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SOCIOLOGIST LAKEY TO SPEAK TUESDAY ON NON-VIOLENT ACTION

by Steve Beery

George Lakey, a prominent sociologist and authority in the study of non-violence, will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 20 in Dow Auditorium. His program will be titled "A sword that Heals: the Paradox of Non-Violence." The lecture will be the second in the Age of Protest series sponsored by the sociology department, as well as the second scheduled event of the 1970-71 Lecture-Fine Arts series.

Born in Bangor, Pennsylvania in 19371 Dr. Lakey received his B.A. degree in education from Cheyney State College. From 1958-59 Dr. Lakey worked for the American Friends Service Committee. During the following year he studied sociology at the University of Oslo while teaching music and English in a Norwegian High School.

Dr. Lakey then spent the next year working for AFSC and two years as Executive Secretary of the Friends Peace Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. During this time he wrote his M.A. thesis, "The Sociological Mechanism of Non-Violent Action," and by 1966 had completed the course work for a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lakey is a faculty member of the Martin Luther King, Jr., School of Social Change located in Chester, Pennsylvania. He also serves on the staff of Perdall Hill University, and he was project director for the voyage of the Phoenix Medical Shipment to Vietnam. Dr. Lakey is co-author of two books: A MANUAL FOR DIRECT ACTION and IN PLACE OF WAR: AN INQUIRY INTO UNARMED NATIONAL DEFENSE.



Dr. George Lakey

Loiseau-Gray Schedule Informal Student Session

Mayo Loiseau and Richard Gray, the husband and wife acting team which is presenting "The World of Anton Chekov" on Thursday evening of this week, will also conduct an informal session with students. This seminar will be held on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in Dow Auditorium. Both students and faculty are cordially invited to this session which will provide a unique opportunity to meet the performers on a personal basis prior to their formal presentation in the evening. If you would like to learn more about the life of the actor, whether about his artistic problems or his professional touring experiences, plan to attend this interesting event.

Folsom Victim of Hoax

This past Monday, October 12, the Alma College main switchboard received an anonymous telephone call saying that there was a bomb planted in Folsom Hall. After a thorough search, it was determined that there was in fact no bomb.

The phone call was received at 8:55 p.m. by Tim Sievert, who was working the main switchboard at the time. According to Mr. Sievert the call originated off the campus. After answering the call, Sievert heard the voice say "There a bomb in Folsom." and then the caller hung up.

The main switchboard operator then called Mr. Fraker, plant manager, who instructed him to call Dr. Meyer and Mr. Sugar. At some point in time the police were called.

The police searched Folsom. They checked behind doors and emptied wastepaperbaskets. After about an hour, it was clear that there was in fact no bomb in Folsom and the police left the campus.

Mr. Sievert said the voice on the phone was an "at least college-age" male. No further identification of the caller is known at this time.

Need money to meet your college expenses? Qualified Michigan students who have not applied for State Tuition Grants or Scholarships for the current academic year, 1970-1971, can still apply for Grants until November 15.

To qualify, a student must show financial need on the means test used by the State, must have been a Michigan resident for the past 18 months and must attend an eligible private college in Michigan.

Any students who have not applied for this aid for the current year, and who feel that they would qualify should contact Dr. Kimball at once.

Griffiths Announces "Bus Stop" Cast

Dr. Philip Griffiths, director of Speech and Theater, announces the following cast for the fall play "Bus Stop". Nancy Wilson of Livonia will play the character of Elma Duckworth who is a waitress at a small town restaurant which also serves as a bus stop. Joan VanderLaan of Lake City will portray Grace Hoylard, the owner of the restaurant. The local sheriff, Will Masters, will be played by Steven McCarthy of Ypsilanti. Ruth Crawford of Chelsea will play an aspiring night club singer who goes by the name of Cherie. A former college professor of shady reputation, Dr. Gerald Lyman, will be portrayed by Paul Harasim of Swartz Creek.

Bob Stevens will play the bus driver, Carl. Bo's Decker, a cowboy and rancher, will be played by John Kunik of Shepard, and Bo's sidekick, Virgil Blessing, will be played by Bob Blankenhorn of Lapeer.

The cast is now in its second week of rehearsal. Rehearsals began with a complete readthrough of the script with actors seated on the stage. The second phase of rehearsal, known as blocking, is now in progress. The actors, with the director plot out where and when the characters move amongst the set. This is designed to create a natural impression as though the characters were indeed in the environment of a bus depot.

The main lines of the story occur because this small group of people are forced to stop overnight at a bus stop until the roads are cleared and the bus can proceed. During the course of the night three sets of characters play out their personal stories. Bo Decker, the rambunctious cowboy, is returning from a rodeo competition where he has met Cherie in a third rate night club. Bo, who has been around girls very little, has fallen in love with Cherie and against her will has taken her on the bus with him, planning to marry her when they reach his ranch in Montana. It never occurs to him he may be breaking a law until the bus is forced to stop in a small Kansas town, and the local sheriff brings his romantic plans to a halt. While this story is being played out, Dr. Gerald Lyman, an ex-college professor with an unhealthy liking for young girls, meets the high school waitress, Elma, and courts her, although she is unaware of his true designs. Finally, Carl, the bus driver, takes advantage of his long stop and dallies overnight with Grace in her apartment which is over the restaurant.

These various stories are intertwined and create a great many comic encounters as well as some surprising developments which introduce some pathos as well as comedy. The author of the play, William Inge, has called the play a "romance". It is indeed about love--all kinds of love, and the three romances show the many facets of that perennially interesting subject. The production dates are November 19, 20, and 21.

CAMPUS MUSICIANS PRESENT CONCERT

The Music Department will present the first recital of the term at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 21 in the chapel. Included on the program will be vocalists Melody Sischo, soprano, singing Silent Strings by Bantock and Wie sollten wir geheim by R. Strauss; Sue Hepler, soprano, singing Hark, Hark, the Lark by Schubert, and Maiden Snow by Richard Hundley; Diane Morris, soprano, singing Nuit d'etoiles by Debussy and Depuis le jour from "Louise" by Charpentier; Marsha Andrews, mezzo soprano, singing Les Larmes by Massenet; and Jane Ayres, soprano, singing Why Did They Shur Me Out of Heaven by Copland. Robert Spencer tenor, will also sing.

Instrumentalist, Tom Gray, will play Sonata for Trombone by Benedetto Marcello, accompanied by Jeanne Flegel. Pianists on the program are Ruth Gobat, playing Partita in B flat major and Præludium and Gigue by J. S. Bach, and Toccata by Khatchaturian; and Ellen Richardson, playing Schubert's Impromptu in A flat, major, Opus 90.

Students and faculty are cordially invited to attend.

FRATERNITY BIDS, PLEDGE CLASS TROPHY HANDED OUT FRIDAY

Fraternity bids for the fall term came out last Friday, October 16, at 6:45 p.m. The ceremony was held in the P.E. Center and officiated by the Inter-Fraternity Council. Tau Kappa Epsilon came out ahead with three new "brothers", compared with two each for Delta Gamma Tau and Theta Chi, while Delta Sigma Phi inducted no new members. Alpha Phi Omega, not represented at the bidding, will follow with its own separate bidding later in the fall.

New fraternity members are: TKE -- Dave Sager, Dave Rood, Scott Bleeks; ΔΓΤ--Mike Rathe, Bill Copeland; ΘΧ -- Graham Driver, John Lauderbach.

Prior to the bidding and acceptance ceremonies, Brian Rogers, standing in for IFC President Al Otis, awarded to Delta Sigma Phi a trophy for the highest grade-point average among last spring's frat inductees. Delta Sigma Phi won with an overall average of 2.48.

After the presentation of the trophy, the standard procedure for frat bidding was followed. The seven men who had signed the rush list had been voted on previously by the four fraternities. Each of the "rushers" was handed an envelope, which may or may not have contained a bid, by the presidents of the fraternities. The rushers decided which bid to accept, and, in the exciting moments which traditionally climac frat bidding, the men ran to the table representing the frat they had chosen.



photo by chris bryant

Members of Delta Sigma Phi pledge class receive award from IFC representative

ALMANIAN VIEWPOINT

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT: TIME FOR CHANGE

Committee meetings are a fundamental part of our Community Government system. Eventually all major policy decisions must go through one or more of the seven major standing committees and these committees must work efficiently and effectively if Community Government is to be a viable institution.

Probably THE most important item in a fully functioning committee is full committee participation, that is every member present at every meeting. There has been much written in this paper dealing with committee "homework" and outside preparation, but the most informative background in the world will not be effective if the person possessing this information declines to attend meetings of the committees of which he is a member.

Committee absenteeism also brings forward another problem, the quorum, or in many cases the lack of it. A quorum is the necessary membership of the committee that must be present for that committee to be able to conduct business. The normal figure is 50 percent of the voting members. If less than the required 50 percent is present the chairman may not call the meeting to order and any business to be brought before the committee that day must wait until the next committee meeting. This can be a total waste of time for any members of the committee who were conscientious enough to be present. Committees not meeting will slow down even more the often times snail like pace of Community Government.

While all groups, Students, Faculty, and Administrators, are equally to blame for this problem, two administrators in particular are chronically listed in the absentee column of the Community Government Committees' minutes.

Dr. Swanson and Dr. Kapp, the President and the Provost respectively, by virtue of their offices are members of all Community Government committees. We know that these are two of the busiest men on campus and it would be unfair of us to expect them to attend every meeting of every Community Government committee. However, it also is unfair for a committee to have to paritally base their quorum upon two committee members who rarely attend meetings.

Consequently we offer a solution to this problem. The President and the Provost should have their voting rights removed from all the Community Committees except the Community Executive Council. In place of the voting positions they should be given ex-officio non-voting membership.

This solution would mean the President and the Provost would be welcome and encouraged to attend all meetings of all Community Government Committees. And when they find themselves unable to attend their absence would not jeopardize the quorum of the committee as the quorum is determined only by voting members.

Both Dr. Swanson and Dr. Kapp are dynamic individuals and they would not have it wiled a vote to have a major impact on any issue that a committee was discussing. When they express opinions people listen and people are influenced by those opinions.

Although the quorum problem has not yet been felt this year, it has caused trouble the past two years and there is no reason to expect that the same will not occur again this year. So we ask the Faculty and the Student Council to take this problem under consideration at their earliest possible convenience.

This may not solve the problem of a quorum entirely, but perhaps it could make Community Government more effective.

L.D.S

REFLECTIONS

by Mike Delp

Studying page three of last week's ALMANIAN provided a good look at the farce that is Community Government:

I see that the Student Activities sub-committee of Student Affairs Committee could not come up with the reason for the apparent lack in the quality of student life.

After all, isn't it hard for students to evaluate themselves? Helen Bendall and her committee should be truly commended for not being able to find the difference between how it really is and how they want it to be.

Suggestion: Why don't you admit that the fraternity and sorority systems are archaic; that the rules governing student behavior are too strict; that the student body as a whole is about as liberal as Billy Graham. Instead of investigating possible changes through Dean Plough's eyes, why not try thinking about 24 hour open dorm and Greek abolishment with a little originality and Guts.

Also on page three I read that Student Council has come out with another gutless statement:

Suggestion: Why not close classes for three or four days so someone could campaign without anyone's sanction, thus

utilizing the word TRUST.

'Welcome' is such a descriptive word - it shows you have the power and prestige

Answer: to the Educational Policy Committee on how Alma College can answer some of the claims made in the college catalog: with tongue in cheek.

Further suggestion #1: Students, use your professors. If half of you were as open-minded as most of them you might realize that this isn't high school anymore and you can actually go over to their houses or to the union for coffee.

Further suggestion #2: Instead of going to a Student Council meeting, head for the library.

Further suggestion #3: Form a bond between the faculty and the student body - let the administration provide the glue.

Suggestions for those prone to self-deception (which has nothing to do with the rest of this):

Individualism started a long time ago. In this country Emerson and Thoreau helped it along. Your roommate didn't invent it. Freaks and straights are a very small part of Individuality, as are such things as believing in drugs and beer. Reexamine your values, start looking for the missing parts to Individuality. Stop being 'pseudo', be real.

Letters to the Editor

Students Are Old Enough to be Responsible for Actions

(Ed. Note- The following is a copy of a letter sent to Dean Plough concerning the University of Miami, "Survival Kit", as described in the DETROIT FREE PRESS, September 30, 1970.)

Information on Contraception, venereal disease and drugs should be available to the students at A.C. When I suggest that such a kit be given to the students who enter I do not think that it should attempt to moralize. As the article says, "We have tried not to moralize--that's a hassle." I say this in response to this college's attempt to control the students morals. Such rules of open dorm, at least for Wright Hall, do just that. The students on this campus are old enough to be responsible for their own actions. We do not need or want someone standing over our heads saying what is right and what is wrong. Most of us already feel that we know what is right and wrong and the opinions and/or rules of this college will not change them.

The students here came to get an education and that consists of more than going to classes and studying. It involves interaction among people and living with people. Such a kit would help students make decisions on their own by giving facts which could be pertinent. I feel that it is better to go into a situation knowing the facts than it is to enter the same situation with little or no idea of what the consequences might be. This goes for any situation that might occur and that includes sex and drugs. Many people do not know the effects of V.D. or of certain drugs.

Eastern Michigan University and many other schools in this country have instituted programs in their health centers where girls can go and get birth control pills, morning after pills, and other contraceptive devices. Information can be obtained as to where one can abort.

It would be good to give such a kit in a registration line where autonomy of the individual is guaranteed. In this way the person who wants the information but is afraid to ask can have it--no questions asked. Alma college likes to think of itself as a safe place to send one's daughter, maybe this is another way of achieving just that.

Face Finder Finally?

To the students of Alma College:

The SCOTSMAN staff would like to thank all those students who cooperated with us and had their pictures retaken for the 1970-1971 Student Directory. About 400 people for whom we lacked pictures came to Tyler last Monday and Tuesday at the designated times, allowing us to replace two-thirds of the pictures that did not develop. Because of this good response, we should have the Student Directory to you within the first two weeks of November.

Sincerely,

Chris Fuhrmeister
Editor, 1971 SCOTSMAN

Marlianne, Not Mark

Letter to the Editor

Please be advised that the Pep Jug, both as a concept, and as a physical reality, was created by Marlianne (Mauch) Warmbold. The mistake of attributing the Pep Jug to Mark Morley, Student Body President that year, is probably traceable to the MM initials on the Jug. Those initials should identify Cheerleader Marli, not President Mark.

Also, I believe the research for this same front page article confuses the Pep Jug with the Harlow Trophy. But, that's another area. Please print this letter so Marli will let me off the hook.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas R. Plough
Dean of Students

Yours very truly,
Thomas H. Snelham

Strait Says "Thanks"

To: Alma College Student Body

On behalf of those attending Homecoming '70, I want to sincerely thank the various committees and individuals who made it one of the greatest ever.

Homecoming is mainly for returning Alumni, but Homecoming is only possible through the efforts of you, the students and the long hours of planning and work which you put into it.

Again my thanks,

Stu Strait


Dear Mr. Blatant:
ALFRED Einstein ????????????

Homecoming Dance - a "Freshman Mixer"

Letter to the Editor:

I'd just like to take this opportunity to say how ticked off I am about this year's Homecoming dance. I always thought of Homecoming as a semi-formal event featuring a small dance orchestra. It was easy to see the great disappointment felt by the students in that most left the dance several times during the evening.

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GUEST VIEWPOINT Commentary: Spiro T.

By Lynn Coddington

I recently read a Newsweek article concerning the mouthpiece of the Administration, Spiro T. The article was entitled "Purging the GPO?" and made me not a little uneasy.

It seems that Mr. Agnew was taking to task Sen. Charles Goodell, a New York Republican appointed by Gov. Rockefeller to fill Robert Kennedy's term of office. Sen. Goodell made the mistake of being one who "...consistently opposes a President of his own party on the greatest issues of the day" and "...makes public opposition to all his party stands for a major article of his political faith..." Sen. Goodell, who at the moment is charged by some New York liberals as being too conservative, defended himself saying that "What is involved is the right of people to differ with official policies... The Vice President's rhetoric suggests that people who question the Administration's view are somehow dangerous and irresponsible, have no place in public life and should be discredited in the public eye".

I must sympathize and support Senator Goodell. The tendency today has indeed been to equate the right to dissent, not violent, destructive dissent, but rational dissent, to equate this with disobedience. Freedom of speech is being shouted down by deaf people who view the government as always correct. Henry Steele Commager, writing in Look not long ago, said that when "...those in authority inevitably think whatever policies they pursue, whatever laws they enforce, whatever wars they fight, are in the national interest, this attitude is a formula for the ending of all criticism, which is another way of saying for the ending of democracy."

This then is the possibility; when one criticizes the Administration whether because of moral obligation or conscience, he stands a good chance of being verbally attacked and eventually perhaps even repressed. The right of rational dissent is a cherished right and should be protected, not officially censured by those who see opposition to official policies the work of effete intellectuals.

One final thought, weren't the last great purges in Nazi Germany and Stalin's Russia?

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT D.R.T.

Representatives' Integrity Slighted by Questionnaire?

by Doug Trout

The first matter of business for thirteen Student Council members at last Wednesday's Student Council meeting was the filling out of a questionnaire prepared by President VanValkenburg, the questionnaire appropriately entitled Student Council Questionnaire #1. The Council members were asked to answer each question (there were ten of them) honestly, and to refrain from signing their names to the questionnaire sheet.

The intent of the questionnaire was made obvious by the type of questions asked; the results would indicate how informed and prepared our Student Council is. To look at the questionnaire closely will make clear what is being sought.

Question #1 asked, 'Have you read the Student Council Handbook?' Now how can a Student Council President ask such a thing? Of course every Council member has read the Student Council Handbook! It's their Handbook, isn't it?

Question #2 is just as bad - 'Have you read the Community Government Manual?' How can a responsible person sit on such an overall decisive body as Student Council, a body that must deal with all the other standing committees at one time or another, without knowing what those committees do or how they work? I'm sure there were thirteen yes answers on that question!

Ah, question #3 couldn't have gotten away from anyone! It asks, 'What is the NCA report, and how does it have an effect on Alma College?' Anyone who has come near a Community Government Committee this fall knows that the NCA report is about all the committees have had time to deal with (Student Affairs, Educational Policies, Executive Council - all have been working furiously toward the October 20th deadline.) Surely, a Council member could not show his face as a Council meeting if he didn't know the answer to question #3. Such a ridiculous thing to ask of a Student Council member! (VanValkenburg will have to answer to someone for this act of insanity)

Let's take one more, to finally demonstrate how absurd these questions are. Question #4 asks, 'What is the purpose of Student Council as defined in the Community Government Manual?' I suppose this was to give any misfit who didn't read the Manual in its entirety a chance to partially redeem himself. I mean, any dunce will at least look up the purpose of Student Council before running for a seat. How can anyone even imagine a wrong answer to a question like that?

The results of this ridiculous questionnaire will be revealed at the next Student Council meeting (this Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m., LG5), and reported in next week's ALMANIAN. I urge all the students of Alma College to attend, so that when Paul must report back that all the Student Council members have read the minimal information, and are aware of their duties as Council members, and of course know what has been going on in the other committees, we can together verbally reprimand whoever is responsible for this affront on the integrity of our Student Council representatives, and make sure that never again will the capabilities and desire to represent of our Council members be questioned!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

educational policies

by Gary Morrison

The Educational Policies Committee met Monday, October 12 to approve the Joint Report of the Ed. Policy and Faculty Committee Secretaries. The report was finalized by the Ed. Policy Committee as their answer to Dr. Swanson's questions pertaining to class size and the learning experience.

The Policy committee concluded that large class size of fifty to one hundred students was not an inevitable educational evil and in most cases of large class sizes the course was sectionalized. The Committee report recommended to clear up the misconception implied in the college catalogue that all classes were of small enrollment by listing the usual class enrollment by the course. The report also accepted the present class room distribution as being adequate but would recommend that there are some issues which should be scrutinized further.

A second report submitted by Dr. Klugh of the Psychology Department was accepted. Amendments to the document were made during the committee meeting. This report is the committee's reaction to questions involving how the Alma College curriculum contributed to the goals of the College and the response to what the committee's recommendations and plans are for evaluating the present curriculum.

The report recommended that "...education research at this institution (Alma) should not be planned, executed, and interpreted solely by a committee of the faculty. The impact of a college program is incredibly difficult to assess even when the research is conducted by trained professionals..." This report will be forwarded to President Swanson. For further information contact student representatives to the committee: they are Laura Worth, Mark Ioset and Fred Bartel.

student affairs

Student Affairs made a final decision as to the content of their report to Dr. Swanson concerning the North Central Association report; with the final subcommittee reports coming to Sue Keever by last Friday, Oct. 16, the Oct. 20th deadline was sure to be met.

The committee as a whole drew up a statement, based on an original proposal by Dean Plough, that stated that the present regulations involved in the three areas researched-housing, major college regulations, and social activities did strive to uphold and attain the purposes of Alma College, and, to varied degrees, succeeded. After the basic statement, the committee attached a list of projects concerning the three areas involved that the committee would pursue. Included in these were such things as; a review of the no alcohol on campus rule, the greek system, and the idea of a core intellectual experience for the campus.

A proposal by Jill Welsh and Sandy Schwendemann to make sophomores eligible for small housing was approved by the Student Affairs Committee.

academic review

by Lynn Coddington

The concern of the Academic Review Committee meeting this week was entirely one of how the faculty can aid in admissions efforts. A memorandum from Mr. Marble was discussed. Denise Harkless made the suggestion that upon admission to Alma that information be sent to the incoming freshmen concerning contacts that can be made with instructors. Perhaps students presently at Alma have suggestions as to how to inform more high school students about Alma and its curriculum.

student council

The weekly meeting of the Student Council was held in LG 10 Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. The first order of business involved filling out Community Government Questionnaires. The questions dealt with various aspects of Community Government and its functioning. President Paul VanValkenburg stated he hoped the questionnaire would provide some information about knowledge of Community Government.

A committee to be chaired by Al Nelson was formed for the purpose of investigating complaints of students who feel they have been given an unfair grade in a course. Other committee reports were also made; those committees that President Swanson requested to reply to the NCA report confirmed that they were making progress. The Communications Committee reported that the Face Finder probably would not come out until mid November.

In other action, the names of juniors and seniors who had turned in lists of activities for the College Who's Who were presented, and council members were given the opportunity to nominate other worthy students. Council dealt with several other minor matters, and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

communications comm.

The Communications Committee met briefly last Thursday noon to hear Debbie Beery's resignation as News and Information Services Editor of THE ALMANIAN and consider applications for that position Steve Beery, freshman from Alma, Mich., was accepted by the committee to fill the vacancy left by Miss Beery's resignation.

The only other business conducted was the acceptance of a proposed contract for the 1970-71 face-finder. Chris Fuhrmeister, Editor-in-chief of THE SCOTSMAN, proposed that the committee accept the specified contract.

S.C. Taking Applications for Ed. Policies Alternate

by Laura Worth

Student Council is taking applications for the position of alternate on the Educational Policies Committee. Interested students should notify Laura Worth at 136 Gelston by noon on Tuesday, October 20 by sending a letter of application which states qualifications and reasons for wanting the job. The alternate is expected to attend meetings, contribute to discussions and share in the work where possible, and votes in the absence of regular members. If there is a vacancy during the year, the alternate fills the position.

CALENDAR OF THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, October 20
Dean Renz Office Women sign sorority preference list 9-4
PAD Art Dept. Workshop 7-10pm

Tuesday, October 20
Sorority Bids 8 am
PAD Art Dept. Workshop 1:30-5 pm
Dow Aud. George Lakey, Sociologist
"The Sword that Heals.." 8 pm
Lib. AV Art Dept. Film 9 pm
"The Navigator"

Thursday, October 22
Delta College Women's Varsity Field Hockey 3:30 p.m.
Dow Chemistr Club 7:00 p.m.
Dow Auditorium Gray-Loiseau - "The World of Anton Chekhov" 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 23
Last day for withdrawal from a class without penalty
Dow Auditorium Union Board Film - "Stagecoach" (1966) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24
Bahlke Field Football with Adrian Cross Country with Adrian 2:00 p.m.
Dow Auditorium U.B. Film - "Stagecoach" (1966) 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25
Chapel Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Lansing A Cappella choir sings at First Presbyterian Church at 9:30 & 11:00 services
Dow Auditorium International Film Series "Wages of Fear" 8:00 p.m.

ASPECTS - A WEEKLY REPORT

by John Hull

In spite of the tone of last week's column, there are some good things that happen in community government. Occasionally, students do take responsibilities seriously, and when they do, the results are gratifying.

For instance, Student Council members were asked at their last meeting to fill out a questionnaire attempting to determine just what they knew about the community government structure and the function and goals of Student Council. The results should be revealing. But the important thing is that the survey has been made, and the members of Council should now be more aware of the things they don't know. Hopefully, this will spur Council members to do better jobs.

A new award has been created -- the STAR (Student Taking Action Responsibly) award. This award will be presented weekly in this column to the student -- or in rare cases, students -- who act to eliminate trivia, bickering, and so forth in Community Government. At the same time, he must take positive action to remedy the cause of the bickering, and so on. This week's award goes to John Plowman for his remarks made at Student Council regarding the extended debate over swearing-in procedures. At the

time, Council had spent well over a half hour between two meetings debating the need for swearing-in ceremonies for new members. Of course, all members recognized the earth-shattering potential of the question.

But John had enough sense to realize that there were really more important things that ought to be considered by a Student Council. He said so, much to the benefit of those attending the meeting. Congratulations, John! Maybe others on council will start acting the same way!

Hopefully, there will be, besides the STAR award, a new type of award for next week. If there is an award for doing well in Community Government, there certainly ought to be some type of mediocrity award that many more students would have a chance to receive. I'm fresh out of ideas about what to call such an award. Hopefully, one of you reading this will be able to send me a suggestion. Also, I'm hoping for student response in helping me decide who ought to get these awards each week. Remember, any nominations, comments, or other opinions will be welcomed and recognized each week. Just address them to: John Hull, 320 Wright Hall.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THIS WEEK

Monday
Educational Policies 4:00 p.m. LG5

Wednesday
Academic Review 4:00 p.m. LG 6/7
Student Council 7:00 p.m. LG5
(Hear results of last week's questionnaire)

Congressional Commission Publishes Findings on Obsenity and Pornography

(New York City)-- The above headline from the October 4th edition of THE NEW YORK TIMES is one of many throughout the country headlining the brouhaha surrounding THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON OBSCENITY AND PORNOGRAPHY.

A group of dissenting Commissioners tried to have it legally suppressed. The Nixon Administration divorced it, after leaks to the press of some of the surprise findings.

THE REPORT, a product of two million dollars in Federal money, two years of research and two months of bitter quarrelling, in and out of the Commission, sparked dissident member Charles H. Keating Jr., (the only Nixon appointee), head of Citizens for Decent Literature to sav its recommendations could lead to "paganism and animalism" Another overview of findings; recommendations; detailed report of findings in the legal, carta for pornographers."

And THE REPORT's recommendations have been publicly disavowed by White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler and Attorney General John N. Mitchell. As the NEW YORK TIMES notes, "The subject is of intense political interest."

Now BANTAM Books has published the complete REPORT as a Bantam Extra, with a special introduction by TIMES drama critic, Clive Barnes. This 720-page, \$1.65 paperback arrives on the stands just two weeks after the September 30th Washington press conference releasing the controversial report.

THE REPORT consists of four parts: OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS; RECOMMENDATIONS; DETAILED Report of findings in the legal, effects, and positive approaches areas; and separate statements of individual Commission members.

In July of 1968, President Johnson and Congress, deeming obscenity and pornography in America "a matter of national concern", appointed a Commission to investigate the effects and extent of "smut". Chaired by William B. Lockhart, Dean of the University of Minnesota Law School the Commission - 16 men and two women - was comprised of noted educators, psychologists, sociologists, lawyers and clergymen.

Four panels were set up to study the state of current laws regarding obscenity and pornography, the distribution methods of these materials (films, books and magazines), their effects and whether they lend to anti-social behavior, and to suggest new legislation and positive action.

The facts uncovered by the Commission held many surprises -- among them that only 2 per cent of the population surveyed considers the traffic in erotic material one of the nation's three most pressing problems.

As Clive Barnes writes in his introduction to the Bantam edition of THE REPORT: "It needs no statistics to tell us that our children are far more bombarded with sexual material than we were ourselves when we made our own nervous transitions to maturity. The findings - and the dispute over those findings - of this Congressional Commission is vitally important to us."

Here are a few of the major findings: Previous estimates of \$2.5 billion sales grossly exaggerate the size of the "smut" industry.

Women are as interested in erotica as men: 85% of adult men and 70% of adult women in the U.S. have been exposed to explicit sexual material; most of the exposure has been voluntary.

"Adult" bookstore customers are, overwhelmingly, "white, middleclass,

middle-aged married males, dressed in business suits."

The great increase of explicit sex in print and films since 1960 has brought no corresponding growth in sex crimes.

Studies of juvenile delinquents show no difference between their experience with pornography and the experience of non-delinquents.

No cases were found of pornography causing sexual aggression, homosexuality or sexual abuse of children.

Political conservatives are less easily aroused by erotica than liberals.

These, and other, findings are a result of 46 research contracts given to organizations ranging from the late Dr. Alfred Kinsey's Institute for Sex Research to dirty-book stores in Copenhagen, and information from the scientists who talked with 5,000 people of both sexes and of all ages and educational levels around the country.

Following are the main recommendations of the Commission. The first is the one causing such a stir.

For willing adults, there is nothing that must be labeled obscene: federal, state and local legislation should not seek to interfere with the right of adults who wish to read, obtain or view explicit sexual material.

The sale of sexual material to young persons should be regulated by law.

A massive sex education effort is needed, aimed at all segments of the society, adults as well as children on the issues regarding obscenity and pornography.

At least two-thirds of the Commissioners concurred in each recommendation.

Concludes Clive Barnes in the Bantam edition of THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON OBSCENITY AND PORNOGRAPHY: "This report is bound to effect the decisions of our courts, and its majority view, while much disputed, is very likely to become the yardstick of contemporary community standards in such matters. It seriously requires the attention of every citizen concerned with the quality of our lives."

IFS SHOWING "WAGES OF FEAR" SUNDAY

The next entry in the International Film Series is the WAGES OF FEAR, a masterpiece of suspense. It shows Sunday evening, October 25 in Dow Auditorium at 8:00p.m.

The film, released in 1953, was immediately marked as one of the great shockers, brilliantly developed. Its suspense is inherent in the plot and Director Clouzot's filming. Arthur Knight observes that "in THE WAGES OF FEAR the detailed realism of the opening reels, creating a mood of utter hopelessness and degradation, sets the stage for a long, harrowing drive to the burning oil fields with truckloads of nitroglycerin, ready to explode at every jolt and jar. The drivers are gambling their very lives against the opportunity to escape from their steaming, sordid environment--the vermin, the filth, the callousness that Clouzot has made explicit with his penetrating camera."

This is a French film, set in a South American town, neighboring American oil installations. The Europeans trapped in the sordid environment are motivated by one ambition: to get enough money to escape. Four of them--a Corsican, a Frenchman, an Italian, and a German--respond to the oil company's offer of some thousands of dollars in reward for driving two truckloads of explosives over primitive roads to the scene of an oil-field fire.

This sets the stage for suspense and for more: the examination of a rather grim premise, which Pauline Kael phrases in this way: "Courage, caution are, finally, irrelevant to fate; they are human gestures--necessary, but absurd. . . . In this violent thriller-parable, human (that is to say, decent, civilized) gestures--whether based on decision or impulse--are all that is left to man; they appear to be desperate, absurd holdovers from some archaic human period when character had something to do with fate, or from the human delusion that it does."

About this film, Director Clouzot says, "THE WAGES OF FEAR is a film of physical thoroughness, where the dialogue is used throughout, not as words, but as soul itself. I tried for a montage of permanent shocks. I always try to play light against the drama. . . . The social drama is the drama. . . . That's what we embrace, that what we strive to put on film."

Among the important awards WAGES OF FEAR has acquired are the Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, and the designation "Best Film from any Source", by the British Film Academy.

Series tickets will, of course, be honored. Single admission tickets will be available at the door at 75¢ each.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ΓΔΑ, senior women's honor society, cordially invites all junior class women to a popcorn party, October 21, 1970 from 9 p.m. - 10 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Bruske Hall.

The sisters of the Colony of ΓΕΕ are proud to announce their 1970 fall pledge class: Leslie Bender, Carolyn Brown, Sue Gerou, Judy Hanna, Denise Harkless, Liga Miervaldis, and Barb Neal.

Anyone interested in learning more about Christian Science? The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Alma is sponsoring a lecture entitled "The Demand of Spiritual Discovery". The lecturer is Mr. Otto Bertschi, C.S.B., of Zurich, Switzerland. The lecture will be given tonight--Monday, October 19 at 8:15 p.m. at the first Church of Christ, Scientist at the corner of Woodworth and Hastings. All are invited to attend.

Needed! Clothing for some school children of all ages in the Alma area. If you have clothes here at Alma or at home which are in good repair and they are no longer being worn (this includes items such as winter coats and boots), please take them to any of the following

A members: Joan Paepke-Newberry, Harriet Shaklee-Clizbe House, or Claire Springston-South Complex B. Please don't forget!

LETTERS Cont'd

Talking to many of those who waited it out in Gelston lobby, I found that most shared my disappointment. Many others just couldn't stand the ear shattering noise of an amplified band in such a small room as Van Dusen.

Although I won't be here next year to enjoy such an event, I would strongly urge the sponsors of the traditional Home coming dance to make Homecoming like Homecoming, not like a mixer during freshman orientation.

Sincerely,
Bill Roberts

ALMANIAN Changes News Editor

Letter from the Editor
This past week Debby Beery informed us, much to our regret, that she would no longer be able to fulfill her duties as News and Service Information Editor for THE ALMANIAN, and asked that we accept her resignation.

We are sorry to see her go. Steve Beery has been appointed to take her place and he will now be the News and Information Services Editor. Steve is a Freshman, who lives in Mitchell Hall. We welcome him aboard.

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Meet Joe Fleishman New Mitchell Head Resident

by Rick Scatterday

Mr. Joe Fleishman and family, now a familiar sight around Mitchell Hall and Alma College, were new additions this year to Mitchell Hall and the college housing staff. Mr. Fleishman comes to Alma with a background of study, teaching and personnel work at small institutions similar to Alma College. After serving in the army for two years, Mr. Fleishman began undergraduate study at Le Moyne College. His work there was temporarily interrupted as he entered the seminary for two years. After this period in seminary, Mr. Fleishman returned to Le Moyne and completed work on his degree. Upon graduation from Le Moyne, Mr. Fleishman undertook graduate studies at Crayton University. He then served as a professor of history at St. Mary's College in Minnesota, and for the past three years was an administrator at St. Mary's, serving as dean of Students, and vice-president of the college. Mr. Fleishman is currently working on his doctoral degree in student personnel at Michigan State University in addition to his duties as Mitchell Hall head resident. Mr. Fleishman and his pretty wife, Clore, were married in 1966. They have two children, Elizabeth and Kathy.



photo by Chris Bryant

Mitchell Head Resident Joe Fleishman

Though his stay here has thus far been a short one, Mr. Fleishman was asked for his general impressions of Alma College, perhaps in comparison with the other institutions where he has served. He responded that the students here are generally well-motivated, and that the college is well run by a capable administration. Mr. Fleishman felt that Alma College differs noticeably from St. Mary's, in that the physical layout of buildings here, is not engineered in such a way as to encourage frequent casual contacts between students, faculty, and administrators. He pointed out that the advantageous layout of the St. Mary's campus may have been coincidental.

Looking toward the future in Mitchell Hall, Mr. Fleishman mentioned certain goals he hopes to achieve in his work as the dorm's head resident. He is hopeful that he can help to develop a sense of responsibility among the hall's residents for the well-being of their neighbors, thus encouraging cooperation, support and friendship. Mr. Fleishman would also like to initiate academic programs in Mitchell. He feels that it would be advantageous for academic education in the dorm to go beyond the point of private study. Included in these academic programs would be frequent visits by interested faculty members, and speakers in fields of interest.

Mr. Fleishman was also asked, in light of his experience with the small, private institution, what direction of progress he feels Alma College should pursue in the future, as an institution of this type. It was his view that Alma, and colleges like Alma, should attempt to conserve their present role in American higher education. With private institutions closing throughout the nation, he feels Alma should attempt to maintain its identity, and not attempt to become something that it is not.

Mr. Fleishman stated that he feels Alma College can do itself and other private institutions a service by maintaining its present programs with modifications in light of quality, economy, and relevance, when such modifications are appropriate. In this way, Alma College can serve to preserve the tradition, setting and style of the liberal arts education.

When asked about his goals as a member of the "family of man", and about his philosophy of life, Mr. Fleishman responded by saying that he has no cogent philosophy of life, except that in view of the many varied opportunities that have arisen, he is grateful to be as healthy and well-off as he is. He feels that one of our goals as members of the Alma College community should be to transfer some of the compassion, understanding and friendship that characterize life at this college, to the larger community of the world. Mr. Fleishman cited an example to illustrate how this task might be begun. After only two weeks of classes, one can already see the development of patterns, where certain persons always eat, walk about or study alone. One doesn't have to go to skid row, or a home for the aged to find lonely, isolated people. Perhaps our compassion, understanding, and friendship can help in relieving the loneliness of fellow students. Mr. Fleishman felt that it is in harmony with an absence of a "philosophy of life" to devote his energies to the day-to-day work of the world, whether that work should involve his own private studies, the isolation of this or that student, or the conservation of the ideals Alma College engenders.

Hopefully, Mr. Fleishman's stay at Alma College will be a long one, especially with pretty Mrs. Fleishman to brighten up Mitchell Hall. Mr. Fleishman's goal is to continue student personnel work at the small college level.

DeBolt

Emphasized

Organization

By Dee Gill

Dr. Joseph DeBolt initiated the Age of Protest Series, sponsored by the Alma Sociology Department, on a controversial note when he spoke about "The Movement: Social Change Today and Tomorrow" Thursday evening October 15, in Dow Auditorium.

Dr. DeBolt, assistant professor of sociology at Central Michigan University, was introduced as a man who "not only teaches courses in social change, he also does it." He shared his personal ideas and interpretations of protest movements since his early interest as an undergraduate in West Virginia in 1959, through its modifications to the present. He traced the rise in tension and violence from its pacifistic beginnings to the militant mobilizations of today.

Viewing the movement through the format of social change, Dr. DeBolt diagrammed the movement as it exists now with regard to fluctuating society. He sees it now composed of small individual movements, hampered by a lack of organization within and between groups. "Things don't succeed because of the lack of organization."

Dr. DeBolt is also a Democratic candidate for State Representative from Isabella and Montcalm counties. Asked what he foresaw in the future, he replied, "If we knew what was going to happen, we would have it already."

The country is in a mini civil war, says DeBolt, and you have choices to make. You may drop out, continue to work in whatever capacity you think worth-while, or go underground. To build a society like the society that you say is wrong is not the way to build a better world. The easiest path is not necessarily the successful one.

Pollution Poetry Contest

Creative explosion in Alma College campus? Many factors point in this direction as students become involved in a wide range of creative activities, the latest of which is the pollution poetry contest sponsored by Beta Beta Beta and Lambda Iota Tau.

The contest, open to the entire college community except staff members of the English department, offers a chance for students to express their views on the problems of pollution in a unique way, via poetry. There is no limit on the length or style of the poetry and cash prizes will be offered for the top three poems and they will be judged by Profs. Wegner, Johnson, Tepton and Smith.

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Albion Over Alma 13-4

Have you ever blown on a puffball, and watched the small seeds scatter in the wind? Have you ever blown on an Alma ballcarrier, and watched the big footballs fall aimlessly to the ground? Perhaps you will never get the chance to attempt the latter, but, unfortunately, Albion did seize the opportunity last Saturday and breezed by the Scots 13-4 in what surely was the shoddiest performance by the Alma eleven this year.

Besides fumbling the ball three times, the Scots were equally versatile via the air. Four times Alma passes connected with unintended receivers, i.e. the defensive secondary of Albion. To climax this comedy of ineptitude, it must be noted that three times during the afternoon, Alma drove within the Brition 10-yard line, without managing a score.

From the outset the Scots appeared to be emulating their spectacular performance of a week past, when they clobbered Hope 39-7. However, upon reaching the one-yard line after a long drive, the Albion defense stiffened and the Alma offense obligingly surrendered the ball, after several futile attempts to score.

The Britons then decided to join in the war of incompetence and three plays after gaining possession of the ball on the one-foot line, they pulled a dandy play of their own. Lining up in punt formation, punter Jim Martin was dismayed to see the snap from center sail far away from him and out of the end zone. It resulted in a safety and Alma surged ahead, 2-0. Regrettably, the lead stood only midway through the second quarter.

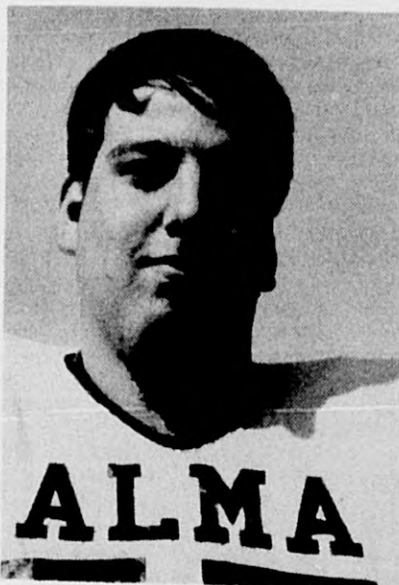
With the pigskin in Alma's possession at their own 28, the greasy hands of Scot ballcarriers began to take their toll. The ball squirted loose and into enemy hands. A few series later, Dave Egatuk slashed across from the third for a 6-2 Albion lead.

Alma spent the rest of the afternoon giving the ball away, but it wasn't until five minutes remained in the game that they finally forced Albion into scoring. Again Egatuk carried the ball across, this time from 17 yards out. His dash upped the score to 13-2, and one realized that Albion would really have to hustle to score enough safeties for Alma to win.

The Britons broke loose with 2:26 left when they intentionally fell on the ball in their own end zone. It was not enough though, and the final score stood Albion, 13, Alma, 4.

It is interesting to note that Albion did all the scoring, including Alma's, despite the fact that Alma outgained the Britons by 47 yards in total offense, 254 yards to 207. The many errors by the offense paved the way to their demise.

Sadly enough, the loss also robbed the Scots of one of their more competent (less hapless) ballplayers. By Johnson, a standout in the first quarter, injured his ankle in the same stanza and had to leave the field of misplay. He picked up 50 yards in only 6 carries during his short stint.



Ben Weeks, standout Alma tackle, was named the MIAA Lineman of the Week in a poll of coaches. Weeks is the first Alma player to receive the award this year.

Female Volleyball

Rides High

BY Jane Sutfin

Women's volleyball intramurals got underway last week with a surprising amount of enthusiasm and excitement. Tuesday night and Thursday night saw action in both "A" and "B" leagues. The Gelston girls proved victorious in all four "B" league games Tuesday night with Gelston First Floor North defeating the Bruske First and Third floor team, the Gelston Druts winning over the AET "B" team, and with Gelston Third Floor winning by forfeit over the KI's. "A" teamers in action were the KI's who whipped Newberry Second and the Bruske "Air Raiders" who "bombed" the ΓΣΣ's. Thursday night play brought about the defeat of the Newberry Second Floor "B" team by the KI "B's". Gelston's First Floor North girls overcame the Newberry "Boom-Boom Brigades" while the Gelston "Druts" beat the "N3's" of Newberry. "A" league victorious teams were the Thetas, Gelston Third, and Gelston Second who defeated the AET, Newberry Second, and the KI's respectively.

For a really exciting and fun-filled evening, drop by the P. E. center on either Tuesday or Thursday night and watch the girls of your choice volley (or battle it out as the case may be) for first place. Remember, there will be games played every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7:15 till 9:00. The season is already off to an enthusiastic start; help keep it that way.

CROSS COUNTRY

WINS AGAIN

Alma's cross country team trounced Albion, 19-36, in a rather significant MIAA victory. Not only did it raise the Scot harrier's season mark to 4-0, but it also was the first time in history that Alma beat the Britons on Albion soil.

Don Yehle garnered first place for Alma over the four-mile course in a near record time of 20:27.2. Don Bock of Albion was second, but Alma runners mailed down the next three positions. Clare Kreger, Bill Chenoweth and Jim Hare were the top finishers. Gerry Crane recorded a 6th place finish for the Scots.

Alma's next meet is this Saturday against formidable Adrian. It will be run at half-time of the football game at Bahlke Field.

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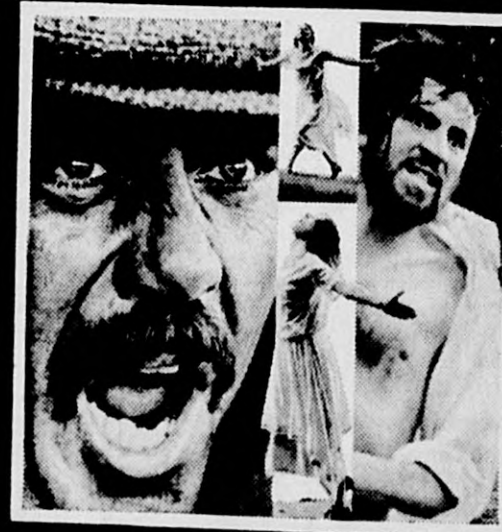
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