about the new graduation requirements and how they apply to individual cases.

The sisters of Kappa Iota Sorority want to congratulate Karen Stobbeaar on her pinning to John Rincker of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Dr or Mr Smith? Both, replies Mr...er, uh Dr. Smith

Robert W. Smith
Department of speech and Theatre

I shall long remember following my final oral examination for the Ph.D. degree my sister-in-law's congratulatory cry, "Is there a doctor in the house?" To say that I was (modestly?) pleased to answer affirmatively is like saying Ho Chi Minh has misgivings about the United States involvement in South Vietnam. Neither statement says quite enough. If I unduly paraded the new title to friends, it was in part because I was pleased I had finally arrived; had earned my membership in the professional union of higher education. I continue to have no regrets over my acquisition.

A year or so later I moved to a college — it ambitiously called itself a university — in Texas where I became acutely aware of the difference made between "Dr." and "Mr." One day a lady called and I answered the telephone with something like my usual, "Speech Department — Smith." Her first statement before even mentioning the nature of her call was, "Is it Dr. Smith, or Mr. Smith?" Either one, I replied. Not satisfied, she pushed further with "Well, you do have your doctor's degree, don't you?" Her question, of course, suggested one is not both a doctor and a gentleman.

I have detected something of the same mentality at Alma. Countless times students have spoken to me with "Mr. Smith... (er, uh)... Dr. Smith," a salutation which initially inhibits effective communication. Isn't our undue concern with the dichotomy of "Mr." — "Dr." a trifle silly? Why should any of us need to be so exercised over whether or not one is "Dr." as to decrease his effectiveness as a speaker? Isn't it more important to speak as compellingly and persuasively as possible without artificiality?

Some almanians will recall their high school Latin sufficiently well to remember that "doctor" (from doceo, to instruct, teach) means teacher. If we want to be consistent, perhaps we should call all the teaching staff "Dr.," Since, however,

we tend not to so construe the word, could we not properly and easily speak to and of the instructional and administrative staff as mister or miss? I taught at one university where the President (with his Ph.D. from Oxford) when asked about doctoring the doctored replied, "We assume they have their doctor's, so we

To relieve the present situation on our campus of whether to use one title or the other, I suggest the following:

1. That all the teaching and administrative staff be appropriately addressed as mister or miss;
2. That for the first six months after one of our staff gets his doctorate that all of us doctored him as often as possible until it becomes so commonplace that he will wish to graduate to the gentlemen's/ladies' title of mister or miss; and
3. Lest medical and dental per-

sonnel come to believe that they alone have the right to be called doctor — though they perform few teaching chores — I suggest the Ph.D. and (alas) the Ed.D. and their equivalents — be called doctor vis a vis the professional degree holders.

of this institution. I encourage, therefore, that the orientation committee, SAG advisors, or whoever is responsible for the indoctrination of freshmen recognize that effective oral discourse in general and (I believe) this college in particular seeks to eliminate such artifacts as here described from the communication and educational process.

If we members of the teaching/administrative staff cannot command the respect of our students by means other than titles, I have little hope for the future

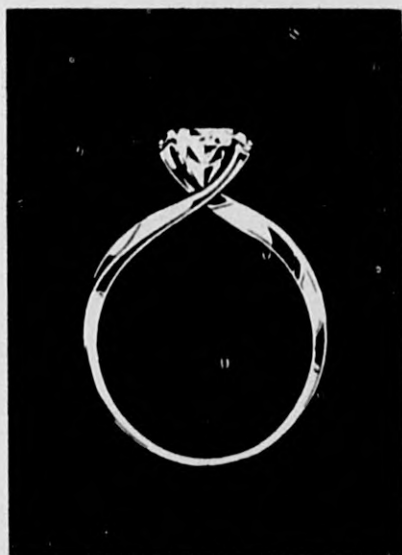
Alma travels to Hope College Wednesday evening before returning home for a Saturday encounter with Adrian.

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Scots beat Kazoo again

By Jim McCarty

Al Vandermeer, Charlie Hudson, Gordon Hetrick, and John Fuzak all scored in double figures to lead Alma to their second win over Kalamazoo, 76-58 before 440 spectators at Tredway Gymnasium. The victory evened the Scots MIAA record at 4-4 and their overall season performance at 9-9.

Alma trailed 14-7 with 12 minutes left in the first half, but the next four minutes saw the Scots outscore Kazoo 11-4 before finally taking the lead 20-18 on Hudson's jumper.

Outrebounding their opponents 26-13 in the first 20 minutes and playing superb defensive basketball, the Alma men led at intermission 38-29.

The maroon and cream increased their margin to as much as 21 points in the second stanza with Hetrick and Fuzak supplying the impetus.

Vandermeer was the Scots high point-getter, swishing 14 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. Hudson had 13 tallies and 15 rebounds while Hetrick and Fuzak pumped in 12 and 11 respectively. The Hornets Gene Nussabauer paced all scorers, accounting for 15 markers.

New trustees tour the place

The five new members appointed administrative staff: Dr. Kim to the Board of Trustees were introduced to Alma College last Thursday, February 15. At a special orientation for them they met with faculty and students, in order to better acquaint them with the campus. The five new members are: Rev. John A. Hoyt, Rev. Albert George Parker III, Rev. J. Robert Ranck, Dr. William C. Goggin, and Mr. Kenneth D. Plaxton. After a luncheon in the small dining room in Hamilton Commons, they met with Dr. Swanson, who spoke to them about the organization of the college and the purpose of the Board. At this time they also met with the

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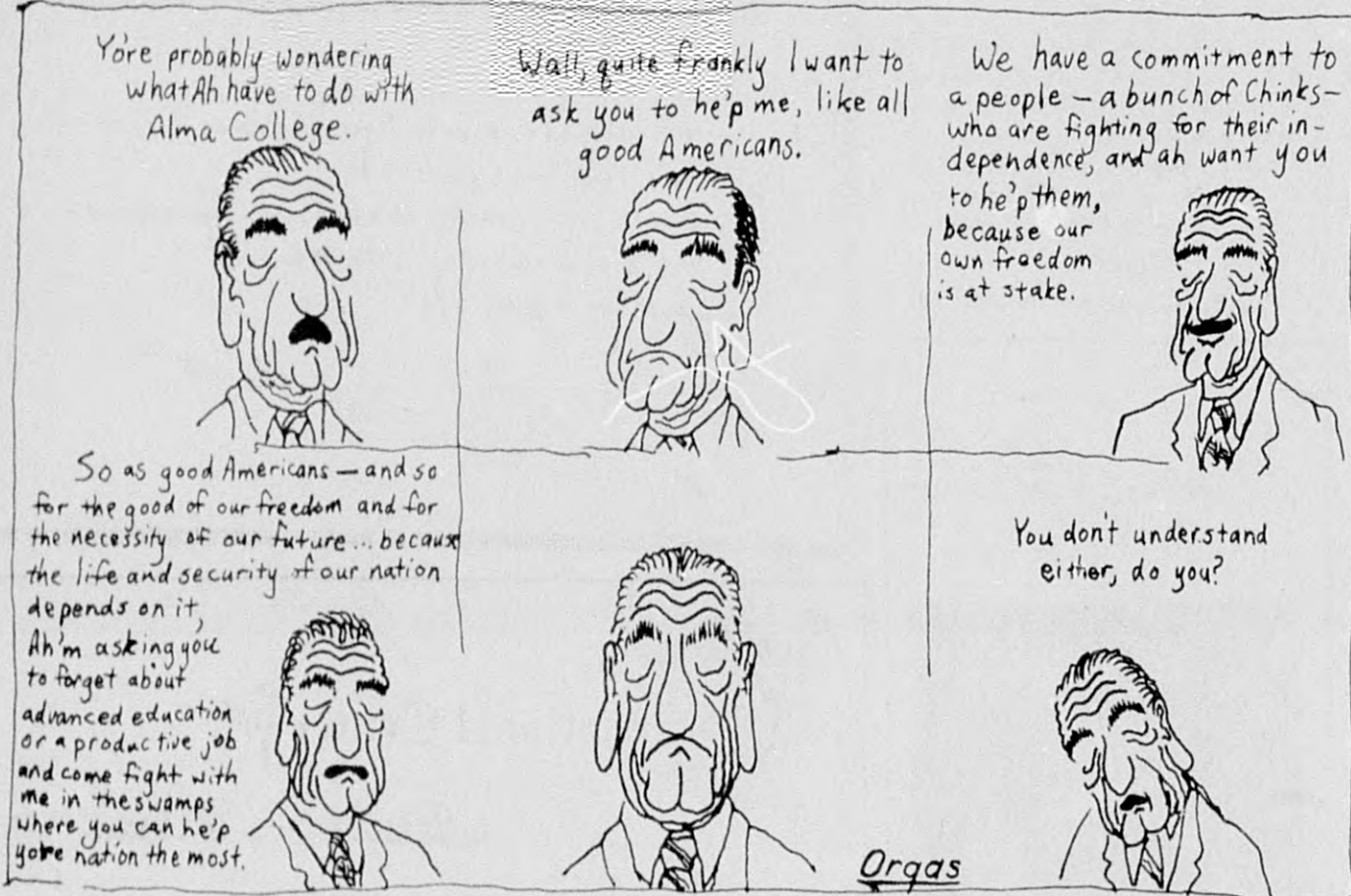
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Thanks to a 40 point scoring campaign by Hope's forward Floyd Brady, the Scots dropped their Wednesday night meet with Hope by a score of 98-81. Brady's feat marked a new MIAA record and it took the forward two games less than the previous Hetrick led the Scots with a total of 18 points, while Surges had 17 and Hudson and Fuzak had 8. Lawson and Knolton followed with 6 and 5 points and Toland and Simmons scored two points.

Valley of the Dolls

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