

to some people prosperity is the period between the last installment payment and the next down payment.—Wm. R. Davis, The Three Forks (Mon.) Herald.

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VanValkenburg to Head Council



Paul VanValkenburg

ASSOCIATE BOARD, SC ELECTIONS THURSDAY

Elections for six seats on Student Council three seats on the Board of Associate Trustees, and all class officers will take place this Thursday, May 28th, from 12 noon till 5:00 pm. Dorm residents will vote in their respective dorm lounges, with fraternities and off-campus housing residents voting in the union.

Petitions were due last night (May 24th) for each of the three class seats on Student Council, the three at-large seats on Student Council, and officers for the three upper classes for next year.

Between now and Thursday, The Almanian urges students to find out who the candidates are, and why they are running.

Find out if they know the issues that will face Alma College students next year, and what they plan to do about them.

As a community of hopefully aware, responsible individuals, please vote conscientiously. And above all, take time to vote!

TAX BREAK PLANNED FOR STUDENTS

College Students working during school and summer vacations to earn money for tuition, to buy a car, etc., can now receive as much as \$1,825 tax-free in 1970. Another benefit made possible by the Tax Reform Law of 1969 is that students can generally avoid having any tax withheld on earnings from vacation and other jobs.

An article by well-known economist, Sylvia Porter (The Saginaw News, March 17, 1970) further states that students need not file an income tax return for 1970 if their '70 income is not over \$1,700 (unless you have net earnings of \$400 or more from self-employment).

What all of this means is:

- A student has his own personal exemption for himself which is now up to \$625 for 1970.
- A student is entitled to a new low-income allowance (similar to the minimum standard deduction). This amounts to \$1,100 for 1970.
- If a student owns stock, he is entitled to receive \$100 of dividend tax-free.

Despite the fact that a student's 1970 earnings may substantially exceed \$600, his parents still can claim a deduction for him as a dependant-- assuming he is under 19 or if 19 or over, if he is a full-time student or is pursuing a full-time on-farm training course (and he meets the other usual tests for a dependant.).

In addition to this, his income over the

MEALS TO BE CAFETERIA STYLE IN FALL

Beginning next fall, the College Food Service, SAGA, will be serving all meals cafeteria style as approved by the College and endorsed by Student Council.

As of yet, the exact serving time for the evening meals (Monday thru Friday) are not known, nor is the time of the Sunday noon meal determined.

More details about the operation of the new system will be released in the future.

Wednesday night, May 20, Student Council met for the first time under the new leadership of Paul VanValkenburg and Graham Driver, elected President and Vice-president of the Student Body two days before.

In a close vote, VanValkenburg received 393 votes to Joe Green's 324, while Graham Driver, the only official candidate on the ballot, copped 557 votes, with Rick Mavis, a late "unofficial" candidate, receiving 84 write-in votes.

The two new officers will head Student Council for the remainder of the school year as well as next year's Council, with VanValkenburg appointing a new secretary treasurer, parliamentarian, and numerous other positions by the end of this academic year. Chris VanSickle, this year's Student Council President, officiated at the swearing in ceremonies.

GSS Clean-up

With cooperation from Mr. Fraker and supplies from the maintenance department, the sisters of Alma's Colony of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority undertook a clean-up campaign yesterday to pick up the debris left by happy, but careless, Highland Festival guests.

Two o'clock was the time, the football stadium was the place. The girls, dressed in grubs and bubbling with enthusiasm, hoisted the green junk bags and swept across the field in assembly line fashion, emitting giggles and wild cheers.

The college does not have the money to pay the maintenance crew doubletime for working Sundays, so by the time Monday rolls around, the junk has, too---rolled all over campus. When the service group first approached Mr. Fraker with the possibility of an after-Festival clean-up he was ecstatic! Said Mr. Fraker about our suggestion, "That's great. Great! In the middle of all my problems it's nice to have a little sunshine peak through." As the Gamma Sigs say, "Yours in service."

exempt level will be taxed at the very lowest rate. Taxable income up to \$500 is taxed at a bottom rate of 14%; between \$500 and \$1000 taxable income is taxed at 15%. Between \$1000 and \$1500, the rate is 16%, etc. Many employers may be unaware of this valuable tax information for students. So inform them---and happy earnings!!

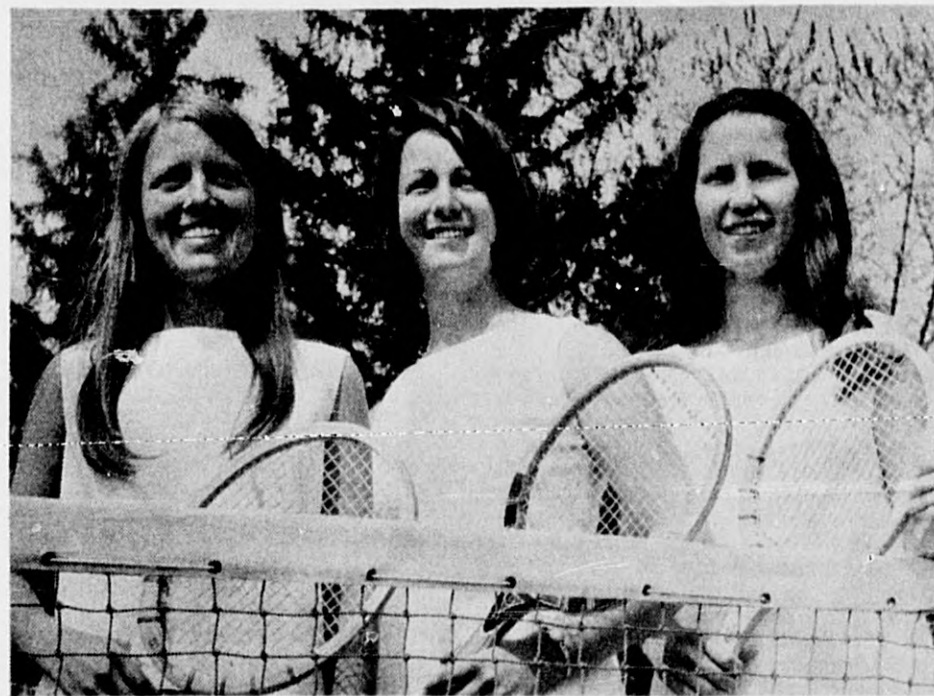
Summer Study Guide Available

The twenty-first annual edition of SUMMER STUDY ABROAD is now available from the Institute of International Education in the form of a 1970 supplement to the twentieth edition.

IEE's popular guide to summer programs abroad sponsored by foreign institutions indicates an increase in the number of courses of interest to United States students for 1970. More than 240 courses at educational institutions in 38 countries are listed. Most courses are in Europe at such universities as Grenoble, Paris, Freiburg, Heidelberg, Hadrid, Edinburg and other major institutions. There are more than a dozen programs in Mexico and others in Canada, Peru, Ghana, Kenya, Israel, Turkey, Lebanon, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Japan, and the Republic of China. The entries list locations, dates, course titles and, in many cases, tuition and living costs.

One section of the guide includes a reference list of courses offered in such specialized fields of study as archaeology, architecture, law, and music. Another special section provides information especially designed for secondary students who wish to study abroad this summer.

A brief bibliography at the back of the booklet lists publications providing additional information about summer courses in specific countries or regions, other types of summer opportunities such as international service projects and work camps, special



Alma Coeds Take Tennis Trophy

Trophy winners for Alma College in the annual Women's Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (WMIAA) Tennis Tournament at Kalamazoo College were, from left, Nancy Davison of East Lansing, Lynn Coddington of Grosse Pointe, and Sue Cutting of Paw Paw. Miss Davison and Miss Cod-

dington captured the third flight doubles championship.

Miss Cutting won the coveted Sue Little Award for tennis ability, courtesy and sportsmanship. All women tennis players in the WMIAA vote to select the Sue Little award winner.

Selective Service Official Answers Questions

Col Max A. Struther, a high official in the State Selective Service System, was on campus last Monday evening (May 18). He spoke on the Selective Service System and how it related to the men of draft age.

He began the session with a brief explanation of what the draft was for. "Draft obligations should be placed on everybody," he said, "but not everybody is needed. It is the job of the Selective Service to determine who will go when not everyone is needed." "We haven't got the perfect system and we know it," Col. Strother continued. "We have a lot of inequities." He went on to point out that the present system seems to be the most fair.

He added that the lottery has done a good deal to give every man a more equal chance of serving.

Col. Strother stated that in Michigan 48% of all possible industries are disqualified for medical reasons. This, he went on to say, makes the chances even greater that physically able men will be drafted.

BURKETT RECITAL TONIGHT

The Department of Music will present John Burkett, organist, in a recital at 8 pm Monday, May 25, in the Chapel.

Presently working toward a doctor of musical arts degree at the University of Illinois where he is studying under Jerald Hamilton, Burkett holds a bachelor of music degree from Florida State University and a master of music from the University of Michigan where he was a pupil of Robert Clark.

Included in the Monday evening program will be "Suite du Deuxieme Ton" by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault, "Mein Junges Leben Hat Ein End" by Jan P. Sweelinck, "Prelude and Fuge in E-flat Major" by Bach, "So Long as the Mind Keeps Silent" by Ross Lee Finney, "Sonata III" by Hindemuth, and "Fan taise in E-Flat Major" by Saint-Saens.

programs for teenagers, educational tours sponsored by U.S. educational and travel organizations, and summer study programs sponsored by U.S. colleges.

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD is available from the Publications Division of the Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017, for 50¢ a single copy; 10-19 copies, 45¢; 20-49 copies, 40¢; 50 copies or more, 35¢. Payment must accompany orders.

After his opening statements the audience was able to ask questions. He told the audience during this time that after each classification by the local board the individual is entitled to two appeals, one to the local board and the other before the State Appeals Board.

Col Strother was asked if the troop withdrawals in South-East Asia would have any effect on the draft calls. "Yes," he said, "but they probably won't be reduced." He went on to say, "There are troops in, goodness only knows, how many countries around the world." He later clarified that to mean 43 countries.

At the end of the question period he closed by warning people against "Volunteer draft counselor." "One never knows what their classification is," he said. "It is better to get words right from the horse's mouth."

Col. Strother stayed a while after the program answering individual questions.

Student Recital Wednesday

The Music Department will present a student recital at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 27, in the Chapel.

The program will include the following: Mary Christiansen, pianist, playing P relude in G Major by J.S. Bach; Intermezzo in B-Minor, Op. 119 ny Johannes Brahms; and Der Kongleur by Ernest Toch.

Sandi Timmer, violinist, playing Concert in A moll by Antonio Vivaldi, accompanied by Mary Christiansen.

Tim Sievert, organist, performing Chorale Prelude on "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" by Bach.

Gail Agne, organist, playing Prelude and Fuge in B Major (The Little Prelude) by Bach.

Linda Williams, pianist, playing "Confidence" from Songs Without Words by Felix Mendelssohn.

Sara Brunger, pianist, playing Prelude #15 by Chopin.

Jan Grinage will play a flute solo accompanied by Mrs. Jeanne Flegel.

Diane Morris, soprano, singing the aria Depuis le jour from the opera "Louise" by Charpentier.

Bob Spencer, tenor, singing Thou Shalt Dash Them from Handel's "Messiah".

Paul Thomas, tenor, singing the air Every Valley also from Handel's "Messiah".

Students and faculty are cordially invited to attend.

THE LIGHT SIDE THE DARK SIDE
by dick gregory *"Cowboys and Indians; Campus and Commons"*

There is something terrifyingly symbolic about the childhood game of COWBOYS AND INDIANS. The cowboy and Indian mentality sums up America's traditional mythical understanding of her own history. The cowboy of the wild western frontier -- always a white Anglo-Saxon -- symbolizes the rugged individual, the courageous, "good guy," "do-it-yourself" American who defends his property and honor against all would-be "bad guys." And those "bad guys," according to the myth, are most frequently Indians, wild, savage and ruthless, who stalk the courageous cowboy, posing a threat to his life and property and not infrequently massacring his entire family.

America has long perpetuated her cowboy mythology. Television series which have held up the longest are those which portray the Wild West myth. The Cartwrights of BONANZA are an All-American family, having amassed a personal fortune and carved a veritable empire -- the Ponderosa -- in the old frontier. On the surface, the Cartwrights would appear to be honorable men, upholding the virtues of honesty, justice and fair play, until one remembers that ALL of the Ponderosa was once Indian land and Ben Cartwright and his boys are at best unwelcome stewards of stolen Indian territory.

And in a country which tries desperately to perpetuate the myth of non-violence upon her young, Marshall Matt Dillon comes into every American living room once a week showing little kids it is a virtue to shoot straight. Matt Dillon should probably be hearded more than Herbert Marcuse as the Father of the New Left. Marshall Dillon has had a much longer influence upon the minds of youth, and his basic message has always been that the ends of justice are most frequently won at gun point, that evil must be violently wiped out, and that "bad guys" deserve to die.

So children in America grow up playing cowboys and Indians, and parents think it is cute. They enjoy watching their little ones hiding behind trees, pointing their fingers or toy guns at one another and shouting, "Bang! Bang! I got you. You're dead." Because Americans have always thought of themselves as the courageous cowboys, the rugged individuals carving out a new frontier of freedom. And as America has grown, so also have the boundaries of the new frontier. The whole world has become the Wild West, and each time America sends her troops abroad, it is Matt Dillon making the frontier safe for democracy and law and order.

Now America's favorite myth is in danger. The children who grow up playing cowboys and Indians have discovered that the "good guy/bad guy" roles were reversed. The Indians were those who were denied justice. The cowboys were the invaders. Matt Dillon's personal virtues are inconsequential when matched against the genocidal activity involved in settling the new frontier.

But young folks in America have retained one important lesson of Matt Dillon's --- that evil must be resisted and those who represent justice have every right to fight in the streets. Is it any wonder that some of those same young folks have followed Matt Dillon all the way and reached the decision that guns are an appropriate means for resisting evil and creating an atmosphere of justice?

The new cowboys are President Nixon, Spiro Agnew, Attorney General Mitchell, and the National Guard. They see themselves as defending their property, their territory, America if you will, against increasingly savage attackers. The American history books echo the rhetoric our national leaders are now using. Indians fighting to defend their land is called a "massacre" in those American history books. But when the United

States cavalry wins a battle, or a group of frontier cowboys drive off an Indian attack, it is called a "great victory." And today when young folks struggle against evil and oppression it is called a "riot." But when the National Guard or the police open fire, it is called maintaining law and order.

Four students have died on the campus of Kent State University after a brief volley of shots from the guns of National Guardsmen. All Americans must decide in their own hearts if that was a "massacre" or the necessary means of "maintaining law and order." Those who decide that it was a massacre will have rejected the traditional cowboy and Indian myth once and for all. And they will look further into the invasion of Cambodia and they will say that Matt Dillon has traveled far beyond the legitimate boundaries of his jurisdiction. They will see that America's rugged individual is really the imperialist, the robber baron of the world. The cowboy has shown himself to be a bully.

And those who decide that the Kent State incident was a massacre will remember another moment from America's history. On the snowy night of March 5, 1770, a group of protestors gathered in front of the Custom House on King Street in Boston to object to the quartering of several British regiments in the city against the will of the citizenry. Sounds very much like the Kent State students protesting the presence of National Guardsmen on their campus, doesn't it?

The crowd of 1770 demonstrators grew increasingly unruly. The British soldiers were trying to keep calm, but they became more and more edgy as they were pelted with snowballs and other missiles by the crowd. Though the term "pigs" was not yet in use, the demonstrators in the Boston Common were shouting, "The wretches dare not fire." Suddenly the tension became more than the soldiers could bear and shots rang out. Four demonstrators lay dead, including a black man by the name of Crispus Attucks. Several others were wounded. Again, almost an exact parallel to the Kent State shootings.

That earlier event is enshrined in the national memory as the Boston Massacre. It was a spontaneous outpouring of popular resentment against, and defiance of, civil and military authority. Those who fell, and shed the first blood in what was to become the American Revolution, were known as martyrs, not rioters. Many whites were impressed by the fact that a black man who had escaped slavery was willing to give his life championing the cause of freedom. Revolutionary sentiment took root and those who had been straddling the fence crossed over to actively engage in overthrowing an oppressive and despotic government.

Two hundred years and two months later the Kent State Massacre has rallied the same sentiment. In his press conference President Nixon said that he had studied American history and that there would be no revolution in this country. And had Spiro Agnew been alive to speak for the King two hundred years ago, he probably would have said that Crispus Attucks and his companions exacerbated a volatile situation making the end result of killing inevitable. Crispus Attucks would have been one of the "bums" of his era.

The British government misread the signs of the times in its colonies. But in those colonies, March 5, 1770, was immediately proclaimed a national day of mourning. And a few years later, George Washington exhorted his troops in battle with the admonition to remember the Boston Massacre.

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Thank-you Alma Highland Festival. How can I ever express my true gratitude for the things you have given me. What better way to awake Saturday morning than to the gentle trill of the bagpipers who dotted the countryside next to the dormitories.

Ah yes, and what a wonderful serenade for two days, with those lovely drones ringing from dale to glen, and even from Fred to Sam, who live in Ithaca and Shepard.

You brought to town many advantages for we students too. For the publicity minded, there was the opportunity to drive downtown Saturday morning and get stared at by thousands of people. And, after once arriving downtown, the merchants, resplendent in their Scottish outfits, fell all over people and students alike, offering merchandise like one has never seen. Even the Alma Police were nice to students.

The more enterprising students on campus, always ready to grab an opportunity, sold parking space on lawns to visitors and made many dollars toward their leisure time activities. With money tight like it is, students appreciate that type of outlet.

The Festival participants boldly stood up for student rights, as well, as they demonstrated in word and deed that alcoholic beverages on campus were really alright and that the college didn't mind a bit if people drank everywhere.

Doing their part to promote better understanding between races, our good Scottish visitors certainly removed any drop of prejudice against their kind with their effective and neat disposal of trash and beer and Scotch Whiskey bottles in Memorial Gymnasium. And I am sure the maintenance men look forward to a fun day of cleaning up the gym and the countryside for miles around. With unemployment rising, it is always a GOOD THING when gainful employment is provided for the maintenance crew, who might otherwise lack for things to do.

What a wonderful day we all had. The City of Alma thanks you. The Festival Committee thanks you. The townsfolk thank you. The students who left campus for the weekend to study or sleep and SAGA thank you. The students with bloody eardrums thank you. The Chamber of Commerce REALLY thanks you.

And, most of all, I thank you. You see, I'm going to U of M next year, and right now student demonstrations seem so peaceful. Love and kisses, T.P.S.

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REACTION

ALMANIAN Staff Writer

Despite its highly and overly structured community government system, its numerous committees and seemingly high middle class standards, Alma College has developed into the role of nurturing a "Collective Mediocrity". In its majority of students is to be found a growing trend away from an academic attitude or a questioning search for understanding. It is a trend toward "making it" in our self-terminating social structure. That could well result in a loss of originality, creativity and individuality. The trend is an ill-fated urge towards conformity.

Needless to say, this campus is shrouded by an atmosphere of conservatism and custom. Ours is an educational existence primarily shaped by the ideals of the institution and secondarily influenced by the "conservative conscience" of its student majority. Only applicants who adhere to middle-class values and thought patterns seem to pass the entrance requirements, resulting in a severe minority of those who hold a liberal outlook, academically and socially. This sorry fact is a result of not only the type of person admitted, but also the outmoded social system he is asked to work into.

Very basically, the college can boast two types of students. There is a definite polarization between conservatism and liberalism, with a reticent group slanted towards the right who are still wearing their beavers. On one side of the polarization we find a person who fits well into the system. Quite possibly he or she is in a greek organization, middle class, and quite conservative. This student,

to be greek or in a greek organization, possesses our archaic social conformity and academic pursuit. In the basic this is the composition of many bodies.

The other polarity represents some degree of rejection of the "conservative conscience". It is from this severe minority that comes most of anything of artistic, creative or aesthetic value. Rather than label them "rebels" it seems more descriptive to call them a liberal minority. Unlike the conservative faction, they are attempting to choose their own experiences despite the efforts of the "conscience" and the residential philosophy of the college to order their existence.

The majority is seemingly a group of unquestioning, conforming students, fixing the social order by setting up the social norm of acceptance - some hair, just enough to "make it", no black armbands or signatures on anti-war petitions and above all - maintenance of the "conservative conscience". The liberals, by being rejected by the majority and the college are fast losing their potential to make any social or cultural contributions and reforms needed for the vitality of this institution.

With the type of polarity we have it is extremely difficult to exercise individuality in an "atmosphere" that does not foster it. As John Stuart Mill once wrote, "Persons of genius it is true, and are always likely to be, a small minority, but in order to have them it

is necessary to preserve the soil in which they grow. Genius can only grow freely in an atmosphere of freedom.

The college is heading for academic destruction if it does not allow a free flow of genius i.e., creativity, individuality and originality. The conservative majority must stop chanting in order that the constructive voice of the minority may voice its terribly needed opinions.

It seems highly important to the academic vitality of the college that it revamp its entrance criteria to include more liberal minded students in order to bring us out of our semi-social, academic wilderness.

The possibility exists that the college's production of students exhibiting uninhibited originality and creativity could rise considerably if there were more liberal students admitted, thus ridding our polluted atmosphere of conservatism.

It also seems important for us to revamp our campus organizations and begin to accept people for what is in their heads, not on them, or what campus group they are entangled in. Our social organizations, be they even peer groups, must find a new value in the academic pursuit and start searching for more than the next date of the campus events calendar.

This change has to come from each individual and we must remember that it is highly important for the individual to choose his own plan, lest he find his faculties unable to respond after graduation.

As Mill wrote, "He who does anything because it is the custom makes no choice. The faculties are called into no exercise by doing a thing merely because others do it."

The college has the potential to produce graduates showing some originality and creativity - a remarkable fact in that the graduate has passed through four years breathing the "conservative conscience" atmosphere. Its potential lies in its finest attribute - a

high degree of student - professor contact. Yet student-professor contact outside the classroom are still regarded by our conservative majority.

We must revamp our admissions screening process, reorganize our social organizations, and destroy many moral, academic and social presuppositions concerning the worth of the individual we now hold, in order to free our minds of unquestioning conservatism.

Too many bodies, and not enough heads is resulting in a painful loss of creativity, originality, and individuality and John Stuart Mills still echoes today....

"Originality is the one thing which unoriginal minds cannot feel the use of."

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Alma Rules Do Not Serve Students

The Highland Festival this past weekend served to point up one of the questions which might well come to the mind of an observer of the college, and that is: "What part of the Alma College Community is served by the rules and regulations on campus?"

On page 70 of the Student Handbook, the use or possession of alcoholic beverages is specifically prohibited on campus or at any college function on or off campus. An Alma Student, regardless of age, therefore, cannot enjoy a casual drink in the privacy of his own room, nor can he organize a "majors only" party without being subject to possible suspension from school if caught. Saturday, however, many participants in the Festival were allowed to drink, not only in buildings but in the open, without a single word said.

Earlier this year, guests of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity were evicted from the APO room because of the "Security risk" their presence posed to the other student offices in the building. When some Festival groups notified the college of their intention to make Memorial Gymnasium their home Friday and Saturday evenings, they were told that next year such accommodations would not be open to them. They were allowed to stay this year, security risk and all, unlike the student guests who were forced to pack up and find other arrangements at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Parking during the weekend was bad for everyone, of course, and regulations were logically abandoned temporarily. During most normal times, however, students are subjected to more parking regulations than any other group in the mid-Michigan area. Student cars must be registered within two weeks after arrival on campus (failure to do so results in a \$15 fine), and after registration they are restricted to 5 "properly authorized lots." Visitors are allowed to park in their reserved spots, or in student or faculty lots without fear of reprisal. One lot, Hamilton, is specifically kept clear for visitors by prohibition of overnight student parking. Even if a visitor does receive a ticket, for parking in a fire zone, etc., it is reasonable to assume that the college will not make any concentrated effort to claim the fine, especially since the visitor has no grades that can be held up.

Once again, according to the Student Handbook, disciplinary action may be taken against any student whose behavior disturbs others on campus. But many bagpipers practiced Friday and Saturday, from dawn till dusk, within inches of dormitory walls, doors, and windows. Students, meanwhile, had to attempt to sleep, live, and study with this apparently sanctioned disturbance. Nor could they escape this fate by living elsewhere, because Alma's "residential policy" prevents them from living off-campus.

In the same vein, students are not allowed to choose where to eat, but are instead forced to eat at the College Food Service, or at least pay for meals seven days a week. The rationale for this, so we are told, is that all SAGA schools require 7 day-a-week boarding plans for their students. THIS IS NOT TRUE. Wittenburg University and Hope College, to name two, are SAGA schools who have some form or other of optional board program.

On page 71 of the Student Handbook, it states that a student may be punished by college officials for "misconduct" on or off campus. By this rule, a student could quite easily be punished by Alma College administrators for conduct which occurs off campus and which may not even relate or reflect on the college.

The list is virtually endless of rules which are made against, not for, students at Alma College. Some of these, like the mandatory board rule, are obviously serving the administration by simplifying procedures, while others patronize visitors or Chamber of Commerce interests (i.e. Highland Festival). Others seem to serve no one. And extremely rare is the rule which actually serves student interest.

To be fair, it should be said that improvement in the Highland Festival situation has been promised and probably will take place. However, it is time that the administration of Alma College takes a long, hard look at all the rules and regulations on campus, to determine what group they really serve. They should keep in mind that students still pay 67% of the costs of running this institution, and it is students for which this institution was originally designed to serve. And they should make sure the rules are designed so that it is the students that this institution does serve.

Thoughts on

Associate Board

This letter is an attempt to make the student body of Alma College realize the importance of the upcoming Associate Board of Trustees elections and what it means to elect good student representatives from each of the classes. With the election of strong individuals who can truly represent and speak out for the student body, our students will be exercising power in a useful way, which will enlarge their basis for power rather than causing its undermining. This, in turn, could lead to the development of a stronger student voice in terms of student representation on the Associate Board with the possibility of doubling the amount of student members in the near future. Since I was informed by some members of the Board of Trustees that the students are paying 65% of Alma College's budget, why not a bigger student voice if the students are willing to take their goals and objectives and organize and apply them within the system of government here at Alma College. Self-limiting protests of student oppression will not only not get the job done, but will further polarize us from the more "adult" members of the Alma Community. This Tuesday, be careful, be ready for a bigger student role in Alma College if you want it.

Kent Rogers

Thurston Asks Support

Fellow Juniors,

It is very hard to believe that we have been on the Alma Campus for close to three years. As I look upon those years I realize that this campus has experienced considerable change. This change, initiated by a few responsible students, materialized only because you gave it your support.

In this respect, I ask your support in electing me as your CLASS PRESIDENT and on the ASSOCIATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. If elected, I have only one guarantee to make to you: I will never relent in representing our interests as well as making our Senior year very memorable.

In order to reach one's goals an individual must be able to initiate ideas and communicate effectively with students, administration, and faculty. I believe my record on Student Council, and various other committees and honor societies, reveals the degree of my effectiveness. I do not want to bore you with further trivia. If you have any doubts, ask someone who knows me, or confront me on the campus.

I thank you for your patience. Best of Luck next year!

Sincerely,
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Student Response from Wooster: On Kent State

Dear Mr. Editor,

My sister is a senior at the College of Wooster, a Presbyterian School in Ohio. She has requested that I forward to you this letter on that campus' reaction to recent events. I would appreciate it if you printed it. Thank-You.

Sincerely,
Jan Hartt
305 S. Bruske

Wooster, as you may know, is a small liberal arts college in Ohio which is connected with the Presbyterian Church. Its students are not known for their radicalism. This may help you to understand why the Wooster student's reaction to Cambodia and the killings at Kent State shows how strongly students all over the United States feel and why campus disturbances are so widespread.

The first reaction of Wooster students, administration and faculty to President Nixon's first Cambodia speech was shock and disbelief. Crowds of students had gathered around every available television set to watch and I saw several girls begin to cry as they heard the news. An ad hoc committee responded by calling for a student strike and Wooster students agreed. Supported by the faculty, we went out on strike on Monday and Tuesday. We had a teach-in, collected signatures for telegrams and petitions and to engage townspeople in Wooster in dialogue over the issues in South-East Asia. Monday May 4th, we held a silent march downtown and a peace rally in the main square. I was march marshal who had the responsibility of maintaining non-violence and order within the march but the marshalls were really unnecessary. The marchers had a sense of themselves as the representatives of the peace movement in Wooster and behaved accordingly.

We heard about the killings at Kent a few hours before the march and we knew the Wooster National Guard was among those posted there. We didn't know exactly what happened at Kent until after the march but, even before, we sensed that it could have been one of us who died. Their deaths made us thoughtful and sad and also angry. Students who had decided to begin participating in the peace movement only with Nixon's announcement became increasingly the most dangerous because they have no commitment to non violence. The Kent State kids who came to us after their university closed are an example. Some had seen one of the four, a friend, shot. Others had only been there and felt the incredible atmosphere of a troop occupied campus. None had been political activists before. Now they were angry and militant.

I am not very proud of the two days after our march. We got involved in campus issues. We got angry at each other and said things that never should have been said. We used a lot of bad rhetoric. Classes were supposed to resume after Tuesday but I doubt that many students or faculty went back. We were too upset.

On Wednesday, President Drushall flew to Washington to meet with P resident Nixon to express the views of the college community on the subject of Vietnam. We haven't heard a report yet but Mr. Nixon must have enough respect for Mr. Drushall's standing in the area and in the Republican Party to listen seriously.

Wednesday night, the original strike committee announced the formation of an organization called the Ohio College and University Coalition. They planned to march and rally in the state capital to protest the Kent State killings. Schools all over Ohio joined the Coalition and planned to attend the march. The organizers cancelled the march after they heard the S.D.S. planned a "bloodbath" which never materialized and after they found that their telephone was bugged. About 3000 people demonstrated anyway. As I am writing, Wooster students are at the Washington rally where I would be if I could have found some transportation.

That's what the students, faculty and administration have been doing at Wooster.

Now let me tell you what they have been thinking. It has been a tremendously frustrating week. Plans had to be made quickly and spontaneously so attempts to get things together often failed. The frustration of our powerlessness over Cambodia and Kent State drove almost everyone to more extreme positions. It was strange throughout the week to see kids who said a few years ago that the president must know what he was doing in Vietnam now anxiously listening to the directions which are given for any march no matter how non-violently planned-- don't wear contacts or anything around your neck by which you could be grabbed and choked, carry a wet cloth for tear gas and a bank-book so you can't be arrested for vagrancy, if someone starts clubbing you roll into the foetal position and protect your face. These precautions sound paranoid but events around the country have justified them. The students who were fairly active before are beginning to feel that Vietnam is not the problem, only the most outstanding symptom of an illness in our society. So these students are talking revolution.

Revolution is a word I have hesitated to use in this letter because it frightens so many people. And rightly. A violent revolution in this country would be an ugly thing which would accomplish no one's ends. Yet more and more people in contact with the social problems of our country are beginning to call for revolution. Until now, the present administration has shown little sympathy for the issues which disturb us nor have the media been fair in their presentation. For some students it was easy to block the violence of Vietnam out of their minds or to ignore the repressiveness of government action against

the Black Panthers or the Chicago Seven. When violent action against dissent occurs at Kent State, a school known for parties and not for politics, it's harder to ignore.

I don't know what you are feeling at Alma. I suspect that you share the same emotions and are beginning to work for the same ends as we are in Wooster. Please work with us against the war. Write letters to the President, to congressmen and to newspapers. Get in touch with your home churches, tell them how you feel and ask for their help. If the whole campus feels strongly enough, you could petition Nixon and Congress as a campus. Keep talking to people who don't feel the way you do--you both can learn from each other.

As a final request, I'd like to hear what's going on at Alma. Let me know what you are thinking and doing. Keep in mind that if the colleges and universities work together we can be a strong force for peace in our country.

Peace,
Sue Hartt
College of Wooster

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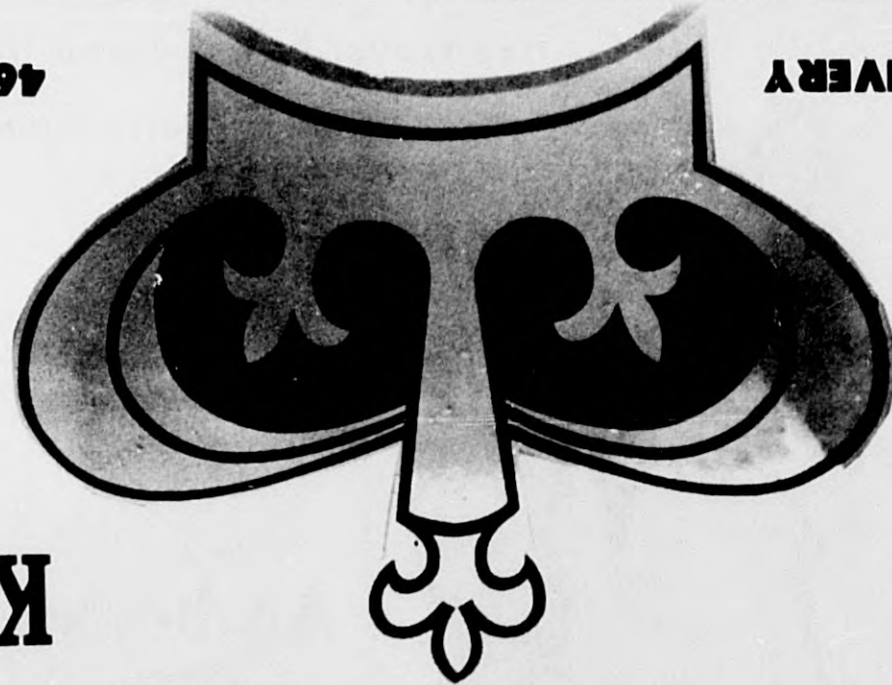
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TRACK TEAM TOPS MIAA RIVALS

On Saturday, May 16, the Alma College trackmen placed in every event to easily outdistance the rest of the MIAA and win their first track title in 28 years. Alma finished the meet with 91 points compared with 46 for Hope, 45 for Albion, 38 for Calvin, 32 for Adrian, and 8 each for Kalamazoo and Olivet.

Alma's total of 91 points was only 1 1/2 points short of the all-time scoring record for field day.

This year's MIAA meet was held at Western Michigan University's Waldo Stadium. Oddly enough, the last time Alma won the league track title was in 1942- the same year that the league meet was last held in Waldo Stadium.

Alma copped six first places in the meet with junior distance man Don Yehle accounting for two of the firsts. He was one of the two double winners of the meet as he took both the mile and two-mile runs with respective times of 4:23.2 and 9:31.3. His double win leaves him unbeaten in the league in both these events for the season.

Other Scots taking first places were Hilary Goerge in the discus with a throw of 136'6", Dale Dillingham in the shotput with a toss of 46'9 1/4", Jeff Arbour in the 880-yard run with a time of 1:58.6, and Ike Neitring in the high jump with a leap of 6'7". Ike's jump also established new school and league

records. The old records were 6'4" and 6'6" respectively.

Second place finishes earned by Alma included Chuck Wiggins in the intermediate hurdles, Cal Kerr in the 440-yard dash, Roger Eddy in the 100-yard dash, Clare Kregger in the two-mile, and Al Vandermeer in the long jump and triple jump with respective jumps of 22'11" and 44' 10 1/2". Both of these distances are new school records. Also, Kreggers second place finish in the two-mile gave Alma the only 1-2 finish in the meet.

Third place finishes were copped by Bill Copland in the pole-vault, Neitring in the triple jump, Steve List in the high and intermediate-hurdles, and Eddy in the 220-yard dash.

Fourth place finishes were garnered by Goerge in the javelin, Gary Faulkes in the triple jump, and Gus Bishop in the high hurdles.

Fifth place honors went to Tom Dayton in the high jump, Brad Carey in the long jump, and John Skinner in the 440-yard dash.

Alma's 440-yard relay team placed third in a time of 43.8 seconds while the mile relay team placed second in a time of 3:25.

The Scots completed the outdoor season with a perfect 6-0 dual meet record, having scored 100 points or more in each dual meet.

By winning Field Day, the Scots now claim undisputed first place in the MIAA.



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TENNIS TEAM FINISHES SEASON WITH SPLIT

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The 1970 season was one of frustration for the Alma team. At one time during the season out of a series of five matches the netters lost for of these matches. Of these losses, two were by the score of 6-3, while

two were lost by the score of 5-4. Alma lost close matches to conference arch-rivals Albion College and Hope College, losing to Albion 6-3 and Hope 5-4. In both losses, the Scots dropped four three-set matches. They gained some revenge by finishing in fourth place at the MIAA tournament.

Here's how the team shaped up this season on a point basis, giving one point for each singles and doubles victory. Mark Alman - 19, Jim Tarrant - 16, Jim Powers - 13, Denny Williams - 11, Rich Smith - 10, Benga Oredein - 8, and Tim Lutes - 7. Williams, Oredein, and Lutes will be lost through graduation, while the rest of the team will return to form the nucleus of next year's squad.

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Almanian Arts

Miss Sischo's Recital 'Surpasses Expectations'

by Jan Hendrickson

Thursday night proved to surpass already high expectations when Melody Sischo, soprano, sang her junior recital. She was accompanied by Marjory Hill who also performed expertly.

Janet Billette, a freshman who has already established herself as an excellent dancer in previous concerts, displayed her diversity of talent with an excellent performance on the piano.

The recital opened with Melody singing "How Beautiful Are the Feet" by Handel. The music came alive when she sang the words, the tone seemed effortless, but the feeling came from her heart.

After a short piece by Bach, she sang "Alleluia" by Ned Rorem, a contemporary composer. The music was difficult with dissonant intervals and an unusual rhythm, but Melody carried it out in masterful style.

Three numbers by Debussy were particularly befitting of the spring season. Again, the audience was awed with the feeling Melody projected into the music and the beauty with which she executed it.

In an aria from Bizet's "Carman," Melody thrilled the audience with a dramatic portrayal of a girl searching for Don Jose filled with fear of the dark forest, but trusting in the Lord to protect her. Melody's operatic voice filled the chapel and many members of the audience could be seen wiping their eyes. It was a touching and lovely piece of music.

Janet Billette carried on the evening with more of Debussy in a suite entitled "Children's Corner." Jan was able to capture the mood of each section blending them into a charming picture of child's fantasy. Jan's charm and poise at the piano was as graceful as any of her dances.

Melody came back on stage singing "April Rain," a sad and lonely song that demonstrated her tremendous range. The "Choir-master's Burial" followed and was sung with a twinkle in her eyes.



For her final number, a familiar aria from "Die Fledermaus," the Laughing Song by Strause. She glowed with the vitality of the song and had the audience laughing with her on the chorus. Again she demonstrated her proficiency as a performer by taking the audience with her into a musical world within the walls of the Alma College chapel.

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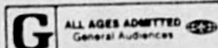


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Almanian Commentary Criticized

To the authors of the "Almanian Commentary":

In response to your article questioning the women's RA selection process which appeared in the May 18 issue of the ALMANIAN, I would like to say that while I felt a little rebuffed by some of your comments, I was in agreement with your dissatisfaction concerning selection procedures.

I feel that the method of selection does not provide the means for just choices to be made. As the process is now, the panel must judge the applicants mainly from the impression conveyed through the applicant's application form and interview. The selection panel does not see how the applicant relates to her peers which seems as if it should be the most important criteria. The applicants, after the selection was made, were provided with a questionnaire to express their evaluation of the selection process. I expressed my discontent through this means.

Some of the statements in your article with which I can not only disagree but also fail to understand are: your desire for RA's to be

"women to change the traditional role of women on campus;" and your doubts about the new R's desire "to confront the administration in seeking to change policy for the better." With fourteen new RA's in Newberry and Gelston alone, I can't imagine how you could assume in your statements identical actions and attitudes on the part of all these girls. Whoever authored this article most likely does not personally know all of these girls and therefore, is unqualified to make such general assumptions. I will support a move to change RA selection procedure, but for your other comments I would ask that you give me a chance to become acquainted with my new job before you judge me.

Jan Royce

VanValkenburg Says Thanks

To the Student Body of Alma College:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who worked on my campaign. To those who made signs, put them up, typed, advised, campaigned in the dorms and most of all, the voters, I owe many thanks.

8 **Campus Government Comment**

The election for President and Vice-president of Student Council is over (43% of you are going "What's over?"), and yet there are a lot of campaign signs still up. If you see a sign of this sort that's outdated (especially if you put it up) please feel free to take them down. Thanks.

Approximately 57% of the Student Body took the time and showed the concern to vote for their choice in the past election for Student Council Officers.

And they want to give a national vote to us?

D.T.

Throughout the coming year, I will do my utmost to be worthy of the office of the students of this college have entrusted me with. Thank-you.

Paul VanValkenburg
Paul VanValkenburg
Student Body President

The Forum

The sisters of Alma's colony of Gamma Sigma Sigma are pleased to announce the pearlying of our sister Beverly Tiedeman to Keith Hershberger.

The brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity wish to announce the elections of new officers for the coming year: President, Bob Eldridge; Vice-president, Charlie Schoenheit; Treasurer, Harry McGee; IFC Representatives, Bill Lauppe and Al Brown. Also the Brothers wish to congratulate brother Jeff Graybiel on his lavilliering to Karen Hoffman of Alpha Theta, and brother Bill Lauppe on his lavilliering to Sue Carland of Ferris State.

The sisters of Alpha Theta Sorority wish to extend their congratulations to Caro Spendlove on her engagement to Ernie Kissman. Congratulations also go out to Allison Mac Donald on her being lavilliered to Fred Rugg of Delta Sigma Phi, Doris Meyer to Bill Clintaorth of Theta Chi and Helen Bendall to Mike Hughs. The sorority wishes to announce the activity of their new members: Pat Buckman, Lynn Coddington, Linda Hopkins, Kathy Loessel, Barb Luce and Julie Malpass.

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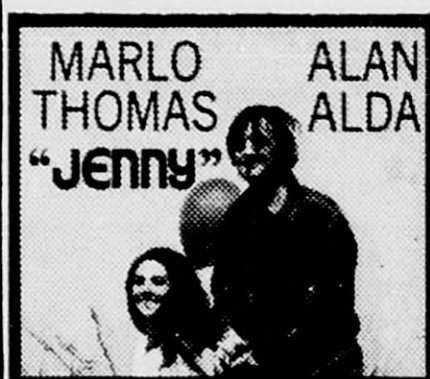
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