

## Dr. Linder Adds Comments On Privacy

"If it is true that people date for purposes of mate selection and need an opportunity to really know each other, we need places where they can converse and not be observed by everybody."

This was the reaction of Dr. Irene Linder, who is head of the sociology department and teaches marriage and family living, when asked for her opinions on the question of privacy.

She pointed out that the fact that marriage classes emphasize the need for a couple to really know each other before they think of marriage may be one factor which has caused a great awareness of this problem.

She also said that dating may involve a reaching out process—that people want to reach out toward each other intellectually, emotionally, and physically. "This is not necessarily all sexual, although it is easy for it to become this in our culture because we give it that meaning."

"It is true that as a relation continues between a couple they do rightfully get involved in more physical intimacies which are meaningful for the two and private for the two."

"Private for the two—yes, but also expressed within a social and cultural context and with full necessity to be mature enough to understand and accept personal and social responsibility for one's behavior."

Dr. Linder went on to say, "The college has an obligation to provide some places for a degree of privacy so a couple can get to know each other. It also has an obligation not to be suggestive, but rather to be supportive to good conduct."

She pointed out that she saw some large problems if dormitory rooms were open—especially if they were open a great deal of the time. Problems with roommates loomed large in the conversation along with the possibility that to encourage students to be together in what is a bed room, may for some students be too suggestive a situation.

Another problem was how to enforce any open-door policy unless you know who is entertaining visitors. (In this regard it has been pointed out that at Harvard men must sign in women and must have a co-signer who takes joint responsibility for any misconduct.)

Dr. Linder suggested as an alternative for opening rooms that in places such as dorm basements, love seats could be set up and screened off from the general view. They should, she suggested, be set far enough apart from each other that one couple wouldn't overhear another's conversations. She suggested that a chair or two might also be in order since there is a need for conversation spots for people other than couples. "We all need a chance to know each other better," she said.

This situation that she suggested would appear, she said, "to be a more wholesome and less suggestive plan than encouraging so much parking in cars." It also appears, to her, to be less suggestive than opening dormitory rooms and would avoid other problems mentioned in regard to rooms.

"I think there should be a place to talk. There should be lots of things for couples to talk over, especially for couples contemplating marriage, but also for any couples."

The music department will present Jeanne Salathiel, Ruth Henderson, Karen Otwell, Jean Kimball, Cornelia Schorr and David Wright at the semi-annual Music Convocation. It will be held in the Chapel at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. The program will consist of piano, clarinet, recorder and vocal compositions. Sophomores and juniors are excused.

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## Choir Concert Coming



Lynn Duncan, Tina Casey and Bev Stelzer are pictured above practicing for the Christmas Concert which is to be given this Sunday evening at 8 in the Chapel.

(Photo by Smallcombe)

## "U. S. Negro" Is Convocation Topic

The Reverend Mr. Bryant George, of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, spoke last Tuesday morning at Convocation. His topic was "The Negro in the United States."

He began his talk by going into the background of the racial problem as it exists today. He sees slavery as lying behind much of today's trouble. He pointed out that many of the patterns of slavery, such as a relation of subservience between the Negro and white with the white using the Negro for his own purposes, still affect attitudes today.

He pointed out that after reconstruction, total segregation was instituted in the South. To a great extent conditions have been little improved since. For example, the murderers of Emmet Till were freed after they admitted in print in national magazines that they had murdered him.

He questioned that Congress will pass any meaningful and enforceable civil rights legislation in the next five years.

He saw four areas where action of some kind is needed. The first need is in the area of jobs. Discrimination prevents Negroes from getting jobs at high levels in all kinds of employment. The second large problem area is in education. Although the Supreme Court decision took place nearly 10 years ago, Reverend George says that in most of the South and in most large northern cities there is no real integration or equality in education.

He labeled as "myth" the idea that Negroes run down property values. He says this is untrue—that the decrease in property values is due to the panic selling on the part of the whites. The need to break up the ghetto is crucial, according to Reverend George.

The last important problem area is public accommodations. This, according to the speaker, is the biggest affront to the Negro. He pointed out that half of all racial demonstrations center around such questions as

whether a Negro can get a hair cut, a cup of coffee, a hamburger, or use a latrine.

He said that these things can be changed. Although you cannot legislate change in attitudes, you can change conditions.

He stressed the militancy of the Negro community and pointed out the extreme moderation of the leadership.

He suggested that what students could do to make changes was to "be an informed person and cease accepting discrimination." He also suggests giving financial support to protest groups—for example, it costs \$37.50 a month to support a SNCC field worker—and volunteering to work for such organizations as the Northern Student Movement, which, among other things, is providing summer school for Negro students.

The Alma College Choir, backed by a wealth of success and experience, will present its annual Christmas Concert in the Chapel Sunday at 8 p.m. The Choir has just returned from a highly successful tour of a small portion of lower Michigan and was warmly received in the three churches in which it sang. The "Famous

Alma College Choir" (as it was referred to in the *Three Rivers Herald*) also made a TV tape which will be shown on December 22 on Channel 8, WOOD-TV, in Grand Rapids.

A great portion of the choir's success can be attributed to its director, Mr. Dewey Camp. Mr. Camp, filling the position that was vacated by Dr. Ernest Sullivan while he took a year's leave-of-absence, came to Alma with an abundance of musical talent and many new ideas. He received his B.M. degree from the University of Alabama and followed that with his M.M. degree from Indiana University where he is presently working toward his doctorate in voice production.

The fine tradition that had been established by the choir is being continued and enhanced under the leadership of Mr. Camp. His quick wit coupled with his professional musicianship have elicited an enthusiastic response from the choir members. This enthusiasm is very evident in their singing. An added attraction is his charming and talented wife, who has become the choir's number one supporter.

Sunday's Christmas concert should be quite a treat for the student body. Opening with the traditional candlelight processional the concert assumes a liturgical atmosphere. The Choir breaks forth with a thrilling Gloria and concludes the first section with the haunting majesty of Virge Jesse, (Forth from Jesse sprang a Rose.) The choir reappears as a double chorus to perform selections taken from the Renaissance period in which one choir answers the other. The group ends with "At the word of Herod," a new approach to the Christmas story which is conveyed by the meaningful text of the anthem. Climaxing the liturgical section of the concert is the exciting presentation of Bach's Motet, "O Praise the Lord all Ye Nations."

The mood of the concert quickly changes as the Alma Singers; Jane Closs, Claudia Ferguson, Shirley Goodman, Marion Mansfield, Karen McLeod, Karen Otwell, Linda Robinson, Elizabeth Smith, Paul Bergman, John Emery, Dick Groben, Roger Kapp, Warren Martin, Tom Smart, Ray Vanderhart and Tom Warth break forth with traditional Christmas Carols, including "Jingle Bells" and "The Carol of the Drum." This group has taken on new members, as well as new life, and has become a high point in the concert.

The Choir reappears for its final group which consists of Christmas carols seldom heard but which add gaiety, beauty and variety to the Christmas Season. One cannot help but come away from this concert with the feelings of excitement and nostalgia, so traditionally associated with the Christmas Spirit.

Members of the Orchesis will also take part in the program. Tina Casey, Beverly Stelzer, and Lynn Duncan will dance to "E la don don Verges Maria". John Emery will be the baritone soloist for this number. Lenette Schiebold will also dance when the choir sings "The Little Road to Bethlehem". The choreography for the dances by Orchesis was done by Miss Maxine Hayden.

## Foreign Films To Continue

What's in the cards for International Film Series VI? A recent interview with Mr. Wesley Dykstra, who is in charge of the program, revealed plans for next semester and some interesting items about the series.

Five films are being planned for February and March. Although no titles are set, according to Dykstra, a Polish comedy, an American war story and an evening of short subjects are under negotiation.

The Series began in September, 1961. Its purpose, then and now, says Dykstra, is "to bring to campus a selection of significant and/or interesting films from a variety of countries."

He went on, "We think it is an appropriate kind of opportunity to make available to college students.

"This is clearly one area in which we can compete favorably with larger institutions."

Each International Film Series is designed to present a variety within itself—comedy, tragedy, social criticism, he said.

In past series, American, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Swedish films have been shown.

How has the Series been supported? "The five series have been successful although the number of season tickets sold for the last two has been less than for the first ones," states Dykstra.

This average number per series is 198. About half of the season ticket holders are students with the faculty holding over one-fourth and the balance from town.

Single admissions fell to the lowest point in the history of the Series this semester, reports Dykstra.

"The whole idea is for the program to be self-sustaining," he says. "And in a campus community of over a thousand, it

should be able to be self-sustaining.

"We expect, we believe, that it can."

Details of Series VI will be announced after Christmas.

"I urge the Alma community to give thought to the Series and support it. We also welcome film ideas from students," concluded Dykstra.

Because *the almanian* will be issued as a two-pager on Thursday of next week, all copy will have to be in on Monday at the very latest.

## Traditional Vespers Given Wednesday

Next Wednesday night a special Christmas vesper service will be held in the Chapel at 7:30. This vesper service is being planned by the Council on Religious Activities. All students and faculty are invited to attend.

The service which is being used is known as "The Festival of Lessons and Carols." It is a traditional Advent and Christmas event in a number of universities in England. Many American colleges also use the service, and it has become traditional at Alma.

The service has its origin in the ancient liturgies of the English Church. It has been adapted for use in College Chapels where members of Non-conformist denominations worship.

The order of worship consists of a cycle of Scripture lessons tracing the advent and birth of Jesus from the messianic prophecies of Isaiah to John's interpretation of Christ as the "Word Made Flesh" in whom we behold the glory "as of the only Son of the Father."

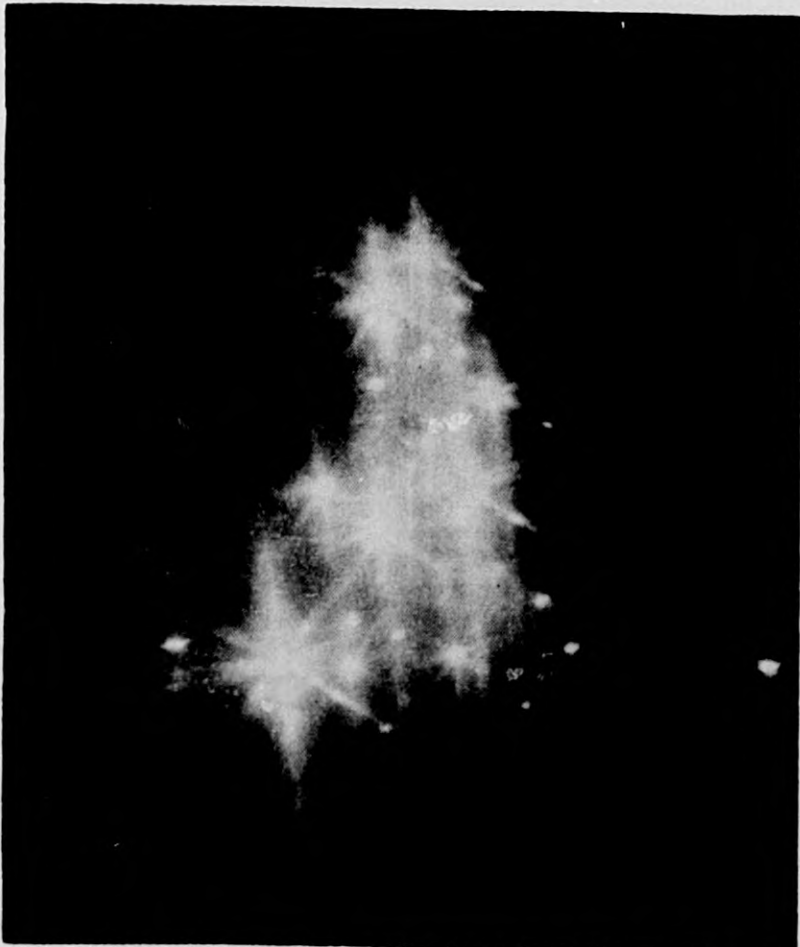
The lessons are read by members of the college community in ascending order of academic rank. A carol by the congregation or an anthem by the Choir is sung in response to the reading of each lesson.

Students who have participated in the service in past years have described it as a very beautiful and meaningful service.

The Religious Activities Council has arranged for people who wish to, to go to the Masonic Home for the Aged following the service to sing carols.

AST, Sig Taus Present Annual 'Holly House'

Tomorrow evening the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority and the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity will present their annual "Holly House" Christmas Party for the campus. This event will take place at the Sig Tau House beginning at 8:30 p.m. Santa Claus has promised to make an early Christmas appearance and bring several gifts for good boys and girls at Alma College. Entertainment, refreshments, informal singing, and plenty of fun await the guests at "Holly House."



The quad Christmas tree takes on the surrealistic glow of diamonds in the eye of the camera late one night. (Photo by Beck)

Western Civilization 101: 12/16, 17, "Paul: Messenger to the Non-Jewish World,"—Crownfield; 12/19, "The Synoptic Gospels," Crownfield; and 12/20, "Meeting of the Classical and Christian Tradition," Dykstra.

Western Civilization 201: 12/16, 17, "Reaction of Art to New Science," Miner; 12/19, 20, "Romantic Period in Music," Kottick.



# on the board . . .

The scene is Tyler Center, in front of the "True or False?" bulletin board. Several students are gathered around, reading the written comments. This board, started by Dave Todd and taken over by the Campus Awareness Committee, has been the center of much interest lately.

One item posted there recently we would especially take note of. That is the summary of the provisions contained in the Civil Rights Bill soon to be considered in the House.

Recent discussions in Senior Studies groups have centered around this topic. Through the group, the pros and cons came out. Then it was up to each individual to make his own intelligent responsible decision. And then to act on that decision. To make his voice heard

where it counts, in the ears of his congressman.

We would recommend the same to all of the Alma College community. We are all responsible intellectuals by the very virtue of our being here, whether we realize it or not.

When are we ever going to be touched by this problem? When are we going to do something about it? If **Black Like Me** or a convocation talk or the discussion of friends cannot do it, how can we be reached?

The convocation speaker of last Tuesday used that word again, said it right out loud—apathy. Are we really just long-necked hesitators? Or are we at last going to seek out the information, make a decision, and act on it?

# letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Definition of a god: A being of more than human attributes and powers; anything worshipped by man as a deity. Let us turn this rather simple definition around and superimpose it on a person. A person who sets himself up as a self-appointed god, in other words a person who worships himself. This person who is now a self-appointed god shuns the world outside of his fertile little shell and expects the whole human race to lick his big toe; the one with the hangnail on it. There are many other gods just like this one all living together in a community.

For purposes of conformity let us divide these gods into three groups; three is a nice odd number. Now we have three groups of self-appointed gods and each god is identified with one of the three groups.

Now each group must be distinguished from each other. Why don't we assign each group a pretty little color to play with. Woe be to the gods who are color-blind for if they perchance intermingle

with the wrong group they will certainly be tarred and feathered, and on top of that, their own group might take away their pretty little color. It is easy to see that none of the groups is on good terms with each other. Hatred or indifference is thus rule number one each group is taught. There are many other rules, too, but they cannot be written down on paper.

There must be some people left in the community who aren't self-appointed gods, but they are merely the lowest form of life, human beings. And what about the self-appointed gods outside of the groups; there must be some of those too. Perhaps someday they too will be identified with a pretty little color and a band of merry deities.

All this makes for a very happy relationship between the members of the community. There is so much fun and joy.

Is there a solution to the problem? After all how many people believe in pantheism. Will the real god please stand

up? Robert Jones

Dear Editor:  
The tone of the remarks of Rev. Charles House in the December 6 issue of the almanian are alarming. In his understandable idealism Rev. House has disregarded the fact that Alma College is first and foremost a Christian academic institution and fails to perceive the obligation binding on the student in relation to the Presbyterian church. The experience of Alma College is a venture into knowledge and understanding, not an "Embarkation to Cythera." He does not realize that the proper spiritual posture for a scholar is incompatible with the displays in Tyler Lounge and various other places on campus. Rev. House would even contribute further to the destruction of the polarity of the sexes by invading the privacy of the men's dormitories. These are not the results of conflicting philosophies, this is irresponsibility.

Mouse.

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## Seeing You Ask Me

### The Spice of Life

by D. Merit

I woke up the other morning with a really great concept. Seeing as the class was over anyhow, I left the building musing the point, which was this: What will finally come of the growing association in men's minds of nourishment (as of food) and sex (as of girls)?

What I mean is, look at what's already happened. We speak of "sexual appetite." We speak of a "well-balanced sex life," as if it were a 1000-calorie-a-day diet. We "hunger" for someone, or something. We use the same tone of voice when we say "I've got to get a piece of bread" as when we say what you know damn well what you know damn well

what we want. Think about it. Well, anyway, I was thinking, where will this parallelism lead? The first few steps aren't too hard to imagine: "I went to a little place last night—the menu isn't extensive, and the decor is nothing to shout about, but they really put out a great . . . Meal? Perhaps. How about "Nobody can cook like my wife!" I hesitate to suggest the even more frequently heard cooking endorsement.

Then there's the financial approach: "The price of groceries is going up again." "You mean they added a service charge?"

Think of the possibilities for cookbooks. **How to Be Sane about Sex** will be pathetically outdated by the counterparts of

#### Spare-time Cooking and Cooking and the Single Girl.

The picture keeps looking better and better. Elite sporting houses will proudly display on their walls "Recommended by Minister Profumo." Michelin will have to print a new **Guide** for France. Gourmet's clubs will have to branch out. Grocery stores will have to stock girls . . . attractively packaged in cellophane. And what will happen to Van Dusen?

Anyway, watch your papers. After all, the trend may go the other way, too. Headline: "Man Rapes Dinner." "Local Diners Closed in Police Clean-up." "Felon Arraigned on Morals Charge: Attacked Underage Turnip." It could get sickening.

# from the faculty

by Mr. Kenneth Eckhardt

Mr. Kenneth Eckhardt, Instructor in Sociology, received his B.A. from Beloit and M.S. from the University of Wisconsin. He came to Alma in 1961.

Last Saturday a select sample of 142 students took the all-school reading exam on "Black Like Me." Because of the nature of the message of this study and of certain student errors in responding to exam questions, I feel it appropriate to offer some interpretive comments.

Contrary to the cliché that "facts speak for themselves", there are usually several interpretations (often conflicting ones) which can be offered as explanations for raw figures. Assumptions, logic, frame of reference, plausibility, and the degree of confidence in probability should always be taken into account in accepting or rejecting any interpretation

of facts. I would like to suggest one possible and I think highly probable explanation to the range of responses offered by students as answers to selected exam questions. Although the vast majority of students passed the exam, I am disturbed by certain questions which a significant percentage of students got wrong. I am less concerned about the student not knowing the "correct" answer than I am in his assumption that some of the "wrong" answers were correct.

Under the assumption that most students had read "Black Like Me" it is puzzling why some questions were missed with a high degree of regularity. I would like to discount the explanations that these questions were picayune, clumsily worded, too factual, too demanding, etc. and concentrate

on an explanation which I think highly relevant to this student body and to certain segments of white population in general.

The basic thesis I would like to advance is that many white Americans are incapable of introspecting the experiences of Negro Americans—they are incapable of experiencing the emotions of a third-class citizen—in short, they are incapable of experiencing segregation vicariously.

It is true that the recent effectiveness of the Negro American's demand that white Americans live up to their bargain of equality for all lies to a great extent in their appeal to the white American's conscience. Whether the appeal is expressed through channels of legal procedure or through non-violent means of "sit-in", or "kneel-in", demonstrations, it has registered with the conscience of some white Americans. I do not feel, however, that the conscience of which I speak is a universal one; it too is segregated.

Allow me the privilege of "biasing" my argument by discussing those few questions which reflect the segregated white American conscience of some.

Approximately 20% of the students thought that Negro Americans experienced fear in their relationships with whites only rarely or only in strange situations. Some introspected that fear was an emotion experienced primarily by whites. Surely the basis of fear as imputed by these students to whites, in itself, is a commentary on the character of the segregated American conscience.

Again, with respect to the Negro problem (the white "problem"), nearly one out of five students felt that Negroes were different in social and cultural goals from whites; were a minority who only wanted to be "left alone"; were biologically inferior; or would be content with their lot if white liberals did not arouse them. Only four out of five white Americans saw the Negro American basically as a human

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### The Cat's Meow

## Santa Claus Is Dead

There isn't any Santa Claus. To those of you to whom this comes as a shock, I apologize—but it's time to face reality. Santa Claus doesn't exist—he couldn't, not in this world. If he did exist, he'd be killed. There'd be a time-bomb in his sleigh or a shot-gun blast to welcome him when he bounces down the chimney.

He isn't wanted. Can you imagine what would happen if he did exist? There'd be riots and depressions and marches. What would the toy manufacturers do if their business were destroyed by a fat little dwarf and his helpers at the North Pole? And besides, I'm sure he would never stand for what we've all done to Christmas.

He'd really be a party-pooper. That old saint would probably crash into every Christmas office-party shouting some ridiculous words about Christ's birth being a reason to be happy, not an excuse to get drunk. And he'd be thrown out of all those parties, too—nobody loves a prude.

How many parents would stand by as Santa explained that he wants to give gifts to

all children—not just "good" ones? Again, he'd meet some frowns when he'd say that Christmas is a time for all children to be happy, that boys and girls should be given gifts out of love and as a symbol of the greatest birthday of all, rather than using Santa as a whip to make Johnny pick up his toys or Suzy wash her face. A time for all children to be happy, but I've often wondered how happy the little girl can be that watches the TV commercials about extravagant toys that her parents could never afford and is told by the announcer or a Santa Claus suit that this is what she really wants for Christmas.

And that brings us to the problem that would really bring anger from that friendly, bearded gentleman. "What do you want for Christmas, young man?" laughs the department store costume; "Wouldn't you like to have one of these for Christmas?" coaxes the TV cartoon; and "Oh, I suppose we'll have to give something to the Johnsons this year," groans the housewife. I could see Santa now, screaming at the blurry-eyed crowds in the shopping

centers that have populated the stores since October when the first rush to beat the rush to beat the rush began. "Stop!" he'd shout. "It's not right! Christmas spirit means giving, not getting. It means giving to celebrate the greatest gift of all, giving out of love and for the sake of making someone happy. Not because you have to. You're killing Christmas when you rush to the store to buy out of duty, or when merchants exploit the spirit of the happiest time of the year." And then they'd cart him away to a padded cell or he'd just be trampled by the blind crowds.

So that's why he doesn't exist, he isn't wanted. But that doesn't mean he never existed or that he never will. For, some illogical faith in humanity tells me that somewhere in a department store a little bearded man will ask: "And what do you want for Christmas, little girl?" and she'll look up from his knee and say, "Nothing, Santa, but there's a poor little boy who lives down the street who's never had a bicycle . . ."

—Tom Kat

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 13—Friday	7:30 p.m. Film "Romanoff and Juliet" 8 p.m. Tau Kappa Epsilon Closed Christmas Party 8:30-10 p.m. Mary Gelston Open House 9:30-11:45 p.m. Mary Gelston Mixer	Dow Auditorium Tau Kappa Epsilon House Mary Gelston Residence Mary Gelston Residence
December 14—Saturday	7 p.m. Film "Romanoff and Juliet" 8 p.m. Sigma Tau Gamma "Holly House" 8 p.m. Basketball at Calvin College	Dow Auditorium Sigma Tau Gamma House
December 15—Sunday	8 p.m. A Cappella Choir Christmas Concert	Dunning Chapel
December 16—Monday	8 p.m. Alpha Theta-Delta Sigma Phi Closed Party	Delta Sigma Phi House
December 17—Tuesday	10 a.m. Music Convocation 10:30 p.m. Christmas Vespers Basketball at Eastern Michigan University	Dunning Chapel Mary Gelston Residence
December 18—Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Vespers Sponsored by the Council on Religious Activities Caroling at the Masonic Home following the Vesper Service 10:30 p.m. AWS Christmas Party 10:30 p.m. Christmas Vespers	Dunning Chapel Masonic Home Women's Residence Halls Helen Newberry Residence
December 20—Friday	4 p.m. President's Advisory Council 7:30 p.m. Film "A Night To Remember" 8 p.m. Sophomore Class Dance	Reid-Knox Memorial Room Dow Auditorium Tyler Auditorium
December 21—Saturday	1 p.m. CHRISTMAS RECESS	
JANUARY		
January 6—Monday	8 p.m. Basketball—Olivet	Phillips Gymnasium
January 4—Saturday	8 a.m. CLASSES RESUME 8 p.m. Campus Wives' Club Dime Dance	Tyler Auditorium

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"BETTER TAKE IT OFF, PROFESSOR — HE'S ONLY CHARGED WITH CUTTING CLASS A FEW TIMES."



# 26 to Travel To Jamaica

On December 20, twenty-six students will leave for Jamaica where they will spend the holidays as guests of fellow-student Tony Taylor, senior from Jamaica.

The students plan to leave the campus by car and travel to Miami where they will catch a jet and fly to Kingston on Sunday, December 22. In Kingston the six coeds in the group will stay at the Taylor home while the twenty men will reside in a college dormitory or rented home.

Tony has not planned a special itinerary for the group other than a three-day trip around the island, visiting the North Coast and resort areas, camping in the mountains for one night, and seeing the historic places on the island. Other than this one group project, the students will be free to do as they wish—golf, fish, swim, and vi-

sit Jamaica's night clubs and market places.

Tony has some special reasons for wanting to take as many of his friends to his native land in this his last year at Alma. For one thing, he will get a chance to visit his family, as he did last year when he took ten of his fraternity brothers with him. But as Tony relates, he would like the students to see what his country is really like, aside from the tourist attractions. He feels that viewing the gulf between the poverty and extravagance in his homeland will be enlightening and educational for all those involved. The group will leave Kingston on Thursday, January 3 and arrive back on campus in time for classes on Monday.

Most of those making the trip are members of Tony's fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. Going on the trip are Tom Auer, Steve Bushouse, Tina Casey, Bill Brown, Todd Church, Steve Colladay, Don Collins and Mary Sue Crosby.

Also, Mary Dinges, Mike Dunkelberger, Gary Eiler, Bill Gelston, Chuck Gibson, Jim Gray, Terry Gundlach, Sue Hecht, Nancy Kapp, Bill Kraus, Peter Marks, Skip Mossamer, Jack Shaw, Bernie Spaulding, Erik Swanson, Judy Walker and John Kapp. Lucian Taylor, a former Alma student now at Western Michigan, will also be going along.

## Twenty Students Order College Rings

About twenty students have ordered Alma College rings, according to Bob Sherman, senior class President. At present, only juniors, seniors and alumni may purchase the rings.

As it takes three months for them to arrive, there may be a chance for second-semester sophomores to order them in the spring. Interested sophomores should see their student council representative, as sophomore purchases cannot occur unless there is a rule change.

The rings run approximately from \$35 to \$45. The student must pay \$10 down when ordering a ring, but he need not pay the entire amount at that time.

There is a possibility that later there may be a smaller size for girls who prefer them.

Although the salesman may not be here again until next spring, a student may place an order with Bob Sherman at any time.

## Only 8 Fail Reading Test

Last week a reading test was given on this semester's reading selection, **Black Like Me**, by John Howard Griffin. According to Dr. William Boyd, "The performance on this test was the best we have ever had. One hundred and forty-two students took the test and only eight did so poorly as to raise substantial doubt as to whether they read the book."

The students who failed the test will be notified and will take a make-up exam on the Saturday before semester exams. This test, which will be an essay test, will carry a fee of \$2 and will also be taken by those who failed to take the test.

Boyd also announced that the reading selection for next semester, **The Making of the President, 1960**, will not be changed. Many persons were under the opinion that a different book should be selected because of the assassination of President Kennedy. However, it is thought that this book will have much more meaning to students now.

## Library, Student Seek Material on County

Historical material of Gratiot County is being sought by the Alma College History Department. This material is now being put in biographical listings and next year Miss Helen MacCurdy, Alma College librarian, reports there will be space in the new library available for a permanent collection of Gratiot County historical material.

Dr. Edwin C. Blackburn explained that the main purpose of this collection will be to aid seniors writing history theses, but that other departments will also make wide use of the materials. He emphasized that "there is a lot of manpower in the form of students who can make such a survey". And eventually, students may be able to have their local history thesis published in local church bulletins, county newspapers or the **Michigan Historical Journal**. The Department hopes that this dual purpose of surveys now and published work in the future will help to build the College's knowledge of the surrounding country. It will also give the students practical experience in original historical

research and writing and will be a valuable historical resource for Gratiot County.

This research will help improve college-community relations, since both will be interested in the material and its meaning to them.

The material being listed falls into a variety of categories: court records, publications, business documents, diaries, post cards, letters. Any historical information about Gratiot County is of interest.

Dr. Blackburn feels that the College has already made a beginning in this survey. Through the publicity, people of the surrounding area have begun to send things in, although, he said, that they are primarily interested now in securing a listing of the materials. Also, he said, three Alma students are doing papers on local history already: Gordon Scully, Republic Truck Company; Phillip Groben, A three-year period (1936-1939) in the Leonard Refinery; Jim Plate, a history of the local Methodist Church.

Anyone having information is urged to contact Blackburn or Haldis Unstad.



Flop that mop. Two bits the Polynesians never have the trouble that was caused by a leaky fountain at last Friday night's Big Name Dance, Polynesian Paradise. (Photo by Kerr)

## Colored Lights, Trees, Parties, Signs of Times

It's a sure sign that the Christmas season is near when the blue lights show the steeple of the Chapel pointing heavenward and the brilliantly lighted pine tree is placed in the quad in front of Gelston.

The season began with a Christmas party at Tyler's Open House Saturday. For the students, most of whom came after the basketball game, there was a gay evening of tree-trimming, corn popping, and dancing. There was cocoa, cookies and candy canes for everyone.

Alma has many other Christmas traditions. Christmas trees grow overnight, doubtless from seeds left from the trees of the preceding year, in all the dorms and even Tyler, Dow Lobby and the Administration Building. The Chapel dons wreaths and green trimming and seems to become an even more integral part of the campus.

The A Cappella Choir gives a performance each year. This year the concert is scheduled for next Sunday.

The Alpha Sigma Tau sorority and the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity have an annual Holly House at the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity house. They also have a Christmas party at the Baptist Children's Home.

Christmas spirit is continued as the AWS arranges the exchange of buddy gifts and a gay party where each girl meets her "buddy". Gelston and Newberry Halls combine for this event.

Christmas would not be complete without the ACCF vesperers in the Chapel. This is a fitting end for the holiday season before students go home to celebrate the season with their families.

Gelston Hall is having its Christmas Open House tonight from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in our holiday fun. There will be dancing from 9:30-11:45 p.m., entertainment, and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the door decoration contest. So don't forget tonight!

## Socialist Ideas To Be Aired By Speakers

The Political Parties class has arranged to have speakers on campus next week representing the Socialist Labor Party. On Monday at 2 p.m. Mr. Ralph Muncy will speak and on Thursday evening Mr. James Horvath will speak. Both meetings are open to the public and will be held in Dow Auditorium.

Mr. Robert Money of the political science department said that these meetings will give students a chance to hear representatives of the most radically different legal party in the United States.

Although called a labor party they are against labor unions since they can see them as tools of capitalists. As Money said, "How can you be for labor unions in a socialist society when you would be striving against yourself?"

They also feel that Russian Communism is far from the Marxian ideal.

They abhor violence and are very pacifistic in their actions. They feel that a socialistic evolution in the United States can only take place at the ballot box.

Money expressed the hope that many students will attend these talks. Representatives from the major parties will be on campus after vacation.

## Operation Crossroads

# Applications for 1964 Program Being Received

Applications are now being received for the 1964 Operation Crossroads Africa program. "Crossroads" is a student work and study program operating during the months of June, July, and August in twenty African countries. It involves students from colleges and universities all across the United States and Canada. Participants represent all races and the major categories of religious belief. Together with African students, the Crossroadsers participate in work projects in African countries.

The purpose of the program is to give these North Americans, selected on the basis of their commitment and high leadership potential, an oppor-

tunity to gain more than a superficial understanding of African life and thought. Operation Crossroads has been described as a "person-to-person relationship in depth". It is credited with being one of the forerunners of the Peace Corps.

This year, Alma College has been invited to become one of the institutions officially cooperating with Operation Crossroads. As a cooperating institution, Alma will be guaranteed three of the 260 student assignments. This is significant since last year the student participants were selected from a total of over four thousand applicants. Alma College representatives will be nominated by a student-faculty selection

committee. Any student interested in participating may get an application blank from the College Chaplain, Mr. House.

The cost of the program is \$1000 for each student, which includes all of the cost of travel, food, lodging and program. Operation Crossroads Africa offers scholarship assistance for particularly qualified students who could not afford to participate without such assistance.

Over the last three years, Alma College has had seven student and two faculty participants in "Crossroads". Those presently on campus are Jane Lewis, Gloria McIntyre, Tony Taylor, and Mr. Charles House. Any of these persons would be glad to answer any questions concerning the program.

# Sig Taus, Basketball No. 1, Vets Lead Leagues in Intramurals

After four weeks of hard fought action in "A" League basketball, the Sig Taus finally took over sole possession of first place as a result of their one-point victory over the HTS's just a few hours after Teke Took-ems had lost by a slim margin to the Delt Sig 6-1's.

In Monday night's "A" League action, the Teke Took-ems overcame a 23-21 half-time deficit to roll over their second team, the Take-ems, 53-43. Playing without the services of Jim Gray, Barry Sims, and Van Mulligan, the Took-ems were unable to set up a solid offense in the first half and, as a result, were held to just twenty-one points.

However, they seemed to regain their stature in the second half and dented the twine to the tune of thirty-two points, with Todd Church collecting ten.

For the Take-ems, Stan Tapp led the way with eighteen points, twelve of which were produced in the first half. Following him was George Pope with ten, with Jim Johnston, Lou Economou and Rich Skinner rounding out the scoring, in that order.

High point man for the Took-ems was Steve Bushouse with fifteen; Todd Church was a close second, only one point behind. After that, Paul Bergman accounted for ten points, with Bud Darnell, Bob Aranosian, and Lou Ferrand finishing off the Took-em total.

The Delt Sigs, looking for their 'third victory of the season, found the Marauders rather easy prey as they swept to a 50-37 triumph in Tues-

day's lone "A" League contest. Playing wide open basketball for most of the game, the Sigs jumped to an early eight point lead and held it throughout almost all of the first half, leading at the end, 25-16.

The Marauders, led by Vern Bauer, produced a threat at one point in the half and struggled to within three points, 17-14, only to find it swiftly wrestled away from them.

In the second half, it was all Delt Sig as Dick Hastings and Al Baker pumped in eight points apiece in leading the attack against the five-man team of the Marauders.

For the Sigs, it was Al Baker who led the point production, amassing fourteen points, with Hastings following by one. John Goldner captured eight points, while Ted Rowland, Jack Nigg and Bud Alden followed, in that order.

Vern Bauer led the attack for the Marauders with eleven points, pursued by Mike Louggray and Tim Pete, with ten and eight points respectively. Greg Barris and Phil Holland completed the scoring for the losers.

The "B" League race has provided some surprising results, thus far, in both divisions. In the first division, Basketball Team No. 1 has been the big surprise, as it presently boasts a five win, no loss record, although they may find some trouble in a late season contest with Colt 45 No. 1.

The second division's early season favorites, the Vets and Colt 45 No. 2, are still in front but are being challenged by the Spasms, presently holders of a 3-1 record. In recent play,

the Peanuts outdueled Money's Morons, 29-14, the Vets triumphed over McKenzie by eighteen points, 48-30, the Colt 45 No. 1 team beat the Gun Shots, 43-30, and the Mighty Ghosts clobbered the Spastics, 52-25.

In other games, Colt 45 No. 2 won a pair of games, beating the Basketball No. 2 team, 20-15, and triumphing over McKenzie to the tune of 46-23.

The intramural standings, as of last Tuesday:

"A" League			
	W	L	Pct.
Sig Taus	4	0	1.000
Took-ems	3	1	.750
Sig 6-1	2	1	.667
HTS	2	2	.500
Beavers	1	3	.250
Faculty	0	3	.000
Marauders	0	4	.000
"B" League No. 1			
	W	L	Pct.
Basketball No. 1	5	0	1.000
Colt 45 No. 1	3	1	.750
Trick-ems	3	1	.750
Mighty Gts.	3	2	.600
Peanuts	2	2	.500
Gun Shots	2	2	.500
Screwballs	1	3	.250
Money's Ms.	1	4	.200
Sutherland	1	4	.200
Spastics	0	4	.000
"B" League No. 2			
	W	L	Pct.
Vets	5	0	1.000
Colt 45 No. 2	5	0	1.000
Spasms	3	1	.667
McKenzie	3	2	.600
Pork & Beans	2	2	.500
Basketball No. 2	1	2	.333
McDougall	1	3	.250
Sig Tau No. 1	1	3	.250
Spasmodics	0	5	.000
Piddley Sgts.	0	5	.000
Top Five Scorers "A" League			
		Pts.	
Lockwood, Sig Taus		64	
Tapp, Took-ems		58	
Huner, Sig Taus		54	
D. Gray, Beavers		54	
Bushouse, Took-ems		48	
"B" League			
		Pts.	
Peacock, Vets		78	
Rone, Mighty Ghosts		70	
Jones, Colt 45 No. 1		69	
Riddell, Vets		66	
Darnell, Spasms		58	
Friday's Games			
5:15—Beavers vs. Take-ems			
6:30—Sig 6-1 vs. Sig Tau No. 1			
7:45—Sutherland vs. Screwballs			
8:45—Pork and Beans vs. Sig Tau No. 2			
9:45—Mighty Ghosts vs. Trick-ems			
10:45—Piddley Sgts. vs. Spasms			
Monday's Games			
5:45—Faculty vs. Marauders			
6:45—Sig 6-1 vs. Take-ems			
7:45—Took-ems vs. Sig Tau No. 1			
8:45—Basketball No. 1 vs. Sutherland			
9:45—McDougall vs. Pork & Beans			
10:45—Peanuts vs. Spastics			



## The News from Abroad

### Miss Raymond Is In Africa

Last year Nancy Raymond after her graduation from Alma entered the Peace Corps. Her assignment is in Senegal, Africa. Following are excerpts from a few letters she has written her family.

After two days in New York Nancy writes of her departure on September 27: "Finally at 4:30 p.m. we took off from Idlewild. There were 55 PCVs going to Morocco with us. They gave us the royal treatment. We were served beer and then a dinner of Cornish hen, rice, chocolate eclaires, etc. For breakfast, we had pancakes, ham, fruit and fruit juice. By that time I was so full of food that I didn't want to see any more.

We had one lay-over in Lisbon. Then in Rabat the other volunteers got off. They were excited and jittery but in high spirits and ready to go. Between Rabat and Dakar, there were two Senegal volunteers with us. They filled us in on many details about living in Senegal and gave us their frank opinions. Both were very humorous and interesting.

#### At Dakar

When we finally disembarked at Dakar, I was both apprehensive and relieved. We had spent about 22 hours on the plane. Yet I had the feeling "Good God, what have I done now." But it is natural to be a little nervous when one begins a new adventure. Hy Hoffman, our field representative and a Mr. McClelland from the American Embassy met us at the airport.

Our first view of Dakar was at 7:30 Saturday evening. Being Saturday evening things were very quiet. Actually one doesn't go into Dakar when going from the airport to the University. The countryside is very pretty. It is especially lovely now because it is the end of the rainy season.

Along the roadside there were many Senegalese in native costumes. The buses of the women are usually very bright and very pretty. I love the material; it is light and airy like organdy.

#### In French

Sunday three of us ventured "en ville" to go to church. The cab driver was surprised that we spoke French. The service was a little difficult to follow all in French, but I got about one-half of it. Since then I have been in town two times.

What do I think of Dakar? It is very much like a European or American city only with a definite African accent. There are many modern buildings. There are department stores, and also the native markets. All the department stores are expensive. . . . The most interesting thing is the people. After overcoming my first initial communication difficulties, I'm finding it ever more interesting becoming acquainted with the people and their customs.

The people are very friendly and willing to be friends. Like me though, they are a little shy with people they are not used to. Neither of us knows exactly how to reach to the other, but I'm learning.

Right now I'm staying at the University of Dakar. It is very modern and my room is almost as comfortable as Alma. There are few luxuries missing but all the essentials are there. They are orienting us for our assignments. We have plenty of time to get out and meet the people.

Next week we are also making an excursion to Gorie, Saint Luis, and the Casamance. Then we will meet the real Africa face to face. Afterward we'll all probably ask for Dakar. No one knows what is coming up. Things are still very unstructured (and likely to be that way for two years.)"

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### So Is Cece, on JYA

This year, Alma College has three students spending their junior year abroad — CeCe Johnson, Bill Ashby and Lee Sumpter. CeCe is studying in West Africa, while Bill and Lee are in France.

Following are some excerpts from a letter received from CeCe shortly after her arrival in Sierra Leone, West Africa:

#### Dear Friends:

Already I love it here and feel that it will be a most profitable year in many ways. So much was overwhelming at first and I've only just begun to sort things out, yet I'm sure that I will thoroughly enjoy this year of study at Fourah Bay College.

There are eight of us studying in West Africa under the Presbyterian Junior Year Abroad program this year. Before we left New York, we had several days of orientation together on West Africa, the race problem, and the church and its work in Africa. We went to the mass demonstration in Foley Square where we heard (couldn't see—there were about 10,000 there) several prominent Negroes speak, among them James Baldwin, who had some very straightforward remarks to make. The night before we left New York we had a preview of African high life at an African Heritage Night where we saw colorful dancing, singing and drumming.

Five of us flew to London to spend 10 days before leaving for Africa. We were hoping for boat connections, but that didn't work out. The weather was cold and drab but we did manage to see quite a lot. One night we spent five shillings for gallery seats to see "My Fair Lady" and it was just delightful.

On Sunday morning we attended the oldest Presbyterian Church in London — Crown Court, which was begun in 1710. We even had the privilege of being the first to sign a new guest book. The last few days in London were spent at the Methodist International House — a most interesting place which houses about 140 students coming from all parts of the world to study in London. We had a chance to talk to some of them and felt as if we were truly beginning our year of being J.Y.A. ambassadors.

I flew directly from London to Freetown on October 3. We had a two-hour bus ride from the airport to the city which included traveling through some of the villages and crossing the bay by ferry. Palm trees and bush undergrowth were everywhere. Coming across the bay we had the breath-taking view of the green mountains coming down to meet the city and harbor of Freetown, which is the third largest ocean port in the world.

After jouncing along two miles of twisting, winding uphill road, we reached the college, situated on Mt. Auril overlooking the harbor. And that view was even more spectacular than the first. On clear days we can see the mountains of Guinea in the distance. The whole campus is built on hills — we have quite a climb every time we want to get to our

dorm (or hostel, as it is called).

Fourah Bay College is one of the oldest colleges in all of West Africa, begun in 1827. It has had several locations prior to this one; consequently, most of the buildings here are new. The hostels are spacious with single rooms and balconies attached to each. About half of the students here are from Nigeria, the others coming from Ghana and other parts of Africa. Fourah Bay is certainly cosmopolitan in its atmosphere, with a cross section of all parts of Africa represented. There are about 530 students enrolled here, 50 of which are women.

The school has quite an English flavor. The professors are British and African and there is even an American in the history department. There are three main divisions of courses offered—arts, economics and science. Students are here either for three or four years, depending on whether they completed the sixth form before coming. There is a post-graduate course in education offered here and students are also able to do graduate work at Durham University in England, with which Fourah Bay is affiliated.

Everyone seems friendly and interested in us. There are 11 of us Americans here, seven of them from Kalamazoo College. The first week was the Freshers' Conference which included orientation to the college, its customs, the students and the faculty. Actually there is much at Fourah Bay that is like Alma College.

With some extra time, we have made several excursions into Freetown, two miles below us. The city itself is a study in contrasts as is much that we have already seen here: the old traditional ways against the new modern ones. On Saturdays we sometimes go to the beach. Sierra Leone has beautiful beaches and the one we go to is no exception. We have to go about eight miles from the college, but it is well worth it.

The weather has been hot and humid with almost daily showers which are hard but quickly over. We are now at the end of the rainy season which lasts from May through October. The food has been good; we get rice once a day with meat and gravy at noon. The evening meal is usually fish, potatoes, bread and fruits.

I'm certainly looking forward to a most exciting year with many varied experiences.

Your friend,  
CeCe Johnson

Additional stories on Alma's Junior-Year-Abroaders will follow in later issues of the almanian.

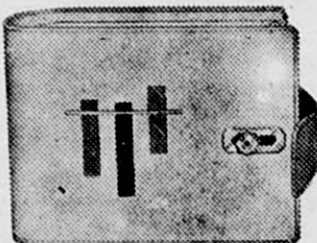
### Debaters Fly To Pittsburgh

On the morning of December 6, members of Alma's debate team took off from Tri-City Airport, flying to the University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) where they represented Alma in Pitt's Sixteenth Annual Cross-Examination debate tourney. They returned to Alma late the following night.

Martin McGuire and Dan Swinney upheld the affirmative and Paul Jensen and David Thompson the negative side of the resolution, "Resolved, that the Federal Government should guarantee an opportunity for Higher Education for all high school graduates."

The same men hosted debaters from Central Michigan University last Tuesday evening, 7 p.m., in Dow Science 212, and 213, in two simultaneous debates.

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## Around the Campus

Faculty and Administration Christmas cards to the student body will be posted on a bulletin board in the student center this year, according to Joanne Bird. Those wishing to post one are asked to send it to Tyler Board.

All social and cultural events not already scheduled on the Yearly Schedule of Events must be cleared in the Office of the Dean of Women who acts for the Calendar Committee.

Any group wishing to sponsor a money-raising project must clear with one of the deans of students. Any such project involving a residence hall must have further approval from the head resident of the residence hall.

Dr. Howard Potter attended the Michigan College Chemistry Teachers Association meeting at the University of Michigan on December 7th.

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socially and culturally starved. Four out of five odds may be good enough in poker but are they good enough for a college population?

Nearly 50% (that's right, 1 out of 2) believed one of the following: that racial issues can and are discussed openly, objectively and without fear of social or economic recrimination in the southern press; that the press operates without social pressure; or that social issues are emotionally sterile. In the perception of inter-racial behavior many white Americans see discrimination as an overt phenomenon; one that is readily identified. The subtle aspects of counterfeit sincerity, sympathy, and compassion were too elusive for the segregated American conscience.

Add to this the percentages of students who felt that prejudice is only expressed by a few, that the Negro American has no self-hatred, that equality has a readiness to it, that there is no shock in being a Negro . . . but why go on?

If the American conscience is as segregated as I have envisioned it; if the quality of the American conscience is reflected as I have discussed it, a hundred years has been a long time.

But then again, facts don't speak for themselves and in your American conscience perhaps you have another interpretation—one that you prefer.

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We would like to thank all those people who helped to make Big Name Dance the success that it was. The time that was given to making decorations, getting refreshments, and publicizing the dance was greatly appreciated. The cooperation that was shown in preparing the Commons for the dance was tremendous. We were also very grateful for the help that was given by many people who stayed after the dance to clean the Commons and prepare it for breakfast.

Also, we would like to thank Saga for their help with refreshments and having dinner Friday night held earlier than usual. Likewise, we would like to thank the chaperones. Without the aid of the many people who gave of their time and ideas we could not have accomplished as much as we did.

Bill Kraus  
Jill Marce  
Co-chairmen

## Their Job: Advise President

by Chris Van Dyke

The President's Advisory Council, newly formed last year, is a vital part of the college's communication organization.

The President's Advisory Council is appointed by the President of the College, Dr. Robert Swanson. The members are Vice-President, Dr. Harold Vandenberg; Dean of the Faculty, Dr. William Boyd; Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. John Kimball; Director of College and Community Relations, Mr. Guile Graham; Business Manager, Dr. Stephen Meyer; and Director of Student Aid, Dr. Harry Landis.

The committee also includes representatives of the three divisions of the faculty—the humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences. These are, respectively, Dr. Samuel Cornelius, Dr. Howard Potter, and Dr. Musa Hussayni. A fourth "at large" faculty member of the council is Dr. Harlan McCall.

The council acts in an advisory capacity to the president. It is concerned with such matters as budget preparation, institutional policies and procedures, and long range planning and development of the college.

In Swanson's words, the committee's agenda "covers the whole waterfront." The council "provides the way for a two-way communication between the president of the college and the administrative staff," he added. "Sometimes I bring matters to their attention when I want advice. Sometimes they bring matters to my attention."

The group acts as a "clearing house" for ideas, but in no sense, Swanson emphasized, is it a legislative or policy making committee. The council doesn't have the power to initiate legis-

lation. Existing chiefly for the discussion and understanding of problems, the council resembles the Dean's Advisory Committee which is, however, largely restricted to the academic program. The president's council "ranges all across the board," says Swanson.

Until last year the President didn't have a committee of this sort. Why now?

"In administering a college where problems are as complex as they are at an institution involving 911 students and a 24 million dollar budget, to the person ultimately responsible—not in day-to-day operation but in the total enterprise—it is impossible for one man to make intelligent decisions."

"This is why the president seeks advice and counsel of his colleagues," said Swanson.

One of Swanson's colleagues on the council is Dr. John Kimball, Dean of Student Affairs.

Kimball feels that the council is "very helpful to the president. He hears from a variety of people, performing a variety of functions, in specific areas and programs, so he can make a better judgment as to what's going on."

The committee, said Kimball, discusses "everything from student social life, to the budget, to overall curriculum."

Kimball emphasized the point that it is important for there to be a "pressure-valve system, a place to air gripes and to give constructive suggestions."

Both Kimball and Swanson stressed the difficulty, and hence, importance of open and complete communication of important ideas, and the President's Advisory Council's significant role in solving this problem.

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## With The Greeks

### Alpha Sigma Tau

Last night the ASTs and our brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma made our annual visit to the Baptist Children's Home. Santa Claus was there to hand out gifts and help us in leading songs and playing games with the children.

We would like to remind everyone of the AST-STG annual Holly House which is to be held tomorrow night at the Sig Tau house. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone there.

### Delta Sigma Phi

On Sunday, November 24, Bud Alden, Al Baker, and Nick Ivan were initiated into Delta Sigma Phi International Fraternity. A banquet was held in their honor at which time Bud Alden was selected best pledge by the active members. In turn the pledges voted Paul Melchek as best active, Hugh Hawley as most sadistic, and Dick Godfrey as friend of the pledges.

Our pledge class won the Intrafraternity Council award for the class attaining the highest academic point average. Their 2.73 average was higher than that of the other fraternities. It was the second time in the three-semester existence of the award that Delt Sig pledges took top honors.

In the love-light we note that Al Baker has pinned Marion Torrence and Dave Thompson has pinned Jane Elsley. Congratulations!

### Kappa Iota

The KIs entertained their patronesses at an informal party last Wednesday night. We turned the tables on them and for once they provided us with riotous entertainment.

The holidays have brought cheer to a couple of KIs already. Marion Torrence is pinned to Al Baker of Delt Sigma Phi and Judy Petti became engaged to Glen Anderson of Sigma Tau Gamma.

The KIs would like to extend our sincere congratulations to our new brothers, the new active members of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

### Sigma Tau Gamma

Ron Cain, Dave Huner, Stu MacKenzie, and Dean Schechter were initiated at a banquet supper held at the "Embers" in Mt. Pleasant. Following the supper was a serenade at Central Michigan University in honor of the pinning of Brother Jack Wilson to Miss Natalie Hildreth.

Sig Taus continued their participation in advancing the work of worthy charities by collecting \$266 in the local MD Drive.

James Lynn, a recent graduate of our chapter, has been named as Chairman of the Republican Party in Bay County.

A welcome surprise was a recent visit from Roger Arbury, a past president of our chapter and now national field secretary for Sigma Tau Gamma.

### Tau Kappa Epsilon

Six men were initiated into Tau Kappa Epsilon last Sunday morning. Sophomores initiated were Mike Dunkelburger, Jim Gray, Jim Johnston, Ben Ormseth, and Barry Schupbach. Brian Hampton was the lone junior to begin his active membership. Thanks go to the KIs for serving breakfast the morning of the initiation.

Recent victims of the love bug are Lou Economou who is pinned to Sue Mitchell and John Munsell who is pinned to Karen Flesher.

Just a few days are left before Tony Taylor with 20 Tekes and six coeds depart for a Jamaican-style Christmas. The caravan of cars to Miami will leave December 20. The group has chartered a plane to Jamaica.



Four Alma students join in adding tinsel to a Christmas tree in Tyler Center already bedecked with ornaments. The tree-trimming activities were part of Tyler's annual Christmas party, which also included dancing, singing of carols, and refreshments. (photo by Beck)

## Armstrong Writes of Kennedy, Women and Finland in General

The following letter was directed to students and faculty through the almanian from Dr. William Armstrong, Associate Professor of history, presently on leave and serving as a Fulbright professor at the University of Helsinki in Finland.

Helsinki, November 24

The news which has crowded everything else to the background for the past three days is, of course, the death of President Kennedy. Finland's radio went on the air with the news within an hour of the assassination, and memorial music was played for the remainder of the broadcast day. The next day—yesterday—the Finnish flag stood at half mast throughout the nation.

I had been invited to a Finnish country home 150 kilometers from here for the weekend, and when I arrived I found that my host was displaying the Finnish flag at half mast. There was a memorial service in Helsinki this morning—Sunday in Finland—for the president, and I had to choose between joining the Embassy staff and the other Fulbrighters here for the service or remaining with my delightful Finnish friends.

Our Ambassador to Finland is Carl Rowan, the distinguished former journalist. Mr. Rowan is a Negro in a country in which a dark-skinned population is almost non-existent and he is greatly respected here. I have met him socially, and I will see him again at a party on Friday of this week. We discovered that we have a mutual friend in John Hope Franklin, the Negro historian who last year became the first of his race to be elected to the elite Cosmos Club in Washington, D. C.

I have watched Ambassador Rowan tonight is the night for the Teke's annual closed Christmas party. Thirty-five couples have signed to attend the party at which gifts will be exchanged and Santa will arrive.

We would like to congratulate Frater Jim Peele who is currently leading the NSL—of TKE in total number of points accumulated!

Three of the twelve Tekes on Alma's varsity football squad received honors as a result of their final play during the regular season, which ended November 15. Fraters Van Mulligan and Jim Gray were named to the 1963 All-MIAA football team, while Mike Dunkelburger was voted the most improved member of the squad.

Mulligan received the highest award from his team also, as he was voted the most valuable player for the 1963 season. Frater Lou Economou, along with Mulligan, ended his college football career this season as he will graduate this year.

Rowan bowl—he appears to average about 180—but I think his real forte, aside from cares of state, must be the rhumba. The Finnish women—as lovely and stylish as any I have seen anywhere in the world—literally stand in line to dance with Mr. Rowan.

I must say something about my weekend in the country. Everyone in Finland goes to *sauna*, but in the city *sauna* is pretty much an ersatz contrivance, that is to say it is little more than a steam bath in a white tiled room, with a cold shower to substitute for the usual dip in an ice-cold lake or pool at the end.

My *sauna* this weekend was the real thing. The temperature was almost exactly at 100 degrees centigrade (212 degrees Fahrenheit), and counting two ice-cold dips in between, we spent at least an hour. All of the Americans and the British whom I know here are converts to *sauna*, some, in fact, going more often than the Finns believe it is healthy. The delightful feeling of complete relaxation and lassitude which follows the *sauna* has no counterpart. Sinus, headache, nasal congestion? *Sauna* drives them all to the wall for one glorious, ecstatic evening.

Nearly everyone is interested in women I guess—including women themselves—so let me speak for a moment of Finnish women. It is widely asserted by the Fulbrighters here, and I do not say that I disagree entirely with their verdict, that Finnish girls are prettier than American girls. Their real forte, next to their fine, regular features and complexions, overlaid with considerable natural blond hair, is their calves. The Finns are great walkers—despite the fact that they have very fine public transportation—and Finnish girls show definite results of this.

Americans are always unsettled by the direct manner in which Finnish women approach them on the street, and pass without averting their eyes, as American girls and women are apt to do. This leads foreigners to conclude that Finnish women have the relaxed moral code of the Swedes and the Danes, but this is not entirely true.

Finnish boys and girls, as well as unmarried adults of both sexes, often live very openly together in the same apartment with no sexual overtones of any kind. University students regularly live together in coeducational apartments without violating the chastity code which seems to prevail for these situations. But, and here I recall the professor who spoke too openly about these matters on an

## Senior Thesis Developing As Vital Student Experience

by Sue Reed

'Senior thesis' is a term which has the strange ability to provoke either genuine enthusiasm on the part of the Alma College student or may be shrieks of horror.

He may go along on his merry way until one day he realizes that his senior thesis due date is awfully close.

So the student gathers up all his forces and prepares to face the music. Why isn't this an exciting, and in fact, exhilarating occasion for him? The answer is fairly simple. He wonders what possible purpose it serves in his life.

In reality, every student should take this requirement as

reassurance of the quality of education he is receiving at Alma. The fact is that the senior thesis is rapidly coming to the fore as a highly desirable experience for every undergraduate. It should not be limited, as in some schools, to certain departments or to honors students.

After all, every degree holder will be working and studying independently. Thus, he should have developed, during the course of his undergraduate experience, a personal attitude towards knowledge and the skills needed to pursue it.

It is with this philosophy in mind that Dean William B. Boyd states: "I regard the senior thesis as the single most important part of the Alma College curriculum. I feel this way because independent study, which the senior thesis represents, is both an end and a means to an end in our program. We hope to produce students who have both the ability and the desire to work independently in some area of scholarship."

Independent study was traditional here in the sciences long before it became an all-college requirement. The chemistry department is one example. Requirements are continually being expanded. As of now, the thesis program is subdivided, depending on amount of credit hours and interest, into either a four-credit research course or a two-credit library study course.

The significance of independent study is very aptly described in the psychology department's mimeo—A rationale for creative scholarship:

"At this point . . . you are the maximum benefactor of fifty centuries of man's search for knowledge . . . For the last fifteen years you have been incorporating knowledge which these other men discovered or interpreted, but you have contributed nothing to this knowledge. You are an intellectual parasite . . . For most college seniors, the idea of contributing to organized knowledge seems far-fetched. Actually for students majoring in psychology, it is quite realistic . . . We hope you will enjoy and find meaning in your first opportunity for creative scholarship, in contributing facts and insights which you have discovered to the organized knowledge of the race."

Knowledge can be contributed in many ways. Art majors must successfully complete a project involving sculpture, or painting, or water color, drawing, design, and crafts. This creative project plus a thesis "explaining and justifying it" culminates in a one-man exhibition in the spring. The entire four years of a student's work is represented.

The music department offers a special course called Introduction to Research in Music. The student chooses two topics and attempts to locate bibliography for these two "skeletal theses". Only one will be completed. The topic is, in most cases, related to the music that the student will perform at his

senior recital. Both the thesis and the recital complement each other and fit the needs and interests of all majors. As Dr. Russell puts it, "We like them to make sweet sounds, but we also like them to know what they are doing."

It is impossible to cite all departments, but we may get some idea of specific procedures from the education and sociology departments.

Because of the number enrolled in independent study this year, the education department has three supervising faculty members for these students. The group holds two meetings early in the semester to discuss general principles of thesis writing. The student may work in an area in which he may be lacking or in which he has a particular interest.

At mid-semester individual progress is reported to the group. Finally, an oral report is given to the group concerning the entire study; and the thesis is turned in for evaluation.

"The importance of this requirement should not be underestimated," stresses the sociology department mimeo. Among the things a student should investigate for a thesis proposal it says, are: (1) work already done in this area; (2) concepts and techniques to be used; (3) kind of data to be collected; (4) limitations of the study; (5) why this particular study is being chosen; (6) what the student intends to accomplish.

It is hoped that the reader has grasped, through this very general picture, some of the significance of independent study at Alma College. Procedures may vary, but the purpose remains the same. It is a wise underclassman who seeks out his adviser and begins orienting himself toward what is essentially the capstone experience in his education—before the final count-down begins.

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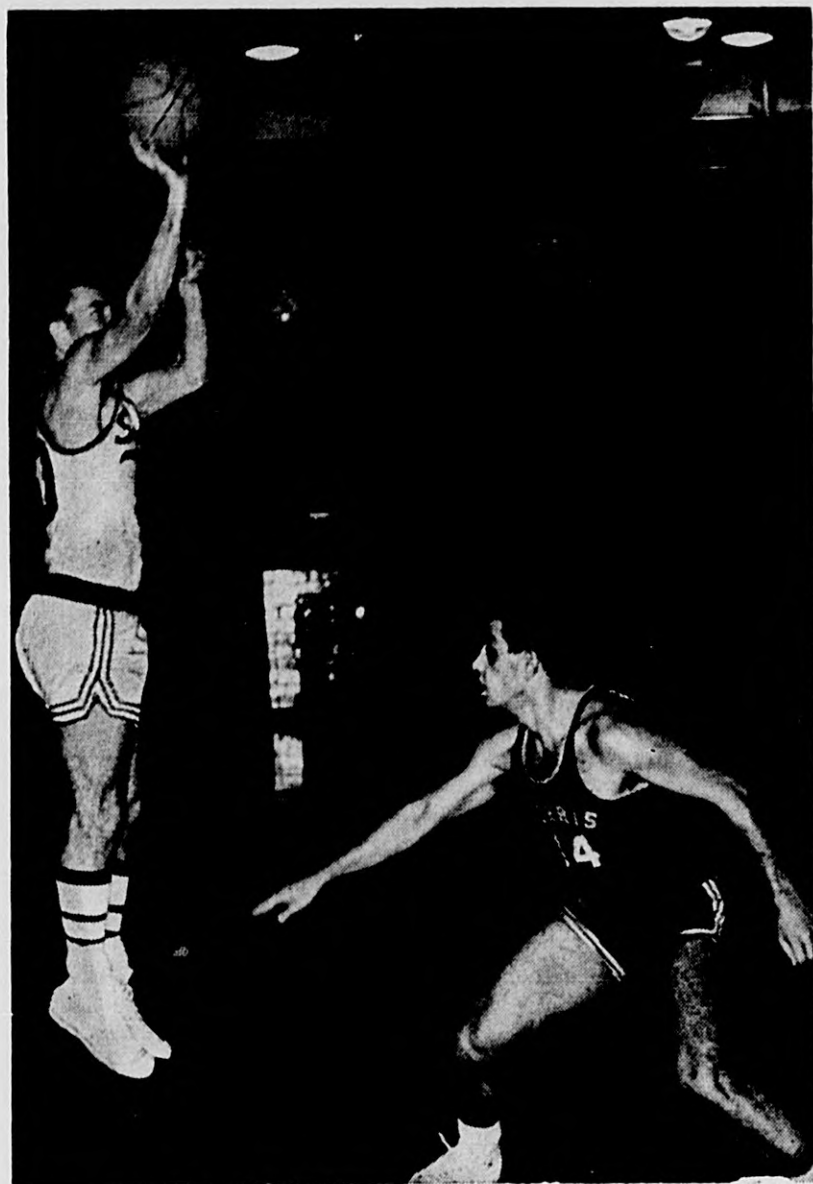
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# Flying Dutchmen Fall To Scot Cagers, 89-81



Tom Miller shoots for two, but the Scots needed nine to defeat Ferris last Saturday in Phillips Gym. Final score: 78-69. (photo by Beck)

## Bulldogs and Chips Triumph; Scots Lashed in Early Season

by Jim Maritz  
Two state universities—Ferris and Central Michigan—proved to be tough and aggressive opponents for the Scots this past week. The first of these teams, Ferris State, invaded a nearly filled Phillips Gymnasium last Saturday and dealt Alma its first loss of the young season, 78-69.

Although Ferris had just lost several players by way of semester grades, they still fielded a strong and aggressive team. "Killer" Kilpatrick, a 6-5 forward, led their attack with 23 points.

Ferris jumped to an early five-point lead and maintained a point advantage ranging from two to twelve points throughout the game. The halftime score was 41-38 in favor of Ferris.

Bud Acton led the Scots with 19 points, followed by Ray Moore's 15. Moore hit on seven of seven free-throw tosses. Kurt Schultz, a 6-5 junior forward from Saginaw, came off the bench to help with 10 points and several rebounds.

Statistics showed that the teams were equal in scoring from the field, each hitting 27 field goals. Free-throws spelled the difference in the final score. Ferris State connected on 24 of 32 attempts, while Alma hit on 15 of 25 tries.

On Monday the Scots traveled north to Mt. Pleasant to face arch-rival Central Michigan University. The Chippewas' rebounding advantage and balanced scoring attack paced them to a 80-61 victory. Like

Ferris, the Chips grabbed an early lead and never gave it away.

In all, 46 fouls were whistled by referees in the rugged contest. Alma's Bud Acton seemed to bear the brunt of the fouls called early in the game. Referees charged him his fifth personal just after the second half began, and the Scots were forced to play the rest of the game without their star center.

Bob Bruder led Central Michigan's balanced scoring with 15 points. Alma's scoring was also balanced, as four players hit for double figures. Bill Pendell took game honors with 17. Moore tallied 16, Miller 12, and Acton 10.

Shooting colder than in their earlier games, the Scots hit on 22 of 69 field goal attempts for a 31 per cent average. Alma was also limited to 38 rebounds in the game.

The statistics:

Ferris State Game	FG	FTA	FT	PF	TP
Pendell	3	2	1	2	7
Schultz	5	2	0	1	10
LaRue	1	1	1	3	3
Pannier	3	1	0	4	6
Hawley	1	0	0	0	2
Acton	8	7	3	5	19
Nichols	0	0	0	0	0
Moore	4	7	7	2	15
Flora	0	2	2	0	2
Miller	2	3	1	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>69</b>

Central Michigan University Game	FG	FTA	FT	PF	TP
Pendell	7	4	3	3	17
Schultz	0	0	0	3	0
LaRue	0	3	2	2	2
Hawley	0	0	0	2	0
Pannier	1	6	2	2	4
Acton	3	5	4	5	10
Nichols	0	1	0	1	0
Moore	6	6	4	2	16
Flora	0	0	0	0	0
Miller	5	4	2	3	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>61</b>

## First MIAA Game Ends in Scot Victory Against Arch-Rivals

Tom Miller sparked the Alma Scots to victory in their first MIAA game of the season, 89-81 over Hope College on Wednesday night at Phillips Gymnasium. It marked the first time in seven years that the Scots defeated the Flying Dutchmen.

Miller's 12 points in the final 4 minutes of the game sped the Scots to victory after a 69-69 deadlock. The junior guard finished with 19 points in the half and 23 in the game, including 9 for 9 at the foul line.

The visiting Dutchmen, starting four regulars from last year's team, opened a 20-13 lead early in the game. The Scots stormed back behind Bud Acton's and Bill Pendell's play to lead 47-41 at halftime. In the second half the Scots moved to a 10-point lead before Hope tied the score.

In addition to Miller's 23, his highest total at Alma, two other Scots scored over 20 points. Acton, number three scorer in the MIAA last year, lead all scorers with 26, 20 of them in the first half. Pendell added 22 points and Ray Moore also hit in double figures for 14 points.

All five Dutchmen starters were in double figures. Glen Van Wieren, Hope captain and a senior, led their scoring with 25 points.

The Scots shone at the charity stripe for the night, connecting on 23 of 28 attempts,

hitting their first 12 in a row. Tomorrow Alma faces Calvin College at Grand Rapids in an important MIAA contest. Calvin is tall and is considered the league's most improved team. And they are rated as one of the favorites to win the MIAA.

Next Tuesday the Scots travel to Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti in the last game before the Christmas vacation. The perennially tough Hurons again have a top notch team.

The statistics:

	FG	FTA	FT	PF	TP
Pendell	10	2	2	2	22
Schultz	2	1	0	3	4
Hawley	0	0	0	1	0
Pannier	0	1	0	1	0
Acton	9	10	8	3	26
Nichols	0	0	0	0	0
Moore	5	5	4	3	14
Miller	7	9	9	1	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>89</b>

## CMU Chips Down Alma J. V. Scotties

The Alma junior-varsity basketball team made its debut at Mt. Pleasant last Monday night in a game against the Central Michigan University frosh. Coached by Don Phillippi, the Scots (or Scotties) jumped to a 7-1 lead, only to see it vanish by half-time, when the Chips led 34-25. In the second half the CMU frosh used a press and fast break to move to a 87-59 victory. It was the third straight victory for the Chips this year. Coach Phillippi substituted freely with his eleven players. Al Borgman, a freshman forward,

led a balanced scoring attack with 18 points. Van Mulligan scored 14 and 6-5 Dave Gray added 9. Dave Outwin of Central Michigan led all scorers with 26 points.

The statistics:

	FG	FTA	FT	PF	TP
Borgman	8	6	2	2	18
Sherill	0	1	1	1	1
Gray	4	2	1	3	9
Peterson	2	2	2	0	6
Rowland	0	0	0	1	0
Klug	1	0	0	0	2
Baker	2	3	2	4	6
Acton	0	0	0	1	0
Mulligan	5	7	4	4	14
Waluk	0	2	1	0	1
Lithen	1	1	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>59</b>

## Shots in the Dark

by Jim Maritz

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was one of the few presidents to participate in sports. His life was one of dedication to sports and fitness. There is no doubt that the world of sports lost a great man when President Kennedy was assassinated.

Two articles to appear in *Sports Illustrated* point out the President's contribution to and concern for our nation's fitness. In the December 26, 1960, issue of *Sports Illustrated*, President-elect Kennedy said that "The same civilizations which produced some of our highest achievements of philosophy and drama, government and art, also gave us a belief in the importance of physical soundness which has become a part of Western tradition." He said that Americans are in danger of forgetting all this, that spectating is becoming a national disease, and that Americans are becoming soft. And the President believed that our growing softness and increasing lack of physical fitness is a menace to our security.

In a tribute to President Kennedy in their December 2, 1963 issue, *Sports Illustrated* noted that "If there was one thing that sickened Jack Kennedy, it was the flabby American parked in front of the television set in the middle of a noble spring day." The President didn't just talk about the physical problem, he did something about it. As an example, he took action by organizing the President's Council on Youth Fitness and placed it under the direction of Bud Wilkinson, head football coach at the University of Oklahoma.

In the 1960 article which President Kennedy wrote, he referred to a 15-year research study on physical fitness in America and Europe. 4,200 Americans, and 2,800 Europeans in Austria, Italy and Switzerland were given fitness tests. Despite our higher standard of living, our good food, many playgrounds and our emphasis on school athletics, American youth lagged far behind. 57.9% of the American children failed, whereas only 8.7% of the European youngsters failed the exam.

The President said, "There are no doubt many American youths and adults whose physical fitness matches and exceeds the best of other lands. But the harsh fact of the matter is that there is also an increasingly large number of young Americans who are neglecting their bodies—whose physical fitness is not what it should be—who are getting soft. And such softness on the part of individual citizens can help to strip and destroy the vitality of a nation." The President felt that if we neglect our physical vigor and allow it to grow soft, we will be unable to realize our full potential as a nation.

We as college students can help in building the physical fitness of our nation. For one thing we can become better informed as to the situation. We can also help by improving our own physical fitness. The late President spoke of what we can do when he said, "We can fully restore the physical soundness of our nation only if every American is willing to assume responsibility for his own fitness and the fitness of his children." I hope these words are taken seriously by every one of us at Alma College.

# Calvin Defeats Scot Lassies In First Women's B-Ball Game

by Ronni Allexenberg

Now that basketball season has started the students of Alma College have discovered that we have not only one basketball team, but two. Our second team may not be as well known as the Scots, but we can be as proud of our basketball "Lassies" as we are of the men.

The "Lassies" are a fairly new team. This is their second year of playing competitive basketball. Last year was a beginning and a discouraging year for the "Lassies." Their final standing was one win and five losses.

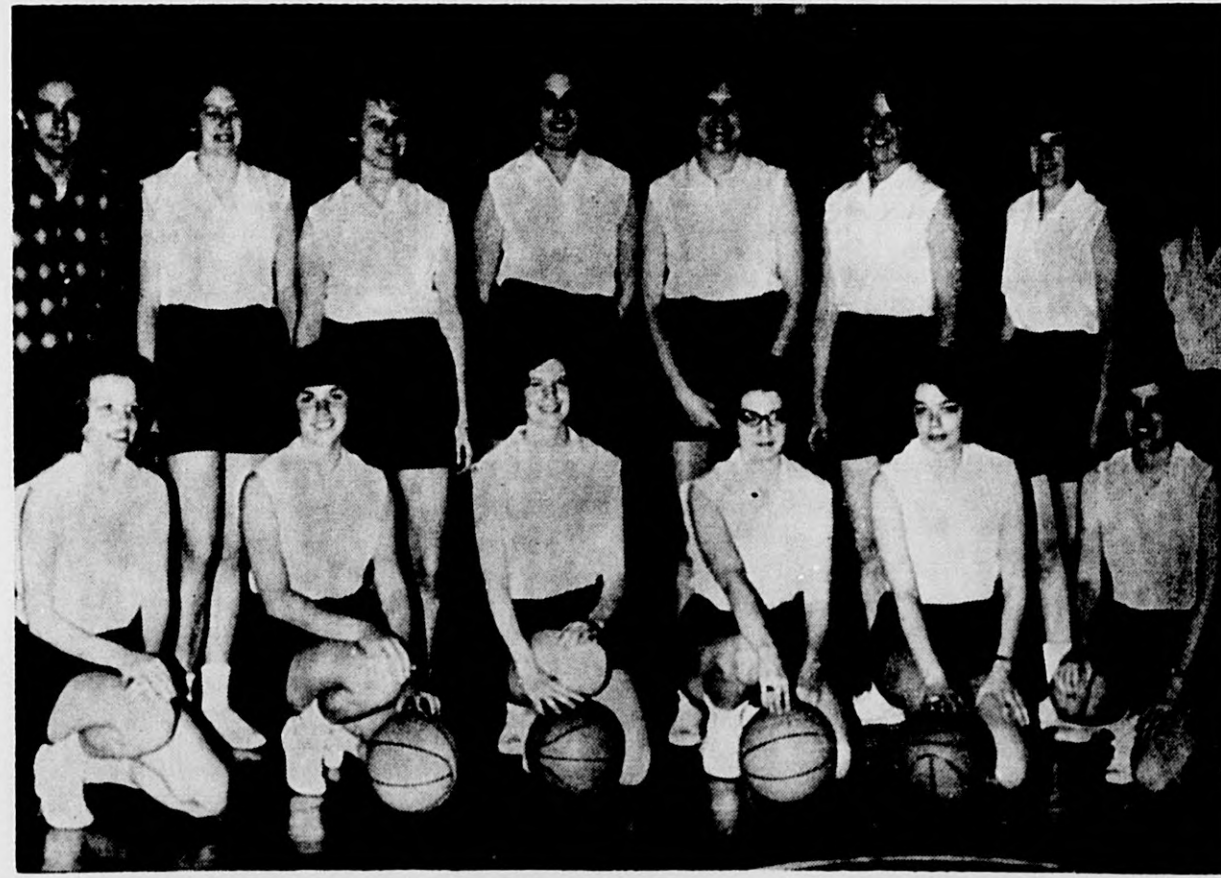
This year started off well with the addition of Don Phillippi to the coaching staff. He and Miss Southward have taught the girls several new plays and these were used first in their first game of the year against Calvin College. The "Lassies" lost to Calvin by a score of 45-11. This loss is attributed to their inexperience; the "Lassies" look forward to more excellent basketball in the weeks to come.

Returning "Lassies" from last year are co-captains Phyllis Burdick and Kathleen Anderson, Darlene Zdun, Ann Mitchell, and Andrea Lucy. Of these, Phyllis Burdick and Kathy Anderson are the playmakers—Burdick for offense and Anderson for defense. In this capacity they can call the plays and decide the strategy of the game.

In addition to these "Old Lassies" we have eight new ones and four of them are from the freshmen class. They are Arlene Waggoner, Kay Oster, Kathy Bogue, Sally Carter, Gwen Ellington, Randy Norris, and Debbie Parker. We will get a chance to see them in action very soon.

Tentative "Lassie" Schedule for 1963-1964.

- Olivet—there—Jan. 8
- Ferris—here—Jan. 14
- Kalamazoo—there—Feb. 6
- Calvin—here—Feb. 12
- Adrian—there—Feb. 20



See the people, they number fourteen. They are in the gym. Our photographer took their picture in the gym. Yea, for our photographer! All the people in the picture are girls, except one. He is in the upper left hand corner. You can tell by the checkered shirt. All these people have names. Yea, for them! Their names

are Don Phillippi, Kay Oster, Andrea Lucy, Darlene Zdun, Ann Mitchell, Kathy Anderson, Arlene Waggoner, Miss Southward, Phyllis Burdick, Randy Norris, Debbie Parker, Sally Carter, Gwen Ellington and Kathy Bogue. (photo by Kerr)

## V-Ball Ends in Rousing Playoff; Newberry 2N Routs KI Ladies

Women's intramural volleyball came to a rousing close last Tuesday evening when the final playoff games were held. The team of Newberry 2nd North, the first GDI team to win the volleyball trophy in years, defeated the KI ladies.

In the first playoff game, Newberry defeated the ASTs and then went on to best the KIs in two out of three games.

The members of Newberry's team have attributed their good

luck to the clothes they wore each game. The captain, "Bert" Funch wore a good luck piece; Connie Smith, a red striped "jail" shirt; "Rufus" Trent wore "holey" sneakers; Randy Norris wore her grandfather's white shirt; Joyce Davis wore red striped knee-socks; and Bunny Smith wore her "good luck" shirt.

The members of the runner-up KI team are Carole Phillips,

B. J. Place, Jody Zukas, Sue Porter, Barb Willey, Mary Dinges, and co-captains Ann Roberts and Barb Sanford.

The trophy will be awarded to the Newberry team at the annual spring sports banquet. The captain, Bert Funch, will keep the trophy for the team.

Women's intramural basketball has started this week with the first games played last night.