

New Frosh Endure First Of Orientation

The 1963-64 school year began last Sunday when 300 new students arrived on campus to spend three days in orientation and testing before registration.

Most of Sunday afternoon involved convocations, meetings with advisors, and a reception for students and parents.

All day Monday the new freshmen began experiencing the rigors of college with placement tests and more meetings with faculty and advisors. A mixer that evening helped relieve the atmosphere. Meetings again were the order of the day on Tuesday, the final day of pre-orientation.

By Wednesday the upperclassmen had arrived in full force for registration. That evening the Freshmen-Sophomore Event, followed by an all-college dance and a free movie, concluded orientation events before classes began yesterday. Tonight at 7:30 the Frosh will attend their formal induction ceremony in the gymnasium.

COMMUNICATION

Dave Todd, chairman of the Communications Committee, announces the resumption and expansion of the daily bulletin service. Begun Wednesday, the bulletins will be posted on all clan and corridor bulletin boards in addition to the prominent places used last year to display the daily news.

All news items may be turned over to Dave Todd. Further details will be announced later.

\$75,000 Benefits Campus

Improvements totaling \$75,000 were part of the summer activities on campus, according to Dr. Stephen Meyer, business manager.

Hardly a spot on campus was left untouched as Memorial Gymnasium, Bahlke Stadium, Old Main, Pioneer Hall, Dunning Chapel, Tyler Center, Gelson Hall, Wright Hall, Reid-Knox Administration Building and the temporary library were included on the list of projects.

In the gym, offices were remodeled to make better use of the available space by department personnel, says Meyer. The annual program of waterproofing continued at the stadium as the risers and seats were painted and repaired.

Old Main received a few coats of paint on her interior walls as well as devices to control the heat level.

Completion of the temporary library buildings was accomplished with the full operation of lights and heat.

The lounge of Pioneer was re-draped and the interior extensively repainted.

Painted pews and washed walls are the improvement items in the chapel.

Tyler boasts new drapes in the TV lounge, Student Council and Tyler staff offices. Gelson echoes the cry on the north, west and east elevations.

Wright has a new entrance-way and the main floor lounge has advanced another stage in its redevelopment. New desks and chests were purchased and floors replaced in about 30 rooms.

The addition at the north end of the Reid-Knox Building was finished. The telephone equipment is housed underneath this new addition.

The Free Methodist Church on the corner of Cedar and Center streets was purchased and remodeled to accommodate the art department.

An additional parking facility to the north of the Mitchell Hall parking lot has been added.

The road connecting this area with the stadium has been extended eastward and named **See Improvements, p. 2**

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Compulsory Chapel Abolished

Swanson Announces Decision of Faculty Vote At Opening Convocation; Urges Attendance

President Robert D. Swanson announced yesterday at opening convocation that attendance at chapel services is now voluntary.

Dr. Swanson stated that

"Chapel has not been abolished; quite the contrary." He went on to say that Chapel should remain an integral and important part of campus

life, and perhaps it will become a more meaningful experience. "We have simply decided that there cannot be a service of worship under compulsion."

The Rev. Charles House, college chaplain, has announced that Chapel will be held on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. when there is no convocation or other campus wide event scheduled.

Attendance at convocations will be required. House stated that some convocations will be concerned with the central questions of the Christian faith; the approach to these questions, however, will be academic rather than in the context of a worship service.

The chaplain also announced that student-led vesper services will continue to be held on Sunday evenings. This, he said, is potentially the most significant thing we do.

House emphasized that in making Chapel voluntary the college is not abandoning its position, but rather strengthening it. "We want to present the Christian faith as a live option to thinking people." To require worship, he said, raised some barriers to consideration of the Christian faith.

A great deal of consideration was given to this question before a decision was reached.

Last spring the president requested that the faculty religious affairs committee recommend to him what they felt Chapel policy should be. Dr. Swanson in turn reported this recommendation to the faculty.

At the first faculty meeting this fall two faculty members presented the pros and cons of making Chapel voluntary. After a thorough-going discussion of the question the faculty voted to recommend to the president the establishment of voluntary Chapel. The president acted favorably on this recommendation.

Convocation Programs Expanded

Convocation programs have been expanded this semester because of the new non-compulsory chapel. A preview of the coming events was given by Mr. David Crownfield, chairman of the convocation subcommittee of the cultural affairs committee.

Dr. Leslie White, professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan, will begin the series on October 3. An internationally known anthropologist, White will speak on "Energy and the Development of Civilization."

Dr. Maurice Crane from Michigan State University, who has spoken before, will be back on October 22 or 24.

On November 19 Dr. Leroy Augenstein, chairman of the department of biophysics at Michigan State, will develop some area of the general topic of the human significance of the sciences.

Under a new policy, says Crownfield, members of the faculty will also be given a slot in the convocation time period.

Dr. Howard Potter and Dr. Edwin Blackburn are scheduled to speak but specific dates have not been set.

A music convocation will be given on January 7 and three or four more convocations will be announced later.



Dr. Swanson gets his chance to do a good turn for the new library as Mr. Reid Brazell, Miss Helen MacCurdy, Dr. Herbert B. Hudnut and the Rev. Wanzer H. Brunelle look on.

College Breaks Ground for New Library

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Alma College library were held on June 12, 1963, shortly after the termination of the spring semester. The activity was part of the program of the annual meeting of the Synod of Michigan of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

It was at the 1962 meeting that authorization was given for a capital funds campaign to finance a new library building for the College.

Construction of the \$915,000 building began in July. The library will contain study stations for 500 students and space for 120,000 books. Completion is expected by August, 1964 and will open to students at the beginning of the 1964-65 school year.

Participating in the ground breaking ceremonies were Dr. Samuel Weir, Executive of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan; Dr. Herbert B. Hudnut, chairman of the Alma College New Library Committee and pastor of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church of Detroit; Mr. Reid Brazell, chairman of the Alma College Board of Trustees and president of

Songs Are Theme For Homecoming

Homecoming's just a few weeks around the corner. The date is October 19. The theme for the parade floats is to center around names of songs. The theme for lawn decorations will remain the same—the game between Alma and its opponent, the Kalamazoo Hornets. This year the parade is to be narrated by public address system downtown and also on the campus. This will give the participating groups more recognition and an opportunity to thank their donors, publicize open houses, teas, etc. Also new this year is the location of the Homecoming Dance, which will be Van Dusen Commons instead of Tyler Auditorium.

Homecoming has many opportunities for students looking for extra-curricular activities. Students interested in helping with this year's Homecoming activities should see Tom Auer, general chairman, of Curtis Estes, dance chairman.

Leonard Refineries; Dr. Robert D. Swanson, president of the College; Miss Helen MacCurdy, College librarian; and the Rev. Wanzer H. Brunelle, pastor of the Allen Park Presbyterian Church and moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan.

Armstrong Wins Fulbright Award

Dr. William Armstrong of the History Department has received a Fulbright Professorship to the University of Helsinki in Finland. He will complete a nine-month term from October 1 to March 31 instructing eight courses in American History and Institutions.

The Tenth Is Payday!

Dr. Stephen Meyer, business manager, has announced that time sheets for work performed at Alma College in connection with a job assignment should be turned in to the Business Office by the first day of the month. Checks will be available by the tenth of the month but will not be available earlier than this unless the tenth occurs on a week-end, as during the months of November and May, in which case they will be available on the eighth day.

All student checks will be held at the Business Office for pick-up. Students who wish may request the Business Office to apply the check to their account.

Since all earnings are taxable, students must prepare a W-4 form at the Business Office if this has not previously been done.

In order to protect themselves students should check time sheets prior to turning them in to see that the hours worked are correct.

All time sheets must be signed by the supervising faculty member or administrative staff person; the pay schedule indicated, and submitted to the business office by the first of the month.

"I don't give speeches: I talk to the eyes I see. I don't recommend that as a general system but it is my way and it works."

These are the words of Mr. John Ciardi, poet, translator, teacher, editor, lecturer. And he's coming here next Monday.

Ciardi will appear in Dow Auditorium at 8 p.m. in the first of the 1963 Lecture-Concert Series. Tickets are available in the Tyler staff office and at the switchboard in the Reid - Knox Administration Building. They are free to students and faculty.

Ciardi is currently poetry editor of the *Saturday Review*.

Mr. Lawrence Porter, chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee, considers Ciardi "an extremely articulate speaker. He is one of the few men in recent years to make poetry a

controversial subject."

Students will have a chance to meet Ciardi from 4 to 5 p.m. in Tyler Lounge on Monday.

There is also a reception immediately following the lecture. It will be held in Van Dusen Lounge. All students are invited to attend.

A former professor of English at Rutgers University and assistant professor at Harvard University, Ciardi is the recipient of many awards—the Avery Hopwood Award, 1939; Blumenthal Prize, 1944; Eunice Tietjens Award, 1945; Harriet Monroe Memorial Award, 1955; Prix de Rome, 1956 and others.

He is a native of Boston, a graduate of Tufts College and he did graduate work at the University of Michigan. His works include *Other Skies, In the Stoneworks*, (available in our library) *How Does a Poem Mean?* and a translation of Dante's *Inferno*.

The following is one of his poems entitled "Beagles":

Beagles have big eyes and wet noses
and when they fall in love with any
part of humanity they stay there
as if it were important.

Had beagles as much sense as incest
in their pedigrees, they might learn maybe
to squint a little, and to wipe their noses,
when they look at what they take for God.

"We think we're getting our Series off to a strong start," says Porter, "and we hope students will turn out."

Alma Symphony Seeks Enlarged Membership

Did you know that Alma College has a symphony orchestra? It is a college-community organization and its membership includes student, faculty, faculty wives, and people from Alma and surrounding communities. Anyone is eligible to play. Student members are awarded one-half an academic credit per semester on a non-charge basis.

The Alma Symphony was organized three years ago by Dr. Sam Jones, who was then Director of Instrumental Music at Alma College. Jones directed the ensemble for two years. He now conducts the Saginaw Symphony and is still a member of the Alma College faculty. The present conductor of the group is Dr. Edward L. Kottick. Kottick is director of

Instrumental Music and has had wide professional experience as a performer and conductor. This summer he was one of ten conductors, selected from applicants all over the country, to participate in a Conductor's Institute in California. The Institute was sponsored by the American Symphony Orchestra League.

The Alma Symphony performs four concerts a year: Fall and Spring Concerts, a children's concert, and a joint concert with the Choral Union. String players particularly are needed, but auditions will be given to any qualified wind player.

Interested students, faculty, faculty wives, and staff, are urged to contact Kottick immediately in his office in the Chapel basement.

to the frosh . . .

Now that you're here, what do you think of it? It's a great place — picnics, dances, new friends. But brother, things haven't started to roll yet. Orientation has all but ended and when it does you'll have to depend on yourself — no more printed schedules telling you to be at Dow at 9, Folsom at 10, etc. You'll be strictly on your own. Best wishes and welcome to Alma College, 1963.



we applaud . . .

Finally! The decision has now been made and we, as members of a mature and free community, are no longer under the compulsion to worship. The administration has moved with careful consideration and with the slowness and caution that are inevitable, and indeed necessary for an established institution, but they have now moved.

We feel that the decision is indeed a wise one. The essence of worship is such that it cannot be compelled. Even for those who do not object to worship there is something wrong with being compelled to do so. Those who choose of their own

free will to attend and participate in Chapel, and we are hopeful that there will be many, will gain far more from such free participation than from compulsory Chapel.

We are in sympathy with the conviction of the administration that the Christian faith should be presented to every student as a live option, but we feel that the cosmopolitan nature of this community and its maturity are such that this presentation must take place through an academic consideration of the Christian faith, coupled with a voluntary program of worship. This we now have.

Seeing You Ask Me . . .

Words To The Wise

by D. Merit

With a swift kick in the proper place the great plaid giant has been able to wheeze a wail out of the bagpipes for the 78th time. With a roar along with a few mothers' tears and a little help from behind, the 250 odd name-tagged drip-dried freshmen have arrived to add to the old woman's strength and set the world on fire.

But ah, a word of warning skull-capped, sign carrying people: all that glitters may not be a girl's eyes. To aid the

uninitiated, Merit's words to the wise.

1. Chapel cards don't have to be purchased at the V Shop. Dean Boyd's secretary will give you your year's supply in her office.

2. Just because you take Marriage and Family Living doesn't exempt you from the draft.

3. No matter what the upperclassmen say they are going to do with their pole lamps, don't put yours there.

4. National Honor Society pins may be worn only on even numbered Mondays.

5. Write home and be sure to tell your mother you are getting eight hours of sleep every night and three balanced meals a day. And that you miss her and not the dog.

6. In case you are curious, some people do bowl at the 300.

7. Not all the people who work on the almanian are twinks; we just write that way.

8. Be kind to your R.A. You're the only friends he has left.

9. Honestly, if you wait long enough, you will find a college professor with a sense of humor.

Short Notes

President Robert D. Swanson has announced the election of four men to the Alma College Board of Trustees.

Roblee B. Martin, president of the Dundee Cement Company of Dundee; Ben D. Mills, vice president of the Ford Motor Company and general manager of its Lincoln-Mercury Division; Dr. John Arthur Visser, pastor of Westminster Church of Detroit; and Paul K. Heberlein, pastor of Centerline Presbyterian Church of Centerline, were elected as trustees of Alma College at the recent annual meeting of the Synod of Michigan of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Dr. John Kimball, Alma dean of student affairs, has been appointed to serve on the Michigan Community College Development Commission by Dr. Lynn M. Bartlett, Superintendent of Public Instruction. He attended a meeting of the Commission August 12 at Crystal Downs Country Club at Frankfort.

Miss Maxine Hayden, assistant professor of Health and Physical Education at the College, has been appointed to the Committee on Physical Education and Recreation of the Michigan Cooperative Curriculum Programs by state Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Lynn M. Bartlett. The program is designed to improve instruction in Michigan through bringing together the efforts of citizens, local school systems, institutions of higher education, voluntary educational associations and the Department of Public Instruction.

letters to the editor

Dear Young Republicans of Alma College:

During the last week of June and the first week of July, the Young Republican National Convention all but endorsed Senator Goldwater for President in '64!

I would like to inquire if the Alma College YR's support such a candidate and/or dogma. If so, you are pledged to the conviction that "the best gov-

ernment is that which governs least" (quote Senator Goldwater).

With this in mind, Republicans: How do you propose to handle such problems as:

1. Protection of civil liberties in the South. (try murder and demonstration riots)
2. Defending neutral pests: (try A. south Vietnam and the Diems. B. Pakistan and India fights.)

3. Test ban treaty: Goldwater opposes such a treaty while Senator Dirksen and President Eisenhower support it.

Remember: "Tippecanoe wants Goldwater too" (back to 1840).

"Welcome any Republican response in almanian."

Democratically yours,
Richard Merson
Wayne State University

Around The Campus

The following promotions were announced by President Swanson at Commencement exercises last June:

Dr. Musa Hussayni to full professor, Dr. Irene Linder to full professor, Dr. Robert Wegner to associate professor and Dr. John Kimball to professor of education.

Two professors were rewarded with income deductions this past summer. On

June 11 Mrs. Ronald Kapp, wife of Dr. Kapp, professor of biology, had a baby girl — Marda Ann, weighing seven pounds, five ounces. Ten days later, Mrs. Lawrence Porter, wife of Mr. Porter, English professor, delivered a six pound ten ounce girl—Katherine Callahan.

The officers of the Sociology Club for this school year are president, Robin Fox; vice-

president, Beverly Gill; and secretary, Coburn Colwell.

All psychology minors or prospective minors are asked to contact Dr. Henry Klugh in his office in the Hood Building.

Laura J. Hayden, Council Rapids senior, spent the past summer studying at The Merrill-Palmer Institute in Detroit.

"Lucky Jim" Kicks Off Film Series

The International Film Series will again be presented at Alma College this fall. The current series features a variety of films from foreign countries — England, France, Italy and India.

The series opens on September 29 with the showing of **Lucky Jim**, an English film based on Kingsley Amis' comic novel of academic life.

Other films to be shown are: October 13—**Paris 1900**, a French documentary of Paris from the turn of the century to the beginning of World War I.

October 27—**Bicycle Thief**, an Italian film set in Rome immediately after World War II, a noted example of film realism directed by Vittorio de Sica.

November 10—Several short films featuring the great French mime, Marcel Marceau, including his interpretation of Gogol's **The Overcoat**.

November 24—**The World of Apu**, a recent Indian film produced and directed by Satyajit Ray.

This series aims to present a selection of significant and entertaining films from various countries, films not otherwise available in our community and rarely shown by commercial theaters in this area. Showings are at 8:00 on Sunday evenings in Dow Auditorium. The dialogue is in the language of the country of origin, with English subtitles.

Ticket prices for this series of five films are: Singles \$2 per person, married couples \$3.50 per couple. On campus, tickets may be picked up at Hood 203. For further information regarding the series, you may call 463-3621 (Wesley and Elma Dykstra).

Camp Searching For Singers

Auditions are still being held for the A cappella choir, announces Mr. Dewey Camp. Any interested persons are urged to contact him in the Chapel basement office.

Practice time of the choir has been changed to 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to accommodate students with class conflicts.

44 Students Return Early To Begin Student Teaching

Forty-four student teachers returned early to campus to begin student teaching in schools in the Alma and St. Louis areas.

Teaching senior high are Nancy Berg, Mrs. Margaret Carr, Jeanne Cook, Lou Econou, Glenda Galovics, Mike Hamilton, Jan Lincoln, Mrs. Lynn Ludy, Karen Otwell, John Peace, Harold Rowell, Barry Sims, Don Smith, Sally Swanson and John Worthington.

Edwin Crook, Jane Elsley, Judy Gabel, Lorraine Jessop, Gerald Lafferty, Tom Mayle, Mrs. Sandra White, Janice Mier, Al Amstutz, Kathy Kirkham, and Penny Maguire are teaching junior high.

Elementary teachers are Kathy DeBruker, Klo Hartshorn, Glen Lake, Linda Magness, Barbara Sanford, Sally Simone, Sue Smith, Betty Bird, Sue Coleman, Carol Hutchins, Sue Bleeks, Mrs. Barbara Dean, Marilee Gordon, Gretchen Kuhl, ElRita Fair, Laura Huysen, Margaret Niemetta and Sally Stough.

The director of the elementary teachers is Dr. Sedley D. Hall, new to the education department this year. Mr. Walton Myhrum continues as high school supervisor.

IMPROVEMENTS

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Adam E. Sarver Drive, in honor of the man who left the money for the road to be built.

The City of Alma has vacated parts of Cedar and College streets. A portion of this space has been filled in and will be developed as a mall, extending east from the new library.

By October a semi-circle drive will be completed to give access to the Ad Building and temporary library on the other portion of Cedar.

NSF Grant Is Support Of Pollen Study

A grant of \$19,800 to Alma College from the National Science Foundation has been announced by Alma College president, Dr. Robert D. Swanson. The grant, to be used over a three year period, is to support research entitled "Pollen Analytical Studies of Middle Pleistocene Sediments", being done by Dr. Ronald O. Kapp of the Alma College Biology Department.

During the summer of 1963 Dr. Kapp made collections of fossil-bearing sediments in the plains states, including Kansas and Nebraska. Kapp believes that it will eventually be possible to determine past distribution of plants and climate of the ice ages.

Part of Kapp's work will be done in the United States. His study also will lead to consultation with colleagues during the coming year at the University of Cambridge in England, and at the Danish Geological Survey. Kapp has been invited to present a paper on this subject at a symposium of the International Botanical Congress to be held at Edinburgh, Scotland in August 1964.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 20—Friday	4	p.m.	President's Advisory Council	Reid-Knox Memorial Room
September 21—Saturday	9	p.m.	All-College Dance	Tennis Court
September 22—Sunday	8	p.m.	Sigma Tau Gamma-Alpha Sigma Tau Closed Party	Sigma Tau Gamma House
September 23—Monday	8	p.m.	Concert-Lecture Series—John Ciardi	Dow Auditorium
September 25—Wednesday	6	p.m.	Music Educator's Conference—Student Chapter	To Be Announced
	8	p.m.	Lambda Iota Tau	To Be Announced
September 27—Friday	4	p.m.	Cross Country—Calvin College	Bahlke Field
	8	p.m.	Tau Kappa Epsilon Open House	Tau Kappa Epsilon House

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Smith Sends Us Greetings From Nigeria

(Editor's Note: Jerry Smith, recipient of the Alma College African Fellowship, is teaching secondary school in Ikenne in western Nigeria. It is the Mayflower school at which the Reverend Charles House worked under Operation Crossroads Africa in the summer of 1962. The following is the first of a series of letters from Smith.) Dear editor, oldtimers, and first timers at Alma,

Greetings from the oldtimers and first timer at Mayflower school. It is presently 10:30 Sunday morning, August 25. The temperature is about 70 degrees and the humidity is about 125 percent. The rain is coming down in buckets. Well, not quite—the buckets are already on the ground. We set them under the eaves to catch water. We have nearly a tub full now, which will save many trips to the stream.

But before we get into that, let me tell you a little about what has happened to me this summer. Soon after school was out I was back at Alma, counting pollen grains with Dr. Kapp's help, identifying the plants I had collected in Kansas, and occasionally helping John Worthington tramp around the Vestaburg bog. Meals I ate at Saga with the rest of the summer help, and my bed was made with seven other Tekes and a bat in the Teke sack room.

The summer passed very quickly—passport and visa had to be obtained, shots and official stamps secured, supplies bought and packed. I sent my 195-pound trunk the second week in July and bought a notebook to record my experiences.

The problem is that the emotions which ran through me then defy accurate description. Do you recall how your stomach flips when you accelerate a car over the top of a hill? Well, that is the nearest I can come to describing my anticipation. This was when I felt straining at the leash, like a dog sighting a rabbit. Then there were also times of apprehension. A long round of goodbyes preceded leaving, accompanied by a few tears. I nearly shed a few myself—almost—when I thought of what I would miss, but I consider it a small price indeed for what I am getting.

Departure Delayed

My departure was scheduled to be Friday, August 16, but Friday morning came and I was still without a visa. I had postponed the flight when I received a cablegram from Lagos, Nigeria, (Mr. House) saying the visa had been approved. To make a long story short, it was arranged that I should leave on Tuesday, stopping at the Nigerian embassy in Washington on the way. The details were all smoothly worked out by Congressman Harvey's secretary in Washington.

I cabled my arrival time to Mayflower, but as I have discovered since, cables in Nigeria are handled by the post office, which is sometimes rather slow. Thus it was that I disembarked at Lagos airport Wednesday afternoon and found myself alone in a strange country, without any local money.

It was exciting. Mr. House picked up his mail at the U.S. Information Service, which was closed, but I did have a map and instructions to locate Mr. and Mrs. Donald Maxwell, Beverly Brown's sister and brother-in-law, at Methodist Boys School. I hired a taxi—two Nigerian boys—and we flew off to town.

The thing that struck me about this part of the city was its flatness. Very few buildings were more than one story high. They were made of mud or cement blocks covered with a smooth layer of cement and roofed with corrugated iron. The winding dirt streets, numerous goats, and occasional patches of grass, brush or trees, gave the impression of a con-

tinuous rural village.

We finally found the Maxwell residence and Mr. Maxwell. Introductions completed, Don told me that the road to Ikenne was washed out, that Mayflower had no phone, and that he did not know Mr. House, but maybe he knew someone who did.

We climbed into his car and headed for the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hill. He is the director of the Nigerian portion of the African-American Institute, the organization which made the arrangements for the Maxwell's teaching in Nigeria. The Hills live in one of the better residential areas. There are three of these around the city of Lagos.

Here the houses are two stories high, of African architecture, which accents smooth painted walls with grills of open cement work. They are generally small, but there are extensive plantings of trees, bushes, and flowers. The result is more like a well-tended garden than the clipped greenness of similar American areas. The asphalt streets are lighted with sodium vapor lamps.

Dr. Hill wasn't home and Mrs. Hill didn't know where Mr. House was staying, but she had met him at the Buckman's on the other side of town and they should know.

On the way to the Buckman home we passed over the famous Carter bridge through a river of people on bikes, in buses, and on foot. Some wore white shirts and ties, but most wore flowing robes and caps which look like a fez. The women wear scarves on their heads, tied so that the ends stick out in several directions. Those with babies strapped them astride their backs with bands of cloth and many carried things balanced on their heads.

Lagos, City of Contrasts

Lagos, like many cities, is a city of contrasts. New buildings, like the Port Authority building, Post Office and other government buildings, the Kingsway department store, the new hospital, the new hotels and other buildings, are spectacular, with large colored mosaics and grill work over shadowing market stalls and humble dwellings only a few blocks away.

Most of the streets are paved, though not all, and even around some of the new buildings are open or gridded sewers. Surprisingly, there are hardly any flies around these sewers, although many quick, variegated lizards are found.

Mr. Buckman was sitting on the dock in front of his house, and he told us that Mr. House was staying at the Mainland Hotel, which is back across town. Mr. House was very glad to see us and he said so. After a very good talk over sandwiches and tea we went wearily to bed.

(The letter will be completed next week.)

Five Alma Professors Spend Summer Studying

John Brown Digs Relics In Palestine

This summer Mr. John Brown, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, joined a 40 man staff engaged in its second year of archeological digging at Tell Ashdod, Israel. This was Brown's first field experience in archeology, although he has studied the subject previously.

He found the experience "thoroughly enjoyable," although he remarked that the change in climate, the manual work involved, and the low calorie intake in their diet also made the summer "rather trying" at times.

In his seminar this semester Brown plans to take up the subject of the methods and procedure used in archeological study, and the relevance of archeology to Biblical study.

The Tell Ashdod site, near the coast of Israel, bears evidence of occupation from the sixteenth century B.C. until the Byzantine period 2000 years later.

Artifacts from many periods in history were uncovered by the archeological team. One of the earliest artifacts was a marble seal believed to date from the time of the Patriarch Abraham.

The digging has also revealed a great deal of information about the Philistines who invaded Palestine in the time of King David.

Of considerable significance was a fragment of basalt stele with a uniform inscription. The fragment has been identified as part of a royal inscription of Sargon II of Assyria. This is the first such inscription that has been uncovered in Israel. This discovery substantiates the Biblical record of an Assyrian conquest of Israel in the eighth century B.C.

The project had the joint sponsorship of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (Presbyterian), the Pittsburgh Carnegie Museum, and the Department of Antiquities of the State of Israel.

Art Building Is Renamed Folsom Hall

The former Arts Building has been renamed Folsom Hall in memory of Alexander Folsom of Bay City, one of the original benefactors of the College. For many years the building served as the Chemistry Building, but when Dow Science Building was opened in 1959, the old Chemistry Building became the Arts Building, housing the departments of Art, Business Administration, Economics and Sociology.

The building was built in 1894. The second floor was the College Gymnasium while the first floor was occupied by the kindergarten training department. In 1922 the building was converted for use as the Chemistry Building.

On October 26, 1886, the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan accepted a gift of \$50,000 from Alexander Folsom for the purpose of establishing Alma College. Also accepted was an offer by Ammi W. Wright of Alma, of thirty acres of land containing two buildings. The gifts of Mr. Folsom and Mr. Wright made the establishment of Alma College possible. Through his lifetime Mr. Folsom aided the College with additional gifts. He left a bequest of \$30,000 to the College following his death May 5, 1889 at the age of 82 at his home in Bay City.

Chaplain House Returns to Africa

The Rev. Charles House, college chaplain, served the Operation Crossroads Africa program this summer as the area representative in West Africa.

Three Alma students also participated in this year's program. They are Jane Lewis, Jane Sloan, and Mary Ann Miller, who worked in Ethiopia, Nyasaland, and Sierra Leone respectively.

House's major responsibility was to supervise the Crossroads teams in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana, and Nigeria. He also took on responsibility for the teams in Senegal, Gambia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, and Niger when their area representative became ill in July.

He also traveled to Togo and Dahomey to arrange for projects in those countries next summer. He then visited six African universities to discuss the possibilities for a program that would combine work and study in Africa for American students.

Crossroads Africa was founded in 1958 by Dr. James Robinson who is presently executive director for the project. The program arranges for American students to work with African counter-parts in various projects, mostly involving manual labor. This kind of program has been found to open communication on a very meaningful level between the two cultures. One third of all former Crossroads are now back in Africa for long term service.

Three hundred and twenty students participated in Crossroads last summer. In the past three years seven students and two staff members from Alma have been involved in the program.

Pipers Wanted

Would you like to learn to play the bagpipes? At Alma College, you can. All it takes is work and practice on the student's part. Interested students are urged to attend a meeting with Dr. Edward L. Kottick on Monday, September 23, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Chapel. There they will be given full information on what will be required.

Last year, Dr. Harold VandenBosch, Vice-President of the College, Mr. Guile Graham, Director of College and Community Relations, and Kottick Director of Instrumental Music, held a meeting to discuss the lack of sufficient numbers of bagpipers on our campus. Since piping is an important part of the Scottish tradition at Alma, all three felt that something needed to be done. From that meeting came the establishment of a bagpiping class on our campus. Ed Baird, an Alma student and a master piper, agreed to act as instructor. A class was recruited, and the practicing began. As a result of that first class, we now have three students who are ready to join the Kiltie Band on Saturday afternoons as part of the Pipe Corps.

The pipe class is strictly extra-curricular. No credit is given, and the student buys his own practice chunter and instruction book. A modest tuition charge is made to cover the instructor's fee. If the student succeeds in the class, Alma College will furnish a set of bagpipes at no charge.

This year plans are being made to enlarge the piping class. Additional instructors are available, and it is hoped that a large number of students will take this opportunity to learn to play the ancient and traditional instrument of Scotland. All men and women freshmen and sophomores are eligible. Knowledge of music is not important.

Ping Travels To Europe for Conferences

Dr. Charles Ping, Assistant professor of philosophy and religion, was part of a group of 20 American professors who traveled in Europe this summer to study contemporary European philosophy.

This seminar was the first of its kind sponsored by the Institute for European Studies, Vienna. Its purpose was to help American philosophers to become aware of what is going on in European philosophy.

Ping pointed out that the really current and live arguments in European philosophy won't be published in book form and widely circulated in this country for several years.

The seminar spent a week at Oxford University in England, then went on to Paris for ten days, followed by another ten day session in Germany at the University of Tubingen.

At each University the group heard papers by leading young philosophers from that country and then had an opportunity to discuss these papers with their authors. This personal confrontation and the give and take created in the discussions was, to Ping, the most valuable part of the program.

Ping had an especial interest in the University of Tubingen since this was Hegel's University. Ping's doctoral dissertation was concerned with Hegel. He was given access to University records concerning this nineteenth century philosopher.

Kiltie Band Now Holding Fall Auditions

The Alma College Kiltie Band will be holding auditions through Friday, September 27, announced Dr. Edward L. Kottick, director of the Band. Interested students are urged to contact Kottick immediately in his office in the Chapel basement.

The Kiltie Band, one of the few of its kind in the country, performs at all the home football games and at one or more of the away games. The Band does little marching and performs no show maneuvers during half-time. It concentrates instead on fine performances of light music in a half-time format known as the "Alma Bandstand." The uniforms worn by the Band members are authentic and are imported from Scotland.

The Band meets three times a week—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—from 4 to 5:30 p.m. It carries one academic credit per semester and is a non-charge course. This means that you will not have to pay additional tuition if taking band gives you more than the maximum amount of credits allowed by your tuition.

Freshmen often feel that participation in Band might jeopardize their grades. Kottick refuted this statement: "It has been my experience," he said, "both at Alma and at other colleges where I have been, that a student who gets poor grades rarely does so because he is a band member. On the contrary, membership in the band can improve a student's grades. First, it gives him the invaluable opportunity to completely immerse himself in an enjoyable experience that is completely removed from the classroom. Second, he knows he needs to schedule his study time more efficiently, and frequently this helps to promote good study habits."

After football season and even before, the Kiltie Band See Band, p. 4

Eyer and Edgar Attend Convention

Professors Eyer and Edgar attended the 16th International Congress of Zoology at Washington, D.C. August 20-27. About 2,500 zoologists from 60 nations registered at this congress held in the United States for the second time in its history. The other time was in 1908 at Boston.

Eyer states that "It was the best organized and interesting large convention of its kind that I have ever experienced." Each morning one of a series of

biology of living things ranging from molecules to organized societies was in a plenary symposium given in English by the foremost scientists of the world. It was translated into French, German, Russian and Spanish. Afternoons were spent listening to scientific papers at specialized symposia. A visit to Smithsonian Museum, the National Zoo and the National Gallery of Art added much to the evening program.

Following the Zoological Congress Edgar proceeded to Beaufort, North Carolina to attend another week of listening to scientific papers on Estuarine Biology, the biology of the coastal waters of bays and estuaries.

Juniors Head Dean's List

At the end of Semester 154, ninety-four students were placed on the Dean's List for having a 3.50 semester average or better. Women outnumbered the men, 53 to 41. The juniors had the most members on the list with 29. The seniors, sophomores, and freshmen follow with 25, 21, and 19 respectively.

The seniors on the Dean's List were Naarah Crawford, 4.00; Donald Crowell, 4.00; Dorothy Deskins, 4.00; Joe Grover, 4.00; Rex Knight, 4.00; Nancy Raymond, 4.00; Ethel Smith, 4.00; Louise Yolton, 3.92; Joanna Moore, 3.84; Judith Gage, 3.82; Douglas Wilson, 3.82; Carol Hense, 3.81; Ann Heron, 3.76; Charles Skinner, 3.76; Samuel C. Smith, 3.76; Dorothy Ready, 3.72; Frances Henne, 3.71; Ann Dale, 3.70; Paula Simon, 3.70; Roberta Welch, 3.63; Hope Harder, 3.62; Danielle Dyer, 3.61; Charlotte Stanley, 3.61; Dorothy Stone, 3.54; and Patricia Gould, 3.50.

The twenty-nine juniors were Thomas Bailey, 4.00; Mary Coleman, 4.00; Marvel Daines, 4.00; Janet Doty, 4.00; Judith Gabel, 4.00; Nancy Kendall, 4.00; Laurence Marshburn, 4.00; Judith Ryba, 4.00; Terrence Davis, 3.93; Robert Snow, 3.93; Jerry Smith, 3.89; Nancy Berg, 3.87; Bonnie Cook, 3.87; Marion Ige, 3.87; Harold Harder, 3.82; Sara Ludy, 3.82; Linda Magness, 3.80; Haldis Unstad, 3.80; Walter J. Teeuwissen, 3.78; Robert Sherman, 3.73; Lorraine Jessop, 3.72; Gail Gustafson, 3.66; Peter Marks, 3.66; Rebecca Norris, 3.61; James Boyer, 3.60; Diane Elsea, 3.54; Timothy Johnson, 3.53; William Malpass, 3.53; and Sandra Myhrum, 3.50.

The sophomores listed were Alma Harper, 4.00; Glenna Lewis, 4.00; Glen Rice, 4.00; Michael Taber, 4.00; Douglas Wahlsten, 4.00; Nelson Lumm, 3.82; Janet Noftz, 3.81; Rosamund Fendler, 3.80; Karen Roehl, 3.77; Rosemary Ballagh, 3.75; David Todd, 3.75; John Jones, 3.73; Willis Gelston, 3.72; Betsey Tunander, 3.70; Thomas Auer, 3.68; Sylvia Stevens, 3.68; Mary Cheney, 3.58; William Ashby, 3.56; Robert Reitz, 3.55; and David Spencer, 3.53.

Freshmen placed on the Dean's List were Neil Jones, 4.00; Jam Kabiri, 4.00; Robert VonOeyen, 4.00; Jare Whitney, 4.00; Beverly Brown, 3.94; Conrad Smith, 3.94; Marcia Cam- See Dean's List, p. 4

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Bluffton Bursts Scots Bubble, 38-8; Face Manchester Tomorrow Night

The 1963 Alma Scots football team had its bubble burst early as they fell victims to Bluffton College Saturday night, 38 to 8.

The Ohioians' passing game proved to be the difference in the contest as Bluffton's passes connected for 6 aerial touchdowns, all for considerable yardage. Beaver quarterback Paul Etter did a brilliant job of faking the ball, and the Alma defensive secondary was caught time and time again coming up into the line to assist in tackling while Etter lobbed a pass to one of his receivers for six points.

After Etter had connected for his first aerial bomb and a six point Bluffton lead, the Scots' secondary looked like they would make a game of it.

Van Mulligan took the Beaver kick-off and handed off to Jim Johnston who found some open field and rambled 85 yards to pay dirt and a 6 to 6 tie game. Once the 6-foot sprinter found daylight no one could challenge him.

However, it wasn't long before Etter had fired the home-run ball again, and again, and again, and the teams left the field at half-time with Bluffton leading by the comfortable margin of 24 to 6.

The second half didn't change much in course from the first. The Scots were able to get a couple of offensive drives going, only to have them thwarted before reaching the end zone. Sophomore Sim Acton

hard for his yardage. He led the team in total yards gained with 43 of the meager 151 the Scots compiled.

The only other Alma score came in the final quarter when one of Mike Knowlton's passes was intercepted, and when the villain stepped into his own end zone he was met by a host of maroon jerseys and it was a safety for Alma.

Although the score and statistics were not impressive from the Alma viewpoint, signs of better things to come seem evi-

dent for the locals. In the Bluffton game it was a case of a lot of green ball players (over half of the squad are freshmen) against an experienced and highly rated team.

When our boys get some games under their belt, their true ability and fighting spirit will surprise a lot of opponents on these fall Saturdays. This is a vastly improved team over last year's winless squad, and the season promises to be one of fortune rather than famine.

Alma's second opponent of the '63 season, Manchester College of Indiana is a newcomer to the Scots' schedule. The Scots will travel to Manchester to play a night engagement.

Sign Up for Tournament In Tyler Now

Miss Barbara Southward of the physical education department has announced that sign up sheets for the women's and men's intramural tennis singles and doubles tournament will be posted on the Tyler Bulletin Board. Sign up will close Sunday, September 22 at 6. The tournament draw will be posted in Tyler Monday with the playing dates of each match.

Players should contact each other, set a date, and get tennis balls from Miss Southward; the winner should return the tennis balls to Miss Southward and post the score on the tournament draw in Tyler.

The doubles tournament will begin Saturday, September 28. The singles tournament will be played that day, and a trophy will be awarded to the winners.

Tennis Racquets, Golf Clubs To Be Available to Students

Tennis racquets and golf clubs will be available to students beginning Monday, announces Miss Maxine Hayden of the physical education department.

A check-out service in her office will offer the equipment two hours daily—one hour in the morning and another in the afternoon.

The student's activity card is required for deposit to obtain

the equipment and a fine of 50¢ per day is the penalty for a late return.

Students are responsible for the cost of repair of damage while the clubs or racquets are checked out in their name.

Equipment is available for weekends if checked out on Friday afternoon and returned Monday morning.

No balls will be supplied.

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becomes a Concert Band and begins preparation for the annual Pops' n' Pop Concert, the High School Music Day Concert, and the Christmas Concert. In the spring semester, the Band will go on tour, prepare a Spring Concert, and perform at Parents' Day, the Commencement.

1963 ALMA COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 14—at Bluffton
Sept. 21—at Manchester, Ind.
Sept. 28—at Olivet
Oct. 5—at Adrian
Oct. 12—HOPE
Oct. 19—KALAMAZOO (Homecoming)
Oct. 26—Open
Nov. 2—ALBION
Nov. 9—at Wilmington, Ohio
Nov. 16—ASHLAND

Archery

A women's archery tournament will be held on the archery field Saturday, September 28, at 9:30 a.m. The sign-up sheet for the tournament will be posted on the Tyler bulletin board until 6 p.m. next Thursday. Women who are interested in participating may contact Sally Stough, who will be in charge of the tournament. A trophy will be awarded to the highest scorer.

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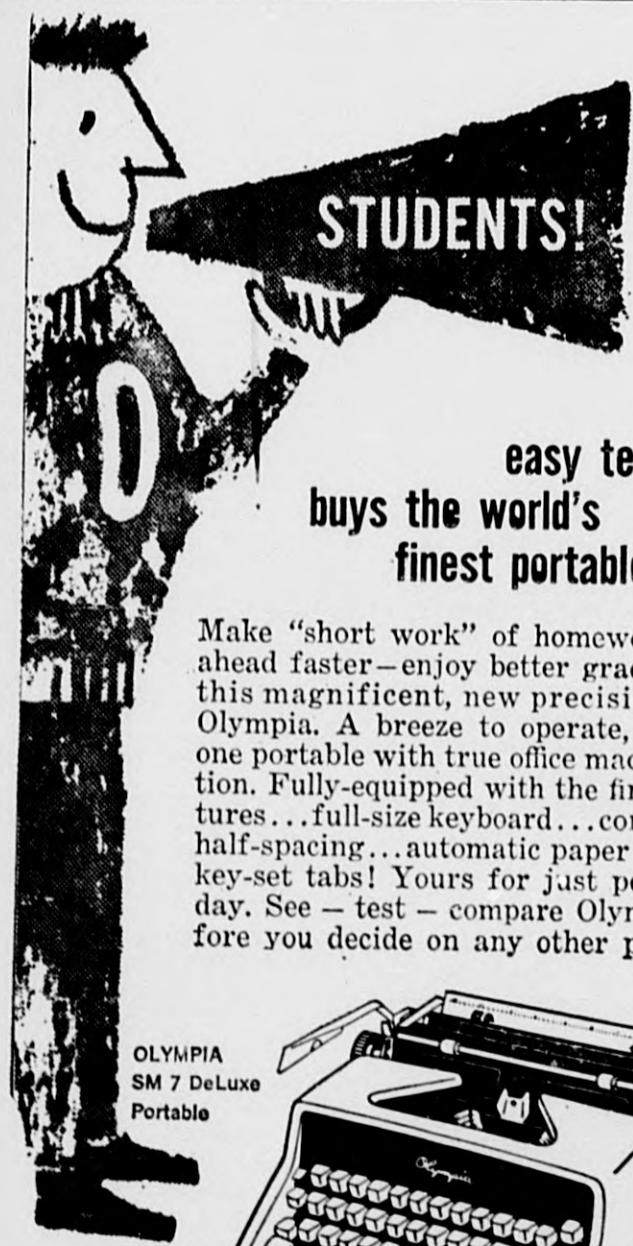
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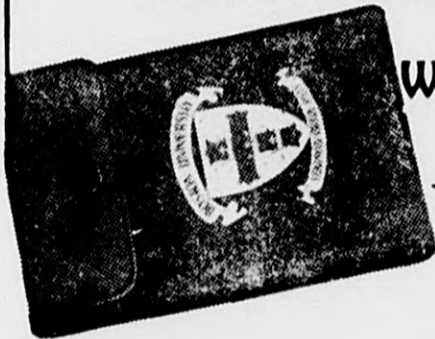
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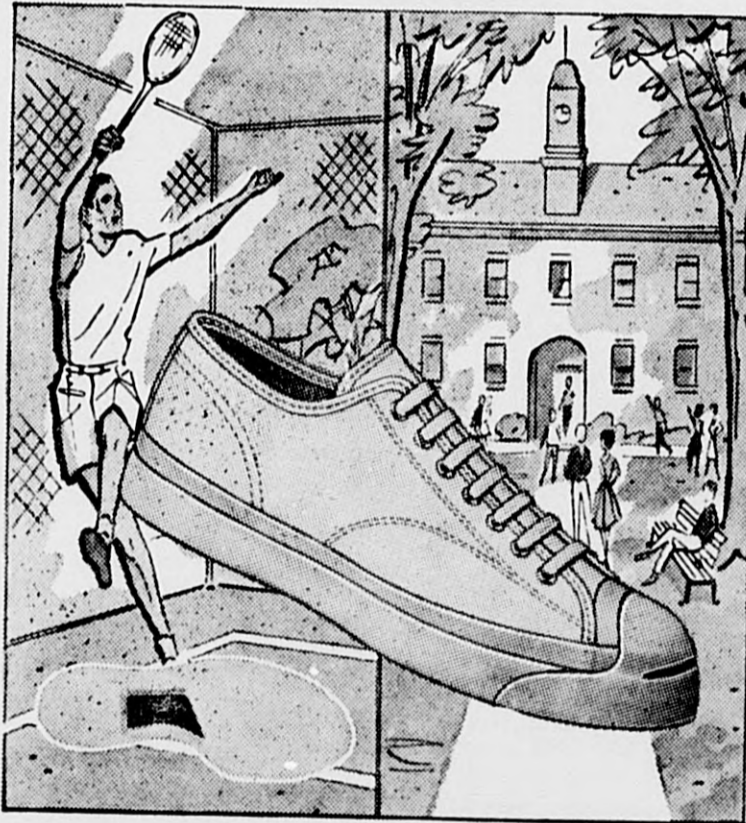
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