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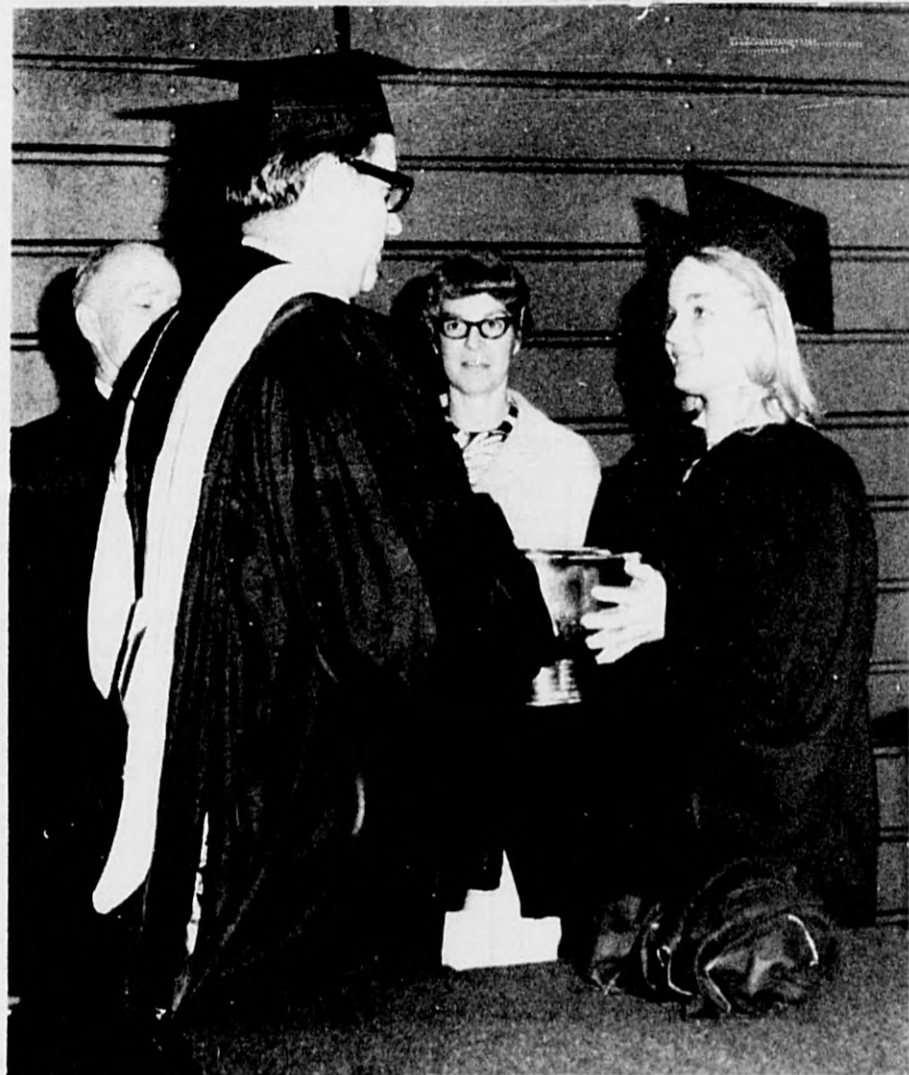
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In the highlight of the 1970 Honors Convocation, Miss Louise Hamel, an economics major from Mt. Pleasant, was named winner of the Barlow Trophy for the class of 1970. Dr. Kimball, acting on behalf of President Swanson, presented the coveted award. The selection is based on superior scholastic achievement and leadership in the Alma

campus community as determined by the faculty and the Student Council. Miss Hamel is a member of Gamma Delta Alpha women's honor society. In addition to her academic endeavors, Miss Hamel is also an excellent flutist and a member of the Alma Symphony Orchestra. Next year she will study economics at the University of Kentucky under a NDEA scholarship.

235 To Receive Degrees

Missions Head Neigh to be Commencement Speaker

The Speaker at the 83rd Commencement exercises at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13, will be the Rev. Kenneth G. Neigh of New York City, general secretary of the Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Bachelors degrees will be conferred upon 235 Alma students at the commencement.

Dr. Neigh assumed his present position in 1959 after serving as Presbyterianism's chief executive officer in Michigan from 1951 to 1959. He was executive of the Presbytery of Detroit from 1949 to 1959.

Dr. Neigh began his ministry as founding pastor of what is now the Allen Park Presbyterian Church. For three years (1946-9) he had been vice-president and for one year (1947) acting president of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

He was president of the Michigan Council of Churches from 1955 to 1957, and he served as a member of the executive committees of both the Michigan and Detroit Councils. He organized and was the first president of the Southwest Detroit Council of Social Agencies.

Dr. Neigh is now a member of the General Committees of both the Michigan and Detroit Councils. He organized and was the first president of the Southwest Detroit Council of Social Agencies.

Dr. Neigh is now a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches and is chairman of the Council's Division of Christian Life and Mission. He is also a member of several committees on the council.

He is a member of the Committee on Consultation on Church Union of the United Presbyterian General Assembly as well as the denomination's General Council on theological education.

A native of Ohio, he is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and McCormick Theological Seminary and holds several honorary degrees.



Rev. Kenneth Neigh

RUN-OFF ELECTIONS FILL VACANCIES

Run-off elections were held last Tuesday, June 2, to decide the winner for 5 positions not decided in the major election held May 28. The results, posted on the bulletin board across from the Student Council Office are:

For next year's junior class, class president will be Steve Hill, vice president, Rick Scatterday, sec-treas, Dee Gill. The Junior class representative to Associate Board will be Brad Carey.

Three to Receive Honorary Degrees

83RD COMMENCEMENT THIS SATURDAY

Three Detroit area men— a clergyman, an educator and a minister of music— will be the recipients of honorary degrees at Alma College's 83rd Commencement on Saturday, June 13.

Receiving doctorate degrees at Saturday's Commencement will be the Rev. Mr. Harry L. Geissinger, pastor of Littlefield Boulevard United Presbyterian Church, Dearborn, Doctor of Divinity; Mr. George F. Thomas, minister of Music at Westminister Church, Detroit, Doctor of Literature; and Dr. Wilfred D. Webb, superintendent of Hazel Park Community Schools, Doctor of Laws.

A Doctor of Science degree was presented at Honor's Convocation on Wednesday, June 3, to Dr. Eugene Rabinowitch, professor of chemistry and biology at State University of New York, Albany.

A native of Huntington, P A, Rev. Geissinger is a graduate of Lafayette College and of Princeton Theological Seminary. He has done graduate work in counseling at the Merrill-Palmer Institute in Detroit and at Wayne State University.

Before coming to Littlefield Boulevard United Presbyterian Church he served pastorates in Alexandria, Lebanon and Altoona, PA. He was a part-time member of the faculty at Juanita College in Huntingdon during

his pastorate in Alexandria.

He has been active on presbytery and synod committees and organizations, both in Pennsylvania and in Michigan. Also active in civic and charitable groups, he is presently a member of the Board of Directors of the Psychological Studies and Consultation Service, the Community Viet Nam Scholarship Committee, and the Board of Education's Special Committee on Sex Education in the Public Schools.

He is a past president of the Dearborn Area Clergy and was instrumental in establishing a ministry for Students on the Dearborn Campus of Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan. He served on the planning committee for the Council on Inter-Faith in Action for Racial Justice in Dearborn. A charter member of the Dearborn Symphony Society, he is a Kiwanian and a 32nd degree Mason.

Mr. Thomas graduated from Vaughnsville (Ohio) Public School and attended Grinnell (Iowa) College. He holds a bachelor of music degree from Westminister Choir College in Princeton, NJ.

He was a tenor soloist with the Westminister College Choir in the 1940's, performing with leading symphonies.

Before assuming his present position with Westminister Church of Detroit, he served as minister of music at the Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick NJ; Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church, Chatham NJ; and Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Toledo.

His adult choir at Westminister Church has been the only church choir to perform with the Detroit Symphony. Earlier this month (May 7) the choir presented a Handel-Hayden program at Ford Auditorium on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund of the Masonic Lodge.

Dr. Webb, who has been superintendent of Hazel Park Community School District is a native of Wheeler and a graduate of Ithaca High School. He holds a B.S. degree is a native of Wheeler and a graduate of Ithaca High School. He holds a B.S. degree Hazel Park Community Schools since 1958 is a native of Wheeler and a graduate of Ithaca High School. He holds a B.S. degree from Alma College and M.Ed. and Ed.D. degrees from Wayne State University.

Dr. Webb has served the Hazel Park District since 1941. He was a teacher (1941-46), counselor (1946-50), junior high school principal (1950-54), assistant superintendent of schools (1954-58) and has served as superintendent since.

He has been presented the Silver Beaver continued on page 3



Rev. Mr. Harry Geissinger



George Thomas



Dr. Wilfred Webb

THE LIGHT SIDE THE DARK SIDE by dick gregory



Memorial Day had special significance this year. The holiday, originally designated to commemorate the Civil War dead and later expanded to remember the fallen soldiers of all wars, climaxes a month which began with President Nixon's tragic expansion of the war in Indochina, thus creating new battlefronts to provide corpses for Memorial Day commemoration.

But the month of May also saw cruel additions to the long list of fallen "wintertime soldiers," courageous and dedicated combatants so designated by Thomas Paine as the men and women who will respond to the moral call of duty and justice during "times that try men's souls." Tom Paine saw the "wintertime soldiers" as the opposite of "sunshine patriots," those who will mouth the words of freedom and devotion to country when rhetoric is not likely to be personally costly.

Unfortunately, most Memorial Day celebrations this year will be in the hands of today's "sunshine patriots;" those who will wave the flag and talk about love of country while sacrificing nothing. If George Washington's army had been made up of those who hid behind the flag rather than those who laid their lives PERSONALLY on the line for the principles of that flag, we would all be speaking with a British accent today. And I cannot help wondering if the rhetoric of today's "sunshine patriots" would change if the draft age was raised considerably. It is so easy to support a war you know you will never be asked to fight. How large would the crowds of New York City construction workers demonstrating in support of the President's Cambodian policy, have been if President Nixon had asked them to march past City Hall and into the nearest induction center?

As Thomas Paine realized two centuries ago, this country will never survive the cheap verbal commitment of sunshine patriotism. Survival of the morally fittest demands a sterner commitment. So America's wintertime soldiers are the ones who should be

honored this Memorial Day, those who have demonstrated their willingness to die for their country, even though many had a deep aversion to killing for the same cause.

The list of fallen wintertime soldiers is long and heroic. It includes such leaders in the battle for human dignity and justice as Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King. And it also includes foot soldiers--Viola Liuzzo, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, James Reeb, the little children of Birmingham, Alabama, and the students of Orangeburg, South Carolina, Kent, Ohio, and Jackson, Mississippi. Just as war casualty lists are too often faceless names, and many deaths are not reported, so also is the list of those who have suffered martyrdom in this country that injustice might be exposed in its brutal reality. A six hundred word column would run for many months before the naming of America's lynching victims was completed.

It is shamefully ironic that as soon as a few white kids burned their draft cards, the sunshine patriots of America pushed through an anti-draft card burning bill. Yet America has still not produced an anti-lynching bill. Every traditional Memorial Day celebration should be haunted by the recognition that America officially has more respect for a piece of cardboard than for human life.

President Nixon has announced the formation of a blue ribbon panel of prestigious

individuals to investigate recent killings on college campuses. More important than INVESTIGATION is a commitment to the ERADICATION of the conditions is the continuing racism which produces an investigation only when white students are killed. After the slaughter of students in Orangeburg, South Carolina, there was no national concern for investigation.

Nor can an investigation panel be expected to undo the harm of White House insults already articulated. Witness the last White House press conference in which President Nixon tried to conciliate student anger. In the very wake of the Kent State slaughter, President Nixon closed his press conference with a moment of silence in respect to the memory of a departed White House correspondent. There was no commemoration of the fallen students, perhaps because the President wanted the nation to forget that incident.

But men and women whose love of humanity runs deeper than the selfish interest of sunshine patriotism will always remember. They will remember those whose blood has dampened American soil in the struggle for human liberation. And they will recommit the spirit of the words of Abraham Lincoln: "It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they so nobly advanced."

The 1969-70 ALMANIAN was the first to use four-color process in Alma College history.



The Sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau would like to congratulate Laurel Braun on her pinning to Mike Barnes of Delta Sigma Phi, Pris Embs on her lavaliering to Matt Weeks of Delta Gamma Tau, and Deryl Shaw on her pinning to Greg Boughton of Delta Sigma Phi.

The Alpha Theta Sorority wishes to announce their new officers for the fall of 1970: They are: President, Lee Ann O'Hare; Vice-president; Nancy Brookfield, Corresponding Secretary; Doris Meyer, Recording Secretary; Diane Hollister, and Treasurer; Sue Keever.

The Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon extend their most sincere congratulations to Brother Roger Lakatos on his pinning to Jan Raifsnider of Kappa Iota.

The men of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity wish to announce their officers for next fall: President, Roger Eddy; Service Vice-president, Rod MacDonald; Membership Vice-president, Tom Bothwell; Secretary, Jim Hare; Treasurer, Harold Kruse; Historian, Dave Thomen; Sergeant-at-arms, Rick Mavis.

The Brothers also ask to congratulate Sam Schmidt on his pinning to Maureen Branyan.

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To each his own last word. So pardon me
hile I get it out of my system.

People often say to me, "If you had it
do over again, wouldn't you be Editor
of THE ALMANIAN?"

After all, THE ALMANIAN is such an
educational experience. The list of things
I learned goes on and on. For example,
I learned that one must establish priorities--
ALMANIAN first, everything else last. I
learned that calling maintenance 27 times
(I counted) still will not produce a new
thermostat or radiator shut off valves so
that the winter temperature in the Pub can
be something besides 95 or 40. I learned
that I need never use budget numbers or
names, because the Business Office ignores
my directions anyway. I learned that the
only people who listen to students less than
some of our Administrators are some of
our Trustees. I learned that some adminis-
trators do not feel bound by the same gener-
al rules that they tie ordinary students
with. I learned that parking tickets and ash-
phalt bumps often seem more important
than the provision of a proper education.
I learned that the best way to get things
done within the Community Government Sys-
tem is to proceed until stopped. I learned
that criticism is returned to one in direct
proportion to the degree of effort expended.
I learned the great satisfaction of entombing
an illegal master key in the cornerstone of
a new dormitory complex. I learned how
to curse much more fluently. I learned that
this small, Christian college has a large
number of small, very small people. I learned
what THE ALMANIAN is. And most of
all, I learned what Alma College means
to me.

Would I be ALMANIAN Editor again if I
had it to do over? Don't ask now-- my out-
look at the moment is far too warped.

Next year, or maybe the next, if you
should happen to see a misty-eyed alumnus
that resembles me wandering aimlessly
around campus, ask him that question. And
if he doesn't answer directly, it is because
he doesn't really know.

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Optional Hours Decision Due During Summer

In the aftermath of student affairs failure to recommend, as a committee, and specific implementation procedures for optional hours for next year, the Almanian talked with Dean P lough about the possibilities involved in the optional hours question. Mr. Plough related that the sub-committee of the student affairs committee had come up with three alternatives to present to the committee as a whole (which never took place because of lack of a quorum); the three alternatives were 1) a proctor system, involving all soph., jrs., and senior women, 2) a key-card system entailing a door-opening mechanism and corresponding card, and 3) a key system, similar to that used in previous years at Alma.

Dean Plough, while making clear that the decision would come during the summer, seemed fairly sure that there was not money around to invest in a key card system, and held to the argument that the old key system involved a security risk (lost keys, etc.). This left the proctor system which, said P lough, could probably work for all dorms except the new dorms. One solution to the new dorm problem would be to make room keys to the new dorms fit the outside doors of the new dorm.

One change that seems certain is that the women's dorms would not close during the week next year until midnight, instead of the 11:00 pm lock-up hour now.

When asked about whether freshmen hours were a possibility in the future, Mr. P lough said that he thought the question would come up next year, and indicated that it was a worthwhile enough question to at least look in to.

JOHNSON WINS PRESTON AWARD

Todd S. Johnson, junior from Fargo, Florida, majoring in Speech and Theatre, and Sociology, has won the annual Preston Bradley Speaking Award sponsored by the Department of Speech and Theatre. Johnson, in a convincing mimicry of a hard-core revolutionary orator, then with a later turnabout, urged the audience to prepare itself intellectually to refute the cliches and generalization of rabble-rousers, based as they often are on distorted information. Particularly, he implored his audience to read Abbie Hoffman's "Revolution for the Hell of It" and Jerry Rubin's "Do It". If you can't buy them, suggested Johnson, "steal them", but read them, in order to refute the inaccuracies you hear.

Runners up in this year's competition, emceed by Dennis Valkanoff, freshman from Okemose Michigan, were three other students all enrolled in speech classes this year. Helen Bendall, a junior from Bay City Michigan, deplored the anti-feminine bias in the College's Department of Physical Education. Nancy Wilson, a freshman from Livonia Michigan, called on her student audience to take an active part in the College's Community Government System; and Denise Anderson, sophomore from Allen Park Michigan, alerted her listeners to the growing menace of hard drugs in the high schools.

The annual contest, open to the student

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body at large, is named in honor of Dr. Preston Bradley, former student of Alma College and subsequently Founder-Pastor of the People's Church in Chicago. Mr. Bradley, now 84, is still with the People's Church and makes annual summer trips to England to preach overseas. This year he will be making his 43rd crossing of the Atlantic.

The winner received a gavel made from the trees of Thomas Jefferson's estate, "Monticello," and his name will be emblazoned on a permanent plaque hanging in Reid-Knox building.

Detroit Area Men to Receive Degrees


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Award of the Boy Scouts of America, the Youth Guidance Award of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Distinguished Service Award of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Distinguished Service Award of Lions International, Distinguished Alumni Award of Wayne State University, Hazel Park Jaycee Citizen of the Year Award, and the Pontiac Community Fund Merit Award.

In 1966 he was honored by a concurrent resolution by the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, and in 1968 the Hazel Park Board of Education named Wilfred D. Webb Jr. High School in his honor.

He is a life member of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers and is a member of several education and civic organizations. He has served the Oakland County Child Guidance Board, Oakland County Selective Service Board, Oakland County Branch of the Michigan Children's Aid Society, Board of the Hazel Park Youth Foundation and the Oakland County Commission on Economic Opportunity. He has served as chairman of the Hazel Park Youth Protection Committee and is president of Region 9 of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

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THANKS AGAIN,
(SIGNED) MIKE & TOM

Letters to the Editor

To Whom it May Concern: 'Deepest Thanks'

To Whom It May Concern----

On June 3, 1970 I received the following note:

Dear Leo,
It has come to our attention that you have not been home since the Christmas of 1968. It is our hope that you may return home for some period of time this summer before the next academic year begins.
With this in mind, we present you this gift to make the trip more attainable. We wish for you to accept it so that you can return in the Fall after a summer spent with a peaceful mind.
Have a good trip!

I received a check along with this note. I must say that this took me completely by surprise and I must express my deepest thanks and appreciation to the individuals and groups concerned.

Leopold L. Perirott

Different Connotations

Dear Editor:
In the past week I have observed several instances of childlike behavior on campus. Let me make a distinction between two different connotations of the word "childlike". The first is a negative connotation, bringing to mind immaturity, foolishness, and infantile behavior. The second, a more positive meaning, calls forth an image of innocence, candor, simplicity, and lack of affectation.

Under infantile actions I would include two recent events: the rudeness of a large number of students toward Dr. Rabinowitch at the Honors Convocation; and the food-throwing spree Thursday in Hamilton Commons (when parents were there attending an athletic banquet). It can't be that difficult to sit QUIETLY at a convo, and as for food-throwing--it's unnecessary and rather gross. There are, however, examples on campus of childlike behavior in its positive sense. A recent case in point was the Art Happening put on in the Union by Sue Coleman and Jan Morton. Anyone who walked in was free to tape a piece of paper to the wall and "do his own thing" with paint. Accompanied by taped music, all types of people dabbed, swished, and splattered bright colors on paper. It was simple, unsophisticated, and a great deal of fun. Certainly this type of childlike behavior did not infringe on those who did not wish to participate.

The point of this letter, then, is to say

"thumbs down" on those who would cause embarrassment to fellow students, and offer "three cheers" for Jan, Sue, and those who dare to be childlike in a more positive manner.

Sincerely,
Susan Keener

Ritual and Tradition; Honors Convocation

Dear Mr. Editor,
I would like to take a few minutes to express my reaction to Honor's Convocation 1970. I personally am opposed to most rituals and hence look upon such an occasion with a bit of caution. Much of Honor's Convocation is a blase, as is all too often the case with ritual and tradition.

The highpoint of the convocation, and only part that was of interest to me, was the announcing of the recipient of the Baruch trophy. Perhaps this was played up a bit, having the envelope carried forward--it does serve to involve the audience and the fore becomes more meaningful to each of us.

The lowpoint of the convocation was the speaker. This man never was able to establish rapport with the audience--partly due to his English--and rapidly lost most of them. I sure he probably had something very worthwhile to say, but it became lost in all extraneous words--about 30 minutes of the I was sitting in the band and had a good view of the audience. It was amusing to watch waves of restlessness pass over them and see the paper airplanes take to flight. (The programs made excellent airplanes!)

Finally, I would like to compliment the audience on their relative patience and tolerance in the midst of their discomfort. It is hope, however, that the clapping of the audience was not reflecting the speech, but was done out of courtesy and respect.

Harold K.

Another Reaction to Convo

Editor, THE ALMANIAN,
Another Honors Convocation has come gone. Mr. Rabinowitch's speech was so specialized that I felt like I was attending a biology lecture. I understand from reliable sources that Mr. Rabinowitch was selected to address the assembly because of his standing achievements he has attained in his particular field of study. He managed to prove once again that many fine authors are very poor speakers.

But disappointed as I am with the speaker

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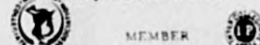
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More Letters

Teach Us to Think, Please

Please--Teach us to think!

well thought-out but poorly delivered address, I am disappointed— or shall I say, disgusted— with the reception to him by the students and faculty of Alma College. The general commotion of shuffling feet, coughing, talking, and laughing from all areas of the gymnasium reminded me of my high school assemblies. For me, one sign of maturity has always been that of being able to sit quietly still and focus one's attention on the main speaker, no matter how long (it was only an hour!) or how boring he may be (and poor Mr. Rabinowitch certainly was!) He was asked to come here to speak to us on what he believes to be a very interesting and important topic. Surely he has the right to expect to be heard and received in an adult manner.

Yes, his speech was hard to follow, and true, his difficulty with the English language didn't help much. But this is all the more reason that quiet attentiveness should have been given him. Persons without a thorough command of a language become easily confused and flustered when confronted by unfamiliar surroundings and an uninterested, discourteous audience. This results in his talking more rapidly and perhaps losing his original train of thought—all of which makes it increasingly difficult for us to follow what he's trying to say.

And than there was that beautiful display of grandeur (the loud cheering and standing ovation routine) in the bleacher seats when Mr. Rabinowitch had finished. Certainly the man must have felt that his audience had not sincerely enjoyed his presentation --why did these men (?) feel it necessary to add insult to injury?

Yes, it was an Honors Convocation. So may I suggest that an award be given to Jack P rince and his cohorts "for their supreme show of immaturity, discourtesy, and general all around ignorance." And also a hearty thanks to them from the Alma campus for giving our guest speaker and other visitors (our own President Swanson looked none too pleased with your performance) such a lovely introduction to Alma College! I, for one, don't appreciate it at all!

Anne Marks

After three years at Alma College, I have come to the point where I'm tired of sitting in a classroom and being lectured at with little or no interaction between myself and the professor or other students. And even when there has been interaction it has been of the type in which a question was factually answered and that ended the situation. Discussion seems to be rare, one-sided and generally quite dull. This is how it has been for me, and I didn't complain. After all it seemed natural to just sit and listen.

Well, all of a sudden I'm in a seminar course which I would probably fail if I couldn't think. The professor has demanded that we think critically as well as analyze and discuss our material. He hasn't done this outwardly, but through his method, presentation, and use of a seminar type situation. The results of this are almost frightening. Now that I'm seriously thinking in his class, I've found myself doing it in my other classes too. It's amazing, isn't it? But what's more amazing is the number of students and professors who object to this type of approach and the very idea of teaching a student to think—why everyone knows that hard facts are more important! The fact of the matter is, this type of situation is harder to prepare for, both on the part of the student and the professor. I'm not saying the job of being a professor is by any means easy, but I'm sure it's easier to prepare and give an hour long lecture than it is to stimulate meaningful and sometimes controversial discussions. And the student, well, he doesn't like seminars because he has to be prepared. It is fairly easy to hide in a lecture class if you're unprepared.

I also feel that much of the reason for the fact that little of the material presented in lectures is retained by most students can be blamed in part on the lecture situation and the testing methods used. We all know that many of our tests are aimed at causing the regurgitation of the material covered in class. Well, anything I've ever regurgitated, not speaking in the sense of tests, has left my body for good simply because it was foreign to my system. However, I have found that when thinking about material and discussing it in and outside of class, it has become a

part of me, and no longer being foreign, it has remained. I think it might be helpful for some of our professors to remember that students work harder when they're stimulated and many times stimulate their professors in turn.

I've been told the mark of a true educator is one who can stimulate his pupils to freely discuss, for enjoyment in their spare time, what he has presented them with. So, in light of the fact that Mr. Kruse has found it necessary to hail professors for their achievement I also would like to thank three of my own. Thank-you Mr. Utech, Miss Zee-mering, and Dr. M.J.J. Smith.

Lynn Schram

'Ignorant Show-Offs'

To the editor:

I realize that they may not be representative of their brotherhood, but twelve members of the Alma College Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon made utter fools of themselves at 11:25 p.m. on Monday, June 1.

This group proved its unflinching strength by ripping apart strong, space-age styrofoam. The bunch made quite a mess of John Stymest's sculpture, which was sitting next to the pad building. The sculpture was being used by the art department as a hot-air balloon launcher.

Earlier in the evening, the group was wandering around, harrassing the "freaks". About ten minutes after eleven, the group was standing around the library, very restless. They gave me some strange looks as they saw me returning to my dorm from The Almanian office. I went back to the office for something and saw the group roaming around the library again. The fellows then headed toward the PAD building and I followed, my journalistic curiosity getting the better of me. They proceeded to ruin John's sculpture. My only regret is that I did not have my camera with me.

In this age of "come together", one small group of ignorant show-offs can ruin what a lot of other people have worked so long on.

Christopher Fuhrmeister
Wright Hall

Typist Speaks Up At Years End

To the Alma College Community:

After typing "letters-to-the-editor" all year, I never thought I would be typing a letter written by myself, but here I am. I have just finished typing the last article for the last issue of the year. My "job" of head typist is now officially over. But my mind hasn't stopped. After sitting at those stupid machines (they are my worst enemies) typing article after article, I decided to come out from behind the scenes and give ya'll a little insight to the typist's job, her trials and tribulations.

One of the first and most important things is to get along with the entire staff. These are the people who work for, these are the people who surround you. They give you orders (material to type) and they work all around you while you are trying to type. You have to learn to be sympathetic with their problems, laugh at their jokes (even if they aren't funny) help when help is needed, even if the help is a senior thesis. Most of

all you have to let them be able to depend on you, to make sure copy is typed, etc. (and that means do NOT fail to show up for a whole weekend!). If you do all this, you may even get taken to dinner (if you plan it right) or get a pizza and coke ordered, or even a ride back to Pioneer—all free!

Another aspect you need to put up with is the copy itself and those who write it. You would never believe all the different kinds of articles that come in. Some are beautiful—typed, double spaced, words spelled right, neat looking. But some others must have had disaster help them get written. Ones typed in all caps or all small case letters, atrocious spelling, single spaced on two sides of the paper. Others are handwritten with arrows pointing all over, two sides of a page single spaces and, of course, to top it off you can't read the writing! But you learn to take all this in stride and get it typed up. The only thing wrong with this is you look forward to some people's articles and loathe others, but you keep silent about this not to hurt any feelings!

I feel PATIENCE should be the key word of the typist. Patience when someone decides an editorial should be written at 9:00 Sunday evening, patience when the machine breaks down or does not want to justify the lines, patience when a 6 page typewritten article comes in at 5:00 Friday when you have been typing all day, patience when your back is so tired of sitting up straight but there are only three more things to type. Patience when you type a letter-to-the-editor that you are in complete disagreement with (which frequently happens), patience when someone comes in to change an article you just finished typing.

I suppose I could go on for hours, and I do sometimes—ask my roommate!! But like I said before (that is for you M.O.) my job is done for this year and believe it or not, I'm sad to see it end. I have enjoyed my time in spite of all that goes on, and I am looking forward to next year when I am Copy Editor (I get paid for that) and I will have millions of volunteers to type for me (HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA).

I would like to finish this with just a few formalities which mean a lot to me. THANK-YOU Tom, Mike, Chris, Glenn, and Jody for just being there when I needed you and HELLO, HERE I AM to Larry, Reid, Dee, Doug, Debby, Randy and Chris; for they have to put up with me next year.

Thank-ya'll for your attention,
Sue Gnagy
Head Typist 1970

P.S. I left this on the "to be typed" table so that Tom, Mike, Chris, Glenn or Jody can be there when I need them!

The bigger the brainier, says Dr. Mienhard Robinow of the Fels Institute in Yellow Springs Ohio, in the February Science Digest. Larger stature in man is usually accompanied by a larger head, which means a larger brain. But not always--Dr. Robinow emphasizes that he is speaking in averages.

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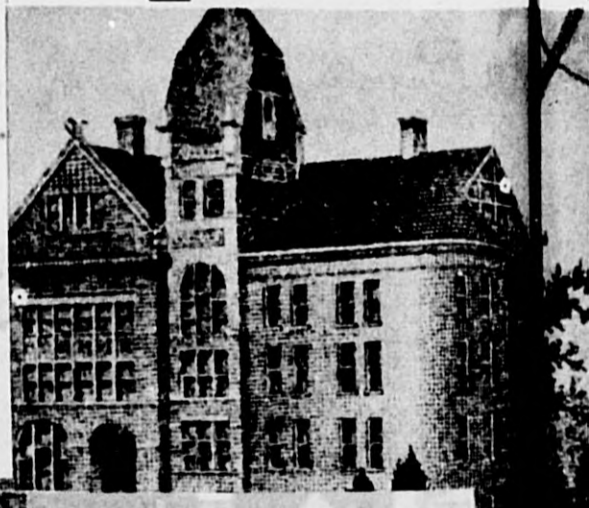


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CLOSING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCED

Audrey Rentz, Dean of Women has announced the closing time for all housing units. All living units will be officially closed at 6:00 pm Saturday, June 13. Anyone unable to be out by this time should make arrangements with the Dean of Student's Office before June 8.

Luggage storage is available for out-of-state students only. For details see your Head Resident. The college will assume no res-

New Head Advisor Named for Gelston

Miss Kathryn Philliben has been appointed Head Advisor of Gelston Hall for the academic year 1970-71. Miss Philliben is currently employed as a Head Advisor at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Miss Philliben, who is a native of Scotland, will arrive on the Alma campus in early September. While at Alma College she will be a candidate for a Masters degree at Michigan State University. Miss Philliben has a B.S. from Oakland University and has taught in the Warren, Michigan school system.

ponsibility for any items left at the College this summer.

Students needing campus housing for the summer should register with the Dean of Student's Office before June 8. Room charge is \$10 per week. Food arrangements should be arranged with Mr. Anderson of Saga before June 8.

Upperclassmen may return to their living units on Tuesday September 22, after 12:00 noon. No evening meal will be served.

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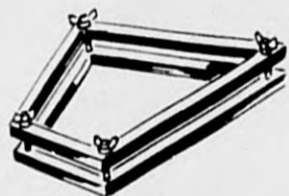


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Members of the scholastic honoraries Gamma Delta Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Sigma Pi were announced. Membership is based on outstanding scholastic achievement.

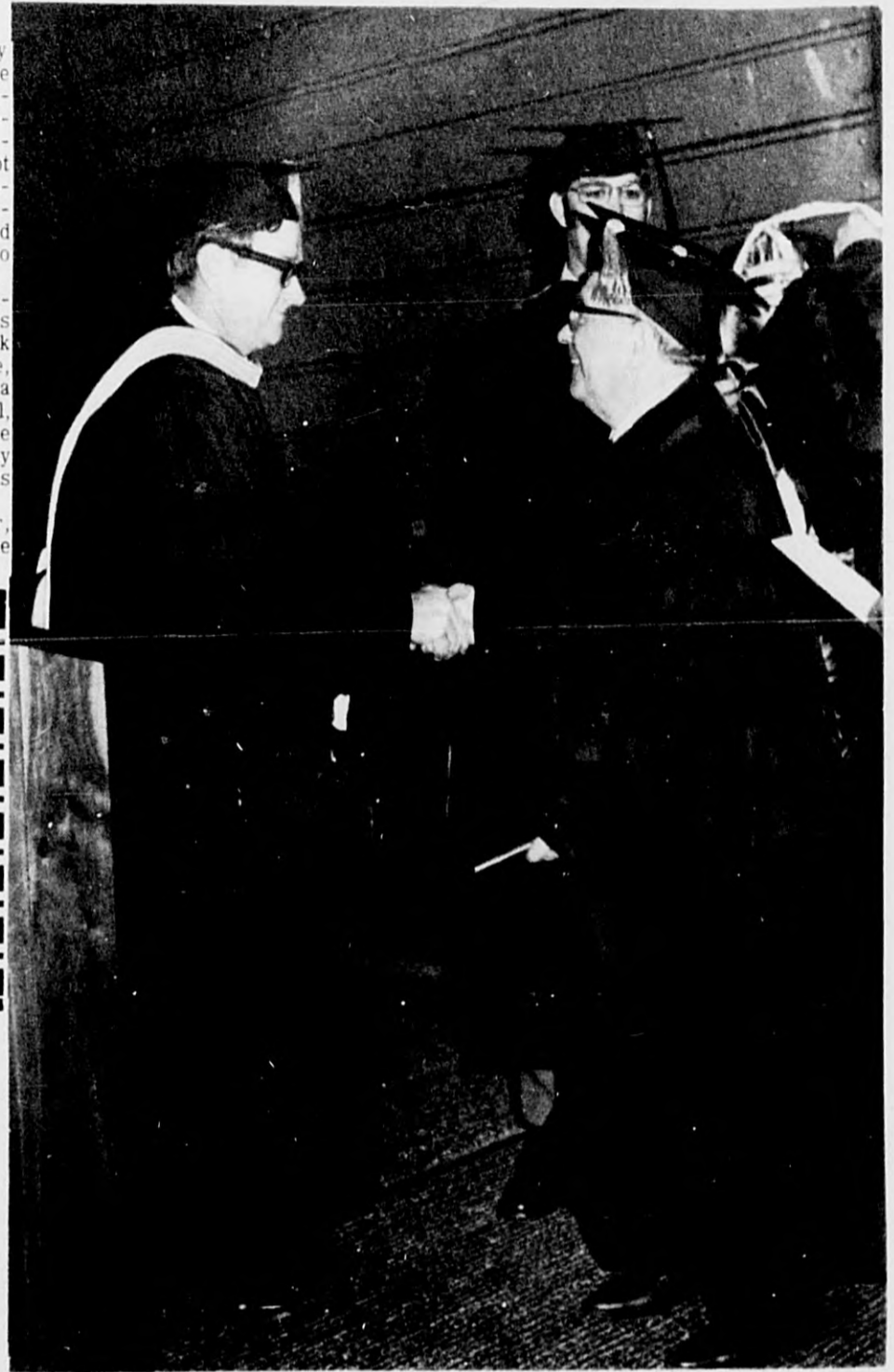
Larry Nelson, Dick Palmer, and Mike Mattich received the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha award for excellence in debate.

Alma Students who will be listed in the forthcoming issue of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and those receiving graduate scholarships and fellowships were also announced.

Dr. Howard Potter conferred the honorary degree of doctor of science on Dr. Eugene Rabinowitch a bio-chemist of the State University of New York at Albany. Dr. Rabinowitch said that evolution has occurred as a result of the survival of the best able to adapt to the environment. Evolution and development must now come about through cooperation rather than competition if this world is indeed to survive. The indecision is up to us--and indecision is really decision.

Dr. John Kimball presented the Presidents cups to the most outstanding scholars in each class; John Hull, junior; Rick Scatterday sophomore; and Sandra Chase, Denise Cousino, Patricia Cowden, Rebecca Elowski, Kathyleen Genik, Michael McColl, Robert Nicholson III, Nancy Stodola, and Diane Zimnicki, freshmen. The Barlow Trophy for outstanding scholastic achievement was presented to Miss Louise Hamel.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater, the seniors recessed to "Parade of the Charioters" by Rozsa.



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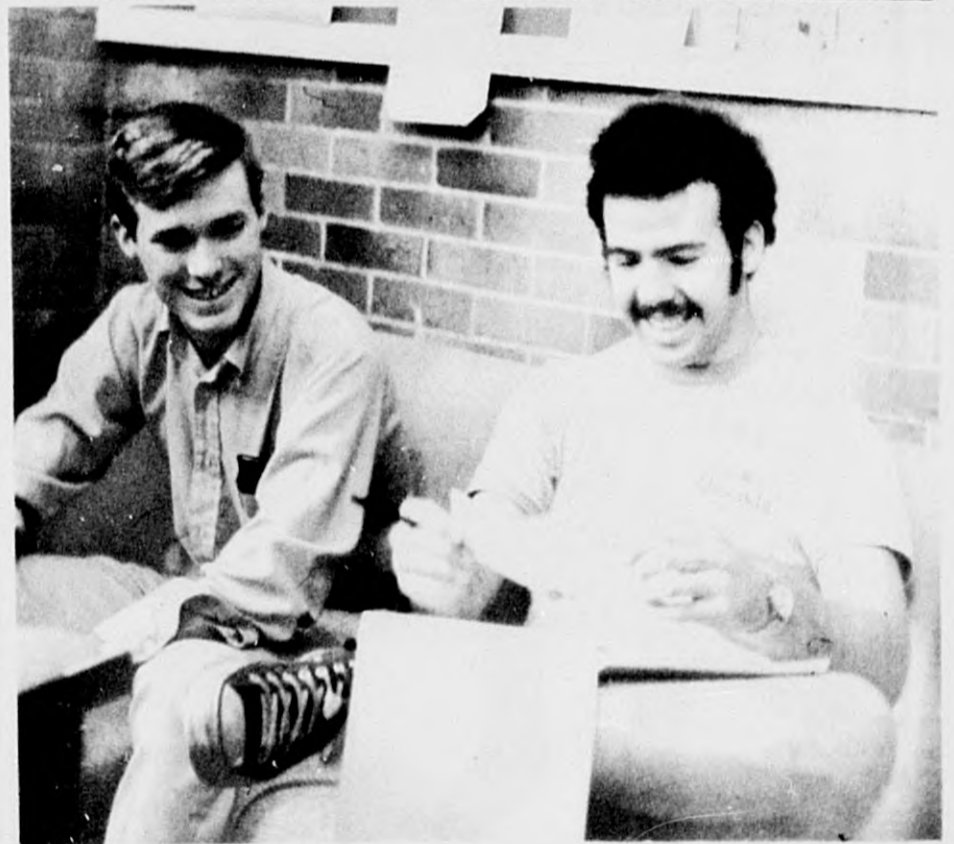
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Associate Board Designed to Improve Communications

by reid simons

One year ago a proposal originating from Dr. Swanson's office was put into effect to improve the communications between the Alma College Community and the college's Board of Trustees. It was originally felt that there was too little contact between Board members and the various people involved in the daily activities of the college.

Hence, the Board of Associate Trustees was established as a means of representing all campus groups, students, faculty, and administrators, more directly to the Board.

The actual membership of the Board is comprised of seventeen members—four Trustees, four Faculty members, four Students (this includes the President of Student Council, and elected delegates from each of the three upper classes) and five administrators.

For this past year, Trustee E.V. Erickson has served as the President of the Board and Laad Ashford has acted as Vice-president.

One of the first tasks last fall for this group was to determine exactly what their duties and role were to be in college governing. According to Laad Ashford, sophomore class delegate, the Board members "were not ready to accept the full authority or the power given to them". He wishes to see

the Board become more of a policy-making body than it has been this year. Senior class representative Greg Boughton sees the role of the Board principally as an advisory council to the Board of Trustees, concerning ideas already passed through regular Community Government channels on campus.

The Board of Associate Trustees met for the first time October 25, 1969. At this time they elected the Vice-president of the Board and generally discussed what issues they should be concerned with.

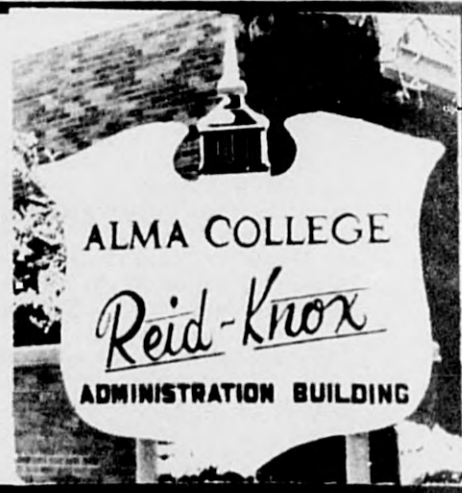
Three specific items filled the agenda of the second and final meeting of the Board.

Debate was raised over the proposed idea of admitting and then providing special programs for disadvantaged students to Alma. The major objections raised were that this might force a lowering of admission standards and that the college had an obligation to the existing student body to strengthen the advisor program for those students already having academic difficulties. A more extensive community aid program, such as the present Urban Studies Program in Detroit, was suggested as a supplement for this idea. The item was tabled for further discussion at the first regular meeting of the Board in the fall.

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Similar action was taken on a related item, that of the total relationship of the college to the community, specifically in its responsibility to attempt to find practical solutions for pressing social problems. This also will be brought up for discussion in the fall.

The third item brought up for the Board's consideration was that of the residential policy of the college. However, the Board was informed that this matter was to be brought up to the Student Affairs Committee before the end of spring term for their consideration. The Board then voted to forward its discussion of the matter, as aid, to Student Affairs.

Although the Board was somewhat slow in getting started Greg Boughton felt that good groundwork had been laid, "largely because of the receptive people on the Board of Trustees." He continued, "When students can voice their opinions directly to Trustees to let them know what students feel, this is great."

Mr. Paul Storey, faculty representative, saw this past year as a good experience from which he came to admire Board of Trustee members for "their vigor and intelligence

STUDENT AFFAIRS FAILS TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION

The Student Affairs Committee, minus a quorum for the past four weeks, failed to recommend as a committee any action pertaining to women's optional hours for next year. A sub-committee, headed by Mike Susag, did come up with three alternatives for optional hours, but the recommendations failed to become official student affairs committee recommendations to the administration. Ironically, the Dean of Students attended the sub-committee meeting, and therefore is aware of the sub-committee recommendations.

This leaves the decision about the implementation of optional hours for next year up to the administration; something that, in theory, should not have happened. Indications are that the administration will work out the implementation of optional hours in a manner agreeable with the student affairs members and the student body. In fact, the final decision would have been the administration's anyway. But, for the Community Government structure to work, a committee like Student Affairs cannot shirk its responsibility to recommend and advise, especially about such student-oriented issues as optional hours.

Fuhrmeister OK'd for Second Post

The communications Committee accepted Chris Fuhrmeister's application for the position of business manager of next year's Scotsman staff. This gives Fuhrmeister, a freshman from St. Johnsbury, Vermont, two staff positions on the Scotsman staff for next year, having been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Scotsman earlier this term. Stephey was appointed temporary chairman of next year's committee, for the purpose of convening the committee at the beginning of the Fall Term.

and the real, real concern of the Board for the college community." As a representative of the faculty, Mr. Storey sees the Associate Board as potentially more effective for relaying faculty opinions than the former Faculty-Trustee Liaison Committee.

Too short and too few meetings seemed to be one of the weaknesses of the Associate Board, according to some of its members. There was also a definite lack of student and faculty awareness or interest taken in the activities of the Board members. Ashford explained, "not enough students care to come to Associate Board meetings, many feel the Board does not have enough power to be effective." He concluded by saying that because of the close association of this Board with the Board of Trustees it does carry influence and power if only members will use it effectively.

Elections have already been held for the 1970-71 Associate Board. Those elected include from the faculty, Mr. M.J.J. Smith, Dr. Tracy Luke, Mr. Paul Storey and Dr. Henry Klugh. For the students, Steve List was elected from the Senior Class, Brad Carey from the Junior Class and Mark Alman from the sophomore class. Paul Van Valkenburg will act as the fourth representative because of his position as President of Student Council.

Faculty Members Named to Committee Posts

During Monday night's Faculty Meeting, the faculty voted on a slate of candidates for the various faculty positions on the community government committees. Those faculty elected to serve on community government committees for the next year are as follows: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL--Dr. Robert Wegner, Dr. William McGill, Dr. Howard Potter, Mr. Wesley Dykstra, Dr. John Agria, and Dr. Lester Eyer.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY--Mr. Peter VandenBergh, Dr. John Agria, Dr. Donald Oltz, Mr. Ken Kirby, Dr. Harlan McCall, and Dr. Henry Klugh.

ACADEMIC REVIEW--Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. Eugene Kolb, Dr. Jacob DeYoung, Dr. Joe Walser, Mr. Michael Yavenditti, Mr. George Gazmararian, and Mr. Dennis Stoltz.

Co-CURRICULAR AFFAIRS--Dr. Paul Russel, Mr. James Babcock, Mr. Edward Jacoma, Mr. Jerry Smith, Prof. Davis and Prof. Bailly.

STUDENT AFFAIRS--Mr. Jack Bowman, Dr. Vernon Bechill, and Mr. Charles Skinner. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE--Dr. Randolph Beaumont and Prof. L. Johnson.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE--Mr. Babcock, Dr. Beaumont, Dr. Paul Splitstone, teacher education committee (no students)--Dr. M.J.J. Smith, Dr. DeYoung, and BMr. Ben Barrera.

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