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Speak, students...

For the past two weeks articles have appeared in the almanian concerning the changes that are being proposed in the school calendar. To date we have received no letters to the editor on the topic.

It is hard to pin down why no one has bothered to express his feelings about such an important matter. The first answer might be that students just don't care. If this is the case we feel it is sad. If a change is made in the near future, as it well appears there might be, then students who are here now will be vitally concerned with this change. Even the seniors might be expected to have some interest in the future of the school.

It is just as possible that students don't feel qualified to comment on such a matter. It seems that students are qualified to make some sort of a judgment as to which calendar would be most convenient for them and which would result in the greatest learning on their part. The faculty and administration may know more about the problems of teaching and ad-

ministering in different situations, but it seems that the students may know something about themselves that the faculty doesn't know. Since the decision ultimately rests in the hands of the administration and faculty, it would seem that any insight that we as students have into the situation should be shared with them and with the rest of the student body.

A question frequently asked is "If they want my opinion why don't they ask for it?" This may be a legitimate question. We certainly don't know why no one has asked for student opinion. We obviously feel that this expression of opinion is necessary in order that the best decision may be made on this important matter. Thus, we are taking it upon ourselves to solicit your opinions on the best type of academic year for Alma.

Our policy on letters to the editor is to print every letter that is in good taste and meets the limitations on length that we have set up (300 words maximum). We will be waiting to hear from you.

an invitation...

When our staff got together to have our picture taken for the Scotsman every one was surprised to see how many people work on the paper in one capacity or another. Our masthead this week carries about thirty names.

In surprising contrast to this seeming abundance of people, we find that on work days we could always use a few more hands. In many ways our staff is limited: we have no one interested in reading exchange papers and writing an exchange column, we have no one presently on the staff who is interested in reviewing musical presentations, and we have a dearth of male reporters outside of the sports department. We are lacking in represen-

tion from the Greek organizations. We could also use a member of the Student Council who would like to report on Council activities.

The campus as a whole seems to have a great many capable people who could fit into our organization (or into many others), but who never actively participate in anything. To these people (and incidentally to any busy people who want to do "one more thing") we would like to extend an invitation to drop over on some Tuesday night and see what they can do. Newspaper experience is not a necessity. Interest in the almanian is the only prerequisite to becoming a staff member.

Seeing You Ask Me

The Grand Old Seniors

by D. Merit

Seniors are kind of a fruity group, concerned mainly with the presentation of the Grand Old Senior Image and all. Grand Old Seniors who sit most of the night at the 300, who know how much better they are than the rest of student herd, who have all of the world's problems under control. They're real tigers.

Ask them about the Cold War. Ask them about integration. Ask them about Kennedy and Goldwater and Rockefeller. They have the answers. They even have answers which don't have questions, yet. They're prepared. They're real tigers.

But, if you want to see them whimper and whine and roll over and play dead, there is one question which stumps

them all. Well, most of them. When you have been expounded to death some time, just quietly slip into the conversation "What was it you said you were going to do next year?" That really slays them.

Some of them begin to blubber and stammer and stutter. This is defense number one. Others use defense number two which is to out-fox you with footwork. "Peace Corps... Grad School... social work among the... I have an interview tomorrow with... Masters Degree..." This can also be called the "the nobler and better" defense.

The third breed of cat knows where he is going, but is ashamed to admit. You know, the ex-Doctor-to-be who is now hunting for a place to teach high-school biology. Their only defense is "I thought I'd try it

for a while to see what it's like." Yeah, awhile like about forty years.

They're tigers, all right. At the beginning of the semester they'd at least lie to you. Now they hit you. Blammmmm. Especially on the days they have received a "don't call us, we'll call you message." Maybe it's because those seem to be the days when the department head asks for a progress report on their senior thesis.

You can ask anything but "What are you going to do...?" and you can't stop them. You can't stop them when question No. 1 comes up either. They run too fast.

I realize that it is serious business, this Big Question, but I feel free to smirk. I'm one of the lucky seniors the college has invited to remain here for another year.

Rights

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from the men jailed are posted on the comment board in the Union. The letters describe the conditions in the jail and the police brutality that the men encountered.

The CAC plans to recommend to the Council that a petition be circulated protesting this situation and recommending the passage of Title X in the National Civil Rights Bill which would allow this case to be referred to a higher federal court.

Dear "Conservative Freshman" and "frustrated frosh,"

We would like to print your letter but our policy states that any letter writer's identity must be known at least to the editor-in-chief. Contact the almanian if you wish to have your letter printed.

The Editors

Dear "Campus Crier":

From your letter in last week's almanian, I would gather that you viewed the topic of the previous week's convocation, Kashmir, as so unimportant that one would have

trouble finding a book on the subject. I must say I find your display of ignorance rather amusing. Allow me to inform you, sir, that the problem of Kashmir has been the subject of many a debate in the United Nations and that Kashmir could potentially bring the world to the brink of war at any moment, should any of the countries involved (China, Pakistan, and India) decide to advance their claims by force.

Apparently you also lacked the intelligence to see an important message that the address conveyed: that often more than one party in a dis-

pute may be justified in their claims, that right and wrong are not always clear cut. Therefore, since you obviously are either too provincial or too ignorant to appreciate a well-prepared talk on an important international issue and since from the length of the applause after the talk, it is obvious that you do not represent the views of the majority of the campus, will you kindly refrain from referring to yourself as "The Campus Crier?" Really, "The Campus Crybaby" would be much more appropriate.

Voltaire

from the faculty

Dr. Smith received the A.B. and M.A. degree from the University of Southern California and the Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the Alma College faculty in 1962 and is Professor of Speech in the department of English, speech, and drama.

by Dr. Robert W. Smith

Dead center in collegiate life are ethical values. The average student comes to college with an amorphous idea of ethics, or soon attains such. He graduates convinced all values are absolutely relative. An ethical relativist, he confidently espouses "the only defensible position." But is it such?

We have known his position for years. Thomas Huxley argued since man and all creation have evolved, his moral principles have evolved with him. Again, some have argued, since society demands (within limits) conformity in dress, architecture, foods, etc., it too can best determine what both the masses and the individual should do. Herbert Spencer saw the end of action as the determinant: if it made an individual or group more integrated or coherent, it was moral.

What pitfalls inhere in this position? Socrates declared "men will do right if they only know the right." If true, then theoretically those best cultivated would morally be best. Who would assert this is true in practice? Further, if true, why have most college students (if we may believe the Kinsey report) forsaken their virtue? With Walter Lippmann I must say, "Ethical codes cannot lay claim to unhesitating obedience when they are based upon the opinion of a majority, or on the notions of wise men."

Secondly, can we be certain of the identification of evolution with progress? Haven't the last 40 years pretty well shot this to pieces? Interestingly, the most industrialized nations are also the most militaristic. If moral progress is synonymous with industrial growth, the U.S. should be the most righteous. Who will stand and so declare it?

Thirdly, if ethical precepts are from society, whence came they in the first place? If society is our sole source for information, where did the first person get the idea of not killing, stealing, or lying? How can we account for the Old Testament prophets thundering out against Jewish idolatry or

immorality, since "society" condoned such acts?

Fourthly, if man tell us what is right and wrong, when can we take their advice — when one, one dozen, or one million accede? Philosophically, there is as much ground for doing what one says, as one million. If moral values are relative, there is no ground for condemning thievery, sexual molesting, cheating on exams. "Others do it; why can't I?"

Fifthly, if ethics have evolved, how through the animal stage, why haven't they found their way into the animal world? Now there is no evidence that animals have ethical standards.

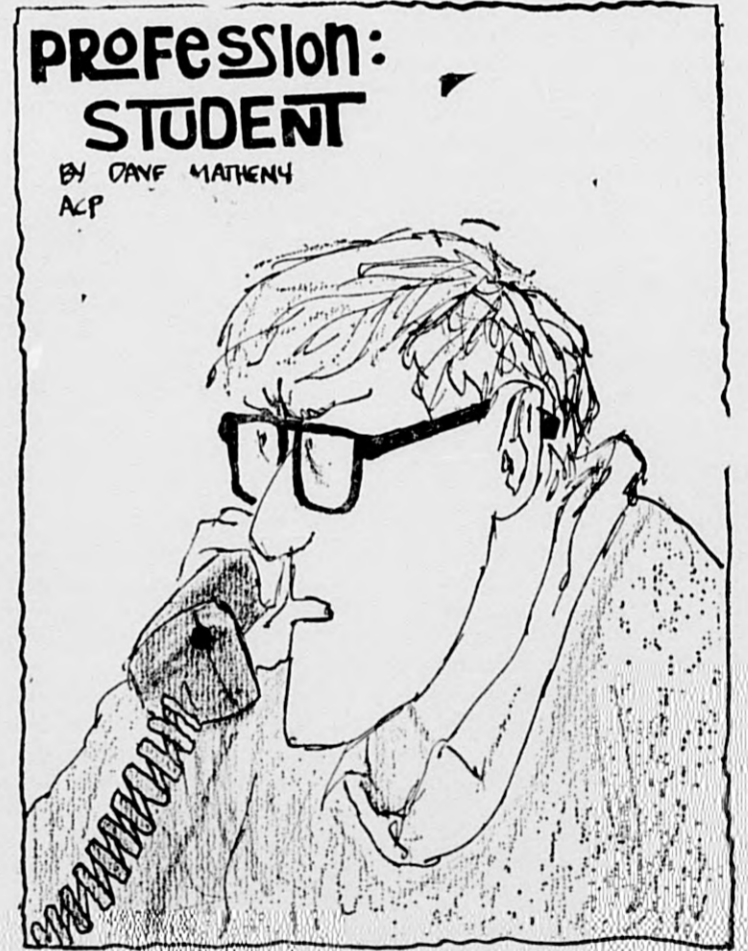
Sixthly, if society sets our standards, what society? While you're reading this sentence — it may take you two seconds — six people will have been born, and four die. "My generation" is no more! The present has become past; the "is" has become "was," the "shall be" has become "is" and as quickly "was." There are no values for

"my generation," for I have no generation.

Finally, do 10 million wrongs make a right? Suppose 10 million Nazis believe it right to kill Jews. Does this make it so? Suppose 20 million whites believe it right to discriminate against blacks. Does this make it right? The ethical relativist has no grounds for saying anything is right or wrong. He can label it only as impractical or inexpedient. He possesses no objective standard by which to use the "ought" and "should" of language.

Guiding our lives by moral values derived from those around us is as foolish as a ship's skipper steering his vessel with his eyes fixed on the bow, and as inevitably it leads to disaster. Our eyes and whole being must be submitted to Him who thundered at Sinai and was incarnate at Calvary. He alone and by His Scriptures guides men into right paths.

After Vacation: Dr. William McGill.



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	8 p.m. Three-Act Play—"Our Town"	Dow Auditorium
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	9 p.m. Entertainment (dancing, refreshments, etc.)	Tyler Auditorium
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	8 p.m. International Film Series—"World of Asia"	Dow Auditorium
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	8 p.m. Basketball—Lawrence Institute of Technology	Phillips Gymnasium
December 3—Tuesday	10 a.m. Convocation—Dr. Howard Potter—"Several Ways of Nonconformity"	Dunning Chapel

Senior Tom Bailey Discusses Experiences Concerning Civil Rights

by Sharon Martens

Tom Bailey, Dearborn senior, has been living in the midst of the racial issues involving the Detroit area. His father is chairman of the Presbytery of Detroit's Social Education and Action Committee, which concerns itself with social action in that area, especially in civil rights. The committee takes an active part in housing marches and is currently working on an open-occupancy petition.

With this background, Tom has participated in a freedom march but remarks, "Who am I to say how the civil rights issue is going?" He said that there is a definite need for improvement, especially in the housing and education areas. "But the main problem," he reiterated, "comes back to housing, because the place where a person lives decides most of the other issues in question. It is the most vital race problem of the Detroit area."

In connection with this, Tom explained last summer's riot in Dearborn. A new family was moving into an apartment and had Negro movers. When the neighbors saw this, they immediately began to gather around the house and caused a general riot. The police were not effective and, in fact, no police were visible on the scene for some time after the beginning of the riot. Two clergymen and the police finally calmed

the mob down, but only when they explained that the family was white and the movers were Negroes.

As a result of this, Tom said that there is now a group of Dearborn clergy, of which his father is a part, that are presenting a petition to the Dearborn City Council asking reinsurance of protection in housing and open-occupancy. As far as is known the petition has not been acted upon as yet.



Tom Bailey

Symphony Stirs Sunday Session

by Edward Garrison

Music can be played with youthful enthusiasm or senile indolence. It is apparent from Sunday evening's concert that both the Alma College Symphony Orchestra and its conductor Dr. Edward L. Kottick are very much among the living. Their opening number, the Overture to Richard Wagner's *Rienzi*, established this. The music was indeed rousing, but if less vigorously performed it could have become heavy. Heaviness was avoided, however, and in its place was offered a work very solidly done.

Equally vigorous was the attack on the *Carmen Suite Number One* of Georges Bizet. The transition of the orchestra into one beautifully working unit was accomplished during the performance of this work; it was also at this point that Kottick's remarkably fine woodwind section first began to distinguish itself.

But perhaps the winds succeeded too well, for when the performance moved into Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings* something more than just the woodwinds was lost. The string section seemed to lose some of the beautiful tonal quality with which they had opened Wagner's *Overture*, but what was really missing was their sureness. This brought on an advance toward a slightly uncertain climax.

Some degree of looseness con-

A Kiss in The Dark Inspires Opinions From Guys and Gals

The almaniac has been conducting a survey in regard to the problem of privacy, or the lack of it, on campus.

The question put to students was: "Do you think a problem exists on this campus for couples who want to be together in some relative privacy? Why or why not? If you see a problem, what do you think could be done about it?"

The overwhelming majority of the 55 students interviewed saw a problem existing; although this is no Gallup Poll it does seem to be a fair representation of the campus. Forty six of the students interviewed saw a problem and most were rather definite about it.

Those who saw no problem gave replies similar to those that follow:

Junior woman: "In my estimation, referring back to some advice my Mother once gave me, 'Don't do anything you wouldn't do in front of me'."

Bill Counts, freshman: "I think the majority of the student body is too immature to

continued until well into the second movement of Schubert's *Eighth Symphony* when an again strong wind section combined with an already revitalized orchestra to produce a conclusion that was marked by the most interesting and complete sound achieved in the course of the whole evening.

Well worth noting is the particular difficulty of presenting a program of music well enough known to draw an audience but performed interestingly enough to be above boredom to those who are already familiar with it. The success of Dr. Kottick and the orchestra in their endeavor was fittingly reflected in the wholehearted approval of the audience which numbered between 150 and 200.

let up on the rules." Todd Colenso, junior: "No, there is no problem. Ingenuity is the answer!"

Dan Swinney, freshman: "It should be left up to the individual couples to think of something. I can't see having a special place for the purpose of just sex. Having a special time for this takes everything out of it."

The nature of the situation (for those who saw a problem) is illustrated by the following comments:

Ron Griffin, junior: "The problem is not particular at Alma. It exists everywhere at small colleges."

Mike Dunkelburger, sophomore: "Privacy, what privacy? I've been up here for a year now and haven't found a place where someone can go and talk to a girl alone. There is the football field, the river, or sitting in a parked car, but as far as girls are concerned these places are not associated with conversation."

Sophomore woman: "There is no place where a couple can go and show affection except a bedroom or a place considered as such."

Sandy Reid, sophomore: "You can't have any privacy here. There is no place to be alone with anyone on campus. If you are alone with anyone for any reason, it is frowned upon."

Junior woman: "Even Newberry's coat room is always full."

Judy Daniels, freshman: "Yes there is a problem. It creates a mood of frustration; when one has reached enough maturity to be in college, one should be able to face reality. If a student is not able to adjust to intimate relations now, when will he be able to?"

Larry Hadsell, senior: "There is definitely a problem, and it can be corrected by transferring. If you can't transfer, study,

grin, and bear it."

Many people saw possibilities for other solutions to the problem. The most frequently suggested solution is to have the college provide some place for co-educational activity. (Since the survey has been taken Wright has opened their basement for a few hours on Friday night.) The comments that follow are typical of the people that have this feeling.

Cherie Kleinschmidt, freshman: "One possible solution to the problem would be to open up the recreation rooms in the girls dorms on Friday and Saturday nights."

Dave Rolfe, sophomore: "The situation would be less critical if there were more rooms with comfortable chairs available for student use. At the same time some co-educational study lounges are needed. How about utilizing the guest rooms in Gelston?"

Kent Kirby of the faculty also pointed out that a room set apart for student use only might help alleviate the problem. He was emphatic in stating that this should be a student project. The college might provide a room, but any redecorating, maintenance, providing of a record player, or anything else that needed doing should be done by the students.

The feelings of many students seem to be summed up in this statement by a junior man: "To the extent that the school recognizes the maturity of the students, and to the extent that they recognize the value of the institution as being such that the total growth of the students is possible—then the social behavior of the students should be looked on as that of adults in an adult environment. Students won't become mature until they are treated as if they are mature."



Alpha Sigma Tau

The ASTs would like to congratulate Jane Elsley who is now pinned to Dave Thompson of Delta Sigma Phi.

We are looking forward to seeing Mrs. Hawes, alumnae representative, who will be here Saturday.

Delta Sigma Phi

The Delt Sigs will be involved in many activities in the near future. This Sunday afternoon the annual "Apple Polishing Tea" will be held at the fraternity house. The faculty will be addressed by Senator Stanley Thayer, senate majority leader from Ann Arbor. We cordially invite the faculty and administration to attend.

Earlier in the day formal initiation will be held for the pledges, followed by a banquet in the Highlander Room.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Tekes have been enjoying the fine weather recently and have taken advantage of it to make some house improvements on the past few Saturdays. Paul Bergman, our house manager, has been in charge.

A few of our fraters have

taken advantage of the spring-like weather in another fashion, as Lou Economou is lavaliered to Sue Mitchell, John Rupke is pinned to Nancy Allen, and Tom Arndt, our former president, and Jan Meier are engaged.

Help week activities will soon be starting for our pledges,

as a final phase of their preparation to become Tekes. Last Sunday the pledges gave a pledge-active party for the active chapter, in honor of the fathers.

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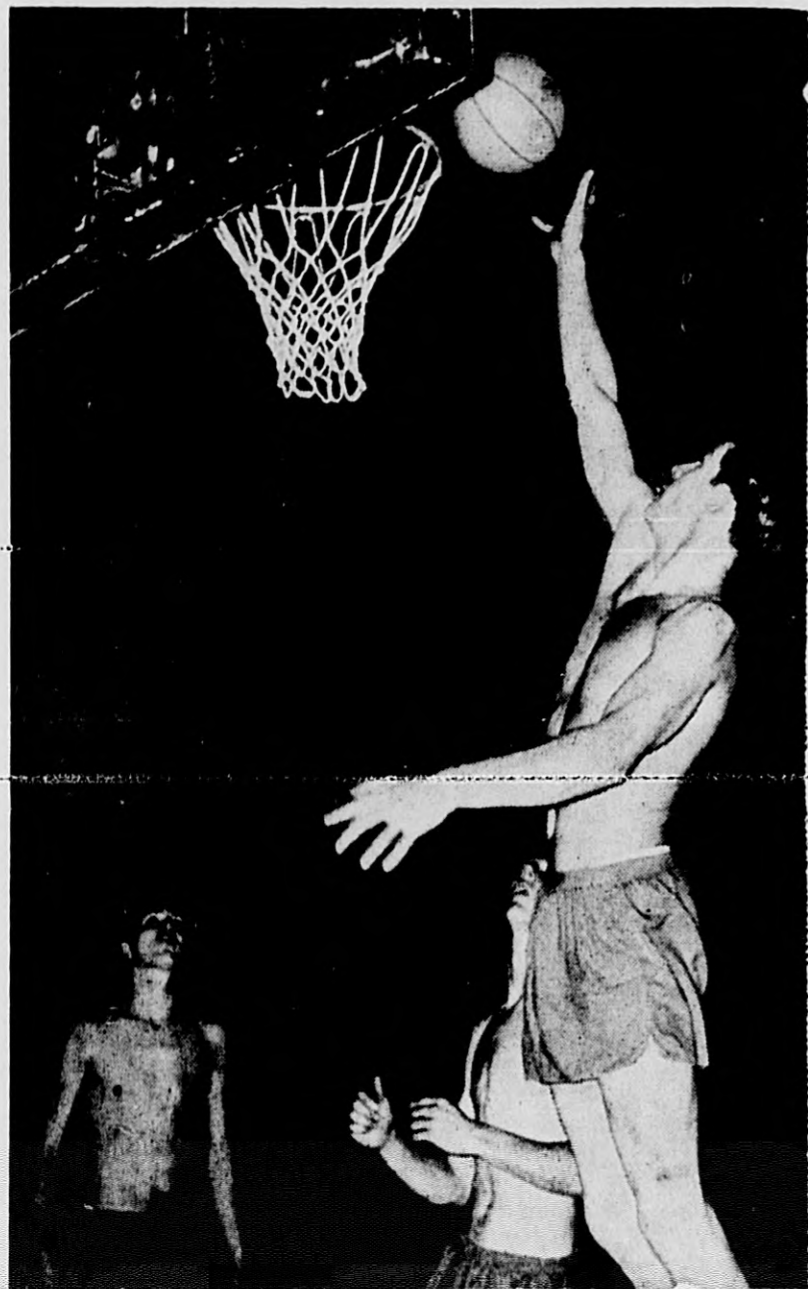
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Basketball Season Opens

Scotsmen Ready to Roll on LIT



Big Bud Acton scores another basket while Ray Moore and Bill Pendell look on as the Scots prepare for their opening game against Lawrence Tech. These three lettermen led the Scots to victory over Lawrence Tech last year. (photo by Kerr)

The Alma College spotlight falls on basketball immediately after Thanksgiving vacation. The Scot cagers open a rugged schedule on Monday, December 2, against Lawrence Tech. Tip-off time is 8 p.m. at Phillips Gymnasium.

Lawrence Tech, a perennial powerhouse in basketball, has the same team returning that split in two games against the Scots last year. In the last game of the season the Scots won a race-horse style game over LIT, 113-108, setting an all-time school scoring record.

In that game five Scots scored in double figures, with Bud Acton stuffing in 26, Ray Moore 24, and Bill Pendell 19. Earlier in the season the Scots dropped a thriller to Lawrence Tech, 64-63 at Detroit.

Lawrence Tech will have already played one game when it visits Alma. They also will be the taller team. Four Tech players on the squad are over 6-5.

Coach Wayne Hintz has been readying the team at Phillips Gymnasium this week in order to adjust to the larger floor.

Hintz is still undecided as to the starting lineup for the opening game.

Of interest to all Alma basketball followers, especially those in the Detroit area, will be the second game of the season against Lawrence Tech. The game will be played in the huge Olympia Stadium as part of LIT's Homecoming. The game will be on Saturday, February 1, during semester recess.

Here is this season's schedule:

Dec. 2—Mon. Lawrence Tech
Dec. 7—Sat. Ferris Institute
Dec. 9—Mon. at Central Michigan

University
Dec. 11—Wed. *Hope College
Dec. 14—Sat. *at Calvin College
Dec. 17—Tues. at Eastern Michigan University
Jan. 4—Sat. *Olivet College
Jan. 8—Wed. *at Kalamazoo College
Jan. 11—Sat. *Albion College
Jan. 30—Thur. at University of Chicago
Feb. 1—Sat. Lawrence Tech at Detroit Olympia
Feb. 8—Sat. *at Hope College
Feb. 12—Wed. *Calvin College
Feb. 15—Sat. *at Olivet College
Feb. 17—Mon. Northern Michigan University
Feb. 19—Wed. *Kalamazoo College
Feb. 22—Sat. *at Albion College
Feb. 24—Mon. Central Michigan University
Feb. 26—Wed. *Adrian College
Feb. 29—Sat. Ferris Institute
*MIAA games

Ashland Eagles Swoop Alma In Final Season Game, 21-0

The Ashland College Eagles proved they are probably as good as their 9-1 record indicates in downing the Scots 21-0 last Saturday at Bahlke Field. After a scoreless first half, Ashland utilized long runs in scoring their three touchdowns. It was the Scots' seventh loss in nine games and the final game for both teams.

Freshman halfback M. J. Bauer and fullback Lou Economou were the Scots' major ground gainers of the game. Another freshman, Dick Dana, along with Dail Prucka, led Alma's defenders against the Ohio school.

Early in the second half an Alma punt put Ashland on their own 12 yardline. But two plays later the Eagles' Bob Esmond found an opening and raced 88 yards for the first score of the game.

In the fourth quarter an Alma fumble set up Ashland's second touchdown. Gene French of Ashland found another opening and scampered 44 yards for touchdown number two. A 47-yard pass play set up the Eagles'

third score late in the game. This time halfback French went over from the one.

In a final attempt to get on the scoreboard quarterback

Mike Knowlton went to the air. He hit Jack Nigg on a short pass and the junior end displayed some fine broken field running for a 25-yard gain, Alma's

longest pass play of the game. However, an intercepted pass at midfield by Ashland ended all hopes of scoring as the game ended.



This Scot found a quick opening in the Ashland line and scampered for good yardage in last week's final game of the season. But, Ashland generally contained Scot runners throughout the afternoon and won 21-0. (photo by Beck)

Shots in the Dark

by Jim Martz

You don't have to look at the Scots' 2-7 football record to realize that Alma College has a fairly tough schedule and plays in a fairly tough league.

The fact that six of the Scots' nine opponents had winning seasons ought to be reason enough. Two of the teams the Scots did beat had losing seasons (Olivet and Wilmington), and the third (Adrian) downed the Scots 28-0.

This is not an excuse for another losing season, but it does point out the fact that the Alma gridiron met have week after week been up against some good small college football teams.

Just as an example of what other MIAA schools have been doing look at last weekend's results. Albion traveled to New York State to upset Hofstra University, 35-12. Meanwhile, Kalamazoo traveled to Ohio to tear apart Kenyon College, 71-20. And a week earlier K-College upset Earlham (Indiana) 15-2, stopping their 20-game winning streak—longest in the nation.

What Mr. Charles Skinner said in the almanian a few weeks ago may be apropos here. He referred to the fact that our college's president has never entertained the thought of building the school's reputation on its football team. He also mentioned the fact that our administration is trying out a new idea, namely, "that a football team can be maintained worthy of MIAA competition from a student body of Alma College's size by men who really want to play football." Our president is trying to sell this idea to other presidents in our league so that we will all be competing on an equal basis. We are confident that the others will eventually see their way clear to make intercollegiate athletics truly amateur.

Maybe these things ought to be considered before one attempts to degrade intercollegiate football at Alma College.

We're hoping to see a huge crowd on hand for the opening basketball game on December 2. Bring your horns, noise-makers, shells, voices, etc., to the game. One thing that would be nice to see at all home games would be a pep band to play the fight song and a few cheers, such as "let's go!"

Freshmen Beavers Down Sigs; IM Basketball on the Move

The Beavers, an independent squad made up entirely of freshmen, beat the Sig 6-1 Monday night in an "A" League intramural match, 47-34, in the second game of the year for both teams. Led by Dave Gray and newcomer to the team, Jim Sherill, the Beavers grabbed an early 10-2 lead and held on to the end of the half, maintaining a four-point lead, 24-20. Despite injuries to key players, Ray Terwilliger and John Duda, the Beavers increased their margin and outscored the Sigs by nine points in the second half, winning 47-34.

High point man for the Sigs was Al Baker, scoring all 14 of his points in the first half. Ted Rowland and John Goldner were responsible for eight and six points, respectively. Jim Sherill and Dave Gray led the Beaver attack with 29 points between them. John Foster contributed seven points to the

winning efforts of the Beavers, who should be an interesting team to watch in the weeks to come.

In the earlier game, the Teke Took-ems had little trouble with the Faculty winning 39-24, after taking an eight-point half time lead, 18-10. Van Mulligan led the way in the low scoring game, gathering 16 points for the Tekes, followed by Steve Bushhouse with 11. For the Faculty, Don Phillippi was high scorer with ten points, with Alan Barker capturing four.

The "A" League standings as of Tuesday, November 19:

	W	L	Pct.
Took-ems	2	0	1.000
HTS	1	0	1.000
Sig Taus	1	0	1.000
Beavers	1	1	.500
Sig 6-1	1	1	.500
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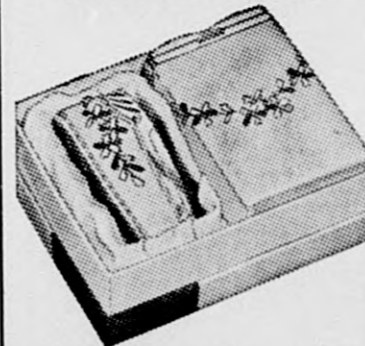
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