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Budget faces enrollment realities

This story was compiled by managing editor Christa Brelin, sports editor Mary Douglas, editor-in-chief Mark Rollenhagen and associate editor Victoria M. Stevens from a news conference held last week with President Remick and vice-presidents Daniel Behring, Guile Graham, Jon Groteluschen and Ronald Kapp. It was written by Rollenhagen.

The college's 1984-85 budget was tailored to address the reality of declining enrollment, President Remick told The Almanian last week.

"We are no longer projecting lower student enrollment, we are living it," the president said.

Estimated enrollment for next year is 924 full-time equivalency (FTE) students, a decrease of 44 students from this year.

The budget was premised on an October Board of Trustees resolution which declared "if in order to be better we must be smaller, so be it," Remick said.

The administration's primary concern in drafting the \$11.9 million budget was "what should we be doing to grow — not just adapting to the environment," he added.

The Board of Trustees approved the budget on Feb. 23. It will be refined at the trustees' May meeting and will probably need further adjustments next fall after enrollment.

The budget represents a two percent increase over this year's.

President Remick said that if the current budget was extended to next year declining enrollment would have created a \$700,000 deficit that "could not be solved in a traditional way."

One option would have been to lower admissions standards, Remick said,



President Oscar Remick (left) and Vice President Daniel Behring explain next year's college budget.

"but that would bring into jeopardy all that (students) have invested."

Another option would have been to ask administrators to make across-the-board cuts in their budgets, he added.

Instead, Remick and his vice presidents reviewed the entire budget in regard to distribution of resources. The result of their effort was a mixture of cuts, additions and staff reassignments.

"We didn't go back to zero-based budgeting," Remick explained, "but we looked at everything *de novo*, or fresh."

"We wanted to shift the ratios of the budget to undergird the goal of the school," he added.

Three fundamental concerns were used as a basis for the budget, Remick said.

● The curriculum — "The relationship between teachers and students is the core of this institution," Remick said.

● Faculty — Remick said that in terms of real dollars (which take into account inflation and cost of living increases) Alma faculty members are earning about \$1,500 less than they did in 1971.

● Fundraising — Efforts to raise money and admissions would not be jeopardized. "But that doesn't prevent

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Three full faculty positions cut

By Christa M. Brelin
Managing Editor

Although the equivalent of three full time members will be eliminated from the college faculty declining enrollment will keep the student-faculty ratio the same as this year: 14.3 students to every one faculty member, according to Dr. Ronald O. Kapp, vice president of academic affairs.

President Remick and the college's vice presidents last week announced a series of staff reductions and reassignments for the 1984-85 school year.

The education department will be reduced by one-half position. Dr. Lynda Markham will work part time in the provost's office in addition to teaching half-time. She will continue to work in academic affairs during the summer as well as during the academic year, which she previously had not done. In addition, Dr. Sedley Hall will be on sabbatical.

The sociology department will lose one member when Dr. Clyde Gehrig leaves at the end of this year, completing the termination of the social work certification program.

Dr. Jean Simutis's return from her sabbatical absence will add one member to the mathematics and computer science department. Because of Dr. Henry Klugh's early retirement program, the psychology department will lose the equivalent of one-half position.

The English department also will lose half a member with Mr. James Tipton's resignation, following his leave of

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Wrestling program elimination to save college \$12,000

By Mary Douglas
Sports Editor

The elimination of Alma College's wrestling program should result in a savings of about \$12,000, according to Dr. Daniel Behring, vice president for Student Life.

The program was only one of several areas sacrificed in the institution's efforts to balance the budget which expects a 44 student enrollment decline for next year. Behring said the Student Life budget for next year expects a net change of over \$180,000 as a result of reductions in staff and program expenses.

"The decision was terribly contextual," President Remick said. "We looked at it in the context of other cuts and

tradeoffs."

Behring said several factors led to the decision.

Only two MIAA schools carry 18 varsity sports — Hope and Alma. "That is a very large expense for us," Behring noted.

"The college's decision (to cut wrestling) coincided with what is taking place in the league," explained Behring. "Wrestling is dwindling in its attractiveness as an MIAA sport. This decision, considering all factors, seemed to make the most sense."

To be sanctioned as an MIAA sport, a program must be sponsored by a minimum of four institutions. Because only three schools carried wrestling this year, they would all have to go independent next year or cut their programs.

A second reason for ending the pro-

gram is that in a sport such as wrestling, a full-time coach is very important. Tom Renner, the MIAA's publicist, recently told The Almanian: "With the rigorous training and discipline demanded of wrestlers to make weight qualifications, a full-time coach is required."

Dan Coon replaced Bruce Dickey as wrestling coach when Dickey left Alma last year. Coon had only part-time status.

"The decision not to hire a full-time person for Bruce Dickey saved dollars, and there is no place for a full-timer in next year's budget," Behring explained.

Again due to Dickey's leaving, a part-time coach was hired last year in soccer.

Soccer will not be cut because it may be a sport of the future for Alma and a strong sport within the league, Behr-

ing said.

"There are factors to be considered internally regarding soccer," Behring said. "When we have the internal support to go out and recruit, that is what we will do."

When asked whether the school might lose more money with the transfer of several wrestlers to other colleges, Behring said that is "a risk the college has to take. I hope they came here because of the fine quality institution we have, not just for wrestling. I do hope they continue at Alma."

Behring added: "This was a painful decision that no one has felt happy or comfortable with. The decision was long and arduous with concern for everyone involved."



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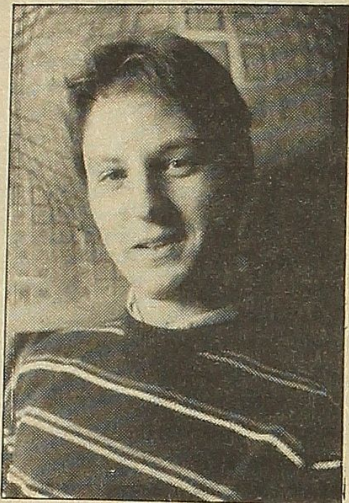
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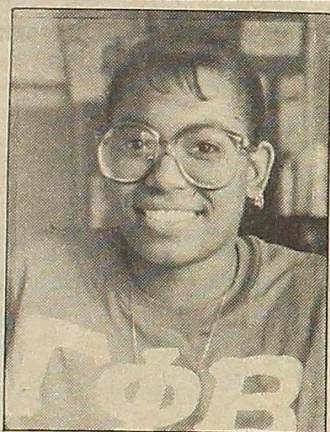
By Amy McAllister
Staff Writer

Q. What do you think about the 6.9 percent increase in tuition for next year?

A. — Joe Schwendler: "I guess that it's necessary, but I would just like to see some evidence of the constructive places that this money is going — I'd really like to see that....I've talked to numerous people who have said that if this kind of increase would have been in effect 2 years ago, they wouldn't be here. That's one thing the college has to consider. Maybe costs have to be avoided. If this is the only way that Alma can keep increasing their academic excellence then we ought to start re-evaluating, because we're going to start losing people. Admission is already down."



A. — Ken Henderson: "I don't have to worry that much about paying it because my grandparents have a lot of money and my parents pay a lot of it, and I get a lot [of money] from grants and loans. It's no big worry for me."



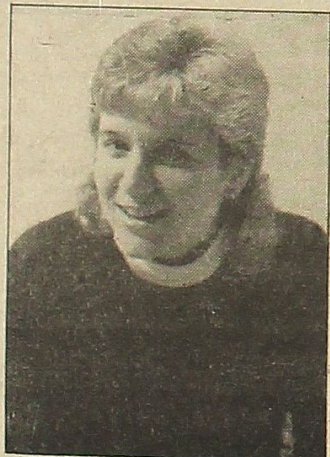
A. — Teresa Terry: "I disagree with the increase. It's like they're bleeding us dry. They increase the room fee and they increase the tuition. Where's the money going to come from? I know they're increasing the aid too, but it just seems ridiculous to increase the aid and increase the tuition. I don't agree with it at all."

A. — Ken LeMaster: "I really don't like it; I think we're paying too much almost really right now. But if they need it to keep the services they've got, I'm willing to pay it, I guess."



A. — Cathy Lazar: "I'm glad I'm only going to be here one more year!"

A. — Charles Smith (parent): "I think it's all right. I think it's a good school, one of the best. I think 6.9 is a fair price, after all it's rated, now, second in the nation, academically. Compared to the other schools, I think it's good."



A. — Karen Leng: "I really don't feel the increase is that required. I think there's a lot of waste in this school that people don't see. I'm going to be back next year, so I'll keep paying it just like every other increase that they've had, but I'm not happy about it."

Africa Fellow budget tabled

By Larry Baker
Staff Writer

The Africa Fellow budget, the last to be considered by the Student Budget and Finance Committee, was tabled last week so that the committee could consider the possibility of cutting that budget.

The committee will be asking people how they feel about the African Fellow program,

with the possibility of cutting that budget anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000.

Currently the student activities fee pays for 57 percent of the Africa Fellow program. The committee is concerned that this percentage is too high.

The committee had planned to approve a final package to present next week to Student Council for approval.

The committee also approved, by a 5-1 count, the Alumni

Student Association (ASA) budget. ASA calmed concerns over the way in which their budget will be spent, and received all the funds they had requested.

The Student Council budget was unanimously approved.

The committee will hold an emergency meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in AC 109. A final budget package will be sent immediately to Student Council for approval.

Higher education budgets reflect state economic conditions

IOWA CITY, IA (CPS) — University of Iowa biology students peer through microscopes so old there aren't spare parts available to repair them when they break.

Students in history classes are taught on maps made in the early 1920s, and chemistry students can't perform even basic experiments because of the lack of equipment.

More than 1,000 Iowa students, tired of such ill effects of state funding shortages, recently staged the largest demonstration since the Vietnam War-era to pro-

test a new 2.8 percent state funding cut for the coming year.

At the same time, California students — after five years of relentless tuition increases and funding cutbacks — actually are looking forward to a \$70 tuition decrease, thanks to a huge new state revenue surplus.

For California's colleges, the funding increase also will bring long-awaited faculty salary increases, improved student services, and more instructional equipment.

The boom and bust in California and Iowa, it seems, are the newly-typical prospects for state funding of colleges and universities during the coming year.

State funding of higher education is perhaps even more important to campus

budgets than federal funding. But state governors, who in recent weeks have unveiled their college budget requests for the coming year, have been offering extremes: either very good or very bad times ahead.

The long-awaited economic recovery has brightened college prospects in many states, but prospects in other still-struggling states have never been dimmer.

That even some states are doing better, however, causes some experts to breathe a little more easily.

"Things look a little more optimistic now," says M.M. Chambers, of the Illinois State University Department of Educational Administration. Chambers tracks college funding in all 50 states.

"At least we're not seeing the cutbacks we were several years ago," he reports.

Indeed, over the last three years almost every state slashed higher education funding or at the very least froze school budgets to help stretch dwindling state revenues through the recession.

Many schools, in fact, suffered mid-year cutbacks, forcing them to raise tuition, eliminate student services, freeze faculty salaries, and delay much-needed building improvements.

But now, even as some schools continue to struggle with cutbacks, at least some are beginning to emerge from the recession, officials say.

And, they add, even if the recovery is somewhat spotty, it is probably a harbinger of a better future for all.

"In general the states are

getting more in the way of revenues and they're looking at more modest funding and better times for higher education," notes Gordon Van deWater, senior partner of Augenblick-Van deWater, a consulting agency which monitors higher education funding.

At the same time, he points out, many colleges are still struggling with decreasing state revenues and uncertain state funding levels.

Ohio State University — where administrators last year had to halt the razing of a campus building because they didn't have the money to pay demolition crews — just received a \$25 million funding increase.

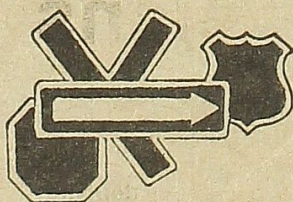
In Tennessee, Gov. Lamar Alexander has asked for an additional \$1 billion in state education funding over the next three years, much of it to go for pay raises and improved university facilities.

Arkansas, Connecticut, Maryland, and Massachusetts, to name a few, also plan sizable increases in higher education funding for the coming year.

California's budget proposal for next year "is the finest budget we've had in two decades," brags William Baker, vice president of budget and university relations with the University of California system.

The new budget proposal means a 20 percent funding increase for the nine-campus system.

"Our (tuition) fees have doubled in the last five years," see EDUCATION page 14



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College, businessmen meet for 'dialogue'

By Richard Rodgers
Staff Writer

Local and state businessmen joined faculty and students here for the College Business Dialogue.

Co-sponsored by Alma College, the Employers Association of Detroit, Michigan Manufacturers Assoc., and National Assoc. of Manufacturers, the meeting was an opportunity for Alma students to hold group discussions with business executives and faculty.

Three panelists were featured at the meeting, which took place last Wednesday.

The panelists were: William C. Adams, president of Federal-Mogul Corporation and Chairman of the Employers Assoc. of Detroit; William C. McKinley, vice chairman of Gerber Products Co. and a member of NAM's Relations Committee; and John G. Thodis, president of MMA.

Businessmen, students and faculty first heard brief presentations by each of the three panelists. Adams spoke on taxation, McKinley on government regulation, and Thodis on the New Federalism. These three topics constituted the main issues of the round-table discussions which followed.

According to Dr. Ronald O. Kapp, provost and co-planner of the event, the

participants gathered around tables in Hamilton Commons, with the typical table composed of a businessman, one faculty member and four students. In all, 22 businessmen, 22 faculty and 81 students participated.

Kapp said that discussion on the main topics focused on the best ways to stimulate the economy and the recommendation of policies and theories to achieve that end.

Kapp indicated that most of the businessmen felt that the federal debt is the biggest weight on our economy, hindering its growth and even dragging it down by keeping interest rates high and the availability of capital for investment low.

One of the theories presented to lower the federal debt was the "40-40-20 theory," which held that if defense spending would be cut by 40 percent, taxes raised 40 percent, and the rest of governmental spending cut by 20 percent, the deficit could be lowered or eliminated.

Reaction from students and faculty was overwhelmingly positive. "I was glad to have the opportunity to talk with people active in the business community," Pat McDonough, a junior, said.

Many students felt that the activity was worthwhile and informative, giving them an executive's-eye view of issues affecting the business community into



Faculty and students meet professionals at the Business Dialogue.

which they will soon be graduating.

The event was organized by a planning group of Kapp; F. Van Edgerton, Alma's director of placement; Robert Fortney, president of the Employers Association of Detroit; and Nelson Morrow of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Guile Graham, director of institutional development, said that students were knowledgeable enough to ask many

good questions, which left many of the participating businessmen with a good impression.

"I think that many of the businessmen were reassured of the quality of students here at Alma and will carry that positive impression back to their businesses," Graham said.

"The Dialogue was very productive, and I would like to see something like this happen again," Kapp said.

Hanus, Hogeboom selected as Co-Chairs

Orientation Committee chosen

By Kristy Mathews
Staff Writer

"They're wonderful!" Kathy Callahan, assistant dean of students, said of next year's Orientation Committee co-chairpersons Lynette Hanus and Diane Hogeboom. "They're totally committed to providing the best possible Alma College experience to incoming freshmen."

Hanus and Hogeboom were selected from a field of four candidates. All past OC members were invited to apply.

Applicants were interviewed and examined for leadership abilities, creativity, and the ability to interact with

others.

"I really enjoyed being on OC the last two years," Hogeboom commented. "I applied because I wanted to contribute in a major way."

Hanus applied for a co-chair position because she is "enthusiastic and excited about the Alma College preterm program."

The first task before Hanus and Hogeboom was the selection of OC members. They were assisted by three others, and this committee considered enthusiasm, ability to interact with others, leadership, campus activities, maturity, and knowledge of the campus.

Selection was based on letters of recommendation and the applications

submitted by applicants. Twenty-nine OC members were selected from 50 applicants.

Those selected for the 1984 OC include Caroline Babb, Jamey Basham, Mark Blanke, David Bowen, Mark Conley, Jim Crawley, Melinda Cronk, David Freudenberg, Chris Hartley, Lora Helou, Amy Hooten, Trish Howrey, Pam Ingall and Susan Karp.

Also on the committee are Pete Larsen, Wendy Long, Dale Martin, Jean McClure, Andy Mueller, Julie Pendell, Dan Pitt, Shellie Quick, Jeff Schamanek, Erin Shirey, Brian Socia, Marie Spas, Gregg Srinivasan, Cindy Stano and Sue Swiftney.



Diane Hogeboom (left) and Lynette Hanus

Conference Center plans for next year discussed

By Richard Rodgers
Staff Writer

North Bruske Hall, closed to students last year to open and develop a conference center for visiting groups, will not make up for loss of revenue from the drop in students which forced the closing, college officials said.

According to Mark McDaniel, who oversees day to day operation of the conference center, approximately two groups a month have been using the center since the beginning of the year, most of them utilizing one of several meeting rooms in the center and a few groups staying overnight.

"Saga has been serving some groups in the old 24 hour lounge, but most of

the groups have been meeting on the weekends and eating in Hamilton Commons," McDaniel said.

He added that the center has depended mostly on word of mouth for advertisement. "Mostly we rely on ministers to get word out to others, 'listing groups such as Youth Mix, church couples retreats, and Christian education workshops as being typical of the kind of groups using the center recently."

Next year's plans for the center are now being discussed at the administrative level, according to Jon Groteluschen, vice president for finance. Among the decisions which need to be made are whether or not to add a new staff position to actively

build the conference center's business.

"There are two ways we can go," Groteluschen said. "We can let the business evolve slowly, depending on word of mouth, or we can budget a new position and travel expenses for someone to be on the road promoting the conference center."

If the decision is to actively promote the center, Groteluschen indicated that the college would probably try to attract large statewide organizations.

Groteluschen explained that the college wanted to introduce this kind of conference service slowly at first to avoid any interference with service to the students and allow the campus to acclimate itself to having this facility.

He added that although the center

has grossed \$130,000 this year (including the summer months), most of that is revenue for the food service.

One of the problems with scheduling more than one group at a time comes when each group wants full use of the gymnasium and pool, Groteluschen added. He expects that the reopening of VanDusen and the Heather Room next year will give the college more flexibility in providing exclusive meal service and serving banquets, both of which will help to boost revenue.

McDaniel explained that he keeps one quad of Bruske open for students to reserve for visitors. The rooms cost \$15 per night. Students wishing to make reservations can contact either McDaniel or Chuck McNabb.

Editorial

Hart for America

Gary Hart has proven that he is no flash-in-the-pan media candidate. After beating Walter Mondale in New Hampshire, he held his own, if not actually won, the Super Tuesday contests.

By winning Massachusetts, Florida, the west, and running a close second in Georgia, Hart has proven that he is a national candidate with national appeal. His appeal is great enough to make him the only Democratic contender more popular than President Reagan.

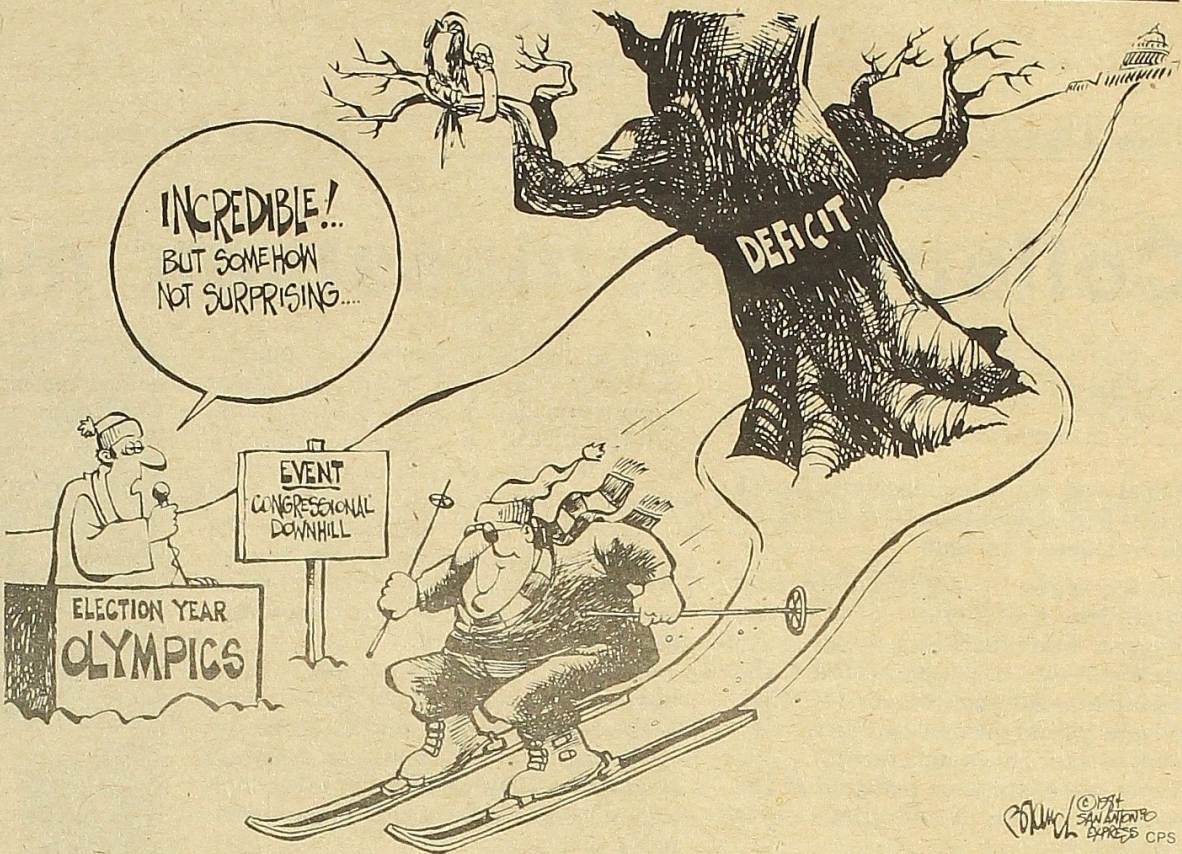
Hart has also been able to provide answers to those who question his ideas. He runs on a "New Ideas" platform, a vague but promising conglomeration of policies.

In the broadest sense, he favors a reindustrialization of the economy toward an international, high-technology market. He opposes protectionist policies, such as the domestic content bill. He holds great faith in the future of the country if it is able to change with the changing times. Both industry and labor can make a healthy comeback "by mastering change, not resisting it."

Hart also favors change in American defense. Having written volumes on military reform, he understands the need for a strong but reasonable defense. He promotes simpler, cheaper, but more effective weapons over the fancy gadgetry currently in vogue at the Pentagon.

Continuous with his peculiar mix of ideas, he favors high tech in the marketplace but not in the army. Ironically, the confusion surrounding Hart may be his greatest asset. He cannot be labeled an old-time, New Deal Democrat. He looks at problems rationally and pragmatically. His vagueness is the result not of incompetence, but of intelligence.

Hart is the best choice for the Democrats because he brings fresh ideas to a bankrupt party — and because he has the best chance of defeating Ronald Reagan.



Letters

Save Africa Fellow program

Dear Editor:

The Africa Fellowship Program has survived Nigerian political upheaval, federalization of the Mayflower School and inflation. Now the lethal threat to its continuation is coming from our own Student Budget and Finance Committee (SBFC)! The approval of this item was again tabled on March 14.

For each of 21 years Alma College as a campus community has raised funds to send at least one "Fellow" to teach as a donated teacher at a high school in Nigeria, a third world country struggling to upgrade its educational system with limited resources.

The philosophy behind the program was that from our caring, there could be people-to-people sharing. The Fellow shares not only energy and ingenuity but gives a year of life at considerable personal financial sacrifice—a fifth undergraduate year at higher cost, at least one summer's earnings, and a year's salary after college, not to mention personal expenses for the year abroad.

And it isn't like a semester or two of language study in Paris or Madrid which counts on the degree.

Campus fundraising has provided for direct expenses of preparing for the travel (passports, inoculations, medical supplies, etc.), round trip airfare (New York to Lagos), and a monthly subsistence stipend (about \$200) for food, clothes, local travel, supplies, etc. It will cost about \$4,400 for the Fellow for 1984-85.

Funding comes from two main sources: the "faculty" auction, which last month netted about \$1,700, and the student tax of about \$2.50 per student — we asked for \$2,500. A little comes from gifts and resale of some Nigerian art objects.

By this approach all students share in a small part of the support through the activity tax. The real enthusiasts and major promoters make contributions or bid the high dollar at the auction.

Inaction or objection by the SBFC is based on these points:

- (1) students are only to get direct individual benefits from their tax — not give;
- (2) the Fellow should pay part of the expense, just as in other overseas programs;
- (3) the Fellowship Committee should go around campus and generate more gifts from supporters rather than expect so much from all students on a per capita basis;
- (4) the college should budget for the fellowship and collect it in tuition and fees;
- (5) students don't get much

educational benefit back from reports of the returning Fellows or through The Almanian, etc.

I have argued that to include this in tuition and fees would be to hide the per capita cost and force it on all students. Instead, we should let student support be tested in the vote on the activity tax. We do get cross-cultural educational benefits from the presentations, the newspaper articles and by participation in sharing.

For the price of an evening's entertainment — or maybe only the liquid refreshments, we can keep a worthwhile program going and combat "meism." Does the Alma "spirit" still stand behind the Africa Fellowship?

R. O. Kapp

Support for education, teachers

Dear Editor:

American trust of the media ranks right down there with trust in Congressmen, the Soviets, and Consumer's Power Company. Well it might.

So often it seems that media people have little regard for the facts, especially if facts stand in the way of a good story — "good" meaning a story that appeals to our doubting nature. Take the matter of public education.

Are people poorer in reading than once was the case, say, in your grandparents' day? Newspapers have made much of that. Yet, there is no real evidence to show that is true. None, in fact.

We could say with Josh Billings, "Things ain't like they were in the good old days, and they never was."

Certainly, we can test kids in a particular school district, inner-city or Appalachia, and reveal some pathetically low scores. But it cannot be done

on a national scale because it simply is not true.

In fact, if we look objectively at the data, we find that kids are reading better now than kids ever did! If that information is in the newspaper, it is back on page 11-D.

What about declining scores on SAT and ACT tests?

No one can dispute the fact that they declined in the 1970's, but consider who was taking the tests: any high school student who wanted to and most of them did.

They did because higher education was now a real possibility for them. Kids from low income families, from parents with little or no education, from the minorities, all saw a chance for a dream to become a reality.

If you are familiar with the regression effect, you can predict what will happen to a mean when numbers of people being measured is increased enormously. The mean tends

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Quotebox

"Mondale's speeches are as vibrant and vivid as the day Hubert Humphrey wrote them." — Jeff Danziger, in his comic strip "McGonigle of the Chronicle."

"The cosmos is a giant flywheel making 10,000 revolutions per minute. Man is a sick fly taking a dizzy ride." — H.L. Mencken.

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Salvadoran elections fraudulent but crucial

The people of El Salvador will go to the polls this Sunday to elect a president. Maybe.

There is little doubt that the people will vote. In the last elections, in March 1982, over 80,000 voters turned out despite widespread fighting.

The rebels have said they will not disrupt the upcoming election. So even more people may turn out.

Unfortunately, such turnout is not only an expression of patriotism. First, the voting age was lowered to 16. Second, it is against the law not to vote. Third, many far-right groups have been conducting their own "get-out-the-vote campaign," a combination of persuasion, coercion and outright terror.

Yes, the people will elect a president. But will it make any difference? The only parties on the ballot are rightist and cen-

trist groups. The leftist opponents are not participating for fear of their own safety.

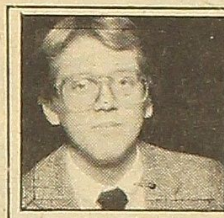
The people can choose between Roberto D'Aubuisson, an extreme conservative with known links to death squads, and Jose Napoleon Duarte, a moderate who once served as president. He was virtually powerless, though, opposed by the rightist parties, the business community and the landowning elites.

No matter who is elected, no Salvadoran president can rule without the blessings of the Armed Force. They are the true power in the country. That is both good and bad. The Armed Force is also split between the rightists and the reformists. The deciding group of officers are those committed to the preservation of the Armed Force and of their own careers.

The Salvadoran officers are no fools. They understand the risks involved in the elections. If D'Aubuisson wins, there is a good chance that he may attempt a virtual coup with the help of some leading officers. After the 1982 elections, he attempted the same thing. It was only the intervention of the United States and the moderate elements of the Armed Force that thwarted his plans.

If D'Aubuisson wins and does not try a takeover, the Armed Force will still be worried. They realize that such an extremist as president will probably do nothing but alienate the population and give even greater legitimacy to the rebels.

If D'Aubuisson wins, it is quite likely that the Armed Force will step in to change the results.



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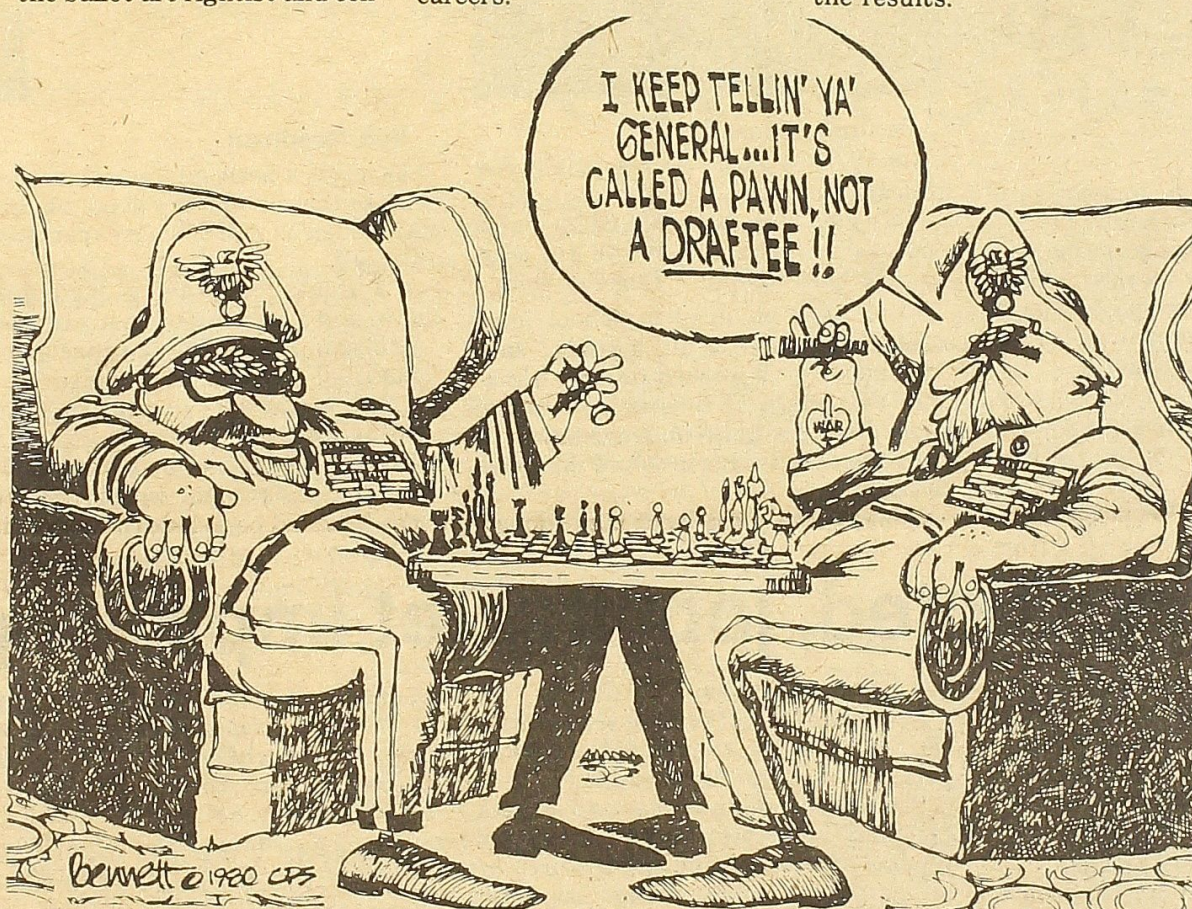
If Duarte wins, trouble also arises. D'Aubuisson could not be counted on to accept defeat easily. His actions are unpredictable. Even if D'Aubuisson and the rightists abide by rule of law, Duarte would again face the same opposition he did in his previous administration. He would be weak unless the Armed Force came out in full support of him.

The Salvadorans have not had a legitimate election with legitimate outcomes for decades. Whatever the out-

come, the upcoming elections only promise more of this fraudulent democracy.

The unfortunate truth is that democracy will not work in a country torn by civil war. The only government with a chance of being both stable and legitimate is a negotiated one, one which brings the right, the center, and the left together.

Until the rebels, who have gained strength and popularity recently, are brought into the process, war will rage and governments will fail.



Looking back: Greek history

By Dr. Eugene Pattison
Professor of English

"Greeks" have been part of Alma since Zeta Sigma "seekers of wisdom" and Alpha Theta "daughters of Athena" gave public programs in 1888. By 1898, the College Academy's "Adelphic" became collegiate Phi Phi Alpha (ancestors of Alma TKEs) and Philomathean had begun its evolution into AZT.

At first they were not fraternities and sororities, but literary societies for discussions, debates and performances. An alumnus urged in the Monthly Almanian for October 1905 that the young college should have fraternities, if they promoted the good of the school. By the 1920's, there were.

The literary societies formally changed to more social objectives, and two new groups formed in 1921. The fraternity BTE led in debates and scholars but overspent on a spring dance and went broke about 1936. The sorority, KI, remained active until 1975 and reactivated in 1979.

Soon, in 1938, with growing enrollment, President Dunn asked two coaches to consult the freshmen about form-

ing another fraternity. It became DGT (later STG and now SAE).

The Delts' 1951 Scotsman page claimed "the right of all college men to fraternize," and they alone were open while many College men were fighting World War II. Fraternities quickly revived in peacetime, the men reoccupying their houses as soon as they had enough new members. And though they debated whether to "haze" returning veterans in 1945 (they must have decided they would), the "right to fraternize" was little challenged before 1956.

With only Pioneer Hall for men, "frat houses" were about the only places to live on campus. But, with three men's dorms opening from 1956 to 1967, and small housing for independents (bought during College expansion) Greek affiliation dropped from 70 percent to 30 percent.

What kept the Greeks alive? Almanians still looked for close friendships and the chance to learn about people in ways they could not through books and classes. Some sought the thrill of IM victories; "joiners" saw benefits in instant political support which had often won Student

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Draft is necessary for security

By Paul L. Winter
Guest Columnist

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, the American people looked upon the military with pride and respect. Those years have long since disappeared, however.

It almost brings a tear to my eye to think that the American people now turn

their back on that institution which has, to a large extent, made the United States the great country that it is. Those men who served in World War II are regarded as heroic and courageous, but the men who have served in the military during the Vietnam years and since are hardly given the semblance of respect.

The malaise which has developed has led to declining

enrollment in the ranks of the military. Little thought is given to enlisting in the service by today's youth.

Those who do enlist in the military today usually do so because they are unemployed or have a criminal record and cannot get a job. Thus, the military has evolved into a ragtag outfit.

The inability of the military

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SBFC approaching student activity fee backwardly

By David Green
Editorial Assistant

The Student Budget and Finance Committee has done an admirable job at cutting the budgets of various student-run campus organizations. With thorough weekly examination of these budgets, the committee cut funds with the goal of staying within the proposed \$102 student activities tax.

However admirable this action has been, it is nonetheless thoroughly misguided.

At first glance, the final solution adopted here — budget cutting — appears to be the correct course of action. Lower than expected revenues due to declining enrollment can be dealt with simply by decreasing expenditures.

This admirable course of action is a negative policy, one that will not only have a detrimental impact on student-run and financed organizations, but also a policy that shuts the door on growth — that is, the expansion of existing organizations and the further development

of student-run extra-curricular activities.

The opportunity for this committee to participate creatively in this budget review was lost early in the budget process.

During the first SBFC meeting, members agreed to closed voting sessions to avoid "pressure" from being inflicted upon members during the vote. This agreement contains two implications: first, members were not able to withstand pressure — they would fold to it; or, second, members were not about to

alter convictions because of external pressure.

Clearly, the former prevailed, and in the end the committee rejected the proper solution to this money problem. While discussing the possibility of increasing the student tax above the \$102 increase, members were not willing to take this step — "the students won't vote for it." External pressure did play a role, and subsequent decisions were locked into the \$102 student tax.

Besides the fear that students would reject a tax

above \$102, some committee members felt that asking the students for more money was simply bad policy. Add to this the fear that an increased tax this year will snowball in the future and never remain under control.

This attitude is misguided. If so accepted, we recognize that Alma College will continuously experience declines in enrollment. The primary reason for increasing the student tax beyond the \$102 figure is a recognition that Alma College will have fewer students next year.

Feature

Leaders bring experience

Campus communications chiefs selected

By John White
Staff Writer

The Communications Committee last week chose Mindy Steiner as next year's editor-in-chief of the Scotsman, Jennifer Lorimer as general manager for WABM, and Bob Needham as editor-in-chief of The Almanian.

The committee based its decisions on a review of applications and interviews.

Steiner has worked for two years on the Scotsman and three years on a high school yearbook. She also has studied journalism here, published a Masonic newsletter and done freelance writing. She has experience in public relations and advertising from designing a billboard and working on public relations for the city of Troy's parks and recreation department.

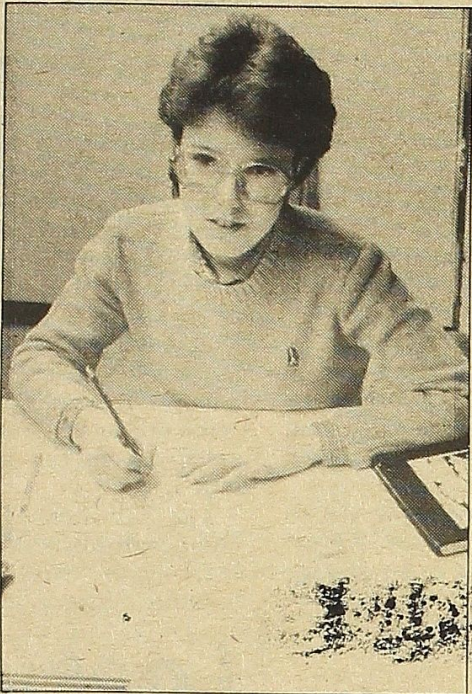
Becoming editor-in-chief of the Scotsman has been Steiner's goal ever since she decided to come to Alma.

"Now I've been on the staff for two years and I know the pros and cons of the yearbook, so it was just natural that I wanted to go for it this year," Steiner said.

As for her plans for next year's yearbook Steiner said, "What I want to see done that hasn't been done in the past is a steady flow of work."

She feels that recent staffs have lost momentum between publishing the face-finder and the yearbook.

WABM's new chief, Lorimer, has gotten all of her radio experience at the



Mindy Steiner

campus radio station.

"I started out as a technician as a freshman, then a deejay, and in my second term as a freshman I was a personnel manager," Lorimer recalled. "This year I was the station manager, and it seemed like a logical progression for me to apply for general manager."

By working closely with the executive staff for two years Lorimer has gotten to know all the workings of the station.

Lorimer feels that the general managers for the last two years have



Jennifer Lorimer

made WABM a very professionally run station.

"My goal is to make WABM a viable source of information. We've got a lot to offer this campus," Lorimer said.

"I've been involved in school journalism ever since the ninth grade," said Needham. "I've worked on The Almanian ever since I've been here, and I think I have a good understanding of the paper, the things involved in it, and the people."

Newspapers are something Needham



Bob Needham

has always been interested in, and he thinks that he will do a good job for The Almanian as well as gain experience for himself.

"I think the paper is high quality now, and I'm going to do my utmost to maintain — maybe improve — that quality," Needham said.

"We've got a lot of staff people that will return next year, and I know that we're going to have a strong staff and put out an excellent paper," Needham added.

Shortage of teachers predicted, job market improving

By Kay Hilber
Staff Writer

Some school districts in the nation may have a shortage of teachers towards the end of the decade, according to Dr. Sedley Hall, education department chairman.

"There are many indications that by the end of the decade, opportunities for hiring teachers will be higher," Hall said.

The professor added that he did not guarantee that Alma education students would definitely find jobs, saying that increased opportunity in teaching is a national trend that will depend in part on the willingness of taxpayers to support improved education.

Hall, who has drawn his information from observation, discussion with colleagues, and professional magazines, said that several trends indicate the shifts in job availability.

One, he said, was the impact of the "Nation at Risk" task force, which reported that the quality of American education had declined. The report provoked concern among taxpayers, but Hall is not sure what effect this will have on the educational system.

"It depends on how willing taxpayers are to pay for schools," he said. "(It's unclear) whether the focus on education will reduce class size or replace things in the curriculum that have been dropped because of cost."

Both of these moves would increase the demand for teachers by adding more classes, Hall said.

Another trend that Hall has observed is the increasing average age — now about 50 — of teachers in the public school system, coupled with a lack of young teachers to replace them.

Also, those colleges in the state which offer teaching certificates have experienced a large drop in the numbers

of education majors.

"We have one-fifth of the students (in the education department) that we had 10-12 years ago," Hall said.

Students who might want to go into teaching have been scared away by reports of overcrowding in the area or attracted to higher-paying corporate jobs.

"There are probably students in the business administration department who hate every day of accounting, but they know there's a payoff in the end," Hall said.

A corollary trend is the increased rate of pay given to substitute teachers. Many people formerly interested in teaching who were willing to work as substitutes in the meantime have gone on to other jobs, emptying school files of prospective employees.

Hall mentioned that increasing job availability is a national trend which is concentrated in certain areas of the

country and in certain fields of teaching.

The most promising areas of the country for teachers will be Denver, Houston, San Antonio, Phoenix and San Diego.

The fields of teaching that will open the most rapidly, Hall said, would probably be science, math, special education, English and bilingual and elementary education.

Hall would like students to become aware of the trend towards more teaching positions, but is afraid that a real shortage combined with increasing media exposure may lead to a flood of teacher applicants like that experienced in the "baby boom" of the 1950s.

Still, Hall wants those interested in education as a career to take heart.

"I have felt a need since last fall to say to kids, 'Don't be afraid of a career in teaching,'" he said.

This week

TUESDAY

● Exhibit: annual senior exhibition (through April 20), both galleries of Clack.

● Freshmen class dinner, 6 p.m., off campus.

WEDNESDAY

● High School Quiz Bowl (Admissions), 6 p.m., AC 113.

● Political discussion on Republicans and Democrats and the upcoming election, 7 p.m., Chapel.

● Trivial Pursuit tournament, 7-10 p.m., Hamilton basement.

THURSDAY

● Trivial Pursuit tournament, 7-10 p.m., Hamilton basement.

● Detroit Institute of Arts Lecturer: Hope Palmer, 7:30 p.m., Clack Theater.

FRIDAY

● SHAC Health Fair, 12-6 p.m., Dow Lobby.

● Women's symposium, 12-6 p.m., Dow.

● Winter term play: "Pippin," 8 p.m., Dow.

● Movie: Rocky III, 10 p.m., Dow.

SATURDAY

● Senior English exams, all day, AC 104.

● Men's tennis: Northwood Central, TBA, Northwood.

● Men's track: Aquinas, 1:30 p.m., Grand Rapids.

● Women's track: Aquinas, Grand Rapids.

● Winter term play: "Pippin," 8 p.m., Dow.

● Movie: Rocky III, 10 p.m., Dow.

SUNDAY

● Catholic Mass, 9:15 a.m., Chapel.

● Chapel Worship: Guest Preacher Dr. Jack Stotts, 11 a.m., Chapel.

● Senior art show opening reception, 2-4 p.m., Clack.

● Hand bell choir, 3 p.m., chapel.

Resident assistants for 1984-85 named

By Kay Hilber
Staff Writer

Resident assistants for the 1984-85 academic year have been selected.

"I'm very happy with the students we have for next year," said Dr. Anand K. Dyal Chand, dean of student affairs. "They are very strong, capable and able."

Dyal Chand supervised the selection process.

RA's will serve as liasons between the students on their halls and the college. They will also serve as counselors, leaders and administrators of their corridors.

Each RA is also expected to maintain a GPA of at least 2.25, to work both fall and winter terms and to place his/her duties as an RA above all other obligations except for academic work.

The RAs will also work as part of the administrative

team for their dorms with their head residents. These duties include staff meetings, in-service programs and joint corridor programs.

Kathy Callahan, assistant dean of students and head resident of Newberry Hall, said that her RAs worked well together and worked hard.

"They often go a step further (in what they do)," Callahan said. "(RAs) are often that kind of person."

To be selected for an RA position, applicants had to attend a mandatory meeting about the selection process and the duties of an RA. They then filed an application and three references with the Student Affairs Office.

Applicants then had two interviews. During first interviews, applicants met with the head resident of the dormitory they most wished to be placed in, two RAs, one faculty member and two students at large.

Those applying were then questioned by Dyal Chand, all four head residents and two RAs in a second round of interviewing. The latter committee then made the selections on the basis of the applications and interviews.

In selecting the RAs, Callahan and Dyal Chand looked for some similar and some different qualities.

Both agreed that leadership ability and counseling skills were important, as well the entire staff's ability to work together.

However, Callahan stressed "warmth, empathy and ability to work with people" as equally important, while Dyal Chand emphasized the "degree of involvement in life on campus, and the ability to deal with freshmen in terms of orienting them to a new environment."

Dyal Chand said that in his four years as dean of student affairs at Alma, 85 percent

of the RAs selected remain on the job the entire year, a level he called "phenomenal."

"It's due to the high caliber of student at Alma," he said.

"To me," Dyal Chand said, "an RA occupies a very important educational function... (S)he helps them (students) make decisions; (s)he helps them build their own value systems; and (s)he helps the student build an environment that will suit the student's own needs."

The ratio of new to second year RAs stands at 50-50. Six alternates were also selected.

The new RAs for the 1984-85 year are: in Bruske Hall, sophomores Mike Fisk, Linda Parmeter, and Teresa Terry; in Gelston Hall, junior Leslie Bauman, sophomores Bill Dalbec, Jerrolyn Hockenhull, Jon Veurink and freshman Todd Wynne-Parry.

New Mitchell RAs are junior Scott Smith, sophomores John Bradley, Carl Crimmins,

Mark Kolanowski, Craig Stoup and Kent Warner.

In Newberry, new RAs are junior Sarah Baker, sophomores Nancy Bugg, Beth Dunbar, Chris Haddad and Kara McArthur.

Alternates include juniors Dave Sherwood and Dean Winn, and sophomores Kristin Asiala, Dan Ball, Michelle Hatch, and Kathy Turner.

Returning RAs include: sophomore Deb Burczyk, to Gelston; sophomore Heather Ellsworth, to Bruske; juniors Laura Bates and Karen Coventry and sophomores Barbara Collins and Peggy Grover, all to Newberry.

Juniors Joe Anthony and Kevin Ryan and sophomore Kevin Dunn, will return to Mitchell.

RA's for South Complex include Ken Morgan, Rodney Petersen, Kim Seelye, Dan Shoemaker, Heidi Spindler and Kathy Topping; all juniors.

Greek Spotlight

AZT

Congratulations Sexy and Seventeen! You made it! Give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well-done. Congrats to Jenny L. — new WABM General Manager, and to Trish H. on your G.M. interview. Pledge plop of the week? Can there still be one? How about Pledge Mom Plop to Wendy on new traditions night?! Fire up for a week of things being back to "normal" Can it be? Have a great week!! AZT love.

TKE

Seniors, only one month left for most of you, so with Senior party coming up, let's do it up (it looks like that evens includes you Ricky O). We would like to recognize the passing of one of our few successful winning programs here — Wrestling, but we can't make up our minds what will go next — the Business Ad. major? Congratulations to our twelve new

"Super Pledges," one word of advice though, don't try to out Fox us.

ΔΦΩ

Congratulations Cloud Nine — you done good. Glad to have you with us. Congratulations also to the other Greek units and their new actives. I doff my chapeau to you all. Pledging was a treat but we're glad it's over. To some of you — and you know who you are — next time you should ask if you want a roll in the hay. Are the paybacks worth it? Hollywood — hope you're feeling better. I know Gridder will as soon as she gets a new nickname. Gold stars to you, Bizarre — congrats on being selected Acub pres. Bye-bye.

ΓΦΒ

Congratulations to "Sweet Sixteen and Never Been..." on their activation. You all did an excellent job. Nice mug for

you Zabrina! Thanks to all of those who helped make our party — a good time was had by all. Remember, "Pippin" this weekend. Talli, you are a star! That outfit is most becoming! Jeanie, how about a quick trip to Hawaii? Hang in there everybody the term is almost over. SPRING TERM — SMILE!!

ΘΧ

Look to the friendly skies, oh Drivers of Station Wagons hither cometh thy destinies!! Congrats to all the new father/son combinations — a fine crop. Kudos to Abominog for coordinating the restoration of the Great Tradition: the Theta Chi "Business" swings again! As the walls become floors become ceilings become doors, only eight are left. The last of us killed off the wine and went home. Rasta vibrations and kool runnance to all!

ΕΒ

First off, the Brothers and Sisters want to extend a warm welcome to our new service members, Scott Harmon and Joe Smith. It's great to have you with us! Good work and good luck to our members of "Pippin" — 2 down, 2 to go! Hey, Taylor, thanks for the

McWendy's run! For our two noble danseurs, it's Far From Over, so arch those feet — and watch where you fan kick, please!

ΦΛΧ

The Undefined Storm has passed. Long live the King! White sox and brews are diamonds in the eye of the Tiger. Loser — now the procreation has been accomplished, it's time for a storm. Psycheman — what did the alumna keep in that pizza box? An optical deflater? The Corunna Kid has been to K.C. and back and lived to tell about it. Boob's Killer is just that. Who says I wear my heart out on my shoe laces?

ΕΑΕ

Congratulations to Troy Taylor for his acceptance to the University of Michigan Law School. They must have known he was a Gam. The SAE's would like to announce a new social member — he's got four legs, pisses randomly all over the house, and his name is Gnarly. Although he's cute and cuddly, he may be dead by the time this spotlight is published. Tom Hill, our Eminent Archon, is no put on — he's up for the Barlow, and he's our number one, regardless of who wins. The house is open — come over and learn the keys to excess. Phi Alpha Bits.

ΖΕ

Welcome to the fun-filled world of SIGS. Two-thirds of the taxing trio are over, Belushi III and Irish Pub. Only Greek Blur is left to conquer. Needless to say, the SIGS will uphold their DIA image. Good luck SIG bowlers. As defending champs, you will be the ones to beat. Put forth your supreme effort. This week's SLIME list is endless, but two names stand out. Announcing our first Father/Son SLIME team: Howie and Hull! Congrats dynamic duo. As always, E.

KI

Be sure and check with C.W.'s pimp for an appointment. Plan ahead so you're not brating down doors. Frozen pizza is a big late night snack at the house eh Trish? Watch for creeping peeping frogs Susie!! Red, Red Wine is flowing through the house (got to love that Hiney). Chris has Pat come yet? If God sheds white light on a newt — why is it always red on us?

ΓΕΕ

Keep practicing those talent acts. We want to put on a really good show!! Tracy — did you make a smoking jacket, a monk, or a fig leaf??? That's nice! Congratulations to the new members and to all the new officers for next year!! Karen says: Thanks to the officers and the group for all their work this year. Good luck for the continued growth and support of the group!

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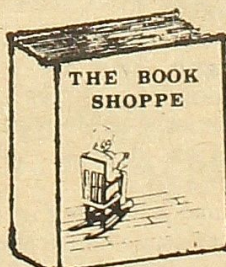
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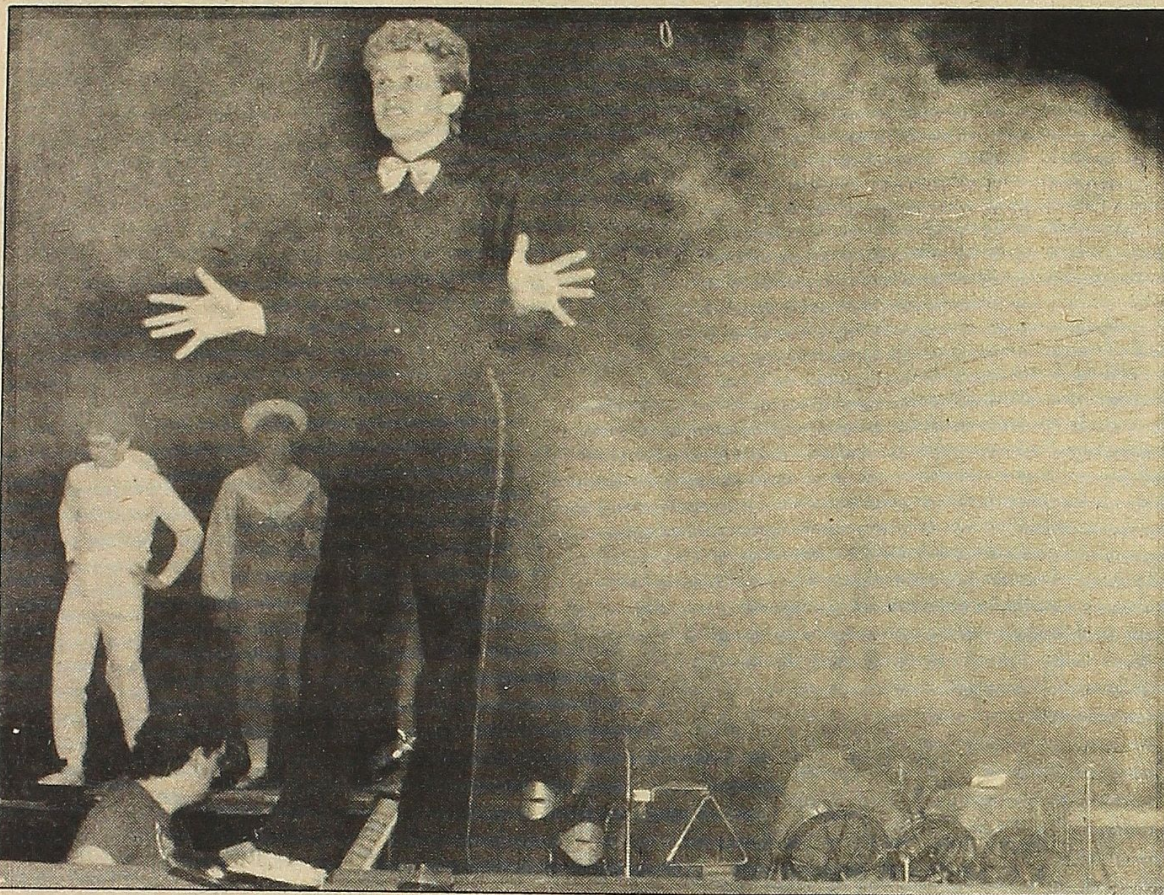
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Entertainment

Color, song and spirit reign

Opening night of 'Pippin' deserves applause



Michael Martin shows off his razzle-dazzle style as leading player of an acting troupe.

By Cindy Johnson
Feature Editor

The Alma College Players opened "Pippin" last Friday under the direction of Philip R. Griffiths. The cast displayed their talents to a packed house in a two hour extravaganza of color, humor, message and song.

"Pippin," by Roger O. Hirson with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, is the story of a young man's search for fulfillment.

The plot consists of a series of adventures, including war, country life and art, undertaken by Pippin, son of Charlemagne, on his road to maturity. The adventures are introduced and interpreted by a band of players.

As Leading Player, Michael Martin exhibited a clear and melodic singing voice and exuded considerable charisma with a cane and hat act.

Precise diction, smooth delivery of lines and an obvious enjoyment of what he was doing were other assets for Martin.

Kent Warner played an admirable Pippin and was especially effective with his comic lines. He projected a pleasant singing voice, though it was often drowned by the pit band.

Tom Klugh was impressive as the great and all-powerful Charles, Pippin's father.

Nancy Clendenin's delightful portrayal of Berthe,

Pippin's young-at-heart grandmother, was another highlight of the evening.

Building a rapport with the audience, Clendenin and the Chorus asked for audience participation in the form of a sing-along of "No Time At All."

Talli Parlette was coy and charismatic as the scheming Fastrada, wife of Charles, mother of Lewis and step-mother of Pippin.

Fastrada's son, Lewis, was well-played by David Arthur McMillan.

The lonely widow Catherine, with whom Pippin became romantically involved, was played by Elizabeth Abbott. Her lines were well-delivered and her singing voice, though quiet, was pleasant.

Ann Vickery played Catherine's energetic son Theo. Her quick style of delivery was well suited for the part.

Other cast members included Mark Johnson, who played both The Head and the Field Marshal, Paulette Pattee as the Beggar and Peter Vanderhart as the Soldier.

The talents of the dancers and members of the Band of Players, colorful and symbolic costumes, and well-designed sets greatly contributed to the evening's success.

"Pippin" will play at 8 p.m. this Friday and Saturday in Dow. Tickets are \$2 and \$1.50 for students and \$3 and \$3.50 for adults. Call extension 7306 for reservations.

Song Fest scheduled by ACUB for March 31

By Tracie Young
Staff Writer

In an attempt to revive a past tradition, Alma College Union Board will present

"We (ACUB) wanted something where students could show off the more serious side of their talents."

— Hathaway

"Song Fest" on March 31, at 8 p.m. in Dow Auditorium.

A formal singing competition between students and faculty, Song Fest will be returning after a 10-year absence from the campus.

According to Cheryl Hathaway, Union Board director of major events, the competition will be judged in two categories: 1-3 people and 4 and over. Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded in both categories with a traveling trophy accompanying the first place prize.

"We (ACUB) wanted something where students could show off the more serious side of their talents," Hathaway said. "We have a very talented student body."

The response to "Song Fest" has been very positive, resulting in approximately 14 entries. "We've had a tremendous amount of faculty support and involvement," Hathaway commented.

ACUB will be taking donations at the door in hopes of establishing a memorial fund for former Union Board president Bruce Cross.

The donations collected at Song Fest, which ACUB hopes to make an annual event, will go to a student activities fund for Tyler where it can be used to benefit the student body.

"Union Board as a whole is very excited about this event because it comes at a time when the old board retires and the new one comes in," said Hathaway.

"We've had a real busy year with homecoming, airband, Irish Pub, video tournaments, coffee houses and other events," Hathaway said. "I think ending with an event like 'Song Fest' will be a real positive note."

The entire community is invited to attend the event which will be followed by a wine and cheese reception in Dow lobby. Semi-formal attire is required.

Senior art majors participate in 21st annual Senior Exhibition

By Lora Helou
Staff Writer

The 1984 Senior Art Exhibition opens today in the Clack Art Center.

"Showing the art is part of artists' work. The senior show is a sort of celebration of their four years of work."

— Kirby

The senior artists are Elizabeth Black, Alison Dickey Rollenhagen, Annette Hart, Debbie Jessup, Linda Kirkby and John Luke. Suzanne Bartha combines her art major with an English major and Chris Cornwell does the same with a French major.

Participation in the exhibition is a requirement to fulfill an art major at Alma College. The art work on display represents the students' work

in studio courses and independent studies.

Art and Design Department Chairman Kent Kirby explains, "Showing the art is part of artists' work. The

senior show is a sort of celebration of their four years of work. They also do all the planning for the show. They get experience in putting together an exhibition. In every way, they make it as professional as possible."

Taking part in the senior exhibition was first required of art majors in 1963. In this 21st year of the exhibition, Kirby describes it as a "comprehensive exam."

Seniors have to do all the work, beginning with producing the art for the show itself, then actually hanging it in the gallery, publicizing the exhibition and planning a reception.

Co-chairperson of the senior exhibition committee Chris Cornwell described her philosophy of work, "I believe that when I'm making art, it is to express myself."

"Composition, colors and contrast in lights and darks are a main objective. No one can tell you what is right and what is wrong. Who has the right to judge?" Cornwell added.

The Senior Exhibition will be on display from March 20-April 20 in Clack. Works will include photography, oil painting, pastel painting, weaving, sculpture, drawing and graphics.

Hope Palmer will discuss topics in contemporary art Thursday

By Lora Helou
Staff Writer

"The Emperor's New Clothes: A lecture on Contem-

"Hope is building up quite a reputation as an excellent lecturer."

— Rozier

porary Art" is the topic for a slide lecture by Hope Palmer, lecturer for the Statewide Services Program of the Detroit Institute of Art.

Palmer will speak in Clack Theater at 7:30 p.m. Thurs-

day. She will discuss the ways in which contemporary works in paint, metal, stone and plaster affect the quality of our lives.

Possible connections between today's art and the masterpieces of the past will also be explored by Palmer.

"There was quite a controversy over the recent Cranbrook show. This lecture might shed light on the motivations behind some of these works as well as others," Robert Rozier, Clack's gallery director, said.

Palmer is an assistant professor of humanities at Wayne

State University and a paint and drawing professor at Henry Ford Community College. She received her master of arts degree in art history from the University of Michigan.

Grants from the state of Michigan allow for free art speaking engagements, such as Palmer's, in Michigan communities during 1983-84, Rozier said.

"Hope is building up quite a reputation as an excellent lecturer," Rozier said. "It (the lecture) will be an exciting and informative discussion of today's art."

Two visiting professors return to Alma

By John Rowland
Staff Writer

A good performance deserves an encore. This fact seems to hold true just about everywhere, even in education. And a top-notch performance seems to be what both The Most Reverend Dr. Thomas Makarios and Dr. Charles Amjad-Ali delivered as visiting professors at Alma. Both will return in the fall of 1984 to once again conduct classes in the Philosophy/Religion area. Bishop Makarios is an Indian scholar who received his doctoral degree from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va. According to religion

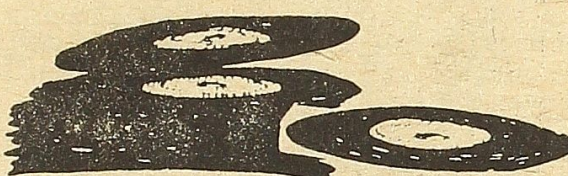
department chairman Dr. Ronald Massanari, Makarios will teach "Orthodox Christianity" (Religion 180A) and "Jesus as Teacher" (Religion 180B) during the first seven weeks of the fall term. Amjad-Ali's credentials are no less impressive. After earning a bachelor of arts degree from Karachi University in Pakistan, he went on to study philosophy at Oxford and the University of Bonn, Germany. Amjad-Ali has also earned a theology degree from studies in London and has taught at Princeton University.

During the second seven weeks Amjad-Ali will teach "Introduction to Islamic Ethics" (Religion/Philosophy 180A) and "Christian/Muslim Dialogue" (Religion/Philosophy 180B). According to Massanari, Amjad-Ali's classes will focus a great deal on contemporary political events, a subject the visiting professor views with great importance. Senior Jim Zestos took Amjad-Ali's "Christian/Muslim Dialogue" class last year and definitely recommends the experience. Zestos

also lived in Kirk House, the visiting professor's residence while on campus. "He didn't come in and just give us a lecture. It has to have been one of the most interesting religion classes I've had here," Zestos said. "I know him more as a person than as a teacher...He was real opinionated...very controversial...he talked about politics, about religion, he has very firm beliefs," he added. "I would definitely recommend the class, I would recommend more people like him come in and teach as guest teachers," Zestos said. Sophomore Don Wheaton voiced nearly the same opinion. Wheaton took Makarios' "Orthodox Christianity" class

fall term. "(Makarios) doesn't lecture, he tells. He's a very calm man, he's not an extremely animated man, but he brings things in so that you can explore his perspective...and he teaches the symbolism and the insights of his faith," said Wheaton. "We always look at things from a Western point of view and he comes from a totally different perspective. He can really put another perspective in your life — especially about religion," he added. "I really enjoyed the course...I would recommend it heartily. It was one of the best courses I've ever taken," Wheaton added.

Both (Makarios and Amjad-Ali) will return in the fall of 1984 to once again conduct classes in the philosophy/religion area.



"Born to Laugh at Tornadoes" considered truly fun, unusual

By Don Wheaton
Staff Writer

WAS (NOT WAS)—
"Born to Laugh at Tornadoes"
(Ze/Geffen) ★★★★★
Every once in a while I get to review a truly fun, unusual and different album. "Born to Laugh at Tornadoes" is just such an album. From two native Detroiters, Don Fagenson and David Weiss (alias Don St. Was and David St. Was), comes the sleeper cult album of the year. The music put out by Was (Not Was) is and isn't rock, techno-electronic, jazz, funk or soul; it's a conglomeration of all of the above and it really

grabs you. Weiss' lyrics are dark yet comical, as the examples below will illustrate. The band of Was (Not Was) is accomplished and is brilliant at times. Guest vocalists are none other than Mitch Ryder, Doug Fieger (formerly of The Knack), Ozzy Osbourne and Mel Torme. Yes, you read that right. Ozzy and Mel Torme. Side one shows how clean a mixture of divergent sounds the Was brothers can cut. "Bow Wow Wow Wow" features Ryder at his singing best, albeit a strange place to find him. Karl Marx, et. al., would love the tune "Knocked Down, Made Small (Treated Like a Rubber Ball)," as it

speaks of deep-seated disenchantment and alienation. Weiss can come up with some very serious lyrics among his irreverent ones. "Betrayal," with Fieger on vocals, speaks of a backstabbing, cheating woman who knows that "betrayal's just a game." But Weiss is at his best when it seems like he's out in left field. "Man Vs. the Empire Brain Building" sounds like a song that avant-garde musician/songwriter Laurie Anderson would have written and performed. The chorus proclaims, "In my life there's just three things: Man vs. nature/ Man vs. woman/ And man vs.

the empire brain building." A song that can remind one of Alma's party scene is "The Party Broke Up." These lyrics are so weird that they are hilarious: "Jason came in from Peoria wearing silk sunglasses/ His wife Gloria wore metal shoes that emitted poisonous gases from the heels/ One drink of that stuff and Zam! the walls became floors became ceilings became doors/ Needless to say, the party broke up." Ozzy's cameo appearance on the LP is a fun, funky tune titled "Shake Your Head (Let's Go to Bed)." The song seems so anti-Ozzy that it is too much fun. Fieger's other vocal

is the very seriously lyricized "Smile." And Torme croons, beautifully in a satire of the kinds of songs he sings, "Zaz Turned Blue." Sporadically I get to indulge in a "Who the heck is he writing about?" review. This is one of those indulgences, but it is no less serious than any other review. I strongly recommend this album to anyone serious about his or her music: serious enough not to worry about what others might pressure you into liking; and serious enough to be able to laugh and enjoy their listening material withouth having to buy a comedy album.

Education

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to go down. Have the media observed that phenomenon? It is not even on page 11-D. How about the old saw that poorer students go into teacher education programs?

Sometimes the media trips itself as Tom Brokaw and NBC did last spring. Brokaw did a piece on schools and teaching. Two math majors at Ohio State, excellent students according to

Brokaw, were interviewed. Both said they would like very much to go into teaching but teacher salaries just could not compete with business and industry so they chose the latter.

It isn't, then, a low regard for teaching that turns away good students as the media so often charge. Incidentally, students at Alma College who are preparing to teach have an overall grade point average higher than the student body as a whole. This is true in nearly all the MIAA colleges. Because criticism without recommendation is worthless, let's advance a few

suggestions. Asking the media to be more responsible in its reporting is one. That does not need elaboration. How about refraining from making education an issue in the coming elections? Teaching children today is hard enough. We do not need more special interest groups pounding on schoolroom doors. Above all, don't ask President Reagan if education is in trouble. How could someone who does not know there is hunger in the United States possibly know there is a crisis in the classroom? Don't ask Congressmen. They are running for office, and they definitely do not want to talk about improving education if it means more taxes — which it does.

Don't bother to ask the Soviet Union. We are so far ahead of them technically, economically, and socially it is no contest. Why else, for example, would they continually attempt to steal our computer technology? They simply cannot compete, that's why. And, finally, do not ask Consumers Power Co. They are expending their energies on other matters. To my colleagues at all levels of education I urge that we not measure the quality of education by standardized scores alone. Surely we are too wise to do that. If we continue to talk only about test scores, we are validating our own ignorance about what it means to educate our young people.

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Sports

Scots on deck for baseball season

By Mary Douglas
Sports Editor

Get ready for sunshine and lazy afternoons — baseball is just around the corner, and the Scots are getting ready to defend their MIAA title.

Last year Alma claimed the league championship with a 10-2 conference record. It was their third title in four seasons.

Coach Bill Klenk said Thursday that "the possibility to win the championship again is there. We have the talent to compete for it. The question is how things will come together, and the key, of course, is to win."

Five senior starters graduated from last year's championship club. Mark Duffield (catcher), Duane Painter (pitcher/first base), Buz Zamarron (center field) and Kyle Davison (right field) were all named first team All-League. Bobby Lovejoy (third base) made the league's second team.

"We have to replace some quality players," said Klenk. "Our number one priority in Florida was to establish a starting line-up."

"We have a lot of young players and it is a matter of how fast they improve," Klenk added.

The Scots spent a week in Florida competing against junior colleges Lakeland (Ill.), Santa Fe (Fla.), and Kalamazoo Valley (Mi.). They also played Division III Flagler (Fla.) and NAIA Rio Grande (Ohio).

Defeating only KVCC, Alma tallied a 1-7 record.

"In the past we've taken down a seasoned, experienced ball club. This year we were trying to find a starting line-up and gave everyone an opportunity to play," explained Klenk.

"That record is deceiving," Klenk noted. "Some of those teams had already played 10-12 games or had fall baseball programs."

"We came out with a starting line-up," Klenk continued, "and that was our number one goal. Also we got a fair idea of what pitchers we can depend on in the conference."

Starting in the infield will be Troy Click (catcher), Sean Burns (first base), Scott Vicari (second) and Scott Syme (shortstop), with either Rob Caldwell or Andrew Skrzypczak at third base.

Outfield starters include Bob Zimmerman (left), Jamie Harrison (center), and Bill Core (right).

Al Goetz is the number one pitcher, followed by Scott Henzi and Hans Martin.

Goetz made honorable mention All-League last year.

"Al is head and shoulders above our other pitchers," noted Klenk. "He has a very live fast ball — more velocity than the rest. He also has an excellent curve and slider and a very good change-up. The other pitchers don't have command of that many pitches."

Rounding out the pitching staff are Scott Acton, Jack Arduin, Dave Freudenburg, Greg Jones, Gregg Martin and Brent Smith.

Jeff Denton will work in the outfield. Mike Ayling, Matt Vicari and Bob Breault are all catchers. Dave Wilburn (first base) and Bob Lee (shortstop) will complete the varsity roster.

Lee (honorable mention All-League last year) suffered a knee injury during I.M. basketball this winter and had surgery.

"None of these are absolutes," said Klenk. "It's based on what happened in Florida, but things can change."

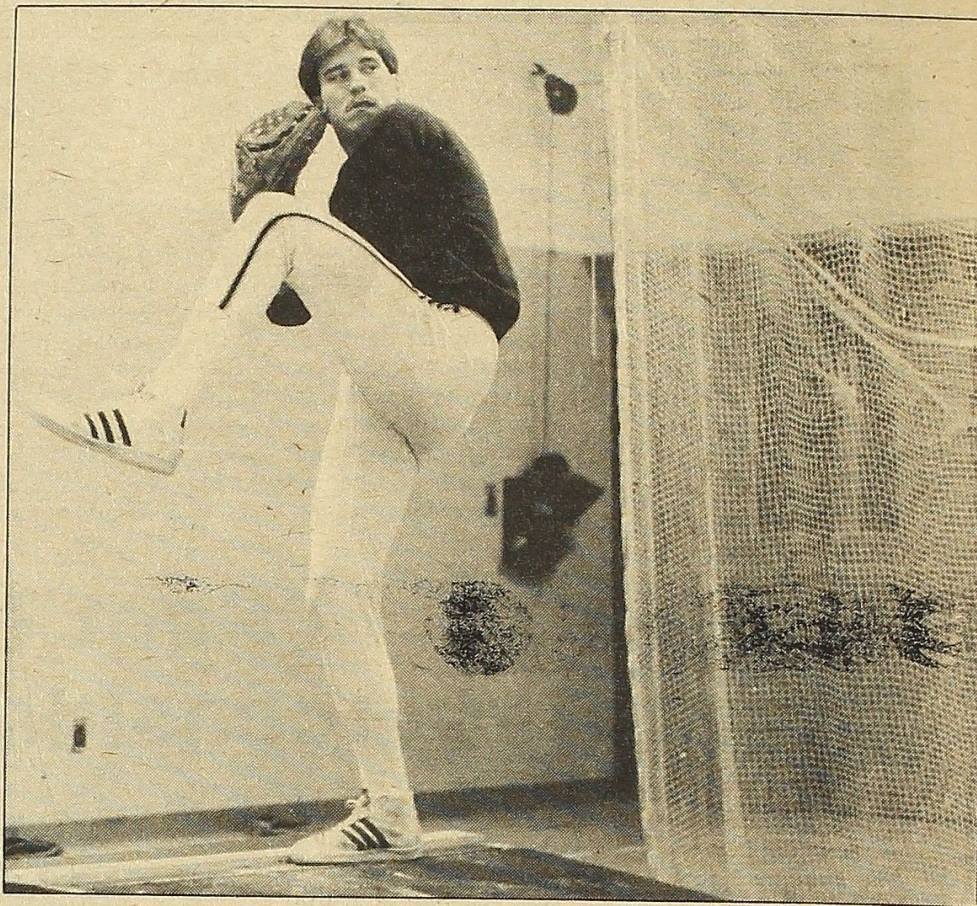
Burns and Scott Vicari are senior co-captains.

Vicari is the only returner from last year's championship team to stay at his same position (second base). He has been on the varsity team for four years and made second team all league for the past two seasons.

This is Burns' third year as a varsity player, but his first season in the infield. He was named first team All-League during his sophomore and junior year.

Last year Burns shared Alma's Howard Schaitberger Hitting Award with Zamarron, an annual award that goes to the leading hitters. Burns batted .452 during the MIAA season, Zamarron .405.

Click is the only other Scot starter to



Al Goetz, the Scots' top pitcher.

return. It is his third year on varsity, but first season starting as catcher.

In Florida, Click hit over .500 with three home runs.

Klenk said the Scots' strong points included two of the best hitters in the league (Burns and Click) "in power and average." Burns will bat fourth in the line-up. Click will bat fifth.

He added that Scott Vicari is "a player of great ability" and Goetz is capable of pitching a very good year for the team.

"The question is how the rest of the players will blend in to provide offense and defense for us," Klenk said.

"This is not like other sports," stated Klenk. "You can easily have the best ballclub and still not win. It takes just one game; whether you win or lose can make the difference in the entire season."

On March 31, Alma travels to

Saginaw Valley to open the season. League play begins on April 7 at Hope College. The Scots' first home game is April 14 against Adrian, beginning at 2 p.m.

Junior varsity players include pitchers John Dillingham, Randy Flinn, Bryan Jull, Dwight Kelsey and Mark Weihs.

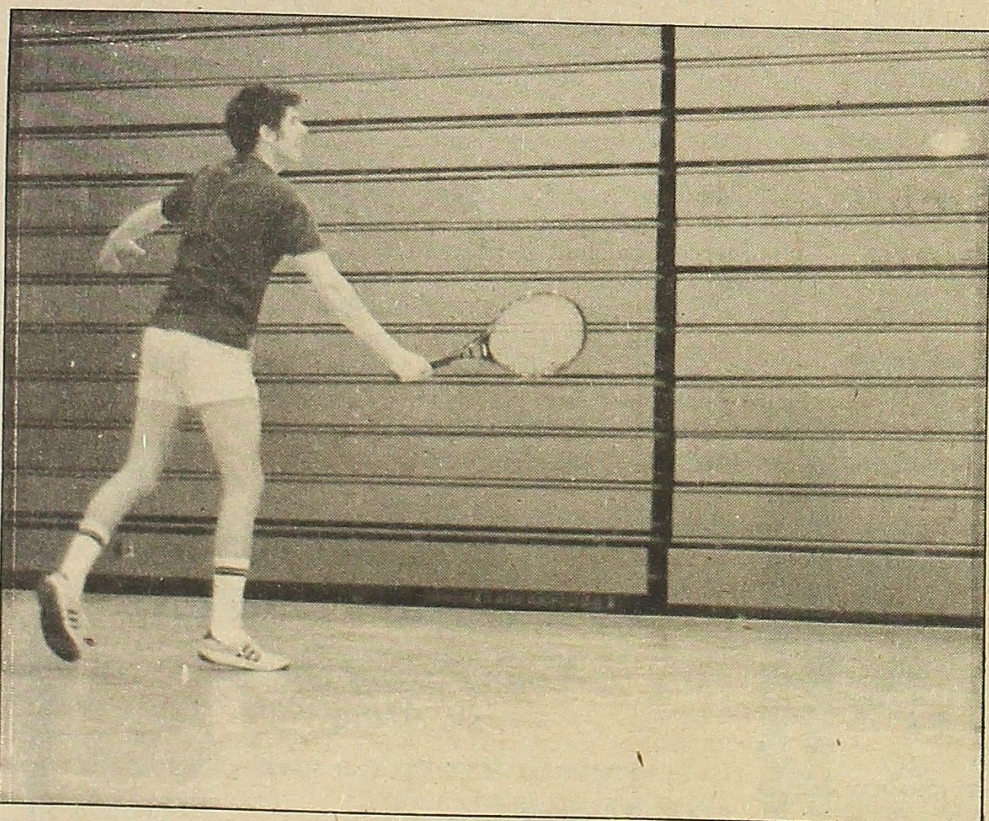
Rob Davison and Jerold McGhee are catchers.

Infielders are Kevin Brady, Scott Gorsline, Ken Graham, Jim Knoll, Kevin Mulligan, Jamie Werbish and John Westerhuis.

Blake Boyer, Bernie Konkle and Dean Ulrich are outfielders.

The J.V.s meet Mott Community College four times during the season. They open April 9 at home and go to Flint April 13. Their final games are both at Alma, May 3 and 7. All games begin at 2 p.m.

Men prepare for tennis opener



Tom Santi returns a serve during a preseason challenge match.

By Don Wheaton
Staff Writer

The men's varsity tennis team is gearing up for a successful season against some tough opponents.

The Scot schedule includes Central Michigan University and the University of Detroit (both Division I schools), as well as Division II Northwood and Oakland University.

"We will be a mature, seasoned veteran team this year," noted Coach Chris Ragsdale.

"Although we lost our number one singles and doubles player, Doug Miron, last year, we have seven of our top eight players returning to this year's squad," Ragsdale added.

The returning seven includes seniors Doug Gruber, Rusty Gaines and Chip Gray.

Juniors coming back to play this year are Tom Santi, Bruce Fedewa and Gordon Schreur.

Martin Topliss rounds out last year's top seven.

Other returning players are senior Dave Larsen, junior Mark Fender, and

sophomore Pete Larsen.

The only rookie on this year's team is freshman Jeff Ennis.

Ragsdale said the Scots have "incredible depth."

"There will be intense competition within the squad. We are one of the best teams top to bottom in the league," Ragsdale stated.

"Although we have no dominating, number one player, all the team members are fine, skilled athletes," added Ragsdale.

Last year the Scots started slow at a 1-5 pace, but came back to win their last seven dual matches. They notched fourth place in the MIAA and fourth place at the conference match.

"We have a team who can challenge for second in the league. That is a realistic possibility," said Ragsdale.

The MIAA is dominated by Kalamazoo in tennis; Ragsdale said that the Hornets have won the championship for about the last 40 years.

"Last year our matches with Hope and Albion all lasted three sets. This year, our maturity, experience, and senior leadership will make us a better overall team," Ragsdale said.

Women's track action under way



Simone Heidrich (left), Lori Teunesson and Alison Avery are training for the track season.

By Jill Charron
Staff Writer

The 1984 track season is under way for the lady Scots as they compete in three indoor meets this month: Ferris, Spring Arbor, and Aquinas before beginning their outdoor

Coach Jim Cole says the women "have accepted the challenge of 1984 MIAA campaign."

season and league competition in April.

According to Coach Jim Cole, "A very enthusiastic and energetic group has accepted the challenge of the 1984 MIAA campaign."

A small group of returnees who include Alison Avery, Sue Morton, Kathy Turner, and Cheryl Wixson and a new coach have welcomed an outstanding group of

freshmen. These include: Jill Charron, Simone Heidrich, Krystal Palmreuter, Brenda Smith, and Lori Teunesson.

The team traveled to Florida for the first time over winter break where they diligently trained for the upcoming season.

The Scots opened their season a week later with a fine showing at the Ferris State College Invitational which was open as no scores were kept.

As far as the team goals for the season, Cole summed up with, "We will try to continue to develop for the conference meets in April and May with the culmination of all our work to be shown at the Championships in May."

"We will also have a few young ladies challenge the NCAA qualification standards in the hopes of a trip to nationals which will be held in late May in Minnesota."

The team participated Spring Arbor Invitational on Saturday, March 17, and will compete against Aquinas on Saturday, March 24.

Men second at track invitational

By Jill Charron
Staff Writer

The Alma Scots track team competed in their first meet of the season last Tuesday placing second at the Spring Arbor Invitational.

First places were garnered by senior Ron Gonzales in the long jump, 21'4", and the 50 yd. dash, 5.63; tri-captain Keith Bellovich, a junior, in the 880 yd. run, 2:02.65; and sophomore "Doc" Mercer in the triple jump, 42'11.5".

When asked about the potential and goals of the 1984 squad, coach Charles Gray replied, "In this Olympic year, the 1984 squad is expected to be very well balanced with the potential to produce a number of National qualifiers."

Following a best-ever pre-season training program in Florida, the squad is expected to be an improvement over 1983 when the Scots were the surprise team in the conference. At the MIAA Field Day, the Scotsmen tied the Calvin Knights for third

place.

Gray then went on to cite tri-captains Bellovich, an 800 meter runner with a personal best of 1:54.9; Rob Cwik who placed second in the high hurdles, fourth in the javelin, and sixth in the intermediate hurdles at the league meet; and Mike Bates, a national qualifier in the 400 intermediate hurdles in 1981, as potential national qualifiers this year.

Several other returnees are figured to key performers this year. Ron Gonzales, a second place finisher at the league meet in the long jump and an outstanding sprinter, missed national qualification by only several inches.

Long and triple jumper, Mercer, holds the school triple jump record and qualified for the NCAA Nationals in the triple jump in his freshman year.

Sophomore John Shoemaker performed well in last year's MIAA Championships earning points in both the high jump and triple jump.

Although no event is considered to be weak, the triple jump, hurdles, and the middle distances should be the Scots strongest events.

The 1983 weak events, the high jump and pole vault are expected to improve with Jeff Callard performing in the pole vault and senior Jim Carter and Shoemaker in the high jump.

Newcomers to the squad are led by freshman All-MIAA cross country performer Pete Bolen in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter events.

Vince Consolo is expected to be one of the best shot putters in the league by conference time.

The middle distances will be improved with the edition of Phil Carino and Sam Lewis who will join veterans Dom Foley and Scott McBroom.

Another newcomer, Joe Mulnar, is expected to place in the MIAA Championships in the pole vault.

According to Gray, "Albion is again expected to repeat as MIAA Champions, but if they falter, the Scots as well as the Calvin Knights and the Hope Dutchmen are expected to challenge for the MIAA title."

Conference meet over, swimmers place fifth

By Kerri Clark
Staff Writer

The Alma College men's swim team took fifth out of six teams at the MIAA Conference Meet Feb. 23-25 at Albion College.

On the first day of competition, Tim Fields and Paul Kurtzhals swam the 500 yard freestyle. Fields finished 13th

Fields finished 15th (1:55.16) and Teall 18th (1:56.92).

Sterken, the lone 100 yard butterfly entry, finished 14th with a 1:00.87.

To round out Friday's competition the 400 medley relay team of Schamanek, Sterken, Slater and Teall finished fifth with a 3:58.16.

Saturday's competition started with the 1,650 freestyle. Fields and Kurtzhals finished 11th and 12th in consolation finals. Their times were 18:35.52 and 18:55.48.

The 100 yard freestyle competition was close. Slater finished fifth in finals with a 49.90 while Sagan finished 11th in consolation finals in 51.42 and Teall placed 14th with a 53.68.

Schamanek swam to sixth place in the 200 yard backstroke with a 2:18.4 while Prentice finished close behind in eighth place with a 2:22.11 time.

Sterken and Schamanek finished 11th (2:34.74) and 12th (2:37.39) in the 200 yard breaststroke. Welter and Chalker also finished 14th and 15th with times of 2:41.48 and 2:45.5, respectively.

"Doc" Mercer finished fourth in one meter diving with 278.55 points.

To end the competition, the 400 yard freestyle relay team of Sagan, Fields, Teall and Slater finished fifth in 3:22.97.

The final scores were Kalamazoo, 551; Calvin, 365; Albion, 299; Hope, 261; Alma, 152; and Adrian, 101.

Coach Wayne Wyszynski said that the team as a whole finished as expected. He also commented that he was "a little disappointed because the time drops were not as big as I thought they were going to be."

Wyszynski added: "Slater had a decent meet along with Schamanek and Welter."

Scot swimmers get no

National qualifiers.

(5:15.32) and Kurtzhals finished 15th (5:27.71).

In the 50 yard freestyle, the Scots had five entries. Chris Slater just missed qualifying for finals with a prelim time of 22.70 and a 22.86 in consolation finals. He wound up in seventh place.

Bob Sagan finished 11th in consolation finals (23.6), Ed Teall finished 14th (24.2), Mike Prentice finished 15th (24.43) and Harry Chalker 17th (24.96).

In three-meter diving "Doc" Mercer finished fourth with 225.4 points.

To end the day the Scots 800 yard freestyle relay team of Slater, Schamanek, Fields and Teall finished fifth in 7:38.35.

Friday's competition started with the 100 yard backstroke. Schamanek finished seventh, but slid into sixth place due to a disqualification with his time of 59.83.

Prentice placed 12th with a 1:08.76.

In the 100 yard breaststroke Sterken took 10th (1:08.58), Sagan took 13th (1:10.39) and Welter took 16th (1:13.84).

Slater took sixth in finals of the 200 yard freestyle with a 1:49.76. Fields and Teall both missed consolation finals.



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Fifth place cagers wrap up season

By Don Wheaton
Staff Writer

The Scot varsity cagers clinched fifth place in the MIAA when they beat Kalamazoo and Albion on the road to end the 1983-84 season.

Head Coach Chris Ragsdale said, "We achieved a great deal and made a number of improvements."

The squad's final record was 8-14 overall, 4-8 in the MIAA. They were picked to finish seventh in the preseason evaluation of the MIAA.

"There was improved talent in the league this year — there are a lot more of the better players," noted Ragsdale.

Ragsdale also explained that there are two quality teams in the conference and that the other five are equal. "Especially in the third through seventh places, it would not have taken a great deal to turn the positions around because the teams are so evenly balanced," Ragsdale added.

"Beating Calvin at Calvin was the first big spot — since we did not win a conference game in 1982-83, it took the pressure off in a hurry," said Ragsdale.

Alma beat Saginaw Valley at their gym for the first time, and beat fourth-place finisher Albion twice this season, something "Alma's best teams have not been able to do before," Ragsdale said.

"As you get better as a team, there are more bright spots. The end of the season, especially our game against number one Hope and then two road victories against Kalamazoo and Albion, was a very bright spot," added Ragsdale.

Ragsdale highlighted the performances of several players:

● Tim Bolton and his late-season improvement.

● Chuck Holmquist's transformation from last season to this one.

● Ray VanTiflin's consistency.

● Jim Kramer and his ability to establish himself as a point guard and become comfortable in that role.

● Scott Lewis' successful transition from high school ball to college ball, scoring 279 points with very mature play in a tough league.

Ragsdale pointed out improvements the Scots made this season on both offense and defense.

"We improved our offensive transition game and began to run well with the ball at the end of the season. We transformed our weak spots and improved as an offensive team throughout the year," Ragsdale said.

"I was pleased with our overall defensive play. Teams shot better against us this year than they did last year, reflecting the quality of play in the league. We outrebounded opponents. They did not get many second shots, but they converted on too many of their first attempts," continued Ragsdale.

Next year Ragsdale is looking to fill the gap created by the loss of VanTiflin.

"We have 19 returning players in our program next year. Who will step to the forefront will be determined next year on the practice court," Ragsdale said.

"I am looking to improve recruiting to increase intrasquad competition. That increased competition should bring greater team success," said Ragsdale.

Ragsdale said that the Scots are solid on the perimeter and solid at the guard positions with Lewis and Kramer. Alma also has the league's leading rebounder, Holmquist, returning.

The tri-captains for 1984-85 will be Kramer, Holmquist and Bill Core.

"These are the men that the players have dictated will lead us next season," said Ragsdale.

VanTiflin was this year's co-MVP. In his 44 junior and senior year games, he scored in double figures in 39 of them.

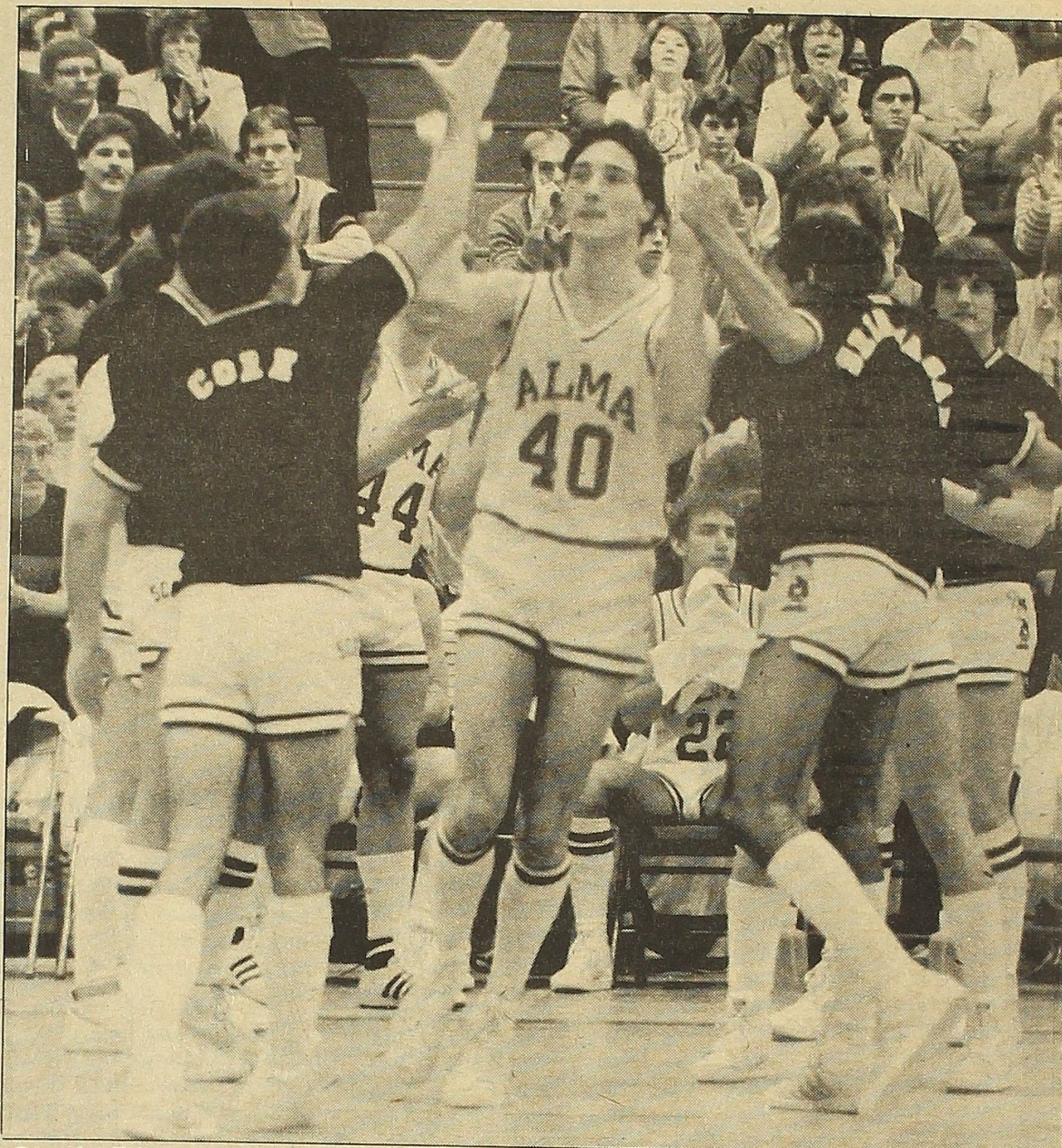
"Many have charged Ray with falling off his pace this year, coming in sixth in the league in scoring as opposed to last year's first," said Ragsdale. "In truth, he scored 394 points last season and scored 390 this season. In my eyes, four points is not a big fall-off."

VanTiflin also garnished a position on the first team All-MIAA squad. He was named MIAA player of the week once, was captain this year, earned three varsity letters in his career at Alma and entered the Alma College Winner's Circle with 33 points.

Two other players entered the Winner's Circle this year: Kramer and Holmquist, with 25 points each. (Points are scored for a variety of activities, based on athletic and scholastic performance.)

Holmquist was co-MVP. He was the leading rebounder in the league, one rebound short of averaging 10 per game.

Holmquist won a postseason award for best free throw shooting in game competition. His 80.6 percent average was based on shooting at least two free throws in every game — taking at least 44 free shots in the



Ray VanTiflin was named first team All-League from Alma's fifth place men's basketball squad. The Scots were 4-8 in the MIAA.

season.

Kramer was named MIAA player of the week for the last week of the season and was Honorable Mention All-MIAA. He was named to the College Division Great Lakes All-Academic basketball team. The region is comprised of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Ontario, Canada.

His 3.72 grade point average in biology/premed also earned him a higher honor: he was Honorable Mention Academic All-American for the college division, a very high accolade in a very intense competition. Kramer will also be a captain next year.

Bolton's second-half of the season play prompted his selection for the Most Improv-

ed Player award. His 53 percent field goal shooting percentage was good enough for sixth place in the MIAA.

Phil Young won the traveling free throw award, for the best free throw percentage in practice (92 percent). Of the five weeks he was eligible for the award, he won it four times.

Players receiving varsity

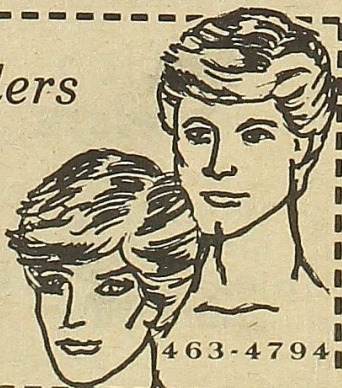
certificates were: Bolton, Core, Holmquist, Kramer, Lewis, John Merner, Ryan Sklener, VanTiflin and Young.

Junior varsity certificate were awarded to Kam Allen, Bob Breault, Jeff Denton, Steve Gonzales, Todd Gorsuch, Rich Moffit, Steve Proctor, Jeff Rienstra, Gregg Srinivasan, Mike Stafford, and Mark Weihs.

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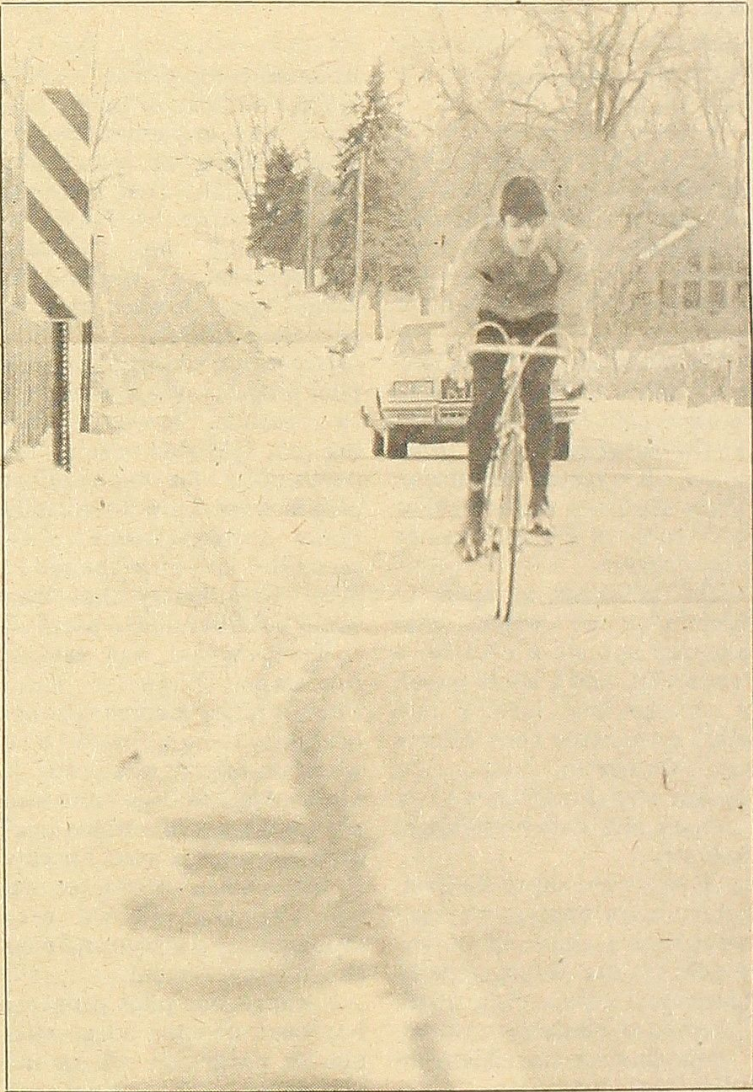
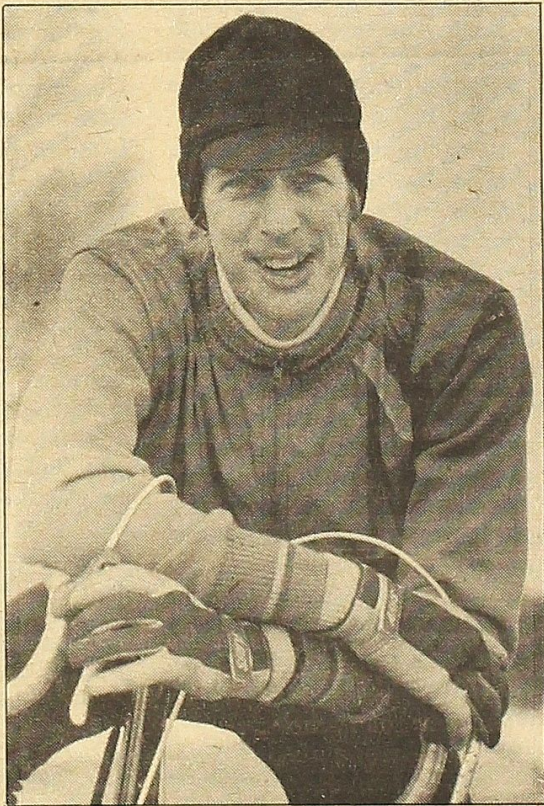
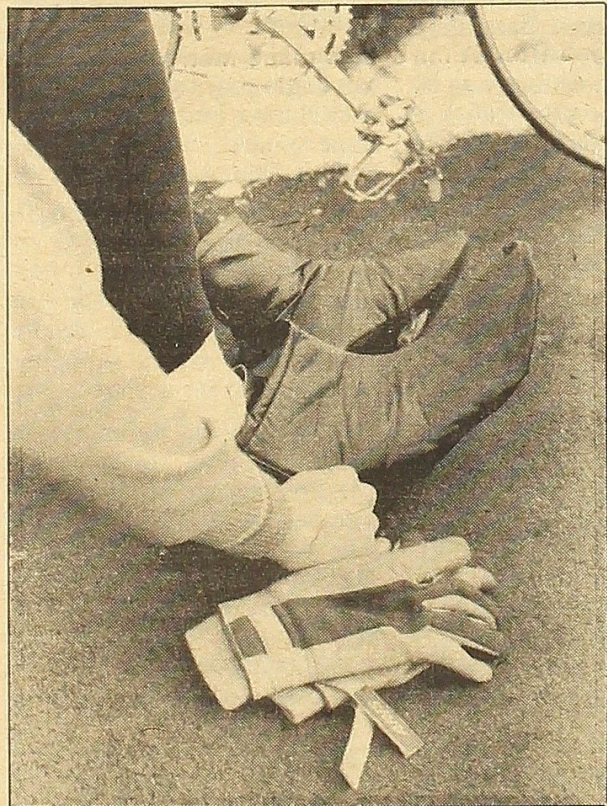
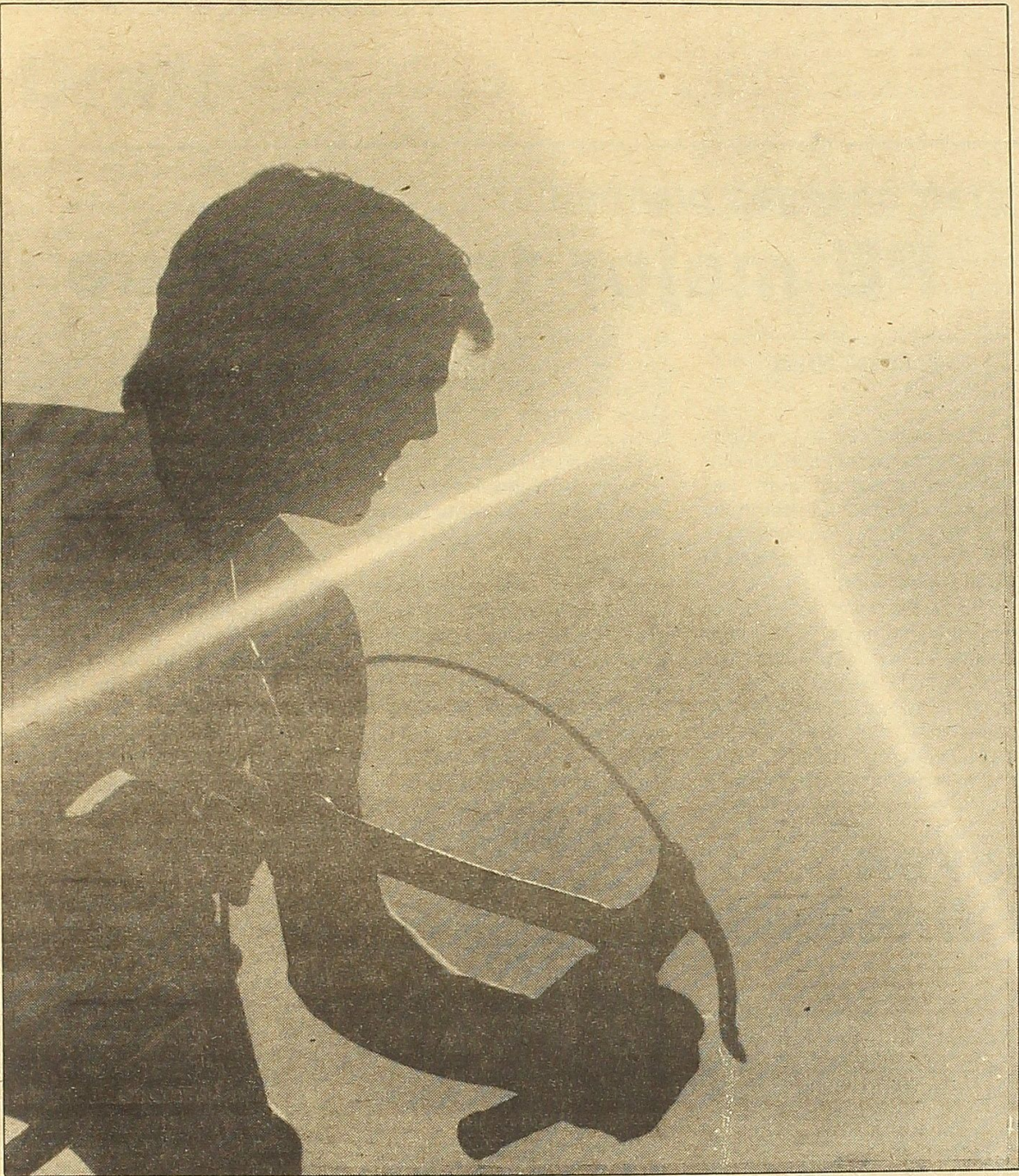
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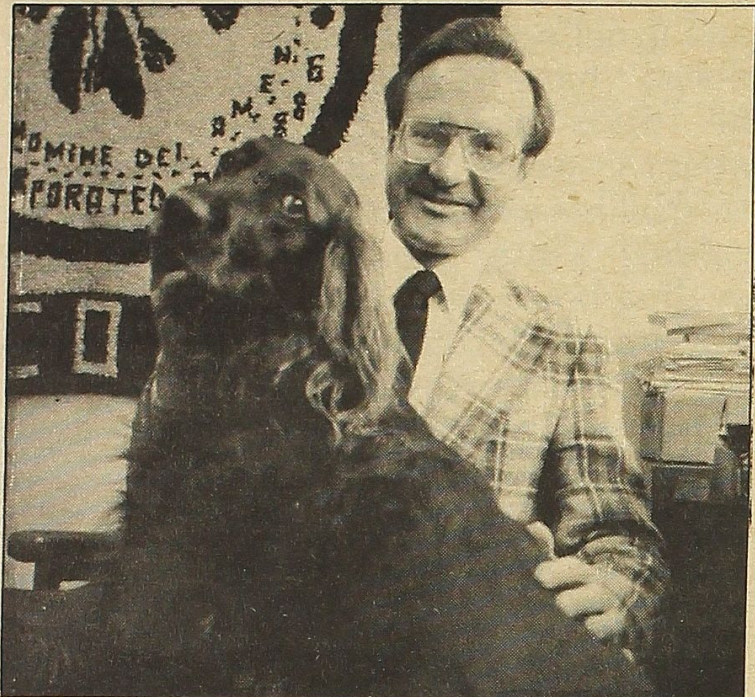
NO TIME OUTS

The life of a world class cyclist is tough and grueling. Fortunately, Kurt Martin doesn't have to worry about this. What he does have to be concerned about, however, is staying in top racing form. This means going out in even the coldest winter months, pulling on his cycling boots, hat, pants, & gloves and braving the bitter winds. Why? The racing season starts early this spring, and Kurt is determined to keep the form that has led him to racing experience in France, Switzerland, Canada, and The United States. Even though he is not yet a world class cyclist, he does have a shot at the state title, and for now that is one thing that he can push towards.

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News



Dr. Charles Gray

Staff changes planned

PE major to continue

By Kurt Martin-Sakai
Staff Writer

Contrary to a previous Almanian report, the current physical education major and program of teacher certification will continue, according to Dr. Charles Gray, chairman of that department.

"Overall, we anticipate nothing dramatic in the near future," Gray said about the PE major. However, major staff changes in the department will take effect for the next academic year.

The possibility of changing

the nature of the college's teacher certification is under discussion but for now no class changes or cuts have been made.

The department has enjoyed increased enrollment recently, mostly in the booming area of Exercise Science/Health Management.

For now, the department will be looking for ways to improve its current curriculum in what Gray labelled "an ongoing process." Working out some mixing and sharing of coursework between the ESHM and PE programs is a possibility for the future.

The department will also be looking for "creative ways to use" the skills of Phil Brooks, Bill Klenk and Chris Ragsdale, three staff members who will move to full-time coaching and recruiting, thus limiting the teaching staff.

Regarding the shift towards ESHM, Cindy Trout, director of sports information, described the changes as "realistic, if not popular. I think this represents a national trend." The ESHM program is "on the right track," she added.

"It's what the college refers to as the 'best use of college resources,'" Gray said.

Committee chooses seven juniors as GM Scholar finalists

By Kristy Mathews
Staff Writer

Seven Alma College juniors recently were selected as finalists in the General Motors Scholar/Intern Program, from which two students will receive \$4,000 and a summer job.

Finalists include Jane Acton, Holly Armitage, Irenna Garapetian, Lynette Hanus, Trish Howrey, Brian Simmons, Krzysztof Szremski. These students will interview with some of GM's divisions this Friday.

The program is open to juniors of all majors. Applicants submit a resume, a transcript, and a short paper. A six-member faculty and staff committee then selects semi-finalists based on academics, involvement on campus, and understanding of industry.

"Every year 20 to 25 first-rate juniors apply. It's very competitive since all of the students are exceptionally talented," Van Edgerton, Director of Placement, noted.

Semi-finalists then interview with the committee. Candidates field questions about policy and current events. During the interview, the committee determines the degree of fit — the adaptability to GM's environment — of each candidate.

The committee selects at least five finalists. Lou Fage, assistant supervisor at Buick and an Alma College alumnus, serves as coordinator of the program. The corporation, though, determines which divisions will interview on campus.

After these interviews, GM selects two of the finalists as GM Scholars. Often other finalists get employment offers for the summer.

"The fact that there are only two slots makes this very representative of the real world," Edgerton said. "The interviewing itself proves to be beneficial in the long run because participants learn to

be more competitive."

The GM Scholar/Intern Program was implemented five years ago in a joint venture by Edgerton, Dr. Dan Behring, then director of Advising Counseling and Career Development (ACCD), and Dr. John Agria, former dean of academic affairs.

According to Edgerton, this pilot program was initiated for two reasons. "It was my feeling that GM was missing opportunities for high-caliber people who could potentially make contributions. And secondly, it was a chance to prove to industry that they could use liberal arts people."

The program has several functions, Edgerton said. First, it offers students the opportunity to be employed by a world industry. Secondly, it makes Alma College more visible because the unique program originated here. Finally, it has shown corporate executives that liberal arts students are a viable and worthwhile investment.

Because this pilot program has been deemed successful, similar programs will be implemented in all 11 private colleges in Michigan.

Past scholars include Mark

Schultz, Laurene Kirchoff, Kevin Christ, Patti Schmidt, Laura (Wonacott) Asiala, Kyle Davison, Robert Shantz, and Jackie Sherwood-Bober. Edgerton noted that the majority of applicants are business or economics majors.

Last summer, Sherwood-Bober, a physics/math major, designed training programs for the Buick City project.

"I'm just beginning to realize how valuable that experience was," she said.

Sherwood-Bober has received an offer from Central Foundry as a production supervisor.

Shantz, a business major with an accounting emphasis, worked in Lansing as an Expediter/Scheduler for Oldsmobile. His primary responsibility was insuring that parts shipments arrived on time.

"It was definitely the most significant experience I've had while at Alma," he said.

Edgerton stressed that above all the whole experience is a learning process.

"There's more to everything than a good GPA," he said. "It's learning to interact and cope with the ups and downs."

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Baker explains. "This year our budget calls to reduce fees by \$70 per student, increase faculty salaries by 13 percent, and our budget for institutional equipment will double. It's wonderful."

But things aren't so wonderful in other states.

Idaho State faces a \$1 million cut for next year.

University of Oklahoma President William Banowsky warned state officials in December that as many as 50 classes could be cut because of funding decreases there. The campus library has already slashed periodical and book orders by nearly 30 percent just to keep operating.

Auburn is asking state legislators for an extra \$7 million in funding to avoid "serious" financial trouble, administrators say.

Southwest Missouri State just instituted a three dollar per credit surcharge after Gov. Kit Bond announced an emergency two percent holdback of state funds.

Likewise, Iowa is asking its state schools to give back 2.8 percent of their state funding

to cope with a lingering recession there.

"The economic downturn that hit the rest of the country came to Iowa a little late," says Richard Remington, Iowa's vice president of academic affairs.

Still, most higher education officials are optimistic that the period of drastic, ongoing state funding cuts is drawing to a close for everyone.

"Quite a number of states are beginning to project that they'll have budget surpluses next year," says Illinois State's Chambers.

His recent survey found 35 major campuses expecting an average 12 percent state funding increase for 1984. Barring a new recession, Chambers thinks the trend will probably spread to other states.

"But we're in an uncertain state right now," he cautions. "It's hard to do anything but speculate. Who knows whether the market is going to go up or down, or if we'll suddenly see another taxation revolt" that could turn the whole thing around.

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to attract promising individuals causes myself to look upon the military with disdain. But the military does not have to remain on such a course.

It will be difficult to alter public opinion about the military — nobody likes to be associated with a loser. The only sure fire method to rejuvenate the military is to reinstate the draft for men between the ages of 18-21.

Some might question the constitutionality of such a proposal on the basis of personal freedoms, but don't we, as Americans, have the responsibility to serve and protect our country?

Service in the military is a vital national security interest. And just as individuals are required to attend school until the age of 16, male citizens of the United States

should be required to actively serve in the military for two years after graduation from high school and before matriculation into college, if they choose to enter college.

Such a draft would not be unfair, because all male individuals would have an equal

"The military could rise from the ashes of incompetence like a Phoenix."

chance of being drafted.

Others argue against the draft from a logistical problem — that of cost. The military already spends the bulk of its budget on salaries expense. The government is forced to offer many bonuses in order to entice individuals into the military.

By cutting back on bonuses

and salary, the military could afford to employ the added number of men required under a draft. Further, many promotional funds could be done away with.

The best reason for reinstating the draft lies in the fact that more capable, intelligent men would be involved with the military.

Remember, since every male between the ages of 18-21 has the potential for serving in the military, the best and the brightest of America's citizens would be serving their country. The U.S. military would then relegate itself from the poor group that it is today to the greatest military force in the world.

Through the mandatory draft, the military could rise from the ashes of incompetence like a Phoenix and once again resume its rightful place in world order.

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absence this year. Half of his former duties will be absorbed part-time by existing faculty.

Remick does not feel that these changes will have a major affect on the quality of instruction. "No one has been happy about (the changes)," he said, but he feels that they will cause a minimum of disruption.

Elimination of the wrestling program will reduce student life staff positions by one-half through termination of the wrestling coach job.

Other reductions in student life costs include cutting the chaplain position from full-time to half-time. Rev. David McDaniels, who recently resigned effective at the end of this year, will be replaced part-time by Dr. Joseph Walser, who will leave his position as assistant provost. Walser also will continue to teach religion half-time.

His former duties will be covered by Markham, Registrar William Potter and other members of the existing staff.

Head residents will no longer hold formal positions in the advising, counseling and career development (ACCD) program or the career planning and placement program, which will now rely on current staff members and shifting some programs into the dormitories to fulfill those responsibilities, according to Dr. Daniel Behring, vice president of student life and career programs.

Though fewer staff members will work in ACCD, said Behring, "I don't feel we will have any reduction in services to students."

The student life budget will also absorb the addition of a

church relations position in the admissions office. This position will "devote full time to admissions through churches" developing a model of "working with church leaders and youth groups" to recruit prospective students, Remick said.

In the institutional development, the director of alumni programs position was eliminated. Stuart Strait, director of deferred giving and estate planning, will take on its duties.

Carol Furrow, the present director of alumni services, has been offered a position in-

"I don't feel we will have any reduction in services to students."
—Dr. Daniel Behring

volving coordination of regional fund-raising campaigns. She has not yet decided if she will accept the position, according to Guile Graham, vice president for institutional development.

Vice President of Finance Jon Groteluschen announced the additional elimination of one secretarial and two custodial positions, though the exact positions have not yet been determined.

In addition, allocations for part time summer help will be sharply reduced. Instead, "we will re-order the staff; shift priorities using our existing staff for the summer," Groteluschen said.

"Wherever we could combine positions, we would," Remick said. "They have been painful decisions — no one has been comfortable with them."

Greek

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Council presidencies or Almanian editorships. Many liked the "small lodge" kind of residence, with its quiet, relaxed atmosphere, or welcomed the opportunities to meet and to date, sometimes in elegant occasions.

But outside cynics claimed the real "selling point" — on a still officially "dry" campus — was a safe setting to drink. Or, with a soldier's sense of "fraternizing," a warm secluded place to take a girl.

Chaperones soon would not be required, housemothers would disappear, and the faculty would gleefully vote in

1966 (by a 51-19 ballot) "that after the spring of 1967 all pledging cease." The vote was secret, but faculty arguments against the system were not: they said Greeks drew students from campus leadership and cultural events, prolonged "teen cultism," and badly hurt people who didn't get bids (faculty on Superior Street could see the disappointed ones leave Tyler by the south door).

Surprisingly, student protest of the vote never got beyond talk. Some Greeks "gave in," asking for the same residential opportunities in other forms. The more

respected Greek groups (one of them twice Top Chapter in its national) persuaded the Administration that the Greeks should be allowed to stay. And possibly their example won support when a political science professor moved that the faculty defer their decision until Community Government was established. (Administrators found, too, that much financial support came from Greek alumni).

The faculty vote was eventually reversed, but only eight or 10 years later did the college decide to take serious steps to improve the Greek system.

Budget

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scrutiny and combining of positions," Remick said.

In order to help balance the budget, the trustees approved a 19 percent increase in the monies injected from the board's reserve fund. Next year \$125,000 may be drawn from the college's "quasi-endowment" upon approval of the board.

Highlights of the new budget plans include:

Curriculum

A \$100,000 appropriation from the trustee reserve fund will be for the president's use in improving instruction.

The appropriation is not a part of the budget but was approved by the trustees at the same meeting.

Remick said that biochemistry and telecommunications are two areas that may benefit from the instruction monies. A specific program for

use of the funds is to be formulated by Provost Ronald O. Kapp and the faculty before the May trustee meeting.

Physical Education

Fewer teacher-preparation, physical education courses will be offered as the department's curriculum shifts its emphasis to exercise science and health management (ESHM). However, students will still be able to major in physical education through individualized courses, according to Dr. Kapp, vice president for academics affairs.

Student Life

Salaries of three coaches — William Klenk, Phil Brooks and Chris Ragsdale — will be moved from the physical education instruction budget to the student life budget. Ragsdale will continue to teach first aid and car-

diopulmonary resuscitation courses.

The addition of these salaries and other compensation and program responsibilities distort the severity of the \$10,470 cut in the student affairs budget, according to Dr. Daniel Behring, vice president for student life and career programs. The cut is from this year's student affairs budget, which did not include the additional responsibilities. Taking into account the additional salaries and programs, students affairs had to cut about \$185,000, Behring said.

The student affairs reductions were achieved through staff reorganization and cuts (see related story) and elimination of the wrestling program (see related story).

"This is not going to impact upon the quality of services students can expect," Behring said. "We are just going to have to work harder."

Faculty

The faculty will receive an overall compensation increase of about seven percent including fringe benefit improvements. It is not an across-the-board increase.

Dr. Kapp said that, generally, higher percentage increases

— not dollar increases — would go to lower paid faculty members and raises will be based on "assessment of performance."

In addition the number of faculty and instruction staff members will be reduced by a full-time equivalency of three through attrition and reorganization (see related story).

Academic Support

This budget category which includes expenditures from supplies such as paper and pencils to services such as the library and computer center received a \$66,710 increase.

While there were reductions in supplies, increases in computer maintenance and travel allocations for faculty development along with pay increases for faculty and computer staff increased the academic support portion of the budget by 7.2 percent.

There were no staff reductions in the library or computer services.

Building & Grounds

"We may need some campus clean-up days next year," President Remick said.

Jon Groteluschen, vice president for finance, said that

allocations for repairs will drop from \$250,000 to \$190,000 from this year to next.

Groteluschen said the campus is presently in good shape and the reduction repairs expenditures will be achieved by "looking for what needs to be fixed first" and not following repair schedules, he added.

In addition, three positions will be cut from the physical plant staff and summer staff will be reduced.

Development

The fundraising area of the college will also contribute to the budget-cutting by eliminating its use of fundraising and publicity consulting firms (a \$51,000 total savings) and by reducing equipment, clerical and printing expenditures.

The director of alumni programs position will be eliminated with its duties being transferred to Stuart Strait, director of estate planning and deferred giving.

A full-time regional center coordinator to assist in the Centennial Fund Drive will be added to the development staff, according to Guile Graham, vice president for institutional development.

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Signed,
your Consciences

Dear Sara, Cheryl, Deb, and Anne,
We should definitely celebrate! We are officially finished with our officer positions. Many thanks for your constant enthusiasm, dedication, and support. I couldn't have done it without you. We can leave with some very fond memories. I know that you will miss my little notes, phone calls, and visits. Just kidding!

Karen

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Dear President Jackie,
Look what can happen to you at the first wine and cheese party of the year. I guess it just goes with the office. I'll make sure that Brian and Rodney continue the tradition. Congratulations again!

Karen

The red, white, yellow, green, black and blue machine is still awesome and ever-expanding ... shall we go national? Our sense of oneness with everyone (in our group!) shall strengthen proportionately with the rise in fees! Let's go for it!

National Xi Psi Official Love!

To toi:
Pigs are nice, but they aren't the same.

Keep smiling!

Sonya,
The Pimento King restaurant sincerely wishes you an enjoyable meal! And may you wish it success in its continued growth!

The Managers

Amy,
The ants go crawling two by two. Hurrah! Hurrah! But why aren't they moving???

Kodak mourns the death of two instamatics and the "grizzly" scorching suffered by Pierre Nagasaki Bear. It's okay, Ted — JT and Fuzzy (Paul Bear) still love you. Another dynasty has fallen — where is that chariot anyway? What's that Beta Bear?

The Woman's Symposium, in conjunction with the Health Fair, will sponsor speakers on March 23, from 12 pm to 6 pm in Dow. Topics will include birth control, pregnancy, sexual assault, midwifery and nutrition.

See posters on campus for specific times.

3rd Gelston — we got the shaft before we got the elevator.

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Dear Pete, Dill and Rotes,
Will the cult ever be the same? Seriously—congratulations on the new monogram. You look good in blue.

Love
The peasants from above (as in heaven)

HEALTH FAIR'S COMING MARCH 23rd. BE THERE!

Hey Naked J—
Congrats. That's really something, going from no letters to five. Fire up for the secret handshake. Hazing — that's what friends are for. You're too much, some of us are but literally. Think of the quote as well as the quote. We love you — DW and A.

Cloud Nine — Good to have you almost with us. Good job with the shower, nothing like a turkey in the straw. The end is in sight but don't take anything for granted. You never know who or what is around the corner. Hold on to those pledge pins, apparently they're in high demand. Sunday you get to become real people again and so do we.

Love you all, CBear

Dear Brat, I mean Kid number 2:
Love you lots and you have been a great help to your senile old mother. I am only sorry that another got stuck in the middle. It has been funny receiving reactions, especially from those for whom the point went totally over their heads or heard merely what they wanted to. Perhaps the wisdom was not the best but the principle is another story. I think you understand that. Thank You kiddo.

KI Love,
Mom

Pledge Woodruff:
Drop and give me twenty — now. There will be no turnabouts for you! Gasp. I'm hazing — heaven forbid. I think I owe you a drink — coke, right?

Patti

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Tuesday	Homemade Donuts Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Creamed Potatoes Soft & Medium Eggs	Tomato Soup Beef Patty on Bun Ham & Cheese Pita/half Tuna Salad on WW French Cut Green Beans Potato Chips	Southern Vegetable Soup Turkey Cutlet Italian Lasagna Polish Sausage Sandwich Whipped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread
Wednesday	Homemade Donuts French Toast Fried Eggs Scrambled Eggs Hearty Fried Potatoes Bacon Bagels	Cream of Tomato Soup Hot Roast Beef Sandwich on Homemade Bread Tuna Noodle Casserole Turkey Salad on WW Whipped Potatoes/Gravy European Vegetables	Garden Vegetable Soup Grilled Ham Steak Batter Fried Perch w/Tartar Sauce Beef & Bean Burritos Hot Sauce Au Gratin Potatoes Spinach
Thursday	Cinnamon Coffee Cake Waffles Scrambled Eggs Fried Eggs Hashed Brown Potatoes Shaved Ham English Muffins	Canadian Cheese Soup BLT Sandwich Chili Mac Asst. Cheese & Fruit Plate Green Peas Potato Chips	Beef Barley Soup Fried Chicken Baked Meatloaf Cheese Omelet Oven Browned Potatoes Whole Kernel Corn Biscuits
Friday	Homemade Donuts Pancakes Soft & Medium Eggs Scrambled Eggs Home Fried Potatoes Bagels	Bean Soup Fishwich w/Slaw Turkey Ala King w/Rice Ham Salad on Rye Broccoli Cuts Potato Chips	Turkey Noodle Soup Philadelphia Style Steak Sand. Baked Cod w/Tartar Sauce Corn Dogs French Fries Carrot Coins
Saturday	Sally Lund Coffee Cake Applesauce Fritters Scrambled Eggs Poached Eggs Hearty Fried Potatoes	Dutch Green Bean Soup Sloppy Joe Egg/Onion/Green Pepper Hero Scalloped Apples & Sausage Green Beans Potato Chips	Split Pea Soup Top Sirloin Steak Stuffed Flounder Baked Ham—Carved to order French Fries Baked Potatoes Peas & Onions
Sunday	Homemade Donuts Waffles Fried Eggs Scrambled Eggs Hashed Brown Potatoes	Beef Noodle Soup Roast Turkey w/Dressing Italian Meatball Sandwich Vegetarian Chow Mein w/Rice Whipped Potatoes Scalloped Corn Whole Wheat Rolls	Cream of Mushroom Soup Club Sandwich O.F. Ground Beef Pie Egg Benedict Cold Cut Tray Mixed Vegetables Corn Chips
Monday	Bran Muffins Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Poached Eggs Home Fried Potatoes Bagels w/Cream Cheese	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Monte Cristo Sandwich Cold Cut Tray Tuna Salad on Wheat Broccoli/Cauliflower Blend	Minestrone Soup Veal Madeline Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Green Peas & Mushrooms Homemade Bread

My most adored (gag) Jeff (dare I be informal?):
The saga continues and some have given up on me as if I were a lost cause (right Jimmy?) I will promise to try and not make anymore scenes in the commons in regards to stuffed creatures — but it was funny. How many weeks left? Parting will be such a sorrow. Just keep telling me to be pleasant.

Hugs and Kisses,
Patti
(gad — it must be serious, I've gone informal!)

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