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The best demonstration of a man's poise is his ability to talk fluently while the other fellow is paying the check.—
Ed Kummer, The Eaton (Colo.) Herald.

The Almanian.

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Sophomore Optional Hours

STUDENT AFFAIRS OK'S PROCTOR SYSTEM

Sophomore women will have the privilege of using an optional hours program Thursday through Sunday this spring, commencing the second week of Spring term. The plan results from work done by a sub-committee of Student Affairs Committee, and has been ratified by the Dean of Students.

Under the plan, proctors will be on duty in Newberry and Gelston Halls (In Pioneer, more keys will be issued). As girls leave the dorm they will register their names, and upon entering the dorm after hours will cross it off the list.

Council Adopts By-Law on Vacancies and Removals

On the same night that Rich Thurston resigned from his council position, the council passed his proposed by-law to set up procedures for the filling of Community Government vacancies and the removal of Community Government members. The much needed by-law was amended several times before the council passed the proposal unanimously.

The first part of the new by-law states that any vacancy in the Community Government system shall be filled by the designated alternate. If the alternate is not available to take the position, the appropriate Community Government screening committee will review the petitions for that committee position received the Spring before (if necessary, the committee will receive new petitions for consideration). The screening committee will then recommend a person to council, and, with the approval of student council, that person will assume the vacant position for the remainder of the year.

The second part of the by-law states that any member of the Community Government system is subject to recall and removal from office by a majority vote in a referendum called by student council, or in a student petition from no less than 15% of the student body. Secondly, any student member of the Community Government system who misses three or more meetings in a term will be subject to removal under the following procedure -- the member who has missed the three meetings will be reviewed by the student council executive board, who can recommend that the person be removed immediately, or that he be put on probation for four meetings, of which he cannot miss unexcused without being removed immediately (Both cases require a two-thirds approval of the student council voting in executive session). The executive board could recommend that no action be taken on the person under consideration.

This by-law will be retroactive for student council only.

Dorm Closing

The following information regarding Winter Term closing has been released by the Dean of Women:

1. Residence Halls and Small Units will be closed and locked at 7:00 p.m. on Sat. March 21, 1970.

2. Vacation Housing:
All large halls will be closed. One small unit for men and one small unit for women will be available for housing students. To secure this housing, students must:

A. Women Students: Obtain permission through the Office of the Dean of Women (secretary, Mrs. Chapman) to remain on campus during the vacation. A letter from your employer or lab supervisor is a requirement for this permission. The only exception would be foreign students who do, however, need to obtain permission to stay, but they do not need to be employed. THIS PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th.

B. Men Students: Obtain permission Mr. Southern, Bruske Hall, to remain on campus during the vacation. A letter from your employer or lab supervisor is a requirement for this permission. The only exception would be for foreign students who do, however, need to obtain permission to stay, but they do not need to be employed. THIS PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th.

The proctors will be drawn from a list of persons volunteering through the survey conducted by the sub-committee. Since only 251 girls volunteered to serve as proctors, the program is limited to Thursday through Sunday.

In each dorm a committee will be set up in order to assign each proctor to a specific night, to handle substitutions and absences, and in general to be responsible for the efficient functioning of the program.

During the first week of next term, Dean Rentz, Dean of Women, will conduct meetings with all sophomore women, as well as the hall committees on sophomore hours, to explain and clarify specific details of the program.

The plan, which is an interim plan only until a more efficient one can be implemented for next fall, originated in a proposal at Student Council by sophomore representative Laura Worth, and was subsequently referred to Student Affairs where it was altered and finalized.

Six Alumni Get Listing

Six Alma College alumni are included in the 1970 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America, according to Stuart M. Strait, director of alumni and community relations.

The Alma alumni honored in the annual biographical compilation are:

The Rev. Mr. Douglas D. Carter, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Troy;

Harold Cook, director of forensics at the University of Missouri - Kansas City;

William J. Beauchamp, a teacher in the Pontiac School System;

Louis G. Ferrand, director of the Manpower Program of the Kent County Community Action Program.

Steven N. Gills, account agent with Allstate Insurance Co., Utica;

John Kapp, Lansing area salesman for International Business Machines;

and Joseph J. Zimmerman, a Traverse City attorney.

Men selected for inclusion in Outstanding Young Men of America are those between the ages of 21 and 35 who have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor.

Tuberculin Test to Be Given Seniors

Recognizing the wear and tear in the strenuous life of a student, and the importance of good health in beginning a new assignment, the College requires a tuberculin test of all seniors before graduation.

This test is a public health measure as well as a requirement for many professional positions.

Time: This will be provided without fee for all graduating seniors and may be obtained from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

C. The student must also obtain written permission from the student in small housing whose room he will be using during the vacation. This permission must be obtained and the letter on file in the appropriate office by Thursday, March 19th. Cost of this housing will be \$10.00 per week. Saga Food service will not be available.

3. Opening for Spring Term: Housing facilities will be opened at 12:00 noon, Sunday, March 29th for the beginning of the Spring Term.

4. Automobiles which must be left on campus during the vacation period are to be parked in the large open parking lot on Grant Street across from the new Physical Education Center. Student automobiles in residence hall parking lots and other parking areas will be removed at their owner's expenses.



David S. Thomen, right, Mansfield Center, Conn. junior, president of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, presents checks totaling \$849.25 to college President Robert D. Swanson, left, for support of the Africa Fellowship Program. The funds were raised at a campus auction sponsored by the fraternity. Watching

the presentation are Dr. Lester E. Eyer, second from left, faculty advisor of the fraternity, and Thomas E. Fegley, Grand Haven senior, who served on the faculty of Mayflower School in Ikenne, Nigeria, last year as the Africa Fellow.



E. G. S. Baker, president of Beta Beta Beta Biological Society, talks informally with members of the Alma College chapter at dinner during a campus visit.

Tri-Beta President Visits Campus

E.G.S. Baker, national president of Beta Beta Beta Biological Society, visited the Alma College campus this week to confer with members of the local chapter of the society.

Baker, head of the Department of Biology at Drew University in Madison, N.J., has been president of Beta Beta Beta since 1967.

The society has 200 chapters with 40,000 members. Its purpose is to promote scholarship in the biological sciences, to promote the dissemination of biological knowledge and to encounter research.

Officers of the Alma College chapter, Gamma Beta, are: John Giesy, Flint, president; Olugbenga Oredin, Ikenne, Nigeria, vice president; Cheryl Muxlow, Marlette, secretary; and Marc Lee, Southfield, historian.

Dr. Donald Oltz is advisor of the chapter which was installed in 1957.

SIX ENROLL IN URBAN STUDIES

At least seven Alma College students will be spending next term in Detroit, enrolled in one of the new Urban Studies courses initiated this year.

There will be one student enrolled in Urban Studies 101: "Intercultural Studies", who will be working in a social agency in the city. Four sociology students, one Political Science, and one Religion, will be enrolled in Urban Studies 485 under their respective departments and will be working at the Koinonea Center as teachers aids.

The program is directed by a committee composed of Dr. Kapp, Dr. Bechill, Dr. Linder, Mr. Utech, Dr. Walser, Dr. Slater, and Mr. Eggleston.

along to citizens of the mid-Michigan city of Alma who now sponsor the annual Alma Highland Festival and Games.

In two years the Alma festival has become one of the most colorful and popular events of its kind. Last year's festival drew more than 30,000 persons to the Michigan community for a huge parade and competition in Scottish dancing, piping and athletic events. Other highlights included a performance by a massed band of a half-thousand pipers and drummers as well as competition for the U.S. Open Pipe Band Championship. The 1970 festival is scheduled for Sat., May 23, with competitive events held in Bahke Stadium.

Band on Tour

There will be a Scottish flavor to the 1970 spring concert appearances of Alma College's Kiltie Band.

Adding touch from Scotland will be piper and four dancing lassies, all student members of the band, who will so the Highland Fling.

The Scottish dancers are Wendy Giesy, a freshman from Flint, Mich.; Diane Green, St. Louis, Mich., junior; Arlene Lenz, a freshman from Southfield, Mich.; and Lynn Roberts, a freshman from Belmont, N.H. The pipe accompaniment will be provided by Kenneth Wood, Detroit senior.

The Kiltie Band's March 22-29 tour will take it to Delaware and Ironton, Ohio; Parkersburg, W. Va.; Marion, Va.; Swannanoa N.C.; Spartansburg and Anderson, S.C.; and Nashville, Valdosta, Doraville and Carrollton, Ga.

Alma College's Scottish tradition, acquired through its affiliation with the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., has been passed

thomas blatant REPORTS

'The Art of Procrastination'

I hate all-nighters; I'm sitting here ignoring this foolish typewriter a moment and watching as the day begins to anticipate itself. Morning is really a very pleasant time of day. There seems to be almost a complete silence except, of course, for the sporadic sounds my typewriter has been making all night long. If I look long enough I can see some of the stars begin to gradually fade out as the sky turns another shade of gray.

I hate all-nighters; this is one of those papers I am almost ashamed to call mine. I'm starting to see now that I should have allowed myself more time, should have started earlier and made it good. All I can do now is fill up empty pages until I reach ten, which, as the Prof. said, is

the minimum limit. The days are certainly getting longer now. It was still completely black at 5:00 a.m. when I was writing papers last December. I have often thought of arranging my day so that I get up in the morning in time to see the sun rise. It would be a fine way to start the day. Seeing the sun jump up and begin the day would, I am sure, inspire me to do the same. Every day I would dart out of bed and, after witnessing the sunrise, begin arranging my thoughts, writing them down, literally attacking this typewriter and whipping out a paper in no time. . . I hate all-nighters.

Another cup of coffee would be a good thing to have before returning to the typewriter. I guess all-nighters in themselves aren't that bad if you're doing something

you like to do. I can think of many times when my friends and I have drunkenly greeted the new day after staying up the whole night. But there seems to be something almost immoral about staying awake when you don't really want to. It is kind of like stealing if you think of it in terms of robbing yourself of needed sleep.

If I were to lie down here a moment and stare at the ceiling, I think I could arrange my thoughts better and express them more clearly than might otherwise be the case. I have to start studying for final exams pretty soon too. Writing a paper like this can also be considered as lying when you think of it. The presumption that I am sincerely interested in what I am doing and would write this paper even if I didn't have to is an utter lie. By writing

this paper then, I am both stealing and lying! Can I allow myself to continue? Should I continue to work even if it means I will be haunted with feelings of guilt? Is a grade in a class worth all this guilt? I see I've gotten myself into deep philosophical questions which require a good deal of thought. I think it would be unwise indeed to try and answer them right now. What I should do is browse over them awhile and consider every viewpoint. I'll just turn off this light then, and let my mind wander freely through these concepts until I reach a conclusion. This is the best thing to do because I like to have things firmly established in my mind before beginning and also because....you know, I hate all-nighters.

T.B.

letters to the editor

'Isn't All That Bad'

Dear Editor:

I don't care what anybody says, Alma College isn't all that bad.

Thanks, good-bye.

Karen Hoffman

EnActReports

To: The Editor of the Almanian

From: Jeff Kenyon, Chairman of Publicity, ENACT Alma.

Re: Funds donated to ENACT-the campus group sponsoring the teach-in on Pollution spring term.

ENACT would like to thank the following organizations for their generous contributions to our organization: Student Council (\$40); The Girls Service Sorority(\$20); Phi Omicron(\$20). These funds will be used to

Student Council

Variety was the watchword at the Student Council meeting last Wednesday night, as Council did everything from passing a by-law outlining procedures for impeachment of Community Government members, to accepting the resignation of Rich Thurston as a council member. The highlight of the night was hearing that Student Affairs had passed a proctor system to facilitate sophomore optional hours for the Spring Term.

finance the Pollution Teach-in and several Wednesday night discussions scheduled to be held at the beginning of spring term. We would like to invite all of the students on campus to take part in the discussion sections and the actual Teach-in, April 17-20. Included in the teach in will be experts from Michigan State, University of Michigan, Dow Chemical, and others. Films on pollution will be shown at times throughout the Teach-in.

The first of the pre-Teach-in seminars will be on Wednesday, April 8th, with Dr. Kapp and Mr. Matteson on "The American Dream-The Bigger The Better". Students should make every effort to attend.

The system was explained to council by Don Sweitzer, chairman of Student Affairs. It will allow sophomore, junior and senior women to stay out without keys from Thursday night to Sunday night(a "proctor" will be stationed in each dorm to open the door throughout the night). Monday through Wednesday night Junior and Senior Women will be able to obtain keys.

Union Board requested and received \$250 to help finance the nightclub. Another \$250 was given to Unionboard earlier this year for the same purpose.

IM BOWLING

DSP came through in the final week of intra-mural bowling to capture the A league crown over TKE by one game. In B league, the final standings were not so close, with TKE taking first by four games over DSP, and with DGT in third by a mere half game.

Team honors for the season were controlled by the Delt Sigs, who took both two high team games for A and B league, as well as top spot in A league for high A league series and both top series in B league.

Al Brown was the individual star of A league, capturing high individual game, both

high individual series, and maintaining the high average for the league at 184. Winegar and Heriford topped the B league roster with high individual game and series, respectively. Second high game and series went to Burns. Stapelton had the second high game in A league.

FINAL STANDINGS

A league		B league	
1 DSP	29-11	1 TKE	28-12
2 TKE	28-12	2 DSP	24-16
3 APO	24-16	3 DGT	23.5-16.5
4 Mitchell	23-17	4 Bruske	23-17
5 OX	20-20	5 Faculty	21.5-18.5
6 Faculty	19-21	High Individual Average	
7 DGT	17-23	Brown	184

High Games-Individual High Game-Team

A league		A league	
1. Brown	246	1. DSP	918
2. Stapelton	220	2. DSP	914
B league		B league	
1. Winegar	210	1. DSP	893
2. Burns	203	2. DSP	875
High Series-Individual		High Series-Team	
A league		A league	
1. Brown	628	1. DSP	2564
2. Brown	580	2. TKE	2551
B league		B league	
1. Heriford	551	1. DSP	2448
2. Bruns	545	2. DSP	2386

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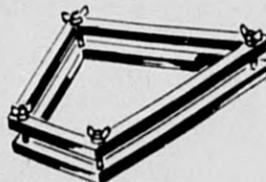
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At a memorial commemoration everyone should close his eyes. The non visual images, recollections of the past, on the dark sides of the eyelids are much more important than the scene of the moment.

The Old Main scene was rich and varied for those of us who knew her. Before most of us were here, for 50 years she was the college. Her bell rang, the chapel sang, the classes met, it was all here. For all but freshmen among us today vivid memories linger, and scenes flash forth. The rooms were cold, or hot as well; the pipes clanged out, the plaster fell, but the old dowager of the college was where we worked, and taught and learned. We invested days, and weeks, and years and tears, and dollars; there were libraries and notes, dissertations and momentoes; there was love, and counsel, and frustration and satisfaction.

Finally, she was more than a creaky, yellow-brick ancient shell ---- for she contained our human things. And when she blazed and fell, we shuddered, or wept, or sighed and a bit of us died.

But as at Heliopolis, and before 500 years, we are sure, the phoenix will rise from her ashes. The signs of life are here --- this spring the charred walnut tree will bloom again, the pine will regain its full verdure. From the drawing board the resurrected phoenix will unfurl wings to the sky. In



your mental image you should see, a few feet north of here, another 3-storied classroom, a more permanent memorial than this wreath to the spirit of Old Main.

(Remarks by Dr. Ronald Kapp, Provost, at the Old Main one year memorial wreath-laying ceremony held at noon on March 10, 1970)

Debate Team at EMU

The Alma College Debate Team participated in the Varsity Division of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Debate Tournament held at Eastern Michigan University on February 28. In one of the most unusual tournament finishes of the year, all of the schools including Alma finished with identical 4-4 records. The Alma team was particularly pleased because Alma was the only small college in this division. The fine Alma showing was led by a 3-1 record for the Affirmative team. The highlight of the tournament came when Alma Affirmative team defeated the University of Michigan's Negative Team.

Richard Palmer led the Scots and was awarded with a Certificate for Excellent Debating. The other members of the team are Larry Nelsen, Mike Matich, and Bob Reindel. Mr. Ken Plaxton, Alma attorney and Debate Coach, and Dr. Frank Jackson, team advisor, were especially pleased with Alma's showing against larger schools.

Michigan Scholars a Diverse Group

by dee gill

The Alma College Campus is harboring a vaguely understood society known as Michigan Scholars. An organization which has been created at certain smaller liberal arts institutions around the State is under the auspices of the University of Michigan and Dean Wade Ellis. The main concerns are the professions, graduate schools and higher education.

A highly diversified group, there are over 50 Michigan Scholars representing the various departments on campus and a wide range of goals.

Academic standing is notably important for members as well as involvement in the campus community. The Michigan Scholars require an overall grade point of 3.1 accompanied by a sincere interest in graduate work and in education itself.

In a newsletter to the membership at Alma in September of 1969, Dr. M.J.J. Smith emphasized the practical concerns as being Graduate Schools, Financial Aid for graduate students, Teaching Assistantships and/or

Fellowships, and Teaching and Research Projects in the 1970s.

Dr. Smith is the faculty coordinator working closely with the student chairman, Sandy Edgar. They try to keep the Michigan Scholars posted on information vital to careers and the liberal arts, along with the pros and cons of the academic environment and campus atmosphere at Alma. News on openings in Public Education, the probable social issues of the 1970s, tidings from the professional world, and sources of pertinent information are available to the Scholars.

Not a club of intellectual elites, they get involved and wrestle with the issues, ranging from the social and intellectual climate on the A.C. Campus to the educational and leadership needs of the future, as competent, concerned individuals.

The principal speaker at the Michigan Scholars Fall Conference in October of 1969 at the University of Michigan was Dean Jack A. Soules of Cleveland State University.

It was his most provocative speech concerning the need for the modernization and revitalization of Higher Education which inspired a critique by a member of the Alma College faculty.

As a result, the Alma College chapter is presently tackling the writing of a position paper of their own on Liberal Arts and Higher Education.

The waste fat on beef carcasses sold in the U.S. is estimated at more than 1.5 billion pounds per year.



DRAFT INFORMATION AVAILABLE

If you have any questions concerning the draft and your status, rights, duties, and alternatives, there is now a group of men and women on this campus who can help you. Eight Alma College students participated in an extensive draft counselor's training session in Grand Rapids the weekend of February 21 and 22. These people are now qualified to help you with your problems. They are: Ben Thomas, 326 Mitchell; Dave Scarlett, 303 Mitchell; Mark Foster, Bruske; Joe Sobel, 306 Bruske; Jim Swartz, 105 Bruske; Laura Worth, Gelston; and Barb Battin Newberry.

There is information available about the lottery, I-Y, IV-F, I-O, I-A-O deferments, immigration to Canada, etc. If you have any questions, the above named people would be more than happy to help you.

Placement Notes

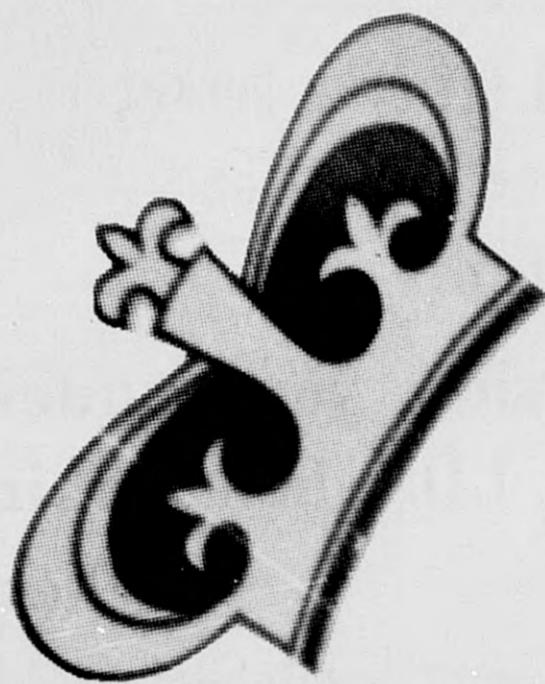
- Placement INTERVIEW DATES
- April 6- Atherton Community Schools, Flint
 - April 7- State Farm
 - April 8- Bridgeport Schools, Auditor General, YWCA
 - April 9- City National Bank-Detroit, General Motors Acceptance Corporation
 - April 10- Jefferson Schools-Monroe
 - April 13-Navy
 - April 14- Lansing Schools, Midland Schools, Adrian Public Schools
 - April 15- Pontiac Schools, Huron Valley-Milford, Memphis Community Schools-Memphis, Michigan
 - April 16- Rochester Schools, Burroughs Welcome Company
 - April 17- Battle Creek Schools, Troy Schools
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RA's Talk About Their Jobs

What does it mean to be a Resident Assistant? What types of problems and duties must RA's face? Now that applications have been made available for next year's staff positions, many interested students will be asking such questions. Because of this, the Almanian asked three students to explain in their own words their role as an RA.

It is not easy for any one RA to typify their role in general, because not only are individual differences among all the men or women RA's responsibilities, but there are also differences between the two groups.

There are however, some aspects of the male or female RA role which of necessity should be the same such as:

1) RA's do not make the policies which they are asked to support. Dorm Council makes the policies and if said policies involve corridor behavior, interaction, or cooperation, the RA's are obliged to help support, clarify and unify the dorm. Note: RA's help, Dorm Council helps, and the individual dorm council representatives help.

2) RA's support policies established by the administration as exemplified in the handbook. These policies are straightforward and leave little RA interpretation (i.e. drinking in the dorm). The RA's of male and female dorms handle these policies in the same manner.

There are other aspects of the RA job which differ between the men's and women's dorms.

1) Women have different needs than the men students. The RA in a female dorm is more likely to have counseling sessions with women about emotions and other things that males as a whole consider private and do not share with their male RA's.

2) The female RA's, especially in under-class dorms, are dealing with student problems that I would term "short range" as compared to some of the major decisions that upperclassmen face.

3) Every RA staff works with its own head advisor and dean. The female RA's in each dorm deal with problems specific to each dorm and explicit within each dorm structure.

In discussing the RA job one should not form her opinion on the basis of one RA's explanation, but rather form that opinion only after talking with many RA's for it is a highly individualized role.

Cheryl Muxlow
Gelston Hall

It is difficult to briefly describe the role of the R.A. in relation to his corridor. There are perhaps as many interpretations of what the job entails as there are people who describe it. One does not simply describe the position in so many words because, while certain of the R.A.'s responsibilities are carefully spelled out and defined, many other roles of involvement are relatively unstructured. An individual's conception of the job in light of personal priorities determines which of these roles will be emphasized. I believe it is the performance of the R.A. in certain of these more abstract functions that determines his effectiveness. The more obvious responsibilities of the R.A., maintenance of quiet hours, acting as a communications link between the men on the corridor and the head resident, and being an "available" resident on the corridor may constitute the total involvement of the R.A. with his corridor, or they become secondary in nature, as more subtle aspects of the position are emphasized. Such things are not easily described; to me then mean engaging in a complete involvement with the men on the corridor, to the extent that maintaining quiet hours and enforcing of college and dorm policies may be carried out without a loss of rapport. Being personally involved when welcome, in the activities and concerns of the men, so that you are able to antic-

pate areas of difficulty, and may verse yourself in these areas. These are mere examples, but hopefully serve to illustrate the type of involvement for which I believe the position was originally intended. Certainly much of the disenchantment with, and lack of effectiveness of the R.A. position has resulted from too great an emphasis on the more functional aspects of the position, and not on the establishment of meaningful relationships. I believe that quiet hours and the like will follow from mutual respect and concern between the R.A. and the corridor but that converse may not be true.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the R.A. position lies in the many opportunities for personal growth that it presents. In dealing with twenty five different men, one necessarily learns a great deal about his own personal weaknesses. Flexibility is required to be able to relate to many different individuals; one must recognize when not to involve himself in corridor affairs, as well as when he should. The R.A. is also able to grow personally through interactions with his head resident and other members of the housing staff. Not only is he enabled to establish a closer relationship with them, but is able to analyze his performance by observing their corridor activities. By watching the successes and failures of other R.A.'s, and examining the circumstances behind them, he can gain a better insight into how he may improve his effectiveness.

Any qualifications that may be considered desirable for an R.A. would seem to be as abstract as the R.A. role itself. Certainly one must have a great deal of concern for his own effectiveness, and want very much to "do the job". If this concern is missing, an individual will certainly engage only in the "functional" aspects of the position, and his position will amount to little more than a nameplate on his door. I believe that patience and perseverance must accompany this concern, or disillusionment and frustration could well result in failure. If one feels that he possessed these qualities, and would sincerely like to work to develop himself, and perhaps contribute to the development of others, the R.A. position offers a unique opportunity for a learning experience.

Rick Scatterday
Mitchell Hall

When most students think of an R.A., some of the first things that come to mind are, "police" "corridor cop", and the "establishment". It seems to be the impression of many students that the R.A.'s and the administration are "out to get" them. R.A.'s are often not trusted, and many times students find that the ties they had with their peers change when they accept an R.A. position; even those ties with close friends and often wonder, then, why students become R.A.'s and jeopardize their relationships with friends. May it be that some students see a flaw in these impressions and see a chance to change the R.A. symbolism?

In speaking of the R.A. it is true, that he is a tie between the administration and the residence halls. It is expected that the R.A. will follow and uphold college and residence

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hall policies regarding students. The personal image of an R.A. is important in communicating, clarifying and discussing the college policy and goals. He should inspire confidence so that he will be able to stimulate constructive criticism protecting college policy. However, the primary responsibility of the R.A. is not to be an enforcer, but to be a trustworthy friend. To a great extent, the R.A. position is what the individual R.A. makes it. As they are chosen because of their individuality, R.A.'s should not change their life styles or personalities when they accept the position.

Be a friend and a member of the hall. Sincerity and deep personal concern go a long way in relationships with peers. The R.A. should be able to "let his hair down" and yet maintain rapport. An R.A.'s concern for the students on his corridor must go beyond the residence hall and the yearly salary. A sign of a good R.A. is his ability to listen and to understand, relate and empathize. Phonieness is quite apparent, and should not be one of the characteristics of the R.A.

The primary concern of the R.A., then, should not be that of an enforcer, but of an honest sincere friend. He should have a definite interest in and merit the trust and confidences of his peers. Above all, the R.A. should "be himself".

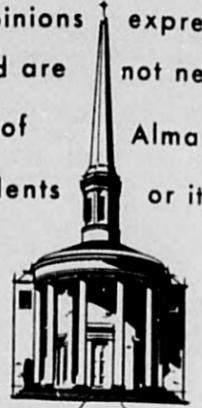
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A Man and His Music
JOHN DENVER INTERVIEWED

by Larry Stephey

One of the most honest and sincere persons we have ever known, performed this past weekend in the Tyler Nightclub. We had the opportunity to talk with John Denver during the break between sets at the Saturday performance.

One goes into an interview situation with some awe and fear, but Mr. Denver puts one at ease as soon as the conversation begins. About the best way to describe him is that he is the same person on stage as off. The sincerity is obvious.

John Denver began his singing career in high school when his grandmother gave him an "old beat up guitar" and he found that through this means was a way of self-expression and some "fun at parties". People liked to hear him sing and there was a great deal of enjoyment for him. He continued to sing for fun through Texas Tech., where he went to college. While there he majored in architecture and it is interesting to note that he has designed two buildings on the west coast. Continuing his musical pursuit, he was "spotted" by one member of The Brothers Four who encouraged him to audition for an opening in the Chad Mitchell Trio. He earned that position and from there he has come to what he is today which holds the promise of an even greater future.

To say that John Denver is involved with his music would be an understatement. "The twenty-six or so songs I do during the course of a concert tell you everything you need to know about me". There is a great deal of feeling in his music. Every song expresses an emotion that he senses and he tries, and succeeds, to make his audience experience these same emotions. "I try to find songs that touch me," he says, "I like songs about being in love and being alone." It is easy to see he expresses these sentiments very strongly.

We learned a good deal about the man when we posed the question of why he included so many songs in his concert that deal with children. "I like kids a lot," he says. "I like to think of myself as a kid." Children have a way of feeling, of acting. There

is an idea, a conception of freedom that children feel that most people lose as they get older. He hopes that he still has just a little bit of that innocence, trust, faith in people, openness, and uninhibited feelings that they have. Every now and then he gets the urge and goes out and flies a kite for a while. He likes to sleep late when he can, but when he cannot and he is up before the sun and has the chance to see it rise, he still feels that wonderful joy that a child can feel when he awakes in a brand new morning on a warm summer day.

His music relates the growing cry of our time to become involved. He feels it is important for people to be alert to what is going on around them. He gears his concerts to try to make people become involved by becoming aware. "Involvement is being aware" he says. He believes that it is too easy for anyone to become tied up in their own little world, their studies, their nine to five job, and he wants to break down the walls that people build around themselves and have them become aware as to what is happening around them.

All this talk about involvement is not an idle pipe dream for him. He performed in Washington D.C. during the November Moratorium, he actively supported Senator Eugene McCarthy during the 1968 election, and he is planning to support a candidate for the 1972 election.

What is the future for John Denver? There are plans in the making now for a possible "summer special" this summer on NBC. Other possible performers on this same show would be Peter, Paul and Mary and The Blood Sweat and Tears. It would be John Denver's program though. He is also thinking ahead to the possibility of having his own television show, but this seems to be a bit in the future. In the mean time he plans to continue what he has been doing and to perform across the country.

After completing the interview with John Denver, we left with the feeling of knowing this person very well. Unlike many perfor-



Photo by Michael Sullivan

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Takes Pot Shots

People say I'm cynical. Well, I'm a newspaper editor, and maybe I am. But there's just no excuse for it. After all, why should I be cynical when people make promises and never come through? Or when I hear freshmen (in all four classes) go on and on about how much they know, when every word they breath shouts their ignorance? Or when the children of Alma complain about "In Loco Parentis", and they don't even know what a Loco Parentis is, let alone realize how much worry they cause for administrators when they cross the street? Or when I hear charges that Alma's administration is "lazy" and I immediately realize that the accuser must never have walked through Reid-Knox or passed it at night? Or when I am told by Maintenance that no, I cannot have a key to the towel holder in the Almanian office because it is a "security risk"? Or when I have to wade through the mess made by the drunks who prove that they can neither hold their beer nor clean up after themselves? Or when I look back on my four years here, and realize that many of the things I thought were important at the time were no more than farces trumped up by both faculty and students? Or when I realize the education I could have gotten, had I applied myself? Or when I see people so wrapped up in their grand causes that they forget that they are human beings? Or when, after spending my weekend on this crazy newspaper, I am told that I am an apathetic slob for worrying about post-graduate plans when there are so many pressing internal issues to worry about? Or when someone "enlightens" this poor bum with knowledge gained years ago?

In light of the above, I guess there is no good reason for my cynicism.

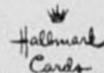
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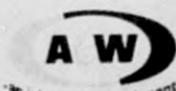
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1969-70 MIAA All-Conference Picks

FINAL 1969-70 MIAA STANDINGS
BASKETBALL

TEAM	League W-L	Overall W-L	Offensive Average	Defensive Average	Field Goals Att. Made Pct.	Free Throws Att. Made Pct.
Calvin	11-1	15-7	78.8	69.5	811 383 .472	281 180 .641
Alma	8-4	13-8	78.7	74.9	871 371 .426	329 203 .617
Kalamazoo	6-6	14-8	69.3	65.9	778 331 .426	276 169 .612
Olivet	6-6	11-12	81.3	82.3	802 370 .461	300 235 .783
Albion	5-7	12-10	83.8	87.7	828 379 .458	384 247 .648
Hope	5-7	11-12	84.6	87.8	896 374 .417	393 267 .697
Adrian	1-11	5-15	75.2	84.3	783 353 .451	306 196 .641

INDIVIDUAL SCORING
(League games only)

Player	GP	Pts.	Avg.
1. Charles Hudson, Alma	12	272	22.7
2. Dan Shinabarger, Hope	12	270	22.5
3. Ed Wiers, Calvin	12	254	21.2
4. Dave Robillard, Albion	12	241	20.1
5. Mike Phelps, Calvin	12	239	19.9
6. Ben Benford, Olivet	12	233	19.4
7. Mike Maciasz, Olivet	12	229	19.1
8. Rick Ziem, Albion	12	215	17.9
9. Gary Rank, Adrian	12	199	16.6
10. Mike Wilson, Albion	12	198	16.5

FIELD GOAL SHOOTING
(Minimum 40 made)

Player	Att.	Made	Pct.
Del Willink, Calvin	70	42	.600
Doug Taatjes, Calvin	95	52	.547
John Weurding, Kalamazoo	116	63	.543
Rick Ziem, Albion	158	84	.532
Dave Gosselar, Hope	82	43	.524
Kim Rank, Adrian	122	63	.516
Jim Katona, Kalamazoo	88	45	.511
Gary Barcus, Adrian	106	54	.509
Ed Wiers, Calvin	213	106	.498
Dave Robillard, Albion	188	93	.495

FREE THROW SHOOTING
(minimum 30 made)

Player	Att.	Made	Pct.
Ben Benford, Olivet	44	39	.886
Tom Dykstra, Hope	61	52	.852
Max Lindsay, Olivet	79	65	.823
Mike Maciasz, Olivet	93	75	.806
Mike Phelps, Calvin	64	51	.797
Dan Shinabarger, Hope	70	54	.771
Dave Gosselar, Hope	42	31	.733
Charles Hudson, Alma	70	50	.714
Rick Ziem, Albion	66	47	.712
Bryan Vossekuil, Kalamazoo	62	44	.710

Player and School	Year	FIRST TEAM		Hometown
		Ht.	Position	
Charles Hudson, Alma	Jr.	6-2	Guard	Detroit
Dan Shinabarger, Hope	So.	5-10	Guard	Holland
Mike Phelps, Calvin	Sr.	5-10	Guard	Grand Rapids
Ed Wiers, Calvin	Sr.	6-4	Forward	Willard, Ohio
Mike Maciasz, Olivet	So.	6-6	Center	Garden City

SECOND TEAM

Dave Robillard, Albion	Sr.	6-3	Center	Bloomfield Hills
Ben Benford, Olivet	Sr.	5-7	Guard	River Rouge
Craig Vossekuil, Kalamazoo	Sr.	6-4	Forward	Grand Rapids
Doug Taatjes, Calvin	Jr.	6-4	Forward	Raymond, Minn.
Mike Wilson, Albion	Sr.	5-11	Guard	Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION
(In alphabetical order)

John Fuzak, Alma; Jerry Hills, Alma; Dan Laskowski, Kalamazoo; Max Lindsay, Olivet; Gary Rank, Adrian; Kim Rank, Adrian; Al Vandemeer, Alma; Bill Van Dyke, Calvin; Del Willink, Calvin; John Weurding, Kalamazoo; Ken Williams, Olivet; Rick Ziem, Albion.

GRAY COMPLETES TERM AS PRESIDENT



DR. GRAY

Dr. Charles A. Gray will conclude two years of service as president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coaches (NAIAC) on Friday (March 21) when he presents the annual NAIAC president's report at the convention of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in Kansas City, Mo.

Gray, chairman of the Department of Physical Education and director of athletics at Alma, spoke to NAIA athletic directors on Tuesday, March 10, on the topic "Trends in Facilities with Emphasis on Synthetic Surfaces."

He is presiding at NAIAC meetings Wednesday and Thursday.

Also on Thursday he will attend the first meeting of a special NAIA committee concerned with enlarging the group's international competition program. Gray is president of the committee.

Last weekend, March 7-9, he attended the NAIA Hockey Championships in Sault Ste. Marie.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER ---

MIKE PHELPS, CALVIN

MVP PLAYER CANDIDATES

Adrian-Gary Rank
Albion-Dave Robillard
Alma-Charles Hudson
Calvin-Mike Phelps
Hope-Dan Shinabarger
Kalamazoo-Craig Vossekuil
Olivet-Ben Benford

MIAA Standings After Winter Sports

ALL SPORTS STANDINGS

(12-10-8-6-4-2-0 formula)

1. Albion 33
2. Alma 31
3. Calvin 27
4. Kalamazoo 21
5. Adrian 20
6. Olivet 19
7. Hope 17

FOOTBALL	CROSS COUNTRY	BASKETBALL	WRESTLING
1. Albion	1. Alma	1. Calvin	1. Adrian
2. Alma	1. Calvin	2. Alma	2. Albion
3. Kalamazoo	3. Albion	3. Kalamazoo	3. Olivet
4. Hope	4. Adrian	3. Olivet	4. Hope
5. Olivet	5. Kalamazoo	5. Albion	5. Calvin
6. Adrian	6. Hope	5. Hope	6. Kalamazoo
(Calvin does not compete)		7. Adrian	7. Alma

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During the Wedding Cantata by Bach, it appeared that Linda was singing to someone she loved and indeed she was. In songs of sorrow or delight, Linda filled with sincerity of expression. This enthusiasm of gesture and face was only surpassed by her exquisite clarity revealed in voice and diction.

Linda rehearsed eight months to master successfully German numbers by Brahms and Wolf, French by Debussy, and Italian by Puccini. In addition to this variety of language, Linda performed works by such well known contemporaries as Copland, Hundley, Barber and Head. Linda was accompanied in formal fashion by Mrs. Jeanne Flegel, pianist, and assisted by Arlene Lenz with clarinet and Jan Grinage with flute.

After all of us had a good case of goose bumps, we knew that this was more than a senior recital. Then in blue chiffon Linda was gone with her last exquisite selection—"On the Wings of the Wind."



Scottish dances performed by these four Alma College coeds and piper Kenneth Wood of Detroit will highlight spring tour appearances of the Kiltie Band. The dancers are, from left, Wendy Giesy, Flint freshman; Lynn Roberts, Belmont, N.H. freshman; Diane Green, St. Louis sophomore; and Arlene Lenz, Southfield freshman.

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STUDENT RECITAL PRAISED

The Alma College Music Department presented a student recital Wednesday, March 11, in the Chapel. Piano, organ, vocal and instrumental students performed under the direction of their instructors Miss Bellville, Dr. Russell and Dr. Sullivan.

Diane Berg, pianist, exhibited excellent control and poise in her performance of the fast moving "Invention in D-minor" by J. S. Bach.

Melody Sischo, soprano, and Majory Hill, on piano combined their talents in a very professional performance of an aria from "Figaro" by Mozart. Miss Sischo's dynamics were excellent. She sounded much like Mary Beth Peil, Alma's affiliate artist.

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The extremely fast moving "First Movement from Somata in D major" by Mozart was excellently played by Katherine Bunyan on the piano.

Sylvia Flegel, also on piano, played the second and third movements from Sonata in E minor by Fritz Spindler. This quiet, light composition seemed to fit Miss Flegel's personality.

Carol Stewart performed numbers with complicated, complex rhythms and interesting foot pedal work. She chose numbers by Bach and Alinda Couper.

Ann Reardon chose a fast moving concerto by Bach which she played very well on the piano.

Gail Agne played two selections on the organ, one by Milford, and one by Bach. The first selection was beautiful, soft and light. The second provided a good contrast of style and showed off her talent very well.

Janet Billette played two selections from "The Children's Corner", by Debussy. These works had a captivating, almost magical quality.

Bach's "Two Part Invention in A minor" was played by Sarah Brunger, on the piano. Another excellent pianist, Ruth Gobat, played the third movement from "Sonata in B flat major", by Mozart.

Louise Hamel, member of the Alma Symphony Orchestra combined her talent with Tom Manion for a flute and piano duet. Poulenc.

The final performance was by Mary Christensen, pianist. She played "Nocturne in C sharp minor" by Chopin.

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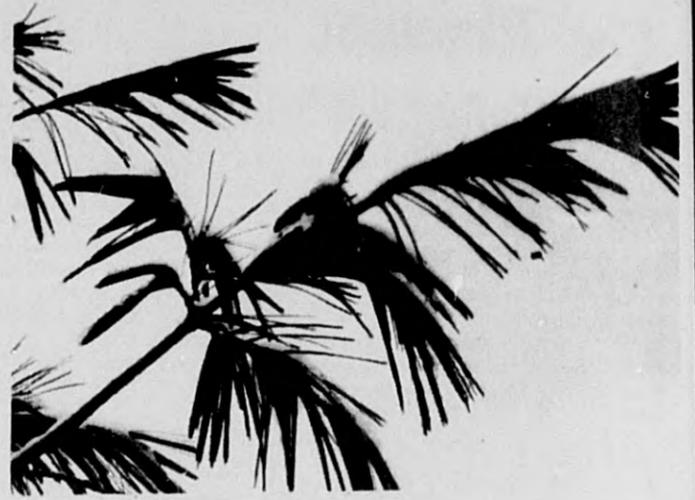


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