

SPRING VACATION CANCELLED

Go Joe!

Build Broom Closet: Not New Library

"The library situation is well in hand now," stated Vice-President Vandenbosch yesterday. He went on to say that, "Even though we have been unable to raise the complete amount needed for the construction of the new library, we feel that a suitable compromise has been arrived at."

"Working together with Local 456 of the International Lawn Rakers and Window Polishers, we have decided to invest the \$750,000 earmarked for the Library, into a new maintenance building.

The reasoning behind Dr. Vandenbosch's statement involves two stages. The first is the pressing need of a new maintenance building on the Alma College campus. Chaplain House worked with Joe Sugar, local representative of the ILR&WP, in presenting this pressing need to the administration. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," said House. "A new maintenance building will do much in the advancement of this College's role as a Christian institution."

Sugar, dealing with the problem from a different angle, said the new building will be of great help in increasing the moral of his men. "Moral is very important in the ILR&WP" said Sugar. "It has been one of the greatest problems of my job. For the ordinary student it is hard to understand the many advantages that increased moral will bring. I can only summarize these advantages in our motto, 'A Happy Sweeper Is a Good Sweeper.'"

When asked some of the definite benefits that the new building will bring him and his fellow "Men of the Mop," Sugar listed several. The recreation rooms for people between coffee breaks, greater storage for many of the College's purchases, a lounge for the night watchmen, and a bigger office for himself headed the list. Sugar said, "At the present time my office is only three times as large as President Swanson's. This is by far no where big enough." Sugar went on to say that, "Central Michigan may have a five million dollar union, but from now on, Alma College will be able to point with equal pride at their \$750,000 maintenance building."

The second step in Dr. Vandenbosch's reasoning dealt with the great potential of the present maintenance building as a library. "After taking a second look at the need for space, we feel that the old maintenance building will more than fulfill the requirements," said Dr. Vandenbosch.

Besides having the necessary space, the building possesses

many other advantages. A few of the more prominent ones include that it is all on one floor, centrally located, and has an ideal outdoor-indoor study area in the east wing of the building. "This arrangement should be pleasing to all," finalized Dr. Vandenbosch. "In Nomine Dei!" was the only comment available from the library staff.

Important!

Attention sophomores and seniors: Due to the fact classes resume on Tuesday April 16, following spring vacation, with a consequent omission of Monday chapel for sophomores and seniors, thus causing an imbalance between Friday and Monday chapels, these students are requested to return to the campus for the regular 10 a.m. service on Monday.

Swanson Announcement Gives Many Reasons

Will Solve Big Campus Problems— Chapel, Library Fund, Measles, Others

President Robert Swanson announces today that the traditional spring vacation will be cancelled this year. Said Swanson, "We of the administration came to this perhaps surprising decision after the great number of our colleagues commented at the last faculty meeting upon the way in which all could valuably use this extra time on campus."

Dean William Boyd felt the whole campus would be benefitted by using some of the extra time to read and discuss another all-school reading program book, "perhaps 'Tropic of Cancer.'"

"This would be an excellent time to build a 'let's-go-to-chapel' habit," commented the College chaplain. "How about required chapel every morning at ten?"

Another suggestion was that seniors who don't approve of having their exams crowded into two days at the end of the year could prepare for and take several of them during the additional week.

Afternoon dances — and/or grassers — could be put on at \$.25 or more per person, proceeds to go to the library fund. This suggestor of this suggestion also thought that all organizations running into financial troubles could be given opportunity for putting on the nightly dime dances.

Dean Esther Vreeland thought that perhaps the week would offer a good opportunity to experiment with some changes in hours which she has been considering. "We could try 1 o'clock per every night . . . er, morning."

She had another suggestion: "I'll invite all underclass women to Dickie Room 'Museum Tea' for many of them may otherwise miss their only chance if they transfer or drop."

A number of persons suggested that all those students and faculty who think that academic pressures from "busy work" make it extremely difficult to sit around and "really talk and discuss things of importance" could forbid themselves touching any text book — and could instead sit in the union all day, with breaks taken in the book store lounge. The "Tea and Conversation" advocates said they were sure some budget money could be found to furnish free tea and coffee.

Dr. Samuel Cornelius said "I am sure that the English majors would cooperate in presenting an extended, week-long panel discussion of 'Lord of the Flies.' All points on the sheet recent distributed to everyone on campus would be covered in every possible detail. And, of course, in line with Dr. Boyd's recent announcement, I would probably consider that participation in this program for the full seven days would be sufficient demonstration of having read the book to allow me to

exempt these majors from taking the regular, May 1 test."

"I would gladly give planetary demonstrations a number of times a day for students and faculty," added Dr. Samuel Thorndike.

Mr. Duros offered to try serving a 10 a.m. "brunch" every day. Also, those interested could attend afternoon special advance tastings of several new dishes (with names from many, many languages) he hopes to introduce to the general student body soon. And of course, added his friend Mr. Wilson, "we would keep the Heather Room open every night for serving special, not-too-expensive desert treats."

"It would be the perfect time to give all students and faculty the new measles vaccine," commented Dr. Wolfe.

An unidentified person felt that perhaps school could be let out a week earlier in June.

Another idea was that SPU-ers could show practically every film available — or at least the most gruesome ones — of the bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

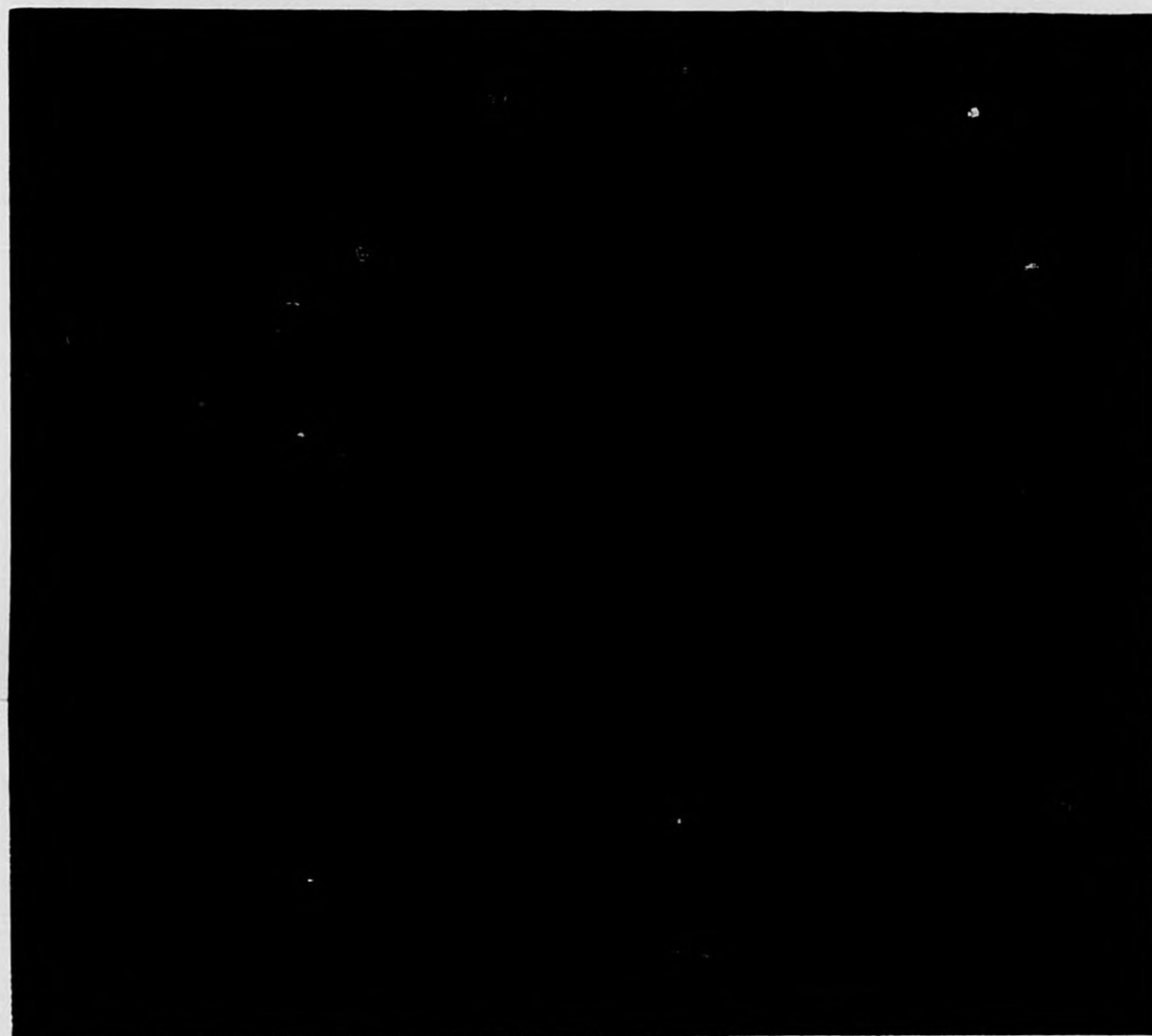
An almanian reporter in the meeting by mistake thought that the week would offer an excellent opportunity for those students who have missed so many band concerts to go every day to rehearsals. "They would be different each day, I'm sure," he said.

Dr. Arlan Edgar suggested that the Tri-Beta sandwich members, having made their money for their field trip — which would have to be cancelled, would either help others or continue themselves to make and sell sandwiches in the evenings — also afternoons. Proceeds would of course go to the library fund.

An interested group of students could investigate the ability of Bell Telephone Company to have two or three "Man of the Month." Perhaps one of them, suggested a physicist, could compile the results, submitting it as a senior thesis.

All recently cancelled Civ. lectures could be made up during this time, suggested Boyd.

Mr. Guile Graham of the publicity department suggested that all students could take time to come over to his office and write three or four news releases about themselves for release in their home town papers.



Spring vacation at home!

Voluntary Chapel Fails

Tuesday Service Not Productive; Success Achieved In Van Dusen

President Robert Swanson stated a month ago that "A community which worships together once a week is, in my judgment, a mark of this particular type of college." He went on to say, ". . . I'm wondering if Alma College is now at a point where a voluntary chapel can become a meaningful and productive force on this campus."

This morning, in an exclusive, copywrited release, R.D.S. dropped a verbal bombshell into the voluntary chapel pillbox. "Throughout the past month studies have been conducted which indicate to us that there is no foundation for the demands of a voluntary chapel,"

said Swanson.

"We understand that the ideal voluntary chapel would not have required attendance, organized programs of worship, or even advance 'drum-beating' of its presence.

"For the past four Tuesday mornings, at 7 a.m., we have been holding just such a chapel service. We do not feel that it is possible to conceive of a chapel more divested of the very things which students have been clamoring to have removed. In fact, this chapel was so voluntary that absolutely no one knew about it.

"Needless to say, attendance at these four pilot services was

much below our expectations. If these services are any indication of the response to the absolutely voluntary chapel, the voluntary chapel has no place on the Alma College campus."

The college chaplain, however, did find a bright spot in the research results. He said, "When the new concept in chapel was removed from its usual quarters and held in Van Dusen Commons at either 5:15 or 6:15 p.m., attendance was better than at the regular Chapel. I feel that we have found a starting point, although the atmosphere during these meetings did not seem to be too conducive to worship."

Vreeland's Office Becomes Couples' Lounge

Dean Esther Vreeland announced today that her office will be open from 9 p.m. until closing hours each evening for the benefit of couples only.

This action was taken, according to Vreeland, because some few students on campus have felt that there is no place to neck. "Of course we can't allow that sort of thing in the women's dorms," said Vreeland. "We realize that the football stadium is used for this purpose, but in the winter it is too cold and in the summer it

would take up too much electricity to give the proper lighting.

"This necking in the Chapel has got to go!" stated the Chaplain. He reported that whenever he wanted to use the Chapel at night he had to thread his way between the couples on the steps and try to avoid tripping over other couples inside. "People ought to realize," he said, "that I may wish to use the Chapel facilities, after all, at home we have

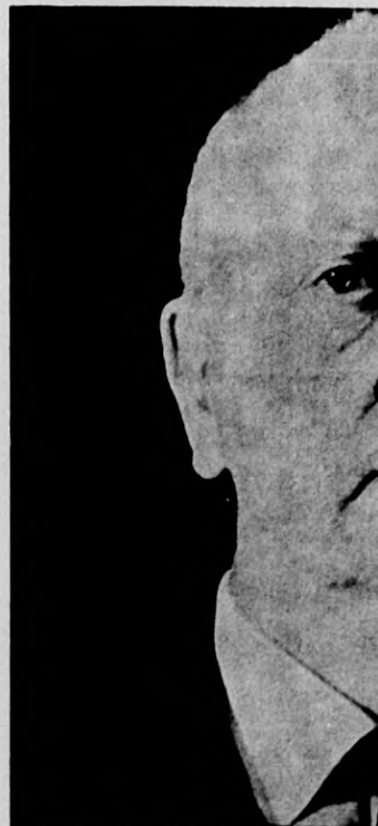
five kids and a dog. That makes for as big a problem as a House Mother."

Vreeland explained that her office would provide a perfect solution to this problem. "I have several of those healthy straight chairs which don't cause back trouble like a love seat does," she said. "I can also provide companionship for the couples, good healthy chaperonage, and perhaps some exciting games like tic-tac-toe, or checkers. Perhaps," she said

getting more and more enthused about her idea, "I could bring in my victrola and we could discuss Bach and Mozart."

"If this becomes popular we could perhaps expand to the Memorial Room."

Dr. Wolfe of the health service recommended this plan stating that it would appreciably decrease the chances of catching cold from lying on the damp ground and also reduce the danger of accidental drownings.



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College To Honor Mr. Viceroy

President Robert Swanson announced today that the College is presenting an honorary doctorate to Mr. Viceroy Cigarette. Dr. Swanson said that he felt that no other individual has done so much to spur the economy of the College as Mr. Viceroy.

Viceroy is unavailable for comment as he is being detained for questioning for the recent fixing of college basketball games.

consider this . . .

It has come to our attention that today is the first day of April. Therefore — April Fools to you, you fools. We urge you to consider this most carefully.

Literary Section

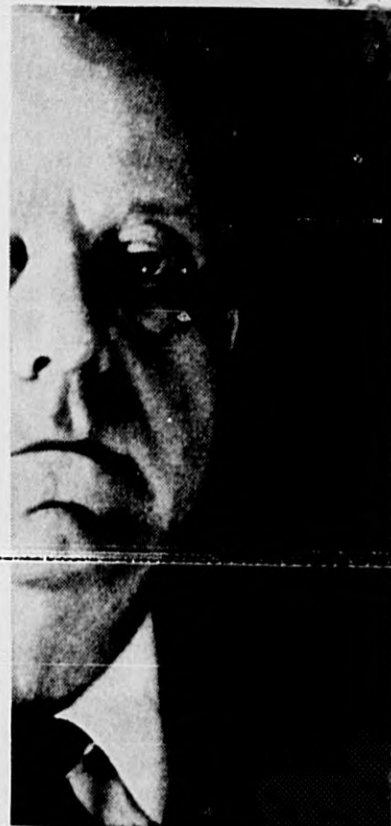
Blonds Prefer Redheads
Archie, No. 136. 32 pages. **Archie Comic Publications, Inc.**, St. Louis, Mo. \$12. Grade point, 3.33.

Archie Andrews, the central member of a group of five is still at his post. Loving Central High and its principal Mr. Weatherbee more than their own mothers, Archie, Reggie, Jughead, Veronica, and Betty reveal three more of their renowned methods of being the oldest members of a high school senior class in the nation.

While the format of the work divides it into several sections, to obtain its full meaning it is necessary to consider it as a whole. Even though the various parts convey the sensitive reactions to the contemporary pulse of the world in which we live, it is only after contemplation that the true message be-

comes separated from the vivid colors contained in this work. Many early reactions have been, "A work which can be read in a short time, but one which takes hours to understand."

Archie has been gathering a following during his long career, and now as this following ages, he is presenting material aimed more at situations in their life. For example, in **Love In Bloom**, the last of the three sections, we find this dialogue. "Nobody tells me who to kiss. —Especially you!"—SMACK!!! —" (sigh) Lover Bunny!" —"Lamb's Lettuce!"—"The path of true love never runs smoothly."—"I'm aware of that, Miss Grundy! But why does it have to run right through the middle of this school?" This should be required reading for all entering freshmen!



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Displacement Casement

The following monopolies, crime syndicates, and mental institutions will have representatives on campus on these unspecified dates. Disinterested candidates should make interview appointments through the Displacement Office. For less specific information regarding job closings with the following, please do not consult the bulletin board on 3rd floor, Old Main.

Monday, April 31—Milwaukee, Wisc. Public Breweries, 1968 Olympics Scouts (from Detroit), Arthur Murray's Dancing Schools, for twist instruct-

ors.
 Tues. Apr. 32—The Detroit Tigers; Rod Serling, writers for the Twilight Zone; CIA Espionage Service; Pow Chemical Co.; Pierre's Public Hiking Academies.

Wed. Apr. 33—Vaugh Meder, Kennedy imitators, needed to fill demand; Michigan Ski Schools, for summer instructors; Berber Foods, tasting section.

Thurs. Apr. 34—Alaska Weather Bureau; Pentagon, "We can use anything"; Alma College; construction gang needed for new library;

Fri. Apr. 35—Detroit area Psychoanalysis Schools; U.S. War Corps, placement in Havana; NASA, astronauts needed; USIA, Voice of Russia.



Those Tekes just can't get over winning the Song Fest! Paul Bergman has recently been taken to the Gratiot County Hospital for treatment of the arm he broke while congratulating himself.

MIAA Gives Year Probation

Tragedy befell the athletic department of Alma College this past Thursday. Mr. William Carr, athletic director, learned in a letter from the president of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, that the college has violated the recruiting policies established by the league. As a result, the school has been placed on athletic probation for one year, effective immediately.

The disciplinary probation, similar to the one which the NCAA placed on Indiana University, will effect all sports, although the violations involved only one sport. This means that all spring sport teams — track, tennis, golf, and baseball — will not be able to compete in any MIAA contests. It also means that Alma will not be able to participate in league contests in football and cross-country next fall and basketball next winter.

The probation comes as a severe blow to sports at Alma College, especially since the school has recently taken several positive steps towards improving the athletic program. Alma, which does not issue athletic scholarships, has apparently used other methods of recruiting athletes to come to the school which do not follow in accordance with league policy. The violation apparently concerns certain outstanding basketball players who have enrolled at Alma this past year.

It was not immediately known to Carr as to what rules, if any, had been violated, or as to how league officials learned of any undue practices. Carr indicated that perhaps certain other schools in the league were fearful of the possibility of Alma becoming a basketball power, and had apparently put pressure on league officials to investigate the Alma athletic department.

letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I find that I can no longer keep this to myself. I have to tell the whole wide world what I think of the almanian. It's wonderful! Every Friday I rush to grab the latest issue because I can't wait to read it.

Your editorials are always so pertinent and lucidly stated that I turn to them first after a quick glance at a beautifully layed-out page one. In eager anticipation I read D. Merit, the brilliant satiric wit.

The sports page next captures my interest, for I want to read the latest intramural standings and the crisp, well-written play-by-plays of the intercollegiate contests.

My fancy carries me back to page one and I happily settle down to reading the entire ALMANIAN, slowly savoring each word.

What a delicious meal it makes!
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Dear Editor,

The above letter expresses the very essence of our most deeply and truly felt feelings.

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Great Scots?



by Jim Ralston

As spring is ushered in by this beautiful weather for the last time I would like to remind you of sub-zero blistering cold, wintry days. Actually it is not the cold I want to talk to you about, but it is about volleyball, and if you don't get the connection, volleyball is a popular intramural sport at Alma College and it is held in the winter. And really it is not volleyball in general but just one particular team that is on my mind. That team plays under the honorific name—the faculty. I really hate to do this to the old men because, you know, they really think they are good. But I believe it is about time that the myth of the faculty volleyball team is justly placed to rest, because they are really lousy. I mean it, really bad. Yes, I know they always finish fairly high in the standings, but to some guys passing a course is just more important than winning volleyball games.

Well, I believe I have a right to judge because I get the best view of the games from the referees stand, and it sure is a sight to behold. The first guy on the floor is usually this real little runt with this suave beard. He keeps muttering something about keeping to the Greek ideal but I am positive he couldn't make a lot of women's teams, especially with that beard. His friends call him Wes.

Then the rest of the pros would arrive at various intervals. This big tall guy named House would make it to every game. Actually he was about the only guy on the whole squad that could spike the ball

and after two or three jumps he was so beat he could barely get his hand over the net. (I can't understand why pros are so far out of shape.) And he always wore these black tennis shoes. Honestly, you'd think he used to play with the Boston Celtics or something. Can you imagine? Black tennis shoes; he was the only guy in the whole gym with black tennis shoes!

When I told you House was the only guy on the team that could spike I was wrong. I forgot about old man Wagner. He could spike pretty good for his size. The thing that always got me about him was he constantly went over the net with his hand when he spiked, and that is illegal. Whenever I'd call it on him he looked up at me like a beat puppy—like I'd really robbed him or something. I really didn't call it half as much as I should have. After all, I had him for my Introduction to Literature class and I sure wanted to be eligible for baseball this spring.

There were several other "players" on the team. There was his one guy, his teammates called him Tubby Toller. Well, he really wasn't too good except maybe for a laugh. He was suffering from a slight middle age spread, but he moved around pretty good for his size. But whenever he would have to jump or something, the whole gym would hold its breath for a couple seconds. Need less to say he couldn't spike at all. He is only about 5'5" (tall that is) and I swear he couldn't get off the floor over 2 1/2". I think he is a chemistry professor.

There was this other chemistry prof too. I think his name was Fudder or Fuller or something like that. He has a pretty good build, a little skinny maybe, but by the time he had frayed on to the court he had had enough of a workout for a day. I mean all of these guys were way out of shape. Of course they thought they were musclemen, but really it was a sad sight.

This one guy, McGoo I believe, he was about 6'3" and he really should have been able to spike it real easy, but he could barely do it, if he could at all. Every once in a while he got one over that you might call a spike if you stretched your imagination at all. Being 6'3" he should have been able to spike easy. Maybe his name was McGill instead of McGoo. I really don't know. He was a Yale graduate and he should have been able to spike it.

I guess they let one high school kid play on the team when the regular six didn't show up. At least he didn't look any older than a junior, in high school. But come to think of it, I did see him around campus a lot; maybe he was one of these freshmen that don't look old enough to be out of high school yet. His name is Ken Kirby and he wasn't bad at all—for a high school kid.

Well, after this rundown on the squad, I'm sure my point is made. I mean, what is the sense in pretending they are such a good team when actually they are by far the worst team entered in the league. I really hate to tell on them like this. They think they are so good and all.

Salute: Joe Blow The Bull Telephone Companies

Joe Blow (B.O., 1942-1963) found he was an integral part of the financial division of Mid-Michigan Bull soon after leaving Alma College. Joe is credited with the development of the most ingenious parlay ever made between Direct Dialing and Credit Card Calling.

This development led to the revision of calling restrictions throughout the Greater Bull System. Accomplishments like this earned Joe his latest position.

Joe Blow has been transferred to Jackson State for his original and creative thinking. Joe, and other young men like him, help the Bull Telephone System take the finest from the homes and businesses of a growing America.

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