

U of M Prof To Speak

"Energy and the Development of Civilization" is the topic for convocation next Thursday. Professor Leslie A. White, chairman of the department of anthropology at the University of Michigan, will speak.

White, who will also be available for discussion in Tyler from 11 to 12 that morning, is the author of *Science of Culture* and *Evolution of Culture*. His special interest is cultural evolution.

Dr. Irene Linder, of the sociology department, says of him, "Mr. White is a creative, critical scholar. He is a man of courage and not afraid to present extreme positions when that is what he believes."

Mr. Kenneth Eckhardt calls him "one of the most distinguished and controversial intellectuals of our day."

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are required to attend.

Jones Conducts Symphony for Series

The Saginaw Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Samuel Jones is going to present another series of concerts at Alma this year. Jones, conductor and music director of the Symphony and also a visiting professor of instrumental music here at Alma College, plans to present two concerts this season.

The first concert is to be given Monday, October 7 at 8:15 p.m. in Memorial Gymnasium. The second concert which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 1964 is also to be presented in Memorial Gymnasium.

Tickets will be available at the information desk in the Reid-Knox Administration Building and in Tyler. Price for student season tickets are \$2 each and \$4 for adult season tickets.

Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 in E Flat, "Eroica", will be featured at the first concert. The second concert will have two features. Performing will be Bela Szilagi as guest pianist. Also featured will be the first Alma performance of Symphony No. 1 which was composed by Jones.

Gamma Delta Alpha, senior women's honorary, is holding a tea for all international students. It will be in the Reid-Knox administration building at 3:30 on Sunday.

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Appointments Number Twelve British Comedy Begins Series

The new International Film Series opens this Sunday evening, September 29, with the presentation of "Lucky Jim." This British comedy will be shown at Dow Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. The film is based on the novel by the same title by Kingsley Amis.

The film stars Ian Carmichael, Terry Thomas, and Hugh Griffith. It deals with the unlucky exploits of an assistant professor of history, a fun-loving tippler adeptly played by Carmichael. Invited for a "cultural" week-end to the home of his superior, he proceeds to make a complete shambles of the sedate affair.

One of the comments on the film observes that "especially wonderful are the satirical characterizations of the citizens of the academic world, broad enough to be uproarious, but bearing enough recognizable truth to sting. . . . The result might be referred to as 'sophisticated slapstick' if such exists." We shall leave to the

viewer the right to judge the delights at seeing the show at the start of the academic year at Alma. Any resemblance to characters in captivity may be interesting.

Saturday Review holds that "Ian Carmichael has preserved the essence of our rebellious conformist, face-making and all. . . . Remainder of the cast has been as shrewdly assembled, a glorious collection of intellectual lunatics to bedevil Lucky Jim."

Series tickets are now available from Professor Dykstra's office (Hood 203). There will be some tickets for individual films in the series. These will be available at the auditorium for 75c each.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council will have its first meeting Tuesday October 1 at 7 p.m. in Van Dusen Lounge. The new freshmen representatives will be sworn in.

120 Students, Faculty Hear Speaker Griffin

About 120 Alma students and faculty members traveled to Olivet on September 19 to hear John Howard Griffin speak. Griffin is the author of the all-college reading selection, *Black Like Me*.

Griffin, who traveled in the south as a Negro, denied the charge that he was a pro-Negro speaker. "I am," he affirmed, "pro-human."

He said his purpose in speaking was not to suggest any specific action, but to make people aware of the race problem in this country. He said that without the illusion of popular support the racists will disappear, but that all it takes for evil to win is for good men to remain silent.

His speech lasted for about an hour and a half before he opened the floor up for questions. A good portion of his speech was taken up by the story of Clyde Gnard.

Clyde was a brilliant young Negro who was placed on the dean's list at Chicago University for three years. When circumstances made it necessary for him to return to his home in Mississippi he attempted to enroll in a University in that state. After five years of consideration the University allowed him to enroll.

Before the semester began Clyde was jailed for two misdemeanors he did not commit. To prevent his entrance in the University, however, it was necessary to convict him of a felony. A charge was trumped up and Clyde was sentenced to seven years of hard labor solely on the testimony of a mentally deficient young man who claimed that Clyde had bought some chicken feed from him knowing that it was stolen. The supposed thief received no jail term.

In the prison Clyde was found to be suffering from cancer and was operated on twice. While he was still hospitalized from his second operation, Meredith enrolled at "Ole Miss". At the same time Clyde was put to work on a work gang from sun-up to sun-down. The prison warden and the Governor of the state both knew of his condition, yet he was forced to work each day until he collapsed.

After hemorrhaging most of one night he was allowed to see a doctor. The guard who drove him to the doctor threatened to throw him out into a ditch if he messed up the car. No one would help him into the doctor's office so he had to crawl in himself.

This kind of treatment continued until he was all but dead. Then he received an indefinite pardon—that is one that could be revoked at any time. This caution was un-

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Music Leaders Plan Year's Activities

Alma's Student Member Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference met Thursday, September 26, with Miss Miriam Bellville, advisor. Don Metcalf, president, Linda Robison, secretary - treasurer, and present members were on hand to plan for this year's activities.

Membership in the MENC is open to any student who plans to enter music education or who is planning a major in the field of music. The purpose of student membership in this national organization is to aid the students in becoming acquainted with the profession of music education through discussions, demonstrations, and programs, and also to give them an opportunity.

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Petitions Handed In, Frosh Start Campaigning

Monday the freshmen will elect their class officers and two Student Council representatives.

Petitions were handed in last Monday, and in the running are Jim Ladd and Bill Nichols for president; Mike Allexenberg, Tiff McKee and Fre Smith for vice-president; Kitty Carey and Susie Maguire for secretary; Marty Kearns, Dick Luther and Sue Smith for treasurer; Sue Dilts, Thomas Dymott, Gregory Jackson, Paul Larudee, Eileen McDougal, Sue McIntyre and Becky Mitchell for Student Council representatives.

The polls, located in Tyler Auditorium and Gelston Lobby, will open at 8 a.m. Monday and close at 5 p.m.

Twelve new faculty members were introduced to the student body last week at Opening Convocation by Dr. William B. Boyd, dean of the faculty. Since the limited seating space in Memorial Gymnasium made it impossible for everyone to be present at that time, the almanian is presenting a resume on each of the new professors.

Mr. John J. Agria comes to Alma with the rank of instructor in political science. He is a cum laude graduate of Kalamazoo College and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He has

done graduate work at the University of Chicago under several fellowships, among them a Woodrow Wilson, and he expects to receive his Ph.D. in the area of political theory in 1964.

Dr. Garo D. Azarian is joining the faculty as professor of French. Azarian's A.B. and M.A. were earned in 1933 and 1941 respectively at U.C.L.A., where he was given highest honors. His Ph.D. came from the University of Southern California in 1952. He is a Phi Beta Kappa member. Azarian has been active in his field, editing the French language

journal *Contact*. He was once the president of the Ohio chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French.

Dr. L. Alan Barker has been appointed visiting associate professor of psychology. Barker holds the A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University. He comes to Alma from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Dr. Edwin C. Blackburn will be an associate professor of

education. He holds the A.B. degree from Hobart College, the M.A. from Indiana University, and the Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He has taught at the University of Michigan and comes to Alma from Moorhead State College in Minnesota. During the past year he was on leave of absence from Moorhead and was a Carnegie Research Fellow in Asian Studies at the University of Michigan. Blackburn is also a member of the American Historical Association.

Mr. Dewey W. Camp will be an instructor in music. He will direct the A Cappella Choir, the Alma Choral Union and teach voice during the sabbatical leave of Dr. Ernest Sullivan. Camp holds a B.M. from the University of Alabama and a M.M. from Indiana University, where he is currently a doctoral candidate.

Dr. Smedley D. Hall, associate professor of education, comes to Alma from the department of elementary education of the Teachers' College, University of Nebraska. Hall holds the B.S., M.E. and Ed.D. all from the University of Nebraska.

Mr. John R. Keith will serve as assistant instructor in biology while Dr. Edgar is on sabbatical leave the first semester and Dr. Kapp on research leave the second semester. Keith holds the B.A. degree from Georgetown College and has also done graduate work in botany at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Kenneth A. Perkins is a new faculty appointment with the rank of instructor in psychology and part time clinical psychologist. Perkins received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin and the M.A. from Michigan State University, where he is currently a doctoral candidate. He has just completed an internship at the Hawthorne Center of Child Psychiatry.

Dr. Paul L. Splitstone comes to Alma from the University of Halifax with the rank of assistant professor of chemistry. Splitstone received his Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and his Doctorate from Ohio State University. His special field of interest lies in the area of the theory of physical chemistry.

Mr. Cornelius Van Zwoil has been appointed associate professor of German and Russian. Van Zwoil is a graduate of Calvin College and holds the M.A. from the University of Michigan. He has taught at Carroll College, Cornell University and Calvin College; he comes to Alma from Albion College, where he has been on leave while competing doctoral requirements at Michigan State University.

Dr. Donald S. Werner, who served as clinical psychologist last semester, will assume added responsibilities as an associate professor of psychology. Werner holds a B.A. from Union College and the Ph. D. from New York University. He was formerly in private practice.

Mr. Fred Smith has been named assistant dean of student affairs. Smith holds the B.A. and M.A. from Wheaton college and is currently a doctoral candidate at Michigan State University, where he spent the past year as head resident in one of the dormitories.

Here's Mud In Your Eye

The beanies and signs are now souvenirs, and another freshman orientation program has made its way into history, but not before the customary stumbling blocks were hurdled.

Activities for the yearlings included mixers, convocations, meetings with advisors, dances, and a movie. However, the freshman, sophomore tug-of-war proved to be the most active of the activities. A large hole, later filled with water, was bored into the earth behind Mitchell Hall, across which a rope was strung. The sophomores and freshmen took opposing ends and a real tug commenced right there.

The sophomores immediately pulled the freshmen towards the hole, but the "beanie-wearers" quickly rallied to dump two sophs into the drink. Their pride stunned, the sophs moved to regain their original form. However, they encountered additional resistance in the form of a 30'-high tree to which the frosh and attached their end of rope. Not to be denied, the barbarianism of the upperclassmen soon began to show as the freshmen plus tree succumbed to the hole's depths.

Thereafter all inhibitions broke loose. A little hand-to-hand combat and hand-to-face mud slinging was incorporated into the gathering.

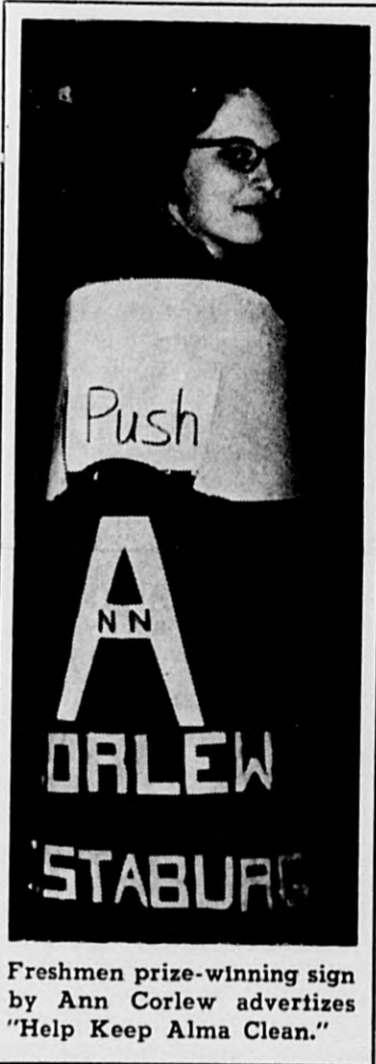
The remainder of the orientation program proceeded smoothly, reading the finale last Friday evening with the freshmen induction ceremony.

Street Project Shifts Traffic

Construction will begin next week on the widening of Cedar street, announces Dr. Stephen Meyer, Business Manager. Traffic across campus will be restricted further during the estimated three-week project.

Only the west entrance to the administration building will remain open. A snow fence, like the ones now bounding construction, will block the east side of Cedar street to Superior, explains Meyer.

Pedestrians will have to use the Superior Street sidewalk around this area.



Freshmen prize-winning sign by Ann Corlew advertizes "Help Keep Alma Clean."

dr. wegner to publish

A book on the poet e.e. cummings written by Dr. Robert Wegner of the English department has been purchased for publication. Tentative publishing date is January or September of 1964 by Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc.

Started in the summer of 1957, the work began as a doctoral dissertation. It was finished the next summer but not until later, at the prompting of friends, did Wegner take the book to the Michigan State University Press.

Although no contract was signed, MSU Press was interested in the book. So was the Harcourt company who asked to look over the work. This organization had become interested through a bound copy which cummings had placed in the library at Western Reserve. After examining it for about four months, Wegner says, Harcourt decided to buy the work. He spent the past summer revising and indexing the 200-page volume.

Wegner describes the book as "a critical appreciation of the philosophical convictions as related to the themes, images, and poetic techniques of e.e. cummings."

Projected title is "Prose and poetry of e. e. cummings."

fair warning . . .

"We are a campus of sloppy habits." This indictment of the habits of our and the college's daily life was given by a professor some time ago. It seems particularly pertinent at the beginning of this semester.

As individuals and as organizations we don't plan ahead. We're lazy. Take, for example, the planning of the opening convocation. Didn't anyone foresee that there would not be enough seats? One estimate was that about 200 students were turned away. This need never have happened—if someone had planned ahead. Arrangements have been made in the past to accommodate audiences larger than the one

which attended the opening convocation.

On the other hand, cooperation and quick planning organized the trip to Olivet College to hear John Griffin. So we can be efficient, if we make the effort.

Why, then, aren't we? Perhaps we need a stimulus to set the wheels in motion. This is fair warning—Tyler Board, senior class, Student Council, administration, or whoever—that the almanian intends to provide the stimulus.

One of the basic tenets of the editorial policy of this paper is to attack poor performance due to the lack of preparation. We have delivered our warning and now sit back to watch.

operation cooperation . . .

A really fine and significant evening was provided for those students who heard John Howard Griffin speak at Olivet last week. Griffin had some very important things to say, things that we not only should hear, but that we, in fact, must hear.

Our thanks most certainly go to the administration at Olivet for allowing us to share the evening with Griffin.

Thanks are also very much in order to several people on this campus who made the trip possible. Mr. David Crownfield first heard of the program and suggested a trip to head of the Cultural Affairs Committee,

made arrangements for the busses. Dennis Kellar and David Todd did much of the planning and publicizing the trip. All of these people worked with an amazing speed and efficiency. They certainly deserve our appreciation.

We look forward to a good year in the cultural life of this campus. The Cultural Affairs Committee has already shown itself to be in very capable hands, and the students' response to both the trip to Olivet and the lecture by Ciardi indicate enthusiasm and support for the program. hear the program. Mr. Lawrence Porter,

SEEING YOU ASK ME . . .

Dear Wormwood,

by D. Merit

The faculty and administration goofed. I mean they really blew it. Not requiring chapel; who ever heard of such a thing. My soul shall rest in peace if in some future year the president of this venerable institution will rise before the opening convocation and announce that chapel is once again required. Of course, I'll rest even easier if he mentions that the movement was started by some obscure columnist in the almanian.

The first thought of any responsible Christian should be disgust; the first action should be a protest. In the past The College has removed too many things. What is left to complain against? For responsible

Christians, I mean. We can't gripe about the food, the mud, or the price of cokes (registered U.S. trademarks). We have to lodge protests about Christian things, like required chapel. And now it is gone.

But, give us a few years and we shall rise again. There are still many targets left for us. Perhaps soon we will say that responsible Christians cannot understand why we must have a chapel at all. You know, it would really make a wonderful building to house the art department.

And after we responsible Christians move a little further, we may try to have God abolished, for, to paraphrase the poet, we usually feel equal to the task. And why don't

you cats ever do something constructive, you may ask. We will, as soon as the "After God, Then What?" department submits its report.

And you may also ask "Why-for do you tell us all this?" Well, maybe I think I am C. S. Lewis, but maybe also I feel the weight of the world upon my shoulders. Who am I to unleash the fury of the responsible Christians of Alma College upon the world without a suitable warning? We have moved mountains, but this may be only a start. The faculty and administration should have given much more thought and consideration to the parallel between a bull in a china shop and responsible Christians without a cause.

Around The Campus

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder will be the fall drama offering, announces Mr. Albert Katz, director. Open tryouts will be held on October 10 and 11 for the cast of thirty. Production is set for November 21, 22, and 23.

Dr. Gunda Kaiser has recently been initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma, an international honor society for women educators. Such well known people as Pearl Buck, Dr. Meta Glass, Dr. Margaret Mead, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and Senator Margaret Chase Smith are members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

The purposes of the society are 1) To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship; 2) To honor women who have given distinctive service in the field of education; 3) To sponsor and support desirable educational education and to initiate legislation in the interests of women educators.

The Kiltie Band still has openings for two more members. Brass players are preferred, but anyone is eligible.

The band is looking for an announcer for half time shows. Anyone interested in

the position should see Dr. Edward Kottick.

Any student interested in selling second hand pipe chanters and instructor's books are asked to see Dr. Edward Kottick.

Dr. Edward Kottick has announced that the piping is still being organized. Students interested in learning to play the bagpipes should see Kottick immediately.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 27—Friday	4 p.m.	Cross Country—Calvin College	
	7:30 p.m.	Delta Sigma Phi Hayride	To Be Announced
	8 p.m.	Tau Kappa Epsilon Open House	Tau Kappa Epsilon House
September 28—Saturday	7:30 p.m.	Freshman Variety Show	Tyler Auditorium
	9 p.m.	Sophomore Dime Dance Football at Adrian College	Tyler Auditorium
September 29—Sunday	3:30 p.m.	Gamma Delta Alpha Tea for International Students	Reid-Knox Memorial Room
	8 p.m.	International Film Series—"Lucky Jim"	Dow Auditorium
	8 p.m.	Fraternity Information Panel	Tyler Auditorium
October 1—Tuesday	10 a.m.	Chapel Service	Dunning Chapel
October 3—Thursday	10 a.m.	Convocation—Professor Leslie White — Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	Dunning Chapel
October 4—Friday	4 p.m.	President's Advisory Council	Reid-Knox Memorial Room
October 5—Saturday	9 a.m.	Second Annual Conference on Public Affairs for High School Students	Headquarters in Tyler Center
	12 noon	Fraternity Bids Given Out	Tyler Auditorium
	8 p.m.	Junior Class Girl-Bid Dance Cross Country and Football at Olivet College	Tyler Auditorium
		Art Exhibit—Michigan Artists Series — October 5-24	To Be Announced
October 6—Sunday	7 p.m.	Associated Women Students Installation and Recognition Candlelight Service	Dunning Chapel

letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
I am writing in regard to Richard Merson's letter appearing in the almanian September 20.

The Constitution of the Alma College Young Republicans forbids us from supporting any potential Republican candidate for the presidency prior to his nomination.

But I can guarantee that following the Republican National Convention we will wholeheartedly support whoever is nominated, be it Richard Nixon, Governor Scranton, Governor Romney, Governor Rockefeller or Senator Goldwater, and we will work diligently for a Republican victory in 1964.

Sincerely,
Richard Godfrey
President
Young Republican Club

Dear Mr. Merson,
I do not presume to speak for the entire Alma College Republican Club in my letter. However, these are my views and those of several of my YR friends regarding your letter in last week's almanian.

First, our Club Constitution states, "This Club shall endorse no candidate for any county, state, or national office prior to a Party Primary." No one can positively predict at this time the outcome of the Republican National Convention. It is true that Senator Goldwater is doing a great deal of "politicking," as we call it, at the present time and is changing

many of his views so that he is no longer considered a "radical Conservative." Thus he is making himself more acceptable to some Republicans but even more unacceptable to many others. I sincerely doubt that he can ever succeed in winning united Republican support. It is much more likely, I believe, that a dark horse candidate will be nominated for the Presidency. Consequently, the fact that the Convention "... all but endorsed" Senator Goldwater for President is '64 can have little influence on our Club.

Secondly, you surely realize that the Republican Party has two very distinct factions within it. The Young Republican National Convention was controlled to a great extent by the Conservative faction, and naturally this group would support Goldwater for '64. The fact that the Convention "all but endorsed" Goldwater was probably because this group did not control all the power.

Republican philosophy concerning government has usually been guided by Abraham Lincoln's statement that "the legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done, but cannot do at all, or cannot so well do, for themselves, in their separate and individual capacities." In all that the people can individually do as well for themselves, government ought not to interfere." This is not the

same as the broad generality that "the best government is that which governs least," as Senator Goldwater has said.

You mentioned civil liberties in the South. In recent Times and other current events magazines Goldwater's position on this subject has been stated quite differently from his original one, and this new position (strangely enough) is very much in accord with that of President Kennedy. I am not trying to defend Senator Goldwater because I certainly do not agree with or support him in many areas. However, Governor Wallace certainly is not aiding the cause of civil liberties and justice in the South, and he is not a Conservative Republican. The latter is a Democrat, but simply because

necessarily require that you support him does it, Mr. Merson? Neither do I as a Republican support Senator Goldwater merely because he is also a Republican.

One final note: the State Chairman of Michigan Federation of College Republicans is also a student at Wayne State. You will find many of his views quite different from mine and those of most of the Alma Republicans since he is very definitely conservative, but I'm sure you would find him a most interesting debater. Mr. Allen Howell is your man.

Very sincerely yours,
Susan Coleman

The Cat's Meow

With The Greeks

Alpha Sigma Tau

I love the Fall. The chilly mornings that paint gold and red over the Summer's greens and the busy squirrels racing to beat the snows remind me of the last days before Homecoming, when Alma's Scots are working frantically to finish their floats. I remember last year's float-parties and all the fun we had. It was such a ball riding to the other side of town every night to lend "enthusiastic" support and stuff napkins (excitement!) Even the professors contributed to the fun by heaping on assignments and tests (challenge!). And it's obvious that a great time was had by all—especially all who never showed up to work on the floats when they were supposed to.

So much for the reminiscing; let's open our eyes to some realities about Alma's last Homecoming. Ready? Reality number one: Several of the faculty of the College did not support float-building activities; in fact, these non-academic activities were ignored and even hindered by profs who scheduled tests and themes during Homecoming week. Number two: With the possible exception of the night before the parade, at least two of the floats were built by only a small part of the participating groups which were forced to work much harder under the burden of poor support from the rest of their groups. And a third reality: The first prize in the men's division was awarded to a prefabricated float and a float which was built in one night won first prize in the women's division.

Now, I'll grant that "flunking out" may be an exaggeration of the results of building floats, but, unfortunately, tests were flunked, grades were lowered, energy was wasted, and at least my ire was provoked by the absurd realities of last year's float-building activities. Something has to be done to prevent those misfortunes from becoming realities again this year.

Like my brother, Tiger Kat, I'm full of suggestions as well as criticisms. First, I appeal to the professors: Please postpone those tests or themes scheduled for the week of October thirteenth. Even if you don't agree with float-building, how can you justify punishing students who are compelled by group pressures and loyalties to help to support their group's efforts?

My second suggestion is to the students: You are attending Alma College, which has been rated second only to UoM for scholastic standards in the state. It would be ridiculous to expect to spend as much time on floats as was spent by some of the groups last year without some damage to your education. Therefore, take the lesson from the winners of the men's and women's division—plan more realistic limits on the size and building time of your float. Great size and lengthy preparation are not necessary for a winning float.

And finally, you have a greater responsibility than your obligation to your group: you can prevent the over-burdened minority of float-building slunk-outs by simply contributing your share of the work. If everyone helps you'll find that your share isn't that difficult anyway. So let's put on our napkin-stuffing clothes and leave the last-minute running to the squirrels!

Tom Kat

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portunity to learn more about the leaders in music education. With his membership in the Music Educators National Conference the student receives the "Music Educators Journal." Anyone who would like to join this organization, particularly any freshman who is anticipating a music major is asked to contact Miss Bellville at her office, or Linda Robison in GAYSON HALL.

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Men's Dorms Boast New Head Residents

Alma College boasts two new head residents in the men's dorms this year. Mr. Stu Strait, head resident in Mitchell Hall, is a 1962 graduate of Alma College. While attending Alma, he was a resident assistant. A member of the Alumni Council, he is proud and happy that he was asked to return. He feels very close to the College and considers it "a fine institution." Last year, Stu was a graduate advisor at Michigan State University, where he is presently working on a masters degree in college personnel. Golf and music are among his interests.

Mr. Tom Plough, head resident in Wright Hall, received his degree from Michigan State, where he was a resident assistant for eight terms, and

where he later served as a graduate advisor in charge of scholastics.

Being used to a large school, Tom enjoys the congenial atmosphere at Alma. He considers the all-school reading program "a step in the right direction," toward an even more cordial spirit among administration, faculty, and students.

Oriental religions, travel, and surfing rank among Tom's diverse interests. He spent this past summer in Hawaii, which proved educational as well as enjoyable and provided an opportunity for surfing.

Tom plans to take his masters degree in sociology of education at Michigan State. Both head residents expressed a desire to earn a Ph.D. degree.

Smith Continued . . .

The next morning I was introduced to the Nigerian custom known as "dash." Dash is a combination of tip, alms, or bribe and extends from beggars in the streets to some government officials. One good thing about it is that you don't have to wonder when to tip. If someone wants you to dash him, he will certainly let you know about it.

We telegraphed Mayflower that I was in Lagos and spent the remainder of the day trying to find letters or cablegrams from and send messages to the Crossroads groups in West Africa. The object was to get everyone collected and started on their way home. We met two groups which had come in on the train and were settled at King's College for the night.

They were a cosmopolitan group, including students, a Ph. D., an ex-Marine officer, a senior at West Point, black, brown, and white, and one Canadian. They were all very happy to see Mr. House and the last month's mail!

Friday morning was spent at the Ghana High Command, getting permits for one group to cross the Togo-Ghana border. They finally left and we went back to the hotel. I decided to go to the beach and was on my way when Mr. House and a white guy in native dress came roaring up in a taxi.

I was introduced to Peter Rousmanier and told that he had come from Mayflower to take me back. Peter has graduated from a prep school in Boston and plans to go to Harvard next year.

Meanwhile, he is going to put a year in at University College Ibadan, learning Yoruba language and African history. This summer he is living at Mayflower and helping catalogue library books.

The two main types of mechanized travel that the Nigerians use are travel by lorry or travel by wagon. The lorry is a small bus with a rack on top. People and produce are piled in, the people sitting on seats. A wagon is a truck with slatted sides and a roof. Two benches on the sides and a bench down the middle held the people and produce. Friday we went to

Following is the list of Western Civilization lectures for the coming week:

West. Civ. 101
Monday—Sept. 30—Homeric epics . . . Dr. Samuel Cornelius
Tuesday—Oct. 1—Pre-Socratic philosophy . . . Mr. Wesley Dykstra
Thursday—Oct. 3—Hellenic Greeks . . . Dr. William McGill
Friday—Oct. 4—Drama—Greek . . . Dr. Samuel Cornelius.

West. Civ. 201
Monday—Sept. 30—John Locke . . . Mr. Wesley Dykstra
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Jane Lewis Participates in Crossroads

by Sue Reed

"I just really didn't know what to expect." This was the feeling expressed by Janie Lewis before she was to spend the summer in Ethiopia as part of Crossroads Africa. Janie, a petite, brown-eyed senior, has returned full of enthusiasm about the program and virtually bubbles over when relating her wonderful experiences.

Janie's trip to Africa began after a week of orientation in New Jersey. The group was composed of two Canadians and eight Americans from quite varied backgrounds.

They left New York via Air France for Paris, then on to Cairo, and finally to Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. They received five more days of orientation before going on to Addis-Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. Another round of orientation awaited them there.

According to Janie, the problem in Ethiopia is one of finances and not colonialism. The whole income of Ethiopia is no more than that of a large university here in the U. S.

The people are also less racially minded. However, they have an interesting outlook on the situation. "They have Caucasian type features, a very light brown," says Janie. "And they consider the rest of the Africans as black, themselves as white, and Americans and Europeans as pinks."

Well, the Crossroad pinks were assigned to build a three room, L-shaped community center in Debre-Zeit, a small village near Addis-Ababa. "Oh," Janie added, "it overlooked the most gorgeous lake!" Her group was working with the Ethiopian Air Force and the community development committee.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't finish the project." There was a lack of money due to a misunderstanding between the committee and Crossroads.

The rainy season also hindered progress. The Crossroaders had to split eucalyptus logs and construct the frame. Chika mud was mixed with straw, rolled into big balls, and slammed against the wall. The rain did not help the mud dry.

Awassa, south of Addis-Ababa, provided the setting for an interesting adventure. Janie and a companion were met by a native who was gesturing as if he wished to show them around. "So, we said, sure!" Finally, after a considerable length of time spent traveling through scratchy underbrush, they arrived at a village. The native had brought them to meet his wife and family.

Later, it was learned that if they had been there three years earlier, they no doubt would have been chased with spears.

With a few experiences like this behind her, Janie will surely have lots of material for the fifty talks she will be giving during the next two years. This is one of the obligations of every Crossroads participant.

"I learned a lot about myself, the country, and the group," stated this Alma College coed. "It adds a new insight as to how people think, act, and react to different situations. And I've come to appreciate this country so much."

"If I don't go back to Africa, I know I'm going to continue in similar work in the U.S."

Of the whole trip, she concludes, "It's given me a big urge to study and to see the rest of the world."

Janie is living in 245 Gelston Gelston among the many lovely things she managed to bring home within the 44 lb. load limit. She would like to see Alma College represented every year in Crossroads Africa. Anyone who wants to know more about the program is invited and encouraged to talk to her personally.

"Universe" Is Subject; Why? We Live in It



Obviously talking to the eyes he sees around him in Tyler Lounge, John Ciardi discusses poetry informally before his lecture Monday night.

(photo by sa'di)

"My subject tonight is the universe. And I have an opening observation: we live in it."

With these words Mr. John Ciardi, poetry editor of the Saturday Review, opened the 1963-64 Lecture-Concert Series last Monday night. Dow Auditorium was almost full and the audience was highly receptive to the tall, graying figure at the lectern who now leaned forward, now stepped back to gesture expressively.

He spoke, appropriately enough, about poetry. He compared it to a piece of music and emphasized its existence in form. He told of poems that people brought to him and talked of children's natural love of poetry.

He read or recited poems to illustrate his points through it all ran a thread of laughter, evoked by his witty style of pertinent comments.

And so passed the evening, one of true enjoyment and relaxation with an intelligent and articulate poet who sat amongst us and talked.

Orchestra Warms Up

The Alma College Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. Edward Kottick, will hold its first concert of the year November 17.

"We have several new people, and greater student participation than ever before," said Kottick. "But we are constantly on the lookout for new students—string players especially are welcome to audition," Kottick added.

Student members of the Symphony Orchestra are: Vladimir Bibicoff, Susan Maguire, Hansan Yuan, Ann Price, Joan Bramley, Bonnie Wessendorf, Linda George, Barbara Sanford, Karen Wagoner, Nancy Taylor, Don Metcalf, Rebecca Williams, Rick Hall, Bob Miner, Roger McCollister, Larry Fieder, Jim Snyders, Shelly Dalzell, Dale Tuler, and Barbara Werner.

Faculty members and faculty wives who play in the Orchestra are: Phyllis Kapp, wife of Dr. Ronald Kapp, Dr. Ken Wolfe, Dr. Samuel Thorndike, Miss Maxine Hayden, and Mrs. Peggy Smith, wife of Dr. Robert Smith.

The rest of the Orchestra are musicians from the community of Alma and other surrounding towns and cities, including Breckenridge, Midland, St. Johns, St. Louis, and Ithaca.

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Ah, Come On

Manchester Continues Scots' Streak

GREAT SCOTS

by Jim Ralston

The 'Scots' are off to another poor start in the world of small college football. With the league opener next Saturday, our men have lost their pre-conference games against the out-of-state opponents. The offense has sputtered and the defense has been lacking in spots. The ball has been slippery in our hands, and sure in the hands of our competition. It is early in the season, but the crucial games of the 1963 schedule are at hand.

In most cases, the crucial moment of the season comes somewhere after the first half of the schedule. It is the moment which can turn a fair season into a more miserable one. But most cases aren't like the one at Alma. Most squads aren't riding the longest losing streak in the state, most teams don't have lettermen which have yet to be in a winning college game, and few teams face the situation the Alma Scots face at this time.

This year the team's potential seems much greater before when we won the fantastic total of two games. But I fear that if the Scots can't come through in this crucial moment, occurring so early this year, they will be faced with possibility of a second straight winless season.

The crucial moment is now! It is no use pretending it will come in three of four Saturdays, or even two Saturdays. The team is ready to play good ball, as ready as any team should be at this stage of the season. If the shabby play continues next week at Adrian as it did against Bluffton and Manchester, there is no reason to expect it will change at Olivet, Hope, Kalamazoo, or any other game. When the losses quickly pile up, the team morale drops very fast. Too many more setbacks will put team spirit at an all-time low. Excuses will be a dime a dozen. Blame will be placed everywhere except where it belongs. That is why it seems like its almost now or never next Saturday.

The Alma squad that travels to Adrian College for the league opener had better be a hard-nosed crew, because this has got to be it! No more pampering, no more "wait until next Saturday." This has got to be the Saturday for our

men to prove to themselves that they are a football team. This doesn't mean they will have to come home with a win; Adrian will offer some top-flight competition. But they will have to play the kind of ball that promises much better results than have been received for some time.

The incentive is there, the team is definitely there, the college is behind the Scots all the way. We could do it, we may be never!



Scots practice passing attack in preparation for Saturday's game against Adrian. (photo by Colladay)

The Scots made it two in a row last Saturday, and it wasn't two wins, as Manchester College of Indiana handed Alma their second straight loss of the season, 13 to 0.

The locals showed improvement over their previous game against Bluffton, as they stayed in the contest until the final minutes, but Manchester was evidently a "softer touch" than the other Ohio foe.

Manchester drove easily for their first score as they reached pay-dirt before the first quarter was half over. After the conversion of the extra point made it a 7-0 game, the Scots began to roll.

Led by freshman quarterback Jim Flora, and running backs Jim Johnston and M. J. Bauer, along with a hard blocking line of Tom Everson at center, the Ivan brothers, Mike and Nick at guards, Dail Prucka and Jim Gray at tackles and Jack Nigg, Barry Schupbach and Dick Dana rotating at the ends, Alma had several marches which came close to tying the score, but only close.

By the fourth quarter Alma had been stopped cold inside the Manchester ten-yard line

twice. They had also lost one touchdown when twelve maroon jerseys were on the field on the same play that Manchester's punt was blocked in the end-zone. They had also lost the ball three times on fumbles, and had every possible break go against them. But despite the breaks, the Scots dominated play in the middle two quarters, but to no avail.

In the fourth period, Manchester began to roll again and practically iced the contest with their second touchdown and a 13 to 0 lead midway through the last period.

Passing ace Mike Knowlton came off the bench for Alma in the final stanza in an attempt to get the Scot charges rolling. He hit Van Mulligan for three aerial gains, but three Scot fumbles in that quarter stopped all the Alma drives short.

The defensive squad played a much improved ballgame and were mainly responsible for keeping the Scots in contention. Line-backer Jim Gray played an outstanding game with 20 tackles to his credit. Line-backer Lanny Caverly added 12 more while linemen Gary Fitch, Dail Prucka and Bill Hayes collected 10 apiece.

Scot Thinclads Tilt with Knight's In Season Opener

The 1963 edition of Alma's cross-country team will journey to Grand Rapids this afternoon to face an uphill battle—literally uphill—against one of the most highly rated squads in the Midwest—the Knights of Calvin College. Calvin has copped the league title for the last few years and has upset such foes as former NCAA champions Western Michigan. Last year the Knights started the Scots off on a winless season as they took the first seven places, winning 15-50.

The Scot thinclads have been working hard in an attempt to keep history from repeating itself, as several members of the team returned to campus at the beginning of the month to start practice. Workouts are held at 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and range up to eight miles a day.

Captain of this year's team is senior letterman Tom Bailey.

CAMPUS

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in Van Dusen Lounge, Parnassians, the College's literary-artistic club, will have its first meeting of the year. Parnassians discuss and criticize creative student writing and art work throughout the year—the year's best work appears in The Pine River, the literary magazine. All interested students are welcome.

Mr. Walton Myhrum, instructor of mathematics, attended the National Science Foundation Institute, held this past summer at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana campus. Attended by forty college mathematics teachers, the Institute lasted for twelve weeks.

With special emphasis placed on group theory and advanced analysis, the purpose was to increase the teacher's background in new ideas and the modern approach in the teaching of mathematics. The program has been in session for two summers, and Myhrum has attended both times.

Several members of the modern language department spent the summer studying in the field of languages. Mr. Earl Hayward studied linguistics at the University of Michigan. Mr. Cornelius van Zwoll and Mr. Benjamin Barrera did their sturving at Michigan State University. Mr. Paul Tober studied French at the University of ??? in Montreal, Canada.

PIONEER The girls are back in Pioneer Hall! At a recent meeting the following officers were elected: Glenda McDaniel, president; JoAnn Zukas, vice-president; Margaret Geiger, secretary; and Judy Golden, treasurer. Student Council representative is Jacquie Harper and athletics chairman is Judy Shumeway. Helen Heinemann is religious activities chairman; Fire Marshall is Jacquie Flowers.

ley. Sophomore Vic Yurick has set the early pace and is generally regarded by his teammates as the man to beat. Vic is running his first season of cross-country at Alma, but he distinguished himself last spring by becoming the first Scot two-miler in several years to descend into the ten-minute range. Stu McKenzie, also a sophomore, and junior Earl Wilson are both returning lettermen who will be pushing Vic for first place.

Lloyd MacAskill, a junior, will be starting his first year of eligibility after transferring to Alma a year ago. Sophomore Warren Wyman is also out for the four-mile races for the first time. Three promising freshmen are Dave Bailey, who

hopes to give his brother some competition; Hugh Brennan; and Joe Young.

Missing from the 1963 squad is last year's captain, Jerry Smith, who is now in Nigeria. Jerry was consistently the Scots' best runner last year, and his 22:08 performance in the Albion meet was the low time for the season. The team is looking forward to his return next year.

Coaching the team is a '63 Alma grad, Don Phillippi, former captain of baseball and basketball and an All-MIAA athlete. Don feels that the team's chances this year are good if they can develop a nucleus of five men running consistently in the 23-minute range.

1963 ALMA COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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

OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

	Attempts	Yards	Average
Rushing			
Flora	13	36	2.7
Johnston	12	28	2.5
Bauer	10	23	2.3
Mulligan	1	4	4.0
Passing	Attempts	Completed	Yards
Knowlton	6	3	48
Flora	5	2	19
Johnston	1	0	0
Receiving	Received	Yards	
Mulligan	4	64	
Nigg	1	3	
Punting	Number	Yards	Average
Kovacs	4	178	29.5

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Touch Football Begins

Intramural Sports

Alma's 1963-64 intramural program started off the year with touch football on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Two leagues will be competing. "A" league will compete for the All-Sports Trophy while the "B" league will compete for another trophy.

Players are able to designate which league they wish to enter.

Teams were handed in by Monday, September 23. Players will be allowed to eat early. Athletic Director Bill Carr is in charge of the intramural program this year.

The following is the list of teams: "A" league: Sig Taus, Take-em's, Took-ems, Sig Six plus Two, and the Vets. The "B" league has the Piddley Squats, the Spastics, MacKenzie and Sutherland. There are more to be added to the "B" league.

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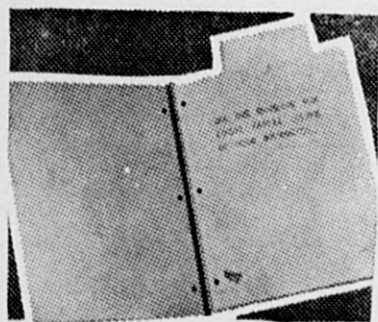
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