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Sororities consider nationals

By Richard Rodgers
Staff Writer

Exploring the possibility of joining national sororities, three local chapters have invited national representatives to campus with the help of Associate Dean of Student Affairs Judy Sachs.

Sachs said she sent letters of invitation to nine national sororities on behalf of the Kappa Iota, Alpha Theta and Alpha Zeta Tau chapters.

Responses were received from the Delta Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega and Delta

Zeta sororities.

Sachs said she considered this a compliment to this college.

The interested nationals will send representatives to campus making presentations. They will be checking the criteria of sororities as the sororities do the same to them. If one of the local chapters chooses a national that in turn had chosen them, a correspondence would begin between the two on the process of integrating with the national, according to Sachs.

KI President Kristen Keyes compared the process with a sorority rush, except that the entire sororities are looking each other over.

Financial concerns are also a big issue with all three local sororities as the dues paid by the members of a national would be substantially higher than they are now.

AO Vice President Chris Stewart explained that her sorority would need to know how much a change-over would cost each member and what benefits would be received.

"We want to get the story on what would happen in this chapter," said Stewart.

Members from all of the sororities said that they would be opposed to radical changes, such as elimination of traditions and events.

Asked about possible administrative pressure on the locals to go national, Sachs said that this institution is supportive of supplying the local sororities with the opportunity for national affiliation, but will not pressure them to do so.

"I would never belittle the difficulty of making these kinds of decisions and choices," Sachs said.

AAUW to present women's seminar on 'Getting to Know Advertising'

By Christine Paoletti
Staff Writer

The Association of American University Women will sponsor a seminar for Alma's senior women on January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Swanson Academic Center 113.

The topic for the evening will be "Getting to Know Advertising," and the film "Killing Us Softly" will be

ment.

Associate Director of Admissions and AAUW member Karen Bracey explained the purpose of the seminar: "To encourage seniors to get involved with the AAUW wherever they locate." Bracey also added that it was a good way to meet people with many diverse backgrounds especially when moving into a new community.

All senior women are encouraged to attend this meeting and any other AAUW meetings. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m. and a short meeting will precede the film.

Students, parents worry about bleak job prospects

ITHACA, NY [CPS]--"It really looks bleak and scary," said Dawn Levine, a senior at Cornell. "I live with six other girls, and our parents are always sending us articles" about how still the job market is these days.

All of them--Levine, her roommates, their parents--aren't moaning without cause. This year's college grads are chasing the fewest job prospects any college class has had for decades, a variety of observers say.

There will be fewer jobs this year than last for engineering, business and liberal arts grads, according to the College Placement Council (CPC), a trade group of campus employment counselors.

Michigan State's annual survey of some 600 employ-

ers found businesses will probably hire 17 percent fewer grads than they did last year.

And while they say they'll be paying the average new employee 2.8 percent more than they gave those from the Class of '82, "the real dollars earned by the Class of '83 will be less than the Class of '82," said John Shingleton, MSU's placement director.

Northwestern's annual Endicott Report is not yet ready for publication, but NU counselor Victor Lindquist says the student job market is the worst it's been "in 25 years."

The CPC's Judith O'Flynn Kayser said she hasn't seen this kind of tightening in the job market since 1975, in the wake of the Arab oil embargo.



Associate Dean of Students,
Judy Sachs

(Almanian file photo)

ACCD modules to explore study effectiveness, careers

By Danette C. Skowronski
Staff Writer

During Winter Term, the Advising Counseling and Career Development Center will once again offer several programs to aid students in

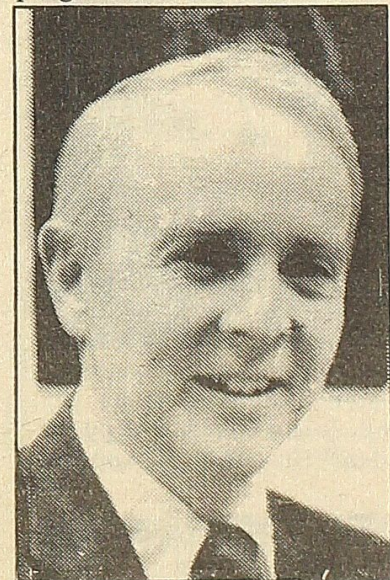
This ability . . . can make or break the chance for a potential job," ACCD Director Dr. K. Richard Pyle said.

Pyle also stressed the importance of practicums, emphasizing that employers are searching for those people who have experience.

For sophomores and juniors struggling to make a decision about their futures, Module III, "Academic majors and Career Decision Making" has been designed. students will be broken down into small discussion groups and work with a trained counselor to determine where their futures are heading.

For juniors who want a headstart on their senior year, Module IV, "Beyond College Planning," will be

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Dr. K. Richard Pyle

career preparation and academic effectiveness.

The programs, designed to help students in specific areas ranging from interviewing skills to test-taking abilities, can be enrolled for in the Winter Term registration line. The modules will begin during January and most entail only a few hours of time to complete.

Module II, "Practicum Planning and Interviewing Skills," is directed toward juniors and seniors. The interviewing section will be broken down into two parts: a cognitive "how-to" session and actual practice for the student with various employers from the community.

"Employers are looking at students in terms of their abilities to communicate.



Karen Bracey

featured. This topic deals with one of the associations major themes for the year, "Money Talks."

AAUW is a national organization made up of women's organization in the United States and it holds much political clout.

The association's purpose is to promote women's rights and women in general. They hold some of the same ideas as the National Organization of Women but they are more traditional in their ways. AAUW also directed a lot of effort into the ERA move-

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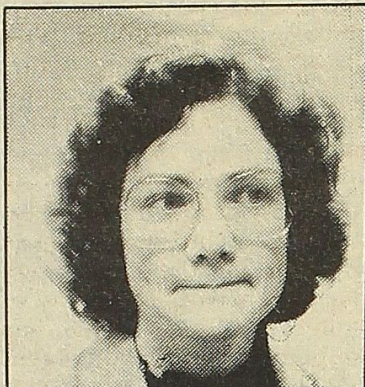
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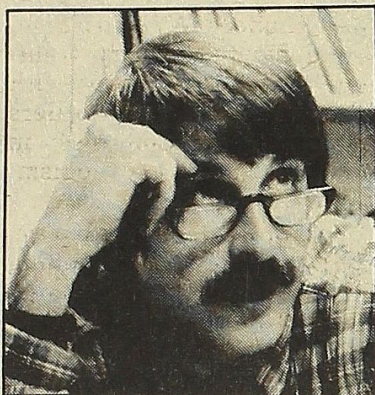
By Jeanette Hunt
Staff Writer

Q. What suggestions do you have for students preparing for final exams?

A. Dr. Jean Simutis: "Get a lot of sleep and space your study time evenly. Don't study one subject for a long time, it is better to switch gears because you concentrate better. If you have any questions ask the professor because the questions are sure to be on the test."

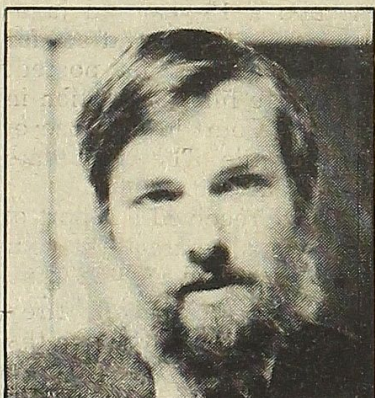


A. Dr. Eugene Pattison: "A teacher said to my pastor that the way to study for finals is study all the time. Master the major concepts and try to study with people who are well up on the subject. Also study in a quiet place with no distractions."



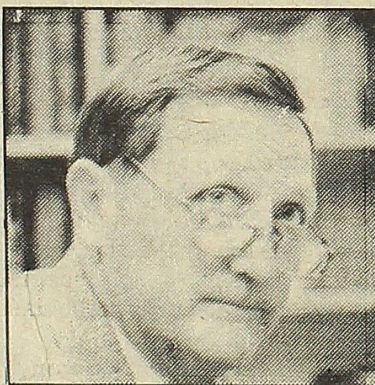
A. Dr. James Schmidtke: "The greatest problem is that students in fall term start thinking about Santa Claus and they look past finals. Finals are not over until the last final is written."

A. Dr. R. Smith: "Don't wait until the last day to buy the book for class and see what is inside before exams. To underline and write comments helps recall some important information. Students should read the questions carefully and write to the question, not around it."



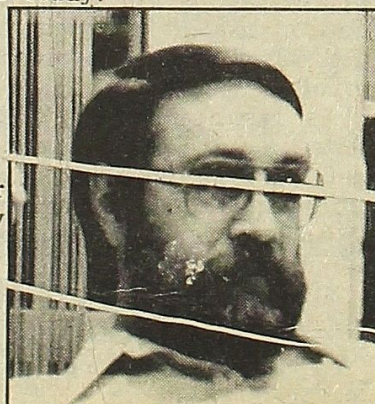
A. Dr. Walter Beagely: "Pretend you are writing the exam and that way you will come up with the same ideas as the professor."

A. Mr. Scott Messing: "Students should study regularly throughout the semester. It is disastrous to spend the last few days cramming. It is a triumph of poor planning to have so many students involved in sports events before finals."



A. Dr. Joe Sutfin: "Students should practice answering anticipated questions."

A. Dr. Frank Jackson: "Just study."



A. Mr. James Mueller: "There is no substitute for hard work and don't rely solely on cram recall."

Four Amway executives charged

OTTAWA (AP) -- Canadian prosecutors said Tuesday they will ask U.S. authorities to extradite four Amway Corp. executives accused of defrauding Canadian customs of about \$23 million by misrepresenting the value of Amway products.

Roderick McLeod, an Ontario assistant deputy attorney general, announced the extradition plans at the arraignment of Amway, its Canadian subsidiary and the executives.

The four officials and the parent corporation did not appear, having already announced at Amway headquarters in Ada, Mich., that they would fight extradition because their "fundamental constitutional rights" had been violated.

Amway and its officials have denied any wrongdoing, and have contended that Canadian officials understood and accepted the system by which Amway declared the value of its products.

Amway is the second-largest direct sales firm in North America, behind Avon. It reported revenues of \$1.2 billion in the year

ending Sept. 30 from operations in 25 countries and territories.

Amway has no retail outlets. Its more than 2,000 home care, beauty and other products are sold directly to consumers through more than 1 million independent distributors.

Doug Laidlaw, an attorney who represented Amway of Canada Ltd. at the arraignment Tuesday, said his client is "looking for as quick a trial as possible." Judge Bernard Ryan scheduled the case against the Canadian subsidiary for April 18.

Arrest warrants had been issued for Amway Chairman Jay Van Andel, President Richard De Vos and Vice Presidents C. Dale Discher

and William Halliday Jr.

They and the two companies are accused of misrepresenting the value of Amway products shipped into Canada between 1965 and 1980. The indictment says the company avoided payment of \$28 million Canadian in customs duties, an amount equivalent to about \$23 million at current exchange rates.

DeVos said last Monday the company believed news coverage of the case has "so prejudiced the Americans charged that a fair trial on the criminal charges is impossible."

The company placed advertisements this week with several U.S. and Canadian newspapers explaining its

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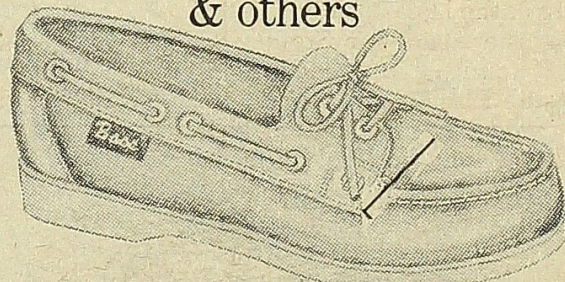
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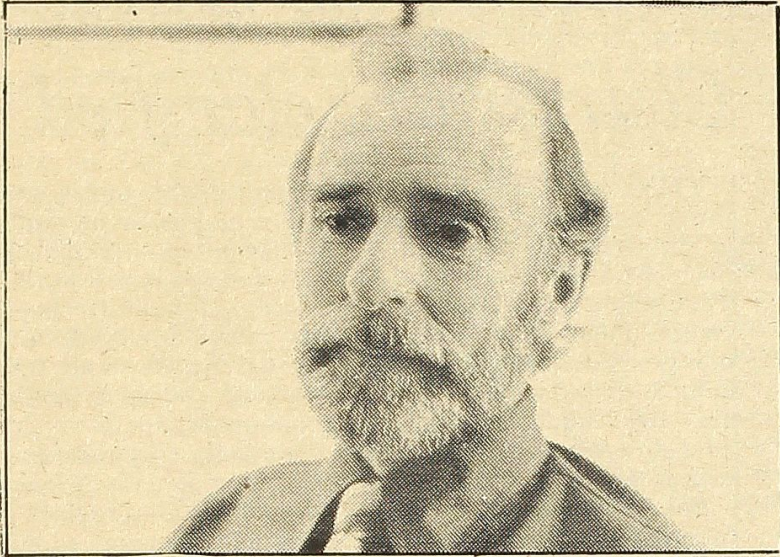
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Psychology Department Chairman, Dr. Henry Klugh

Third Psych 'Alumni Newsletter' released

Grad survey shows diversity

by Bob Needham
Staff writer

Psychology department Chairman Dr. Henry Klugh recently finished compiling an "Alumni Newsletter" of the current locations and activities of 79 Alma psychology graduates since 1963.

The 79 alumni who participated in this third survey made up 56.4 percent of the surveys sent out. Of the

respondents, about 33 percent continued in psychology or counseling. The other large trends were theology (12.6 percent of the alumni) and law (10.1 percent).

George Cottay, of the class of 1968, is now a Presbyterian pastor in Iowa. He was grateful for the psychology department's "spirit of honest inquiry" which has helped in his "development of a built-in bull--- detector that has preserved my sanity...in murkier ecclesiastical and other circles."

John Rupke, '65, a tax and real estate lawyer in Menomonee, Wisconsin, found his psychology training "helpful in coping with bizarre personality disorders exhibited by Congress in enacting new tax legislation."

A Georgia zookeeper, Ruth Vischer, '73, is "selling manure locally under name 'Feces from all Species!'"

Other occupations found among the psychology alumni include flying in-

structor (Lanny Caverly, '67), construction business owner and co-owner/director of a children's wilderness camp (Beverly Magley, '74) and an F-14 fighter pilot off the coast of Beirut (Byron W. Olson, '77).

Several of the graduates have published articles or books. Bill Kraus, '65, won the American Library Association's Outstanding Book Award for his work "Collaboration in Organizations: Alternatives to Hierarchy" (Human Services Press, 1980).

The graduates live all across the country, from Maine to Washington, Georgia to Texas and one in Cambridge, England.

Klugh feels that a psychology major prepares a student for such diverse careers by dealing with both "verbal evidence and quantitative material," he said.

"There's a lot of analytical work in psychology," Klugh continued. "You have to be able to develop your critical skills."

Klugh feels that continuing contact with alumni is "one of the most delightful parts of teaching." He plans another survey in 6 to 8 years.

"(Keeping in touch with graduates) provides us with a whole network of practicum," Klugh said. "We have some continuity here."

"A liberal arts degree is an excellent preparation for an incredibly diverse group of occupations," Klugh concluded.

"When someone talks about a degree from a liberal arts college and says, 'What can I do with it?', the answer is, 'Whatever you want to.'" Klugh said.

Sophomores elect Kushion as new Vice-President

By Kevin Zupin
Staff Writer

Mary Kushion was elected vice president of the sophomore class in a special election that took place last Monday.

"I'm really happy I won," Kushion commented. "I was really involved in student government in high school and wanted to get involved in college."

As for her goals, she stated, "I'd like to try and get the sophomore class more united, and am looking forward to working with the administration."

Student Council Vice President Tony Trupiano stated, "It was a very close election, and I'd like to thank

all those who ran. They did a fine job."

About 42 percent of the sophomore class turned out to vote which was about average, Trupiano stated.

Trupiano went on to comment that he wished to apologize for the inconvenience of having to postpone the election until after Thanksgiving break.

The election had originally been scheduled for Nov. 30 but was postponed due to mechanical difficulties.

The vacant office of vice president was created when Bill Veurink, the class president, left school last month. The vice president, Kevin Ryan, took over the president's duties.

Council debates business society

By Richard Rodgers
Staff Writer

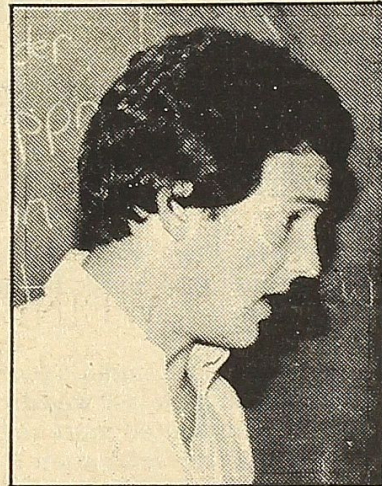
A national honor society for Business students was the main topic at Student Council last Wednesday.

Council passed a motion to explore the possibility of an honor society for business students, who make up a sizable portion of Alma's student population.

In other business it was announced that Mary Kushion was elected Sophomore vice president. Kevin Ryan, the previous vice president, took over the presidency following the departure of the last president.

Also, the Academic Standards Committee announced the establishment of new

scholarship awards. The awards will be given to incoming freshmen in the areas of dance, drama and debate. The awards will



Greg Hatcher
(Almanian Photo/Rodney Curtis)

range in value from \$200 to \$1000.

Following break, Council is planning a student-administration forum. This discussion will enable students to make comments and criticism to members of the administration and get their feedback.

A Christmas party, sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will take place this Saturday in Tyler from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Two arrested in Mitchell break-in

Alma--Alma City Police arrested two Alma residents on alleged charges of breaking and entering in Mitchell Hall on the Alma College campus on Nov. 27.



French horn soloist and senior Martha Cratsenburg performed at the student recital last Thursday. Cratsenburg and ten other students played in front of an audience of peers and professors, the latter who judge them to determine final grades. The next student recital will take place this Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

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Opinion

Viewpoint

Finals anxiety may not be necessary for excellent results

Stress anxiety is a mental and physical stifler. It bogs down the mind and exhausts the body because of aggregating worry.

Finals week is that time of year when many students are transformed into a bundle of nerves by this anxiety--the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde effect with academic stress as the elixir.

Perhaps a new perspective on the 14th week of the term is in order. Getting intense may help some students study for the "big" test, but after a certain degree it becomes detrimental. Much more can be accomplished when the mind is clear and refreshed, and the body is relaxed.

Begin preparations now for a more relaxed atmosphere

For a maximally productive effort from the body, some helpful prescriptions should be kept in mind. Time management to ensure all is accomplished before deadlines is a must. Study time should be scheduled, but time for relaxation is also a necessity in planning an agenda.

Energy drives the body and every meal is crucial along with adequate sleep each evening, especially the night before an exam. Saga study breaks and short

breaks every few hours of studying keep the mind refreshed with renewed energy.

With all the pages of lecture notes and required reading, it is difficult to know where to begin. Contrast to popular belief, professors don't want students with nervous breakdowns, so they often advise specific methods of studying to make life a little easier. Remember, it may be too late to start reading October's assignments, so a realistic view of the studying ahead can prevent hours of anxiety.

However wise these suggestions may be, some students feel they prepare best by studying intensively the day before the exam. To each his own. But, an ominous air of tension affects even the most relaxed. Everyone has tremendous workloads facing them, so complaining and whining about the "too much to do" only worsens the situation.

All-nighters are quite common, but they should be accomplished through will power and not means of pharmaceutical agents. If a stimulant is perceived as necessary, coffee or tea should be the extent. The physical cost of harder stimulants greatly exceeds the rewards earned.

Grades are a primary concern at most colleges and universities, but they are seldom worth the abuse of one's body and mind. Life at Alma College is a preparation for the "real world", and actions here set a precedent for life after Alma. If anxiety, pressure and tension are uncomfortable now, new outlooks and methods should be welcomed in achieving future goals.

Letter to the Editor

Courses are clarified

I have recently discovered much confusion concerning the winter term offerings of Soc. 381: The Sociology of Peacemaking (2 cr.) and Public Policy 380: Disarmament: Economic, Political, and Social Aspects. These are two separate courses dealing with quite different materials.

Soc. 381 will deal with theories and approaches to conflict resolution and conflict regulation, and the implications of such approaches to a wide spectrum of social phenomena from interpersonal to international. Public Policy 380 will

explore disarmament with a heavy emphasis on nuclear disarmament. It will look at past and present efforts and attempt to identify the crucial issues involved in disarmament as well as to evaluate possible/probable consequences.

Students may take one or the other or both. From the registration materials distributed, I am not sure this was perfectly clear. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me. My phones are 463-7186 and 463-4539.

Dr. Verne Bechill

Reagan and politics and the economy and

By Eric P. Blackhurst
Associate Editor

This week's editorial thoughts that never became articles.

President Reagan's tour of Latin America last week may have contributed more to the cause of destabilization than to peace as the president wasted his time with anti-communist proclamations rather than offering substantive economic solutions compatible with our neighbors needs.

Instead of pledging a larger American role in such programs as the International Monetary Fund and the Inter-American development Fund Reagan simply offered democratic rhetoric, insignificant loans and, of course, increased arms sales to Central and South American nations.

With financial crisis and social upheaval threatening

to overtake the entire region, the Administration's arms sales policies will not lay the basis for stability and economic development. Rather, they will only serve to reinforce the militaristic learnings of the area and ultimately heighten tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States.

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The unemployment rate for November topped the 10.8 percent mark setting the highest jobless level since the Great Depression. This is one record nobody wishes to claim responsibility for--especially President Reagan.

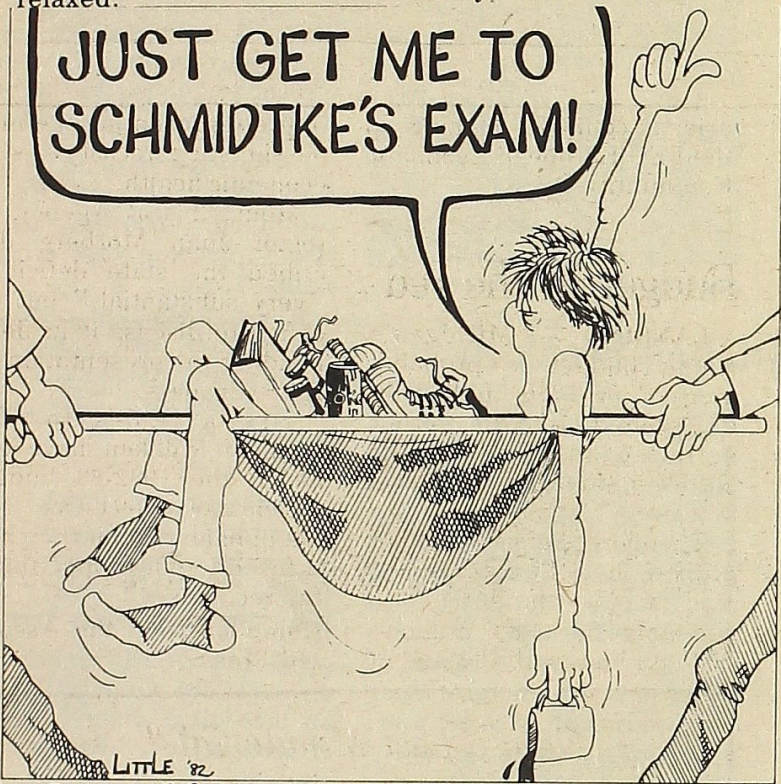
Despite the fact that unemployment figures have continually risen throughout his administration, the president consistently blames democrats for the employment statistics. This, however, is nothing new. The first rule of politics is never take responsibility for bad news. Reagan had Poli. Sci. 101.

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When President Reagan arrived in Brasilia and promptly announced his elation at visiting Bolivia one had to grimace at our leader's blunder. But the grimace turned into downright red-faced embarrassment when Ronnie, after being informed by an aid that he was in Brazil, apologized to his audience explaining that Bolivia was his next stop. The catch: Reagan never visited Bolivia on his Latin American trip.

One has to wonder how well a president can conduct foreign policy when he doesn't know which country he is in much less which nation he is due to visit next.

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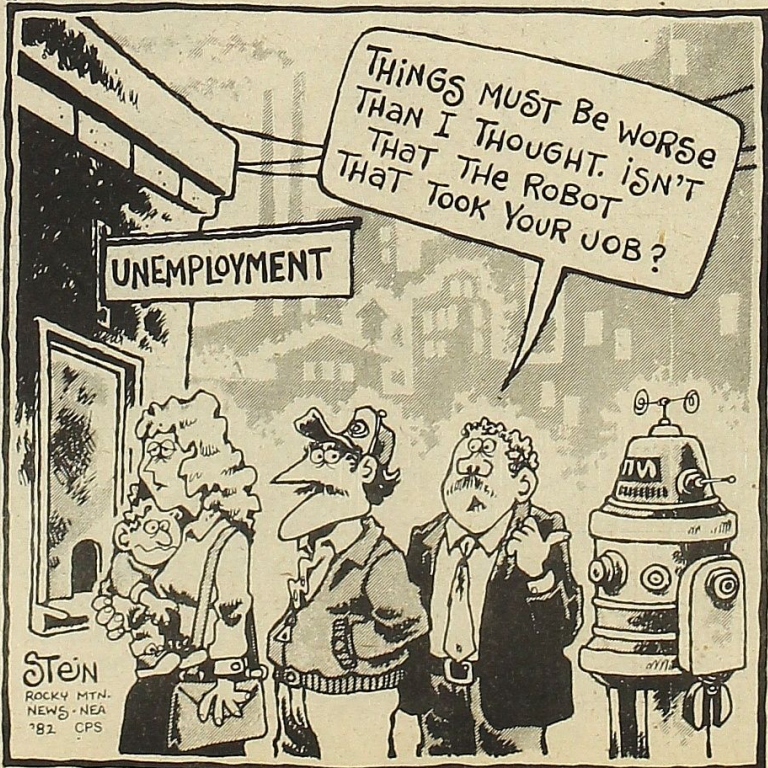
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Gas tax approved

WASHINGTON-- The House Ways and Means Committee gave tentative approval Thursday to a nickel-a-gallon increase, to 9 cents, in the federal gasoline tax to finance a massive program of highway and bridge repair.

The proposal, backed by President Reagan as well as leaders of both parties in Congress, would raise an estimated \$5.5 billion a year. Administration officials say that comes to about \$3 a year for the average motorist.

Pope slates trip

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador -- Pope John Paul II will visit war-torn El Salvador early next year, the Roman Catholic Church here announced.

"His Holiness, John Paul II has confirmed he will

come to El Salvador toward the end of February or at the beginning of March, 1983," Monsignor Gregorio Rosa Chavez said in his weekly homily at Metropolitan Cathedral.

Kennedy bows

WASHINGTON--Sen. Edward Kennedy said Wednesday he won't seek or accept the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination even though he believes it was his to claim. With his children alongside, he cited "overriding" obligations to them for the decision to dismantle a budding campaign.

21 age proposed

WASHINGTON--Two Cabinet secretaries say they favor having states raise the legal drinking age to 21 to help reduce traffic fatalities

caused by drunken driving.

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis and Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker told the Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving last Monday that raising the drinking age would save lives.

Controls urged

BOGOTA, Columbia-- President Reagan, moving north on his four-nation tour of Latin America, arrived here Friday for talks with Columbia's new leader about the country's huge exports of marijuana and cocaine to the United States.

Reagan flew here from Brazil for a half-day visit. State department officials said Reagan was prepared to discuss Columbia's huge drug exports and Reagan's campaign for strict narcotics controls.

Mexicans change

MEXICO CITY -- Miguel de la Madrid took office as president of Mexico Wednesday and vowed to "wage combat" against a crippling economic recession with an emergency program of spending cuts, tax reforms and job guarantees.

Tax reforms, guaranteed employment and efforts to channel credit to national development are key provisions in the plan, which he said would be revealed in detail during his first month in office.

EPA cited

WASHINGTON--A White House subcommittee voted Thursday to cite Anne M. Gorsuch, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, for contempt of Con-

gress for withholding documents on President Reagan's orders.

The 9-2 vote by the House Public Works investigations subcommittee came after Mrs. Gorsuch invoked executive privilege in withholding the documents dealing with EPA's toxic waste cleanup program.

Spy trial twists

LONDON -- Hugh George Hambleton, charged as being a Soviet spy, was a double agent for the French and Canadian governments "who successfully penetrated the Russian espionage organization," his defense lawyer said Wednesday at the Canadian professor's trial.

The claim was the first indication of the basis for the plea of innocence entered by the 60-year-old former NATO economist at the start of the trial last Monday.

Stateline

State gave aid

LANSING -- The state's rehabilitation agency contributed more than \$1.5 million in fiscal 1982 to help 2,700 handicapped Michigan residents take college courses and receive job training, the state Board of Education said Tuesday.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services, a division of the board, works with financial aid offices of the state's nearly 100 colleges and universities to help handicapped people get state and federal grant money.

If the grants are insufficient, the agency supplements the aid with state and federal money of its own, said Education department spokesman Tom Farrell.

Radioactives leak

CHARLEVOIX -- Slightly radioactive waste water drained into a septic tank and drain field at a nuclear power plant and may have ended up in a city sewer treatment facility, a federal agency says.

The contamination at Big Rock Point Nuclear Power

Plant near Charlevoix was disclosed last week in a report by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. According to the NRC, the radioactivity is at an extremely low level and is not dangerous.

Hikes wanted

DETROIT -- Michigan Bell Telephone Co. on Tuesday asked the state to approve a \$451 million rate increase--or an average of \$10 per month per household--to buy new equipment and to increase the company's profit margin.

The request, the largest proposed rate increase in Michigan Bell's history, was filed with the state Public Service Commission and

would raise basic residential phone rates 50 percent, the company said.

Subsidies asked

GRAND RAPIDS--American farmers need special export subsidies to expand overseas markets, increase their income and compete effectively with foreign producers, Michigan Farm Bureau President Elton Smith said Wednesday.

"The largest concern we should have is that some countries, especially in Europe, have increased subsidizing exports at very high levels," Smith said. "We American farmers can compete against farmers anywhere. We cannot, however, compete against the treas-

uries of countries making up the FEC European Economic Community."

Budget in the red

LANSING -- Michigan's young budget is probably more than \$330 million in debt, almost double earlier estimates of the deficit, according to legislative fiscal analysts.

Theodore Ferris, director of the Senate Fiscal Agency, said Tuesday the deficit will probably be \$335 million--\$535 million, with the higher

figure representing the most pessimistic forecasts of state economic health.

House Fiscal Agency Director John Morberg described the state deficit as "very substantial," but declined to discuss it in detail pending a presentation to House leaders.

Fiscal aides to Gov. William Milliken have conceded the 1982-83 budget, which took effect Oct. 1, is out of balance. But they have refused to put a price tag on the red ink yet.

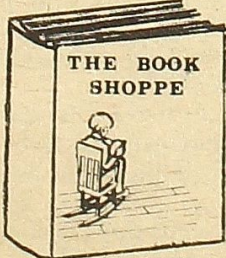
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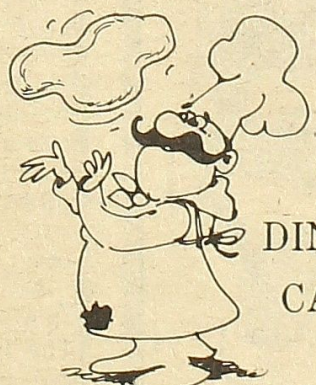


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Features

AC College Bowl sharpens minds

By John Rowland
Staff Writer

Where would you be most likely to hear the following question: A cell infected by a virus makes and releases this protein into the bloodstream. In turn, the protein causes healthy cells to manufacture a substance that inhibits viral multiplication but does not affect healthy cells. For 25 points, identify the catalyzing protein.

No, you haven't tuned into the Joker's Wild. In fact, you probably just passed AC 113 on a Monday or Tuesday evening. Those are the nights Alma College's "varsity sport of the mind" takes to the "field". The name of the game is College Bowl.

College Bowl teams in conjunction with the Alma College Union Board have been answering questions for over four years. According to ACUB Major Events Chairperson Kim Taylor, College Bowl features a quizbowl-type format. Two teams of four players each field questions asked by a moderator. The team that buzzes first and answers correctly gets a chance to answer bonus questions worth more points. Questions cover trivia, science, history, politics and current events. The team with the most points at the end of two, nine-minute halves wins. Faculty members are involved both as moderators and judges.

At Alma, College Bowl is played as a double-elimination tournament. The winner will advance to regionals during the first week of February--and a good showing at regionals could mean a shot at the national championship. Twenty-three teams entered this year and as the competition enters the third round, fourteen teams are still in the running.

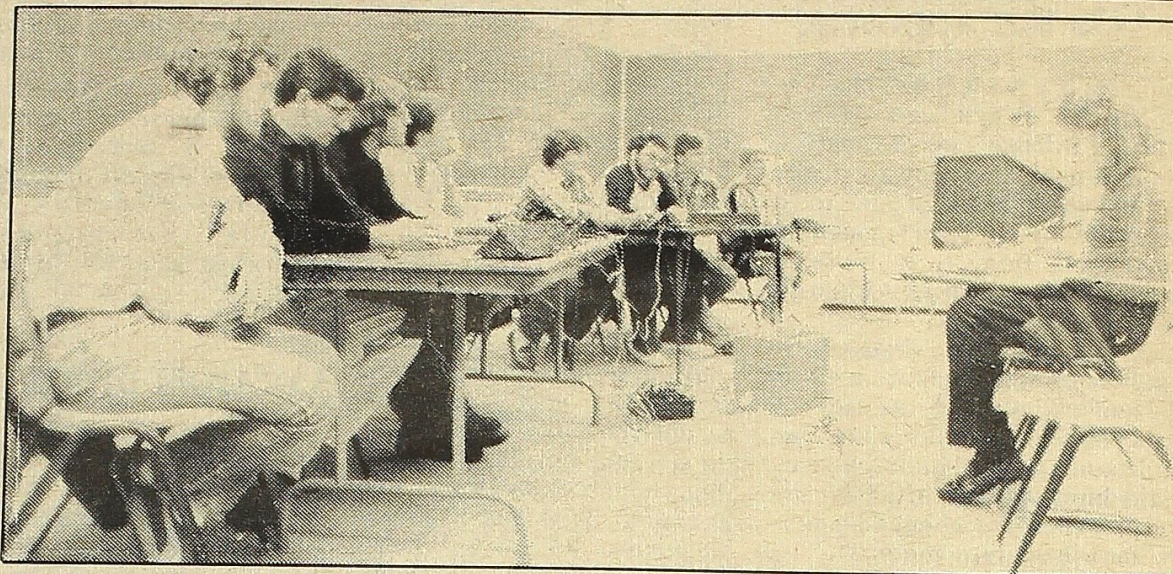
Last year's College Bowl champion, Fecundity, remains undefeated thus far in the competition. After the third round other teams with unblemished records include: The Minds II, Theta Chi #2, The Wise Guys and First North Bruske - - The Circus.

Taylor believes College Bowl offers a special contribution to the college. "It's like another intramural sport, but it exercises the mind instead of the body. Since Alma is an academically oriented institution, I think it's important that we provide opportunities for people to exercise their minds."

Taylor added, "The games are a lot of fun to watch. They're very fast-

paced. Unfortunately, a lot of times the only fans we get are the people the teams bring along with them."

So, if you're looking for a little something to test your knowledge, College Bowl may be the answer you're looking for. And while we're on the subject of answers--the name of that catalyzing protein in interferon! If you buzzed first and answered correctly, give yourself 25 points!



Two college bowl teams preparing for competition in Alma's College Bowl, which takes place every Monday and Tuesday evening.

Christmas tradition: old, revised, personalized

By Deborah Rutkelis
Staff Writer

What is Christmas? Christmas is a time rich with tradition. Almost everything with Christmas has been a tradition for many years; even Alma has its own traditions.

It's traditional for families to decorate trees during the Christmas Season. The legend of the Christmas tree began in the eighth century. St. Boniface was hoping to win the faith of pagan Germans. One Christmas he even witnessed a human sacrifice in front of an oak tree. Shocked at what he saw, St. Boniface chopped the tree with an ax. The people, however, felt lost without their symbolic oak tree. St. Boniface pointed to a fir tree and told them to take it as their symbol. Since Christ was the bringer of life

the evergreen was appropriate.

It is also a custom of many families to hang Christmas stockings on the mantle. St. Nicholas was accredited for Christmas stockings. In St. Nicholas' time there were three girls without a dowry. St. Nicholas dropped bags of gold down the chimney and each time he did, it landed in a stocking set to dry there.

Sending Christmas cards has become a tradition of many people. Janel West said, "I love to get Christmas cards. They put me in the Christmas spirit. I usually set them around my desk. They are a nice way to keep in touch."

Originally Christmas cards were called Christmas pieces. These pieces were colored sheets of paper with biblical scenes or pictures of nature. Children would put

their best work forward. The cards usually wished Happy Holidays and a promise to be good. Most often the children sent these pieces in hope of putting their parents in a good mood during the gift-giving season.



Many families have their own Christmas traditions. My family puts a greater emphasis on Christmas Eve rather than Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve my entire family gathers for dinner and

after midnight we open our presents.

Freshman Renee Scramlin said, "We usually go to my aunt's house and a member of the family dresses up like Santa Claus. When I was younger, I used to give him cookies and tell him what I wanted to find under the tree on Christmas morning."

Sophomore Mark Johnson said, "It's traditional for our family to go on a hayride on Christmas Eve."

Junior Betsy McLaughlin commented, "It's traditional for our family to put our Christmas tree in the same corner every year."

Freshman Ellen Marine said, "On Christmas Eve we have a fire in the fireplace, and we roast chestnuts. I usually sing at the Christmas Mass every year also."

Freshman Pete Schultz added, "On Christmas Eve, my family usually attends a late service. We also open our gifts on Christmas Eve and sing songs around our piano."

Freshman Kim Parrigin added, "My family always paints the windows with a Christmas scene."

Sophomore Doug Koppenhofer commented, "Every year we try to cut down the biggest tree we can find to bring home and decorate."

Freshman Chris Paoletti said, "Christmas in my family is traditionally very family oriented. On Christmas Eve we have a seafood dinner and later attend Midnight Mass."

Sophomore Kevin Kutskill added, "On Christmas Eve we open our gifts from the immediate family. On Christmas Day the entire family gathers at my house and we open gifts starting from the youngest to the oldest."

English Professor Mr. Ray Miner said, "Every year I like to make the angels fly. I set a nativity scene and suspend the angels above it. This year my angels are

From all over Michigan

Commuters integral part of campus

By Rob Buchler
Staff Writer

They come from all over Michigan: Saginaw, Mt. Pleasant, Flint, St. Johns, Midland, Ithaca, St. Louis and even Alma. Who are they? They are commuter students and they make up about nine percent of the student population here at Alma.

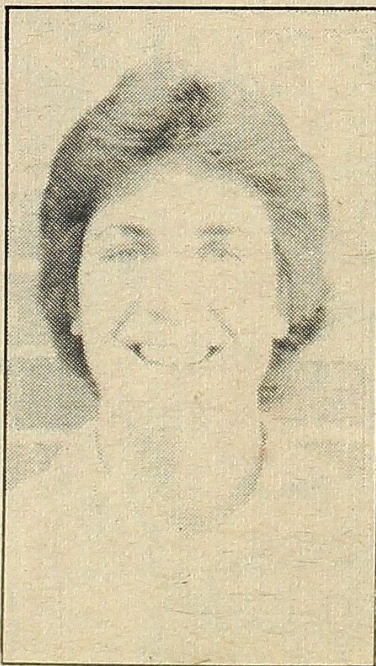
Totalling ninety, Alma commuters live dual lives: one life is spent here on campus and the other off-campus.

It is the off-campus life that causes the problems for this minority group. Fortunately, Alma College has a Commuter Association to deal with the needs of the commuter student.

The week before Thanksgiving break, the Association became recognized as an official part of the campus by Student Council. It is now operating under a constitution which formally recognizes the purposes and goals

of the commuter group. Director for the Association, Ms. Betsy Boylan, is pleased with the official status. "Being an official group on campus will make people more aware of us."

Boylan went on to say that, "Commuters will be



Betsy Boylan

able to become a positive group. No longer can it be said that commuters don't have the same rights as those who live on campus."

Officers of the Association are chairman Tina McConnell, co-chairman Fiona Lovell, Secretary Colleen Kupper and Student Council representative Mick Goldynia.

A commuter program has been established to keep the commuters more in touch with the campus. Monthly newsletters are sent out, a commuter bulletin board is posted in the Student Union, mailboxes are kept by the faculty boxes in the Academic Center and some type of luncheon is sponsored each month.

The luncheons have been sponsored to give commuters a chance to meet to discuss their opinions and concerns. Although attendances have been low, the enthusiasm and ideas of

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Looking back at the highlights of fall term 1982

Sit back and try to remember events that stick in your mind this past fall term. Here is a short refresher to remind us of some of the good things that happened at Alma...

The orientation of the spirited freshmen centennial class of 1986 during Alma's unique preterm.

Improving of Greek relations, a turning point for fraternities and sororities stressing not only individuality but a new, positive collectiveness.

The addition of a new fraternity, Phi Lambda Chi. Welcome!

Kirk goes international and the visit by Dr. Florence Kirk emphasizing Alma's growing global awareness.

Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, established with their goal of integrating political responsibility and deterring apathy on campus.

"The Roaring Twenties" Homecoming and featuring the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

Greek Convocation Series, inviting environmentalist Barry Commoner to speak on disarmament and PLO representative Hatem Husaini explaining the Palestinian perspective.

The newly implemented foreign language program, the Rassias method, intended to improve and make learning a language challenging and interesting.

Greeks become active in helping others: The Delta Gamma Tau Rock-aThon, Tau Kappa Epsilon Keg Roll and TKE/AO Halloween party for Gratiot County Big brothers/sisters, Zeta Sigma-Alfa Theta Christmas party also for GCBBS/BS Phi Lambda Chi's Dating Game/Dance along with its Christmas food baskets for needy families.

Mitchell dorm, the highest freshman grade point in Alma history--amazing!

Union Board and its entertaining events, like Air Band '82, featuring two-time winner Virgin Thunder.

The Alma Players' fine performance of Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It," and the whole Renaissance Festival theme, bringing a touch of nostalgia from the glorious "age of rebirth."

Professors turn actors: Music Director Mallory Thompson and English Professor Ray Miner perform in plays through the Gratiot County Playhouse.

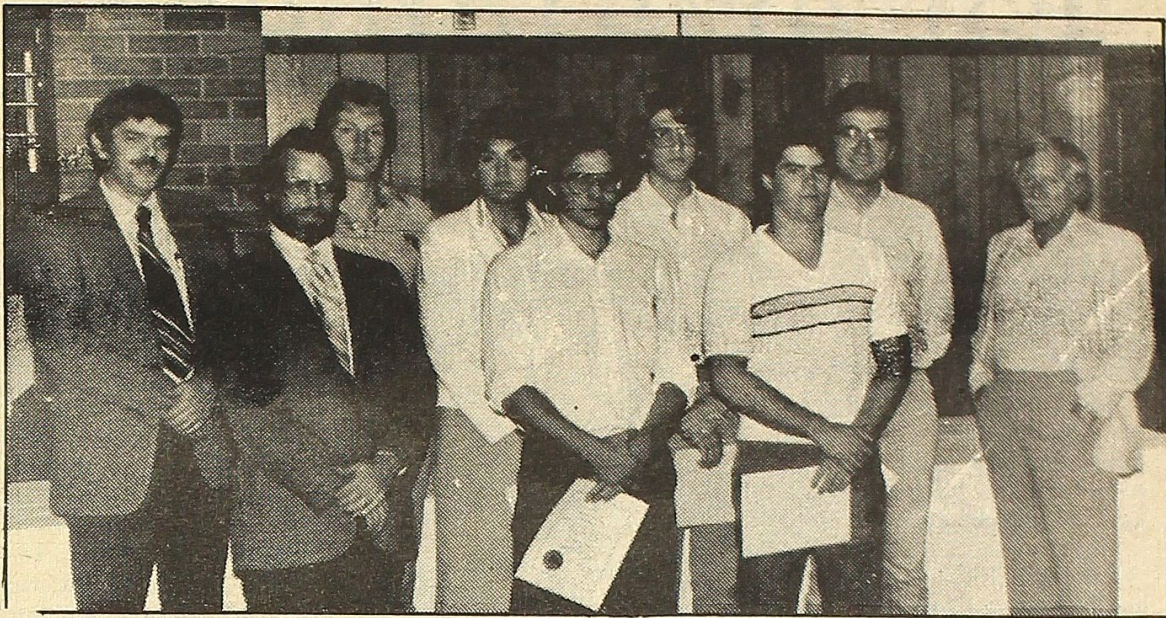
The fall sports season, one of excellence for several of Alma's teams and athletes: Volleyball and Women's Cross Country capture MIAA titles; the exceptional students who made All-MIAA; Ted Kallgren's fine first place performance during the golf season.

And we could not forget our awesome Kiltie Marching Band, performing during halftime of the football games.

Improvement of Scotsman facilities through the use of a new computer.

The Madrigal Dinner bringing the Christmas spirit to Alma, featuring the Alma College Choir in their elegant Victorian dress caroling to a traditional Christmas cuisine.

This is just a segment of what we have reminisced upon over the past fall term. Of course, numerous other events can be recalled and added to our personal collection. Now we can tuck away these memories in our minds to begin again a fresh term and the culmination of another year past. Don't forget...many say that these are their best years of our lives. Enjoy!



The members of Pi Sigma Alpha and faculty advisors represent the national political science honor society at Alma. This organization is a new addition this fall.

(Almanian Photo/ Rob Atkins)

Janitor sweeps hearts of students

Mary Douglas
Asst. Sports Editor

Remember when Clack Art Center was the gymnasium? Remember when Swanson Academic Center, the South Complex and Eddy Music Center did not even exist? William Grosset does.

Grosset, fondly known as Billy by students, faculty and administration, can be seen working at the Physical Education building all year round.

As of November 19th,

Billy had been employed by Alma College Building maintenance for 14 years.

"They call us Building Maintenance instead of janitors. That way they can make us do a lot of other stuff besides janitor work," Billy jokes.

When Billy first came to Alma College, the gymnasium was in the building that is now Clack Art Center. At that time there was one basket on each end and a wooden floor.

"They've come a long way since I've been here," Billy said. "The first 3-4 summers I worked here they had us working all over campus. Now, with the new P.E. building and so many summer sport camps, they leave us in here."

But 60-year old Billy was not always employed by Alma College.

In 1942, Billy served in the army, which involved him in WWII.

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TKE

Get ready folks, TKE On The Town is approaching rapidly. Already in the planning this dance/show promises to be the best ever. Our annual Christmas Party was a joyous success this past Saturday. Not only have we captured the Christmas spirit, but we have gathered enough taken to raise our hope of College Quiz Bowl dominance. Special Thanks to our Captain, Jeff York. Remember, Keg Roll money was due three weeks ago today.

AZT

Friday afternoons have been a lot of fun at the house! Our annual gift exchange was full of Christmas spirit, along with our Christmas party!! Hope everyone enjoyed themselves; we thank you for the pleasure of your company in celebrating the Holiday Season. Bagelmania saved a lot of hungry tummies this past week. Thanks to everyone who chowed down! Congrats to our new officers and pledge mom--we think you'll all do a great job!

ΦΛΧ

All present and accounted

for. The returnables came in for Christmas charity. God bless us, one and all. Have you packed for France yet John? Don't forget your shorts. Make sure you check out the Alma Hardware Christmas tree and be sure to vote, its your democratic right and obligation. Give an interview for Christmas and get a vote in return. Does the Salvation Army ring a bell? Good luck on next week's exams Alma!

ΑΘ

Great job, I.M. speakers! I told you we were gonna be heat! Our party with the kids from Big brothers/Big Sisters was a huge success, and a great warm-up for our Christmas bash with the Sigs. Good luck all winter sports teams, especialy Theta I.M. b-ball. Hope to see everyone at our pre-rush picnic on Thursday--great food, great fun, great friends!!

ΘΧ

Hoot Mon!! Brain salad surgery is required on all AC students, a SAGA study reveals. You know, if it's not once in a lifetime, it must be the same as it ever was. Oh no--a hack attack. Room one wins interior design award from the meat cutters' union.

ion. Jingle bells everyone! Theta Chi wishes everyone a Merry OXmas. Pray for snow! Hee Hee! Beer is beer, but Stroh's is love. Pax.

ΔΓΤ

Congratulations go out to Tom Hill for being selected as the new drum major. Holly House was a big success, thanks for showing up people. Harry and Jerry, excellent job. Let's get ready for a great season in IM basketball fellas. Congratulations to all newly elected officers, we know you can keep up the excellent work that has taken place this year! Let's get ready for a great break. Hail Rudolph, Hail Christmas!

ΖΞ

Congratulations are in order for the Zeta Sigma Volleyball teams. They are championship caliber. The Sigs would like to extend our appreciation to the Alpha Theta's for a fine time Friday night. Saturday had no trappings of a communist wake, yet it still served that essential weekend purpose. One parting shot: "Respectable means rich, and decent means poor. I should die if I heard my family called decent."



Dysmenorrhea

House Calls

Q. What is Dysmenorrhea?

A. Dysmenorrhea (Dis-men-o-rea) is the medical name for the pain of severe and disabling menstrual cramps. Many women feel some mild abdominal pain briefly at the beginning of their periods, but dysmenorrhea is present when pain is severe enough to justify treatment.

Q. Is Dysmenorrhea Common?

A. Very. Approximately 52 percent of women are affected by dysmenorrhea, and about 10 percent of these are incapacitated for up to 3 days each month, according to one recent report. Dysmenorrhea is the greatest single cause of lost working hours and school days among young women.

Q. What Causes Dysmenorrhea?

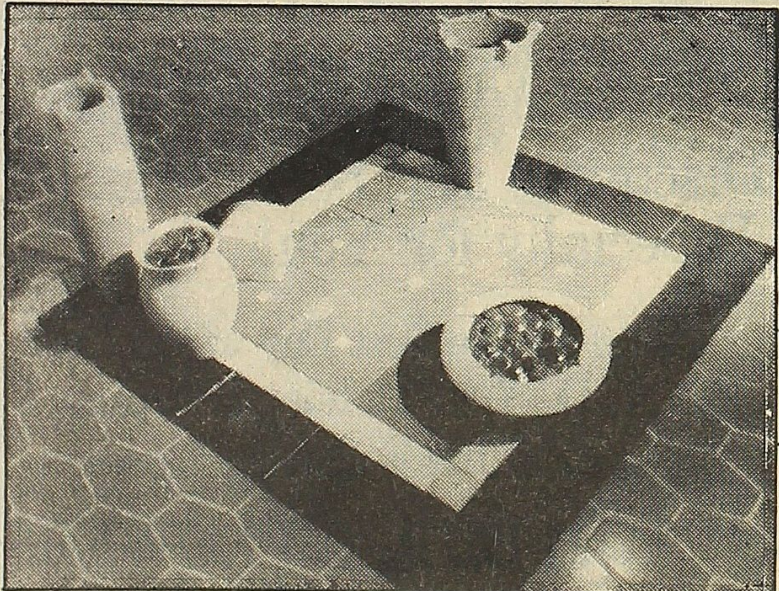
A. Unfortunately, except for the unusual cases where some disease is responsible (called secondary dysmenorrhea), the cause is still unknown. Currently there is great interest in a group of substances called prostaglandins that are produced by the lining of the uterus and make the muscle wall of the uterus contract (go into spasm), producing the type of pain most women with dysmenorrhea have. It is now thought that certain prostaglandins play a crucial role in primary dysmenorrhea, dysmenorrhea in which no disease or abnormality of the pelvic organs is present. Women with severe menstrual cramps appear to produce more of these chemicals that do women with mild or no cramps. Fortunately, there are drugs that are effective against the pain of dysmenorrhea.

Q. What kind of drugs are these?

A. They are a group of drugs known as prostaglandin inhibitors. The group includes aspirin and some similar drugs.

Q. Are there other symptoms of dysmenorrhea?

A. Yes, the primary symptoms are pain, cramping and lower abdominal aching that may begin 24 to 48 hours before the flow. Many women also complain of diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, feelings of dizziness or faintness, and flushing. Headache is another common problem with dysmenorrhea, and some women regularly have severe backaches with every period. There are also some emotional changes. See HOUSE CALLS, page 11



One of the works from faculty artist Carrie Park's collection of interiors now on exhibit at Clack Art Center.

A piece from faculty artist Carl Oldvedt also as part of the Biennial Faculty Art Show, from now until Dec. 10.



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Sports

Four lettermen lead Scots

Young cagers have depth

By Don Wheaton
Sports Writer

"No matter what happens this year, the future is wide open for our young team," stated Men's Basketball Coach Chris Ragsdale.

Ragsdale cited the return of only one senior, co-captain Bruce Pfeifle, as pointing to the fact that the Scots are a team comprised mainly of younger players.

"I don't like the word rebuilding—it doesn't fit our team," commented Ragsdale. "We must grow and mature each day as a team. One of our goals is to improve with each week and with each game."

Ragsdale also said that with such a young squad, the primary goal is to win as many games as possible. He hopes to be in a position to contend for the conference championship. "Come February, we would like to be in third or higher so we can make a run for the title," he said.

One of the Scots' major strengths this year will be an abundance of depth.

"Our depth is very strong and will be a key factor all season. We have a number of players who are capable of playing and playing very well," Ragsdale said.

He also mentioned attitude as an additional strong

point: "Our spirit and intensity is excellent, but as we grow as a team, it also must develop."

"We are a very quick team; we are not as big as most in the rest of the league. But on the flip side of this is the area we need to improve: rebounding. The players have lifted weights in weight training since last season and will be stronger and more physical on the court, but the height disadvantage is a potential hindrance," commented Ragsdale.

The Scots are returning four lettermen to this year's team: senior Pfeifle, juniors Ray Van Tiflin and other team co-captain Barry Wilson and sophomore Todd Beeson.

When asked what he was looking for from these players, Ragsdale replied, "I'm looking for what I have already found—leadership and consistency. They have provided the leadership and consistent performance adequately up to this point but they must continue to develop these qualities."

The Scots last year, with five returning seniors, were picked to finish fourth in the league and finished sixth. This year, with only one senior on the team, the Scots are picked to finish sixth.

"On paper, it looks like we won't be that great of a team to the other MIAA schools' coaches," stated Pfeifle.

"But after playing two tough larger schools and giving each a run for their money, come league time we will surprise those coaches who picked us sixth," predicted Pfeifle. "Although we lack size, we make that up with the desire and will to win."

Last year's JV cagers have moved up to make spots for themselves on this year's varsity squad. "Chuck Hulmquist, Phil Young and Steve Rowe are all doing fine jobs," Ragsdale said. "Bill Core and Jim Kramer have done a really fine job in backup roles at our guard spots," he said.

"All of the players off last year's frosh team have met my expectations thus far," added Ragsdale.

Ragsdale said that the JV squad of this year is right now improving, not just with each week but with each day.

"They are growing together and progressing well," he said.

The feelings of this year's Scot varsity squad were summed up by Pfeifle: "I don't think we'll end up sixth this year. Just wait and see."



Coach Chris Ragsdale's young basketball squad ranked sixth in the MIAA's pre-season coaches' poll.

Swimmers lose opener despite new records

By Peter Larsen
Staff Writer

The Alma men's swim team lost their first meets of the season 38-70 to Albion last Wednesday.

The Scots, led by Carl Crimmins and David Clyne, swam impressively in their first meet. Clyne's second place in the 200 meter freestyle set a new school

MIAA meet last Saturday, records were being shattered every time an Alma swimmer entered the pool.

The team of Carl Crimmins, Scott Baker, Jeff Schamanek and David Clyne broke the school record in the 800-meter freestyle relay with a time of 7:49.5.

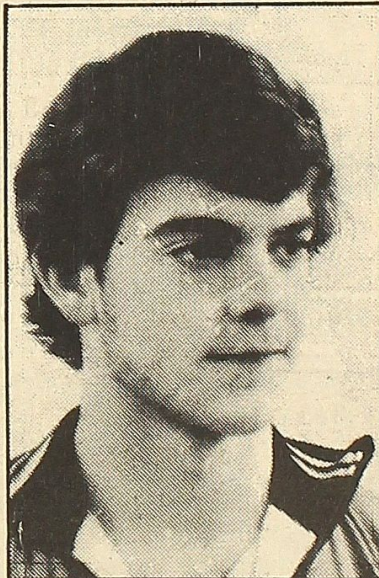
In the 400-meter individual relay Paul Popa, Schamanek, Jim Sterken and Phil Young teamed up to set a new school record with a time of 4:15.8 to earn themselves a fourth place finish.

Clyne, Crimmins, Young and Sterken then combined to place third in the 200-meter relay with a time of 1:34.1, one second off the Alma record.

Swimming Coach Wayne Wyszinski added, "They should break the record by the end of the year."

The swimmer of the meet was Chuck Wanfor who swam an exciting exhibition race dropping two seconds off his personal best time. "He's been one of the hardest workers on the team," Wyszinski said.

Kalamazoo finished first in the meet, followed by Grand Rapids Junior College, Calvin, Hope, Albion and Alma.



David Clyne

record. Clyne also won the 100 meter freestyle with a time of 50.1 seconds, the fastest ever by an Alma swimmer. Freshman Crimmins won the 200 meter I.M. with his personal best of 2:13.6.

Doc Mercer, a first year diver, won the 1 meter and 3 meter diving.

Swimming Coach Wayne Wyszinski said, "The team shows a lot of promise for this early in the season, we have improved a lot over last season."

Although Leanne Ince won the 100 meter freestyle and Kerri Clark won the 50 meter freestyle, the women's swim team came up on the short end losing to Albion 24-69.

Co-captain Trish Howery said, "We did really well for the beginning of the season, the team shows a lot of promise."

Although Alma lost the

Thocher misses All-American title

By Mary Douglas
Assistant Sports Editor

When the man said, "Runners take your marks," there was more on the line than just the 110 national qualifiers. For Lisa Thocher, Alma College's cross-country star, it was her final collegiate race for an All-American title.

"I had a really bad race," Thocher said after the National meet in Fredonia, New York. "I guess I just choke in the big meets."

Thocher finished 50th in the tightly packed race with a time of 20:10, her slowest 3-mile time all year.

Two inches of snow had fallen and the men runners had trampled the course into a sloppy mess prior to the women's meet. Add to this the 35-40 mile per hour winds, and you get what Coach Charles Gray calls "terrian contrary to what Lisa competes well on."

Gray explained, "Lisa's not a physical runner. She's a gliding runner who needs a firm surface to run on. She couldn't pick up her normal rhythm, and the stonger more physical runners finished first."

"Lisa had a remarkable career," Gray credits. She's the primary reason for our

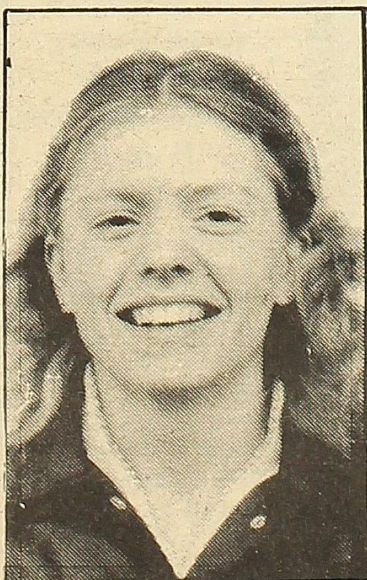
being MIAA champions the past two years."

Thocher's career accomplishments include several school and league records.

Thocher is the only woman in the MIAA to ever finish the three miles in under 18 minutes. She holds the league record with a time of 17:54.

She has claimed the MIAA championship twice in leading the Scots to their two straight league titles.

The MIAA presented a new award this season. Thocher is the first woman to be named the league's Most Valuable Runner.



Lisa Thocher

For Alma College, Thocher holds the school record with her 17:54 finish, and the home course record at 18:03. She also finished higher at nationals than any other lady Scot in Alma's history.

Gray added, "Lisa will be difficult, if not impossible to replace. She's an excellent runner."

Does the end of Thocher's collegiate cross-country career mean the end of her running?

"Heck no," Thocher assured.

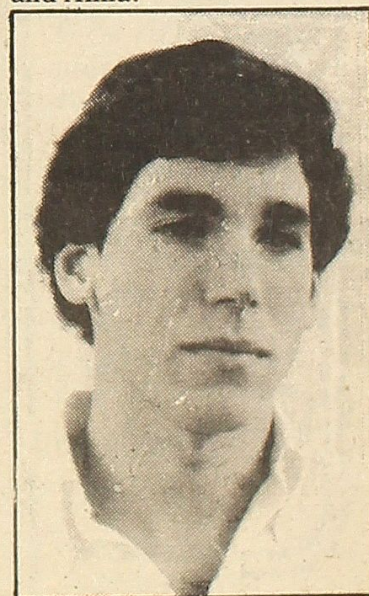
She still runs around 80 miles a week and looks forward to track season.

"I really like cross-country running—I'll miss it a lot, but I like long distances better," Thocher stated.

"They're offering the 5 kilometer race for the first time in track, said Thocher. "I'd like to concentrate on that if enough girls go out for the team."

As a member of the Mid Michigan Track Club, Thocher will run road races nearly every week and plans to train for the Detroit Free Press Marathon next fall.

"It would have been nice to be All-American, but my main goal was to enjoy myself. It's fun to go out and get muddy, frozen and frost-bitten," Thocher laughs.



Scott Baker

Spagnuolo named M.V.P.

Lady cagers snag tourney

By Maxine Button
Sports Editor

Well-balanced team play gave the Scots women's basketball team a decisive two game victory at the Siena Heights Tip Off Tournament.

Led by tournament M.V.P. Sue Spagnuolo and All-Tournament Team player Terry Carvey's accurate shooting, the Scots took this weekend's tournament with an 84-56 win over U. of M. Dearborn on Friday, then pounded Sienna Heights 90-63 in Saturday's championship game.

"Everyone had a chance to play in both games," said Coach Marie Tuite. "In the Sienna Heights game, we scored 46 points in the first half and 44 in the second half with the bottom of our line-up in the game. This shows that we have great depth as a team."

Spagnuolo scored 19 points with 11 rebounds in the U. of M. Dearborn game, with 12 points and 11 rebounds in the second game.

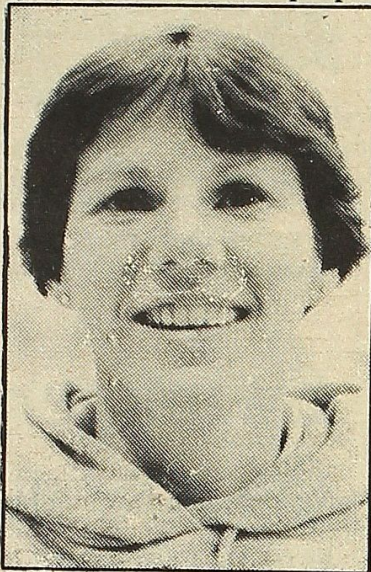
Tuite said, "It's evident that Sue's recovered 100% from her knee surgery. She's adjusted well on defense and she has an uncanny knack for ball control. She hustled hard in both games."

Carvey scored 14 points in both games, while Cindy Short had 10 in the first game and 11 in the Sienna Heights contest.

"Cindy Short provided a lot of team leadership for us with well-balanced play," credited Tuite.

Mary Douglas sunk eight points in the first game and 12 in the second to draw praise from Tuite.

"Mary played well in both games, especially in the second game. She has good defense with well-balanced play. We need more people



Marie Tuite

who can score ten points in a game and play defense."

Tammy Feenstra and Mindy Cubitt each tallied eight points in the first game with Feenstra pulling down nine rebounds in the second game.

Dana Johnson was the top rebounder in the first game with 14. She scored 12 points in the final game.

"I'm really pleased with the progress of our volleyball players Mindy and Dana. We all expect them to play like they've been practicing with us the entire time and they're looking good," said Tuite.

"We were the most talented team at Sienna Heights and we should have won the tournament. This sets us up for our games against Aquinas and Spring Arbor this week," stated Tuite.

The Scots travel to Aquinas on Monday, then take on Spring Arbor at home at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

"Spring Arbor is going to be a tough game for us on Thursday," said Tuite.

Grapplers win at Hope

By Maxine Button
Sports Editor

Outstanding performances by five freshmen wrestlers gave the Scots first place at the Hope Invitational Tournament on Saturday. The

Scots, ranked 16th in the nation, captured four first places of the ten slots and put eight men in the finals for a 98½ point team victory.

Chris Verhelle, Alma's 150 pound freshman, pinned all four of his opponents for first place. He received the trophy for most pins and tied for first place in the most valuable wrestler balloting.

Rex Hart's two pins gave him first place in the 118 lb. class, while freshman Mike Conway captured first in the 136 lb. class with three straight decisions. Freshman Doug Brown was first at 142 lbs. with one pin and two decisions.

Scott Maynard was second and Steve Zacker was fourth in the 167 lb. bracket.

Pete Schaibly, wrestling for the first time in two years, finished second at 177 lbs.

Chris Miller lost in the finals of the 190 lb. class for second place.

Heavyweight Mark Baker was second. He lost in the finals 1-1 on criterion. Amos Rinks was fourth.

Tri-captain Hatcher said, "Everyone wrestled very well. Coach Dickey was very pleased with everyone. The freshmen were outstanding, especially in the lower weight classes where they destroyed everyone."

and Tim Bolten both had 18 points; Ed Thick and Ryan Sklener each had 10. Jeff Rowley played in the J.V. game this week and contributed 13 points.

During the first half, Sklener came off the bench to spark the team with some crucial shots.

The key for the Scots was free throws. Alma shot 19 out of 23 from the line while Delta did not have one free throw in the first two quarters. At halftime, the score was 41-36 in favor of the Scots.

Delta turned things around in the second half, scoring 16 of 18 freethrows. "Towards the end of the game, they hit the crucial shots, and we didn't," added Stone.

When time expired, Delta was on top 76-71.

The next J.V. basketball game is at home on December 8 against Aquinas.

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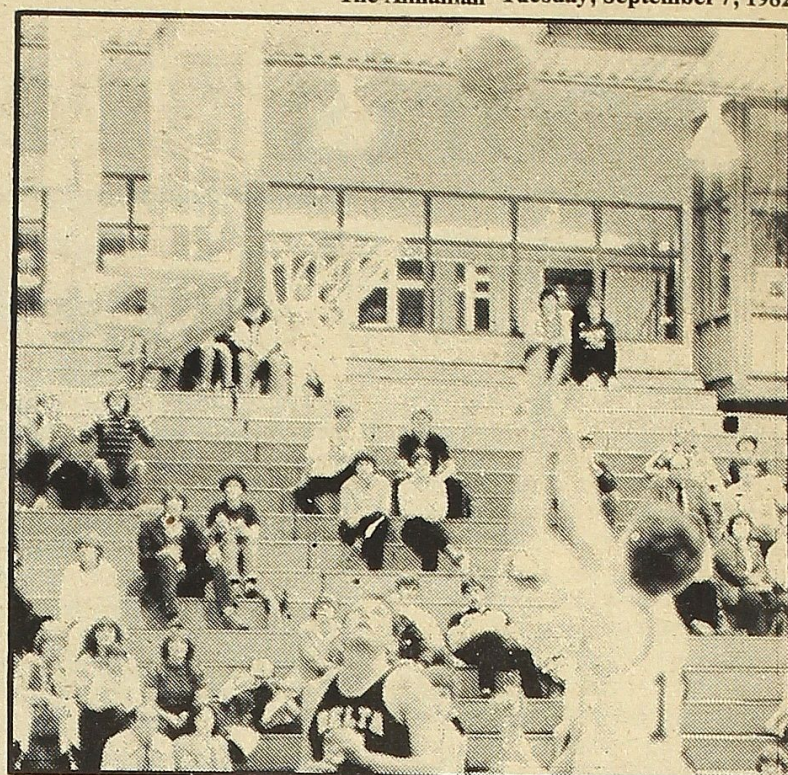
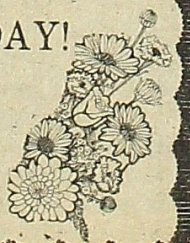
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The Scots lost to Saginaw Valley 67-62 on Wednesday. Ray Van Tiflin was Alma's high scorer with 15 points.

Cardinals fly past Scots for 67-62 win

By Don Wheaton
Sports Writer

In a well-played, hard-fought match, the men's basketball Scots fell to the Saginaw Valley Cardinals by a score of 67-62 Wednesday night.

"We played well and really took it to them,"

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Ragsdale

Coach Chris Ragsdale said. "I'm pleased with our effort."

"Against a team that went to NAIA quarterfinals last year, is a larger school, and will probably place second in their league of Division II schools (the GLIAC), we did really well," stated senior co-captain Bruce Pfeifle.

Pfeifle, the team's lone senior and starter of the past three years, collected three fouls early in the first half. As a result, he sat on the bench most of that half. This helped to enable Saginaw Valley to jump out to an early lead.

But under the consistent shooting of junior forward Ray Van Tiflin, Alma's high

scorer with 15 points, Alma closed the gap to one, making it 29-30 at the half.

In the second stanza, sophomore guard Phil Young's shooting touch became fiery and ignited the team in a spirited rally in which the lead in the game changed hands eight times.

But the Scots finally succumbed to the Cardinals, who were paced by sophomore center Dan Farley, who was the game's high scorer with 18 points and 11 rebounds, and senior forward Terry Oates with 17 points.

For the Scots, Young chipped in 12 points with four assists; sophomore guard Todd Beeson added 10 points; Van Tiflin grabbed six rebounds; and sophomore power forward Steve Rowe popped in six points with four rebounds and three assists in the losing effort.

Delta C.C. nips Jayvees

By John Bradley
Sports Writer

In the second game of the season, the J.V. basketball team suffered a heartbreaking loss to Delta College, 76-73.

Commented Coach Jeff Stone, "I thought we performed very well after the Muskegon game last week, but offensively we need better movement."

Alma had five men in double figures. Mike Ringler

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Jump Page

Reagan

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Speaking of Latin America, what is the definition of a "Friendly dictatorship?" "Answer: A dictatorship that buys guns from us instead of the Russians.

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Domestically, Mr. Reagan's luck is holding for the momemt. The House

Amway

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side of the case, but at least two Canadian papers declined the ads and others sought legal advice.

"I don't intend to start a precedent of people saying they can't get a fair trial and instead running one side of a case in the newspaper," said Paddy Sherman, publisher of the Ottawa Citizen.

The London Ontario Free Press also said it had declined to print the advertisements and the Globe and Mail in Toronto said it was asking its attorneys for advise.

ACCD

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available. This will be offered in a conference-type format in which participants can elect to attend all or part of the sessions offered.

The academic effectiveness programs will be offered in January and are open to all students. These programs include time management, concentration and study skills, test taking skills and a series on reducing test anxiety.

Pyle stated that, in addition to the above programs, the ACCD staff is available if a student has need for individual counseling or help with any frustrations which might occur during the course of the term.

Janitor

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His service took him to Africa, Sardinia, Corsica and France. He's seen the ancient Ruins of Carthes and the Rock of Gilbralter, has been to Paris and even spent two weeks in the French Alps.

"It's a living!"

-- Billy Grosset

On June ninth, 1946, Billy returned to his hometown of Alma, married his wife Ruth, and worked in a trailer factory for fifteen and a half years.

Billy and Ruth have three children: two sons, Billy and Leland and a daughter Terry.

I've even got seven grandchildren,"Billy proudly exclaims.

It was when the trailer

appropriations Committee last week approved a bill by a 26-26 vote to provide money to start the highly controversial MX Missile program. The real show-down will come by the end of this week or nest when pro- and anti-MX forces debate the bill on the House floor where the President will need more than just a tie to claim victory.

In an advertisement last Monday in the Detroit News, Amway said Canadian officials had approved a company plan for obtaining lower import duties. It offered "complete and detailed" documents on Amway's position to readers and solicited information on other companies that have had problems with Canadian customs.

Christmas

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stuck on the window pane so they fly with no strings attached. Also, every year I buy shredded wheat. I crush it to look like straw so the Baby Jesus can lie on it."

There are also many Christmas traditions here at Alma College. Perhaps one of the longest standing traditions is Holly House. The Delta Gamma Tau Fraternity has been putting on Holly House for thirty-five years. The evening of Holly House brings cheer to students with holiday skits performed by the Gams.

Elfing is soon becoming a tradition in many dorm corridors. "Elfing is a lot of fun. I've never seen so many people sneak around corners," said Sophomore Mary Horny. Each corridor resident secretly chooses

factory moved out of Alma that Billy came to work for Alma College.

"He just loves the students," said Barbara Gladding, P.E. secretary. "He might complain about all the events that the administration runs in here, but he never blames the students."

Gladding, who worked at Alma College when Billy was hired, calls Billy "a regular work horse."

"He takes pride in his work too," Gladding added.

During the winter months, Billy works from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. five days a week.

"It sometimes gets boring, but there is always something to do. It's worse when there is snow on the ground because there are puddles everywhere. That means I have to do more mopping," Billy said.

With five years left until

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An interesting statistic just crossed my mind. During my two and a half years writing editorials for **The Almanian**, this is the first term in which I received not even one letter in response to my editorials.

Either that says some things about my writing of my audience. Maybe after a Christmas vacation my writing will improve. And maybe after all the law school applications are sent, final exams finished and the snow begins to fly next term, a few letters will be written.

Commuters

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the commuters have been quite high, according to Boylon. "The people I have met with are exceptional students to work with."

The earlier luncheons have emphasized making the campus, especially faculty members, more aware of the commuters' needs. In Oct., Provost Dr. Ronald O. Kapp, Political Science Professor Dr. Bernie Davis, Religion Professor Dr. Tracy Luke an Almanian managing editor Tony Trupiano were invited to an informal talk with the commuters.

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Newberry RA Pam Wright commented, "Elfing goes along with the Christmas tradition of giving. It puts everyone in the Christmas spirit, it also provides a relief from studying."

Other campus traditions include, a Christmas concert by the Kiltie Band and a concert performed by the choir. There is also an annual Chapel Service on campus. A somewhat new tradition on campus is the lighting of the tree between the Chapel and Van Dusen.

Traditions whether they be personal or local are a part of the Christmas Season.

retirement, Billy laughs, "It's a living!"

House Calls

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Q. I've heard that the birth control pill helps dysmenorrhea. Is this true, and if so, why?

A. Birth control pills do help many women with dysmenorrhea because they prevent ovulation. Some clinics prescribe birth control pills for dysmenorrhea, but usually only if the women also needs or wants to prevent pregnancy.

Q. What else can be done to relieve dysmenorrhea?

A. Prompt use of aspirin or other over-the-counter pain killers helps, and many women get additional relief by the use of a heating pad or hot water bottle for the first few hours. Normal activities should be pursues if possible, including usual types of physical exercise. Special types of exercises that have been advocated for preventing dysmenorrhea don't seem to work very well for most women.

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Most other commuter troubles are predictable, such as having to make extra trips to attend required events outside of class and missing out on the more enjoyable aspects of dorm living.

The negative points to commuting, however, are off-set by the positive ones. First, students who live at home are not required to pay the \$1,223 that would have gone to room and board this term. Second, living off-campus gives the commuter the privacy that isn't always found in dorms. For freshman Doug Miller, this simply means "a nice quiet place to study." And thirdly, for commuters who live with their families, daily contact with the homefront is maintained. Not only does this save time spent in writing letters, it also makes it easier to get money from mom and dad!

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The Alma College A Cappella Choir will hold its annual Christmas concert Dec. 10th at 8 p.m. in the chapel. There will be no admission charged and the concert is open to all. Following the concert there will be a reception in Tyler Rotunda.

Gymnastics Instructor needed! Anyone interested in teaching young children gymnastics and motor skills as a part time job, please contact, The Ithaca Gymnastics and Dance Center (875-4079) or Sara M. Stoll (261 Nisbet, Ex. 7740).

The Health Service has available for loan two copies each of "The Breast Cancer Digest" and "Students With Cancer-A Resource For The Educator." Anyone interested in borrowing a copy of these publications should contact the Health Service.

A Student Association of Social Workers has recently been formed on campus. Anyone interested in human service involvement, and who would like to join, please contact Deana Cross, Ext. 7724.

You, the student body, are cordially invited to a Christmas Coffee on Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon in Tyler. Come talk to the Commuter Students Association about living off-campus.

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Campus Calendar

Tuesday

Friday

Christmas Open House for Students, 4 to 6 pm, The Remicks' FCA Talent Dance, 8 pm, Tyler Carol Black Sr. Thesis Recital, 8 pm, Dow

Sunday

Catholic Mass, 9:15 pm, Chapel Kiltie Band Christmas Concert, 3 pm, Dow Christmas Service, 7:30 pm, Chapel

Wednesday

Commuter Reception, 9:30 am to 12 noon, Tyler Rotunda Pre-Med Conference (Admissions), 2:30 to 8:30 pm Christmas Buffet, 5 to 6:45 pm, Hamilton Men's Basketball: Aquinas, 5:55/8 pm, Alma Swimming: Calvin, 6 pm, Calvin Vespers Service, 10 pm, Chapel

Thursday

Alpha Theta Pre-Rush Function, 5 pm, Tyler Women's Basketball: Spring Arbor 7 pm, Alma Student Recital, 7:15 pm, Chapel

Saturday

Monday

Swimming: GRJC Invitational, All Day, GRJC Scot Classic Basketball Tournament, 1/3 pm, Alma

FALL TERM EXAMS BEGIN

Book Review

Starting next term, The Almanian will feature a book review every three weeks. The Scot Shop has these paperbacks and other favorites.

- 1. **An Indecent Obsession**, by Colleen McCullough. (Avon, \$3.95.) Ms. McCullough's latest work of fiction.
- 2. **The Hotel New Hampshire**, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$3.95.) Latest novel by the author of "Garp."
- 3. **Garfield Takes The Cake**, by Jim Davis. (Ballantine, \$4.95.) Fifth book on the famous cartoon cat.
- 4. **The Restaurant at the End of the Universe**, by Douglas Adams. (Pocket, \$2.95.) Successor to "Hitchhikers Guide."
- 5. **Real Men Don't Eat Quiche**, by Bruce Feirstein. (Pocket, \$3.95.) A hilarious guide to masculinity.
- 6. **Rabbit Is Rich**, by John Updike. (Fawcett, \$3.95.) The saga of Harry Angstrom continues.
- 7. **Thin Thighs In 30 Days**, by Wendy Stehling. (Bantam, \$2.95.) How to tone up and thin down.
- 8. **Spring Moon**, by Bette Bao Lord. (Avon, \$3.95.) A novel of China.
- 9. **Ogre, Ogre**, by Piers Anthony. (Ballantine/Del Rey, \$2.95.) The latest Xanth novel. Science Fiction.
- 10. **Here Comes Garfield**, by Jim Davis. (Ballantine, \$4.95.) TV tie-in on the famous cartoon cat.

Menu

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Tuesday	French Toast Scrambled Eggs Soft & Med. Cooked Eggs Lyonnaise Potatoes Link Sausage Homemade Donuts	Cream of Mushroom Soup Beef Patty on Bun Pork Fried Rice Tuna Salad on Whole Wheat Carrots Baked Beans	Turkey Rice Soup Grilled Ham Steak Italian Lasagna Monte Cristo Sandwich Parsley Butter Potato Cauliflower
Wednesday	Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Fried Eggs Hearty Fried Potatoes Blueberry Muffins	Beef Noodle Soup Pizzarino Sandwich Old Fashion Ground Beef Pie Egg Foo Yong Green beans Potato Chips	CHRISTMAS BUFFET Hamilton only 5:00 to 6:45
Thursday	Apple Fritters Fried Eggs Scrambled Eggs Home Fried Potatoes Homemade Donuts	Mushroom Soup Sloppy Joe on Bun Vegetarian Cheese Lasagna Egg Salad on Whole Wheat Green Peas Potato Chips	Canadian Cheese Soup Baked Meatloaf Batter Fried Perch Cheese Enchiladas Italian Meatball Sandwich Oven Browned Potates
Friday	French Toast Scrambled Eggs Waffles Hearty Fried Potatoes Homemade Donuts	Pepper Pot Soup Fishwich w/slaw Eggplant Parmesian Casserole Ham Salad on Rye Potato Chips	Beef Barley Soup Fried Chicken Baked Fish Broccoli Quiche Whipped Potatoes
Saturday	Blueberry Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Soft & Med. Cooked Eggs Hashed Brown Potatoes Homemade Donuts	Meatless Vegetable Soup BLT's Egg, Onion, Green Pepper Hero Apple Fritters Cauliflower Lima Beans Potato Chips	Split Pea Soup Baked Ham Patty Melt Top Sirlon Steak Baked Potatoes French Fries Peas and Onions
Sunday	French Toast Fried Eggs Scrambled Eggs Lyonnaise Potatoes	Cream of Mushroom Soup Hoagie Sandwich Tuna Noodle Casserole Egg O' Muffin W/ Ham & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Corn Chips	Mullegatawny Soup Turkey W/dressing Beef Chow Mein Grilled Liver & Onions Whipped Potatoes Fluffy Rice
Monday	Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Poached Eggs Hearty Potatoes Homemade Donuts	Lima Bean Soup Beef Patty on Bun Baked Macaroni & Cheese Turkey Salad on Wheat Baked Squash Chips	Minestrone Soup Breaded Veal Cutlet W/gravy Swedish Meatballs Turkey Crepe Supreme Egg Noodles

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