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## VIRGIL E. BOYD ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES

Virgil E. Boyd was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Alma College Friday. Boyd, Vice Chairman of the Board of Chrysler Corporation, replaces Reid Brazel as Chairman of the college's trustees. Brazel had been Chairman since 1962 and trustee since 1942. He will continue to serve on the Board and its Executive Committee.

The Alma Board also elected James E. Redman, Chairman of the Board of Redman Industries, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, as its Vice Chairman for Finance.

Boyd, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, was named to the Alma board in 1968. He served as head of the college's Trustee Associates Program during 1969-70, its founding year. Alma's Trustee Associates are donors whose annual contributions to the college's current operations are at least \$1,000. During 1969-70 Trustee Associates donors contributed \$438,000 to Alma College.

In addition to his service to Alma, Boyd is a member of the Board of Trustees of Grace Hospital and of the Board of Directors of the Economic Club of Detroit. He is Chairman of the Finance Committee of Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

Speaking to the Alma Board Friday, Boyd noted that Alma's enrollment 'is up at a time when enrollment at many liberal arts colleges is down'. He also pointed out that Alma 'completed its 1970 fiscal year in the black at a time when many colleges and universities are having very difficult financial problems'.



Virgil E. Boyd Chairman of the Board



James E. Redman Vice Chairman

## STUDENT COUNCIL PLANS MOCK ELECTIONS

On Tuesday, November 3 the Alma College Student Council will sponsor two special events dealing with the state election taking place that day. During the day there will be a mock election with four items on the ballot. In the evening the election returns from the state and national elections will be monitored in Tyler Student Center.

The mock election will happen from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. There will be four items on the mock election ballot. There are the Michigan Governor's race, the Michigan Senate contest, a proposal calling for the 18 year old vote, and Proposal C dealing with the issue of giving state aid to non-public schools.

There will be six precincts open for this mock election. The South Complex Wright Hall, Gelston Hall, Newberry Hall, Mitchell Hall, and Bruske Hall all will have ballot boxes. Those living in housing units with balloting locations should vote in their own dorm.

Students living in small housing units and those living off campus should vote at Gelston. Those living in Greek housing units should cast their ballots at Wright Hall.

Also on Tuesday there will be an 'elections returns central' in Tyler from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. At this time Student Council plans to post the results of major national and state elections.

At least three television sets will be located in the union so that the three major networks may be viewed. Close circuit television will also be available so students will be able to watch the results from the lounge area.

Alma College Faculty members will be present at 'Election Central' to participate in discussions of the returns. There will also be student commentators present.

There are plans for the availability of free coffee for those of you that will be staying up into the wee hours of the morning.

Student Council has asked Student Affairs for a decision concerning extended hours for freshmen women for this election evening. Student Affairs Committee has been called for Monday night to consider this question. Contact your Head Resident for the results of this meeting.

As of this time Student Council has up to 60 people working on these projects. The members of Student Council as well as the staff of THE ALMANIAN urge you to participate in both of these events.

## North Central Association Report

On February 23-24, 1970, a three man committee, from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, visited Alma College, as a prerequisite for granting another 10 years of accreditation from the national association.

After two days of talks with administrators, faculty, and students, these men, E. F. Ferneau, Dean of the College of Education, University of Tulsa; Russell P. Sutton, Associate Professor of Chemistry from Knox College; and Harry Manley, President of Muskingum College, formulated a report on the strengths and weaknesses of Alma College. The report concluded with some possible questions for consideration. What follows is the basic text of that report.

Alma College has been accredited since 1916 by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is approved by the Michigan Department of Education, by the American Chemical Society Committee on Professional Training, by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and by the Council on Social Work Education.

In September, 1969, the College enrolled 1179 full-time students and the full-time faculty numbered 78. Total assets on June 30, 1969, were approximately \$16,200,000 including plant funds of \$12,800,000 and endowment funds of \$2,200,000. Total operating budget for 1968-69 was \$3,738,935 divided as follows: Educational and General--\$2,432,803; Auxiliary Enterprises--\$1,044,181; Student Aid--\$251,951.

The principle aim of the College, as recently approved by the Board of Trustees, is 'to be a liberal arts, undergraduate college characterized by excellence, concerned for students as maturing individual human beings, and responsive to the challenging needs of society.' These were the benchmarks the visiting committee used in the process of identification and evaluation of resources as used by the college to carry out its stated educational task.

### STRENGTHS

1. The Board of Trustees appears to be seriously involved with the policies problems, and processes that deserve and demand Board attention. Their background and experience is more diversified than was true ten years ago. Reading of the trustee minutes indicates they are involved properly at the policy making level. As a Board they have pledged in excess of \$2.5 million over a five-year period to an 'unannounced fund drive' for approximately \$35 million through 1975. We believe the trustees have an understanding of the nature and dimensions of the fiscal problems which will confront Alma

in the 1970's.

2. Long-Range Planning since 1960 in the area of physical facilities is evidenced through the new academic buildings, i.e. Library (1964), the new Physical Education Center (1968), and the new Faculty Office Building (1969) (to be converted to a Student Health Center) and through detailed plans for the new academic complex and the projected Fine Arts Complex.

3. The Physical Plant is basically well maintained and includes a plant appraisal that is updated each year.

4. The financial condition of the College seems to be basically sound as determined from an examination of the current audit. There is approximately a \$2.6 million indebtedness of which \$2.2 million is in self-liquidating buildings. A \$400,000 debt on the Physical Education Center is covered, according to the president and the chief financial officer, by reserves of approximately \$750,000 for capital purposes, which are controlled by the Board of Trustees.

5. The strengths of the faculty are significant. The number of faculty have increased from 49 (1960) to 78 (1969) with the percentage of those with the Ph.D. degree increasing from 37% (1960) to 45% (1969). Faculty morale is high and derives, in part, from confidence in the new provost. Faculty seem to respect each other and work well together. Special note should be made of the fact that faculty rapport with students is good. Students with whom we met felt that they have ready access to their teachers. Teachers know their students and are looked upon as friends as well as academic advisors. Faculty feel satisfactory progress has been made in faculty compensation as salaries have increased significantly since 1960. The 1969 faculty pay scale from the AAUP is C, A, AA, AA, the first for the highest rank. The establishment of a sabbatical leave program and increased faculty participation in college government through the Board of Associate Trustees (1968) and the selection of the new provost (1969) are important developments. A faculty personnel committee is working on problems of evaluation of the faculty. In the area of tenure and promotion, policies are well understood.

6. The curriculum shows a range of courses with no excessive course proliferation and a number of strong departments. There is no evidence of department on freedom of inquiry. The Social Science division has been strengthened since 1960 as, for example, political science is now offered as a major serviced by three full-time faculty.

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## CALENDAR OF THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Calendar

#### Tuesday, November 3

Big Rapids Cross Country - NAIA District 23 at Ferris

Storey's home L.I.T. meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Lib. AV room Art Department Film - "Street of Shame" 9:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 4

Chapel Communion Service - The Rev. R. Anderson 7:00 a.m.

Chapel Student Recital 10:00 a.m.  
Field Hockey Field Women's Varsity  
Field Hockey with Hope College 3:30 p.m.

Dow Auditorium Dr. Carol Andreas on "Women's Liberation" 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, November 6

Bus leaves for Michigan Scholars' Fall Conference at University of Michigan 7:15 a.m.

Dow 100 Union Board Film - "Waterhole" 7:00 p.m.

Dow Auditorium I Solisti di Zagreb - (convocation credit) 8:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 7

Alumni Board Meeting

Olivet Womens' Field Hockey - MCFHA Selection 9:00 a.m.

#### Lake Forest Football

Dow Auditorium Union Board Film - "Waterhole" 7:00 p.m.

Tyler Auditorium Theta Tavern 8:00-12:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, November 8

Chapel Morning Worship - Professor Dykstra 10:30 a.m.

Dow Auditorium International Film Series "Lavender Hill Mob" 8:00 p.m.

Throughout November - Art Department Exhibition - "The Eye", Photography from Eastman Kodak Co. - Monteith Lib.

There will be no Open Workshop for the Art Department in the P.A.D. this week - November 2 or 3.

## STUDENT DIRECTORY

PLANS ARE AT THIS TIME FOR THE ALMA COLLEGE STUDENT DIRECTORY TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE DORMS THIS TUESDAY. THEY WILL BE PLACED IN THE MAIL BOXES.



Photo by Larry Stephey  
Scene from Peace Action Day  
See story on page 2



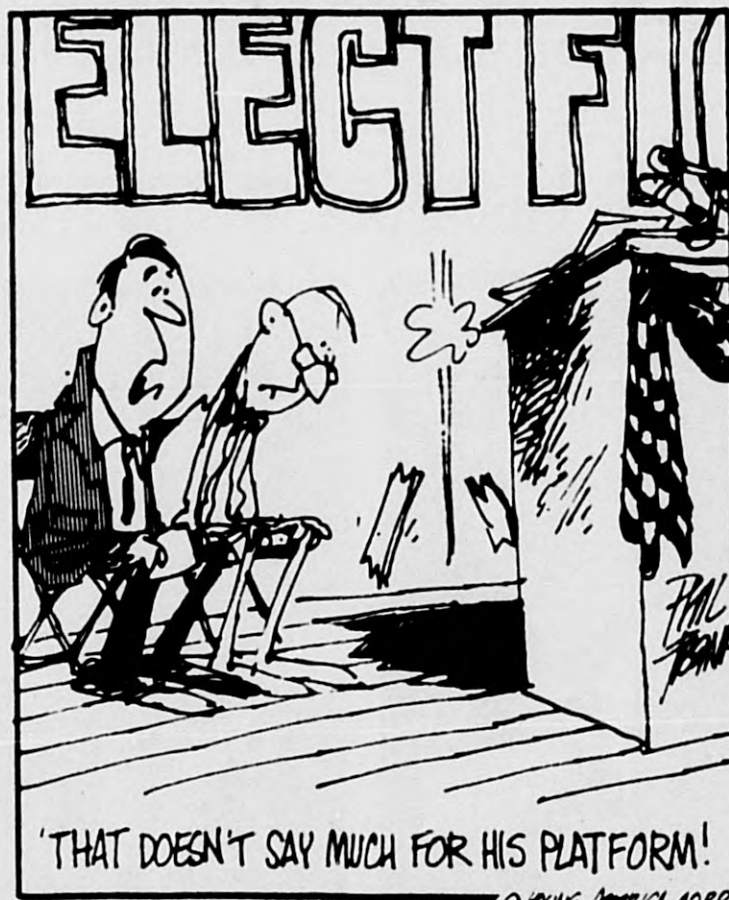
## Students Participate in Peace Action Day

The Alma Peace Committee was visible Saturday afternoon as they observed National Peace Action Day by passing out black armbands to concerned individuals at the Alma-Kalamazoo football game. Dr. Bechill, the Peace Committee's faculty advisor, had been notified by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam that October be nationally observed. Alma's committee showed their concern via the armband project and by walking down Superior and State Streets informing people of Peace Action Day.

"People can't hide anymore from the issues that confront us," said the Rev. Larry Uhrig, assistant minister of the First Methodist Church. "Our concerns is to be visible here in Alma." The group was responsible for the announcement of a moment of silence preceding the national anthem at the game Saturday. They handed out some 60 armbands to interested individuals, including the entire college cheerleading squad, but members of the committee were "saddened at the people's desire to stay uninvolved." The group reported that they were skillfully avoided by many of Saturday's game-goers, and that "some people couldn't even bring themselves to look directly at us."

The Alma Peace Committee was organized a little over a year ago for the October 15, 1969 national Moratorium. They raised funds for their trip to Washington for the peace march, and organized the campus observance of the moratorium last year. All students interested in joining the committee should contact Barb Battin or Dr. Bechill.

## frankly speaking . . . by Phil Frank



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## REFLECTIONS

By Mike Delp

I have read recently that Student Council needs our brainstorming ideas, concerning the subject of what Council ought to do this year. My brainstorm: there are three things which should be your main concern until they are dealt with effectively, which does not mean that you committee them to death. These areas of concern should be: Extended open dorm hours for all students; the realistic approach to women's hours, which would entail getting rid of our ridiculous proctor system in favor of allowing dorm ridden women their right to choose and decide their own hours; the question of who decides how a student handles his morality and time in efforts towards obtaining a liberal arts education.

Perhaps the reason for so much student apathy concerning student government and the actions and functions of Student Council is that their apathy is based on the truism that it matters not what this group decides, for it all must ultimately filter through the same conservative viewpoint of those higher up.

Last year's suggestion by Doctor Luke, spurred by the Kent State killings, concerning the idea that Campus Day be used to reflect on the problems of society, was an excellent idea. In those days we found out that there is more in the world than we see in Alma; our values and thoughts were confronted by fellow students and faculty, and we learned that the guy next to us was something far more important than a Frat man or a freak--he was real and he did have his own convictions. But that spirit which so captivated this campus died with the summer.

Herein lies one of the basic problems on campus: Our values and convictions are never deeply tested, nor confronted--they only hide behind clothes and artificial smiles. We hold them inside, afraid that social rejection naturally follows any form of sincerity. There is a great need for confrontation groups between students and faculty, and the administration, in which all points of view and values are considered in an effort to find out about each other and ourselves.

Brainstorm: Why doesn't Student Council pull its head out of the ground and move to set up various confrontation discussions on campus, and stop dabbling in high-school-oriented discussions.

### afro action

Each week the Afro-American Society will contribute an article to THE ALMANIAN. Our purpose is to enlighten our counterparts to a new awakening in cultural activity via the Black students here. (19 strong)

This week's contribution comes from Jerry Hills. Jerry is a senior from Detroit majoring in history. He comes loaded with a bag of talent. Both a high school track and basketball star. Besides being a former Scots Basketball Letterman, Jerry sings as a past-time and enjoys fishing. Asked why he writes poetry he quipped, "I am doing my thang my own way." The poem about plastic people illustrates quite well Jerrys' deep thoughts.

Winnie Hill



By Jerry Hills

plastic people with plastic minds with dirty clothes and clean behinds lapping about peace mumbling about love in tones of hate making old folds wait Telling them it's their fault creating plastic signs exploited by untrue hands talking about peace while wearing buttons that say "real peace" without realizing that peace is a state of mind that may never come again until the end when the plastic breaks.

(More Letters to the Editor Cont'n on page 7)

## Letters to the Editor

### U.B. says 'thanks' for help

The Union Board of Alma College wish to acknowledge the services rendered during Homecoming festivities by the following persons and businesses;

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|                   | Nancy Wilson       |

### APO's collecting clothes

Students of Alma College: Do you have an excess of clothing and shoes in your closet? Are any clothes that are no longer in style and that you never wear in your dresser drawers? Do you want or need an excuse of buy some new things? If your answer to any or all of these questions is yes, then Alpha Phi Omega has the solution you've been looking for.

The Friendship Center of Alma is in urgent need of good used clothing, especially that which may be worn by high school age people. For those of you who are unaware of what the Friendship Center is, it is a clearing house for used items of all types, which are bought at a nominal cost by the needy of the Alma-St. Louis area. Since the used items must come from somewhere, and since we know that there is presently a need for this type of clothing, we are sponsoring this drive.

Next Thursday, November 5, Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity on campus, will be conducting a drive for used clothing. Shirts, slacks, blouses, skirts, dresses, sweaters and coats are all in heavy demand and short supply. It would be helpful if sizes could be clearly marked. Any clothing which you wish to donate may be left in the collection boxes which will be placed in the lounge of the various living units, or it will be picked up by the APO Brothers in a door-to-door collection between 6:30 and 9:00 Thursday evening. So get busy and look in your closets and drawers to find what you no longer need, wear or want. Let's show ourselves that in this time of war and civil strife we at Alma College do give a darn about our fellow man.

For the Brothers of APO  
Roger J. Eddy  
Pres.-Omicron Tau Chapter

### 'reflections'

#### mirror experience

Dear Susan,  
Your point concerning my journalistic comments is well taken. However, I have had some experience with student council and its too numerous committees, and I am sure that the system we have does not relate, in its present form to the problems on campus, nor to the students. I too, admire your ability to speak according to your conscience, but remember whom you are speaking to in your efforts to bring about change on this campus. Your suggestions may go through student council to the appropriate "administrative" offices, but there is a large difference between listening and hearing. They hear you, yet all the ridiculous committees and structure will not improve their ability to listen and sincerely consider the important questions of open dorm, women's hours, and student responsibility which plague this campus.

Sincerely,  
Michael Delp

### nothing wrong with 'conservatives'

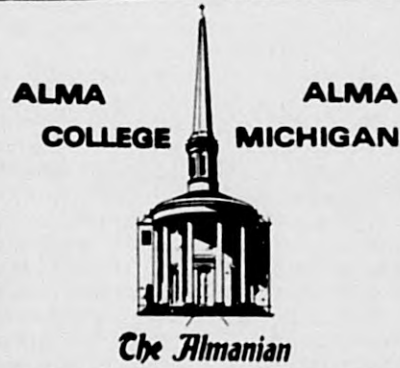
Dear Larry,  
Recently I had the fortunate opportunity to speak to sixty "conservative" members of Consumer's Power Company. The purpose of my speech directed itself toward a student's viewpoint of society.

And, that is what I presented to those "interested" men, a middle of the road speech, titled a "Crisis in Confidence." At the end of the address the group surprised me with many perceptive questions concerning a student and this crisis. What pleased me was the willingness of the group to discuss their rational, and perhaps, not too different at that. They were impressed, perhaps not by the speech, itself, but by the life orientation of today's youth. But, while they expressed much agreement, they willingly criticized.

In this age of numerous "gaps" I feel that it is the responsibility of the student, as well as the community, to restore confidence in each other. I learned much about Alma from that enjoyable afternoon. But, that which impressed me most was that "Alma" is interested in its students, and willing to communicate with them.

I would urge that all organizations would willingly approach the community and attempt to close the "gap" through confidence.

Sincerely,  
Richard L. Thurston  
"A student"



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# COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT D.R.T.

## COMMENTARY

by Doug Trout

Business at last week's Student Council meeting was drab, but the Council members were acting like they were really there, maybe for the first time this year. Before the meeting was called to order, President Van Valkenburg conducted a 'sensitivity session', consisting merely of dialogue between small groups of Council members, or whoever else might be present. Everyone was asked to pair off with somebody else in the room, and generally get to know everybody. After a few minutes, Paul asked each pair to pair off with another pair and discuss the present issue of convocation events. By this time, LG5 had its own unique festive mood. As the meeting was finally called to order, everyone present could sense the new 'life' embodying the room, or more directly, the group of people in the room. A Council member (one of the best) bent over to me and whispered my God, I can actually hear them breathing. Quite a rare thing in Council these days.

Somebody's trying.

## Freshmen Develop a Governing Structure

by Gary Morrison

The Freshman Class is composed of 209 males and 226 females, it is not only the largest class on campus but it also must make large efforts to become a part of the campus. The first real problem is class organization, it must come up with something to organize, unify and direct 435 Freshmen. An attempt to do that is under way, the Class Representatives under the advisement of Dr. M. J. J. Smith are trying to involve 100 Freshmen in a governmental structure.

At the top of the structure are the Class Representatives: Gizachew Wubishet, President, Vice President Denise Rutledge, Secretary - Treasurer Judy Hagen, and Morgan Ohwovoriorle, Student Council Representative. Next is the Executive Council, composed of the Class Representatives, Gail Marchand, Cheryl Novitsky, and Dr. M. J. J. Smith, advisor. Under the Executive Committee are the Financial Committee and the Social Committee. The Finance Committee is headed by Judy Hagen and will have ten members, the purpose of this committee is to raise financial funds for the class. The Social Committee is headed by Gail Marchand and Cheryl Novitsky, this committee will plan and execute all events of the Freshman Class, it is to have twenty members. The Community Relations Committee is to have forty members, the purpose of this committee is to have each member contact ten members of the class and be their representatives. Its secondary purpose is to provide a training ground for other committees both within and outside the Freshman Class. Another committee called the Communications Committee will be headed by Judy Hagen, it will have ten members, its purpose is to publish a bi-weekly newsletter for the Freshman to inform them of what the class is doing. A Community Government Committee will have twelve members, its purpose will be to involve the Class of '74 outside of the Alma College Campus and hopefully into the Alma Community. The last committee of this structure is the 1971 Float Committee, it will be composed of six members and will keep the 1971 float in mind.

This new structure is not without its problems, it is handicapped by the fact that the Freshman treasury will be empty until winter, when it will receive its allotted funds. This structure to be successful needs many people to become involved in it, for it is now fighting to find members for the various committees.

### student affairs to hold

### rap-session with student

### leaders tuesday night

After several weeks of inner-committee discussion on the lack of student interaction at Alma College, the Student Affairs Committee has decided to bring in the people involved in the present attempt for interaction, for a rap-session type meeting this Tuesday night, 7:00 p.m., in the Hamilton Commons Lounge (downstairs). Those with special invitations from the Committee to attend included representatives form the Co-Curricular Affairs Committee, Union Board, the President of each class, and representatives from the Resident Advisor ranks.

Rising from the incomplete investigations of several issues directly related to student interaction (or lack of it), the committee again began discussing the different aspects of social life at Alma College. A committee member finally suggested that the constant inner-committee discussion of the complex problem might be to no avail; someone else suggested that the committee seek help in identifying the problem, and possibly the answer. Those people of the college community receiving special invitations have been asked to be prepared to relate to the committee any insight from that particular element of student life that they are representing.

The Student Affairs Committee holds open meetings, so by no means is the attendance limited to those receiving invitations.

In other business, the committee modified a proposal referred by Student Council to Student Affairs concerning an investigation of the Alma College Health Center. The proposal came to Student Affairs asking that Campus Affairs and Student Affairs share the workload of an investigation of the present Health Center. Campus Affairs was to 'investigate rumors and hear complaints' about the Health Center, while Student Affairs would 'evaluate the Health Center in terms of hours, service, facilities, treatment, and personnel'. In the discussion, Dean Plough expressed his concern about two committees working somewhat autonomously on the same issue, with possible overlap of efforts, etc. It was suggested that a separate committee, consisting of members from both Student Affairs and campus Affairs be given the charge of investigation. Chairman Bendall accepted the responsibility of working out the details (A group from Student Affairs and Campus Affairs got together last Thursday afternoon and decided to have the combined committee take the duty of investigation).

Mr. Haverfield of the Department of Philosophy was received by the committee as the replacement for Mr. Jack Bowman, who resigned from Student Affairs earlier this term.

## Committee Meetings

### This Week

#### Monday

Ed. Policies 4:00 LGC  
Faculty Meeting 7:00 Dow 100

#### Tuesday

Student Affairs 7:00 Ham. Commons  
Lounge (downstairs- Rap session meeting with student leaders.)

#### Wednesday

Academic Review 4:00 LG6/7  
Student Council 7:00 LG5

#### Thursday

Communications Committee noon  
Van Dusen Faculty Lounge

### executive council

by Laura Worth

At the Executive Council meeting on October 28 three major items of interest were on the agenda: an amendment to the constitution, one committee report and a committee proposal.

Paul VanValkenburg proposed an amendment to the community constitution revoking the voting membership of the President and Provost on specified committees. (See ALMANIAN Editorial of October 19) The amendment will not go into effect unless ratified by Student Council and the faculty.

Mr. Dykstra presented the procedures, pertinent to tenure and promotion, adopted by the faculty personnel committee. Academic Review's proposal regarding procedures for appeal of grades was tabled.

The agenda for the November 2, 7:00 p.m. faculty meeting was set:

- 1) faculty personnel committee report
- 2) vote on amendment to constitution
- 3) decision on course additions and deletions.

North Central Association reports evaluating the college are available on request from Dr. Kimball's office for students and faculty.

### student council

Little business was conducted during last Wednesday's Student Council meeting, although the meeting proved fruitful (see Commentary). Elections Board asked for and received \$30.00 to be used to conduct an elections board return center in the Union tomorrow night. (see article for details) The Elections Board representative was asked to look into the possibility of an extension of per for freshmen women election night, in order that they might too join in the action that will take place in Tyler.

An amendment to the Student Council Handbook, that would provide for the automatic removal of any Student Council member who has three unexcused absences, was passed.

In other action, Keith Butler was sworn in as Council representative from the Foods Services Committee, and the Constitution for a Biology Club was accepted.

The Student Council report of last week was inaccurate in saying that the Who's Who ballots would be distributed to the Seniors. It should have stated that the ballots were sent to the Faculty and Student Council members.

## ASPECTS - A WEEKLY REPORT

by John Hull

Well, I suppose it was inevitable. It had to happen sooner or later. Not that I should be so amazed, but it's been a while since I've seen such a thing.

Just think -- enthusiasm and concern at Alma College! And I saw it with my own eyes! Of course, it's possible that I'm being a little cynical about how much people care about what happens here. Maybe I'm not attending the right meetings, or not talking to the right people. But I saw some people today that really do care about what happens to Alma.

I wish I could say that the group was made of students, but it wasn't, although there were students present. These were people living busy, productive lives, who had decided that the education of the youth of the nation was important. Today I got to see the trustees of the college.

If there was one-tenth the concern on the part of the students as to the direction this college takes as I saw the trustees express, there would be no need for any complaints that there is apathy on this campus. These men and women are presidents of companies, professional people of the so-called 'Establishment'. Those who complain ceaselessly that the

## Ed. Policy Committee

### Debates Convo Regulation

The Educational Policy Committee met Monday October 26, to discuss a sub-committee report submitted by Laura Worth, Fred Bartel, Dr. Potter and Dr. Cornelius. The report was the sub-committee's reflection upon a recommendation, a summary of the history of convocation, a statement on the present convocation position, arguments for and against the present convocation program, and arguments for and against a required convocation program.

In the reports recommendation to the Policy Committee, questions were laid out to scrutinize the question of convocation in a logical, planned out method. The first question asked by the report was: 'That the Educational Policy Committee refer to the stated aims and objectives of the college, and indicate whether it believes that a convocation program, a Cultural Events program, or a combination of the two contributes to or might contribute to the achievement of one or more of those objectives.' The Ed Policy voted that convocation was within the objectives stated in the college catalogue for the goals and aims of the college.

The second step in the recommendation, is for the Policy committee members 'to submit a statement in as concrete terms as possible of objectives they feel a convocation or cultural program might meet.' The third step is "...what kinds of programs might be expected to meet these objectives." The members will return to tonight's meeting to hopefully set up objectives and have ideas for future convocation or cultural programs.

The report contained a comment on the Ed Policy's present position. "It may be true that the responsibility for convocation is not spread wide enough. For example: 1. The Educational Policy Committee should recommend a stance regarding required convocation. If it decides this requirement should be policy (either as stated or modified) it should provide a statement of the purpose and aims accompanying guidelines to the Co-Curricular Committee. 2. The Co-Curricular Committee, whose responsibility it would be to provide those kinds of programs to satisfy the aims provided by Ed Policy, both program and aims should then be transferred to Academic Review. 3. The Academic Review Committee should receive them for policing or crediting and for evaluation of success or failure.

It may be true that responsibility is not clearly or satisfactorily assigned because objectives and aims are not clear. Are we (Ed Policy) in reality trying to do too many things or one? And what are they? or what is it? The requirement may be inconsistent with regard to certain things: 1) the academic program has virtually no other specific requirement, 2) some departmental programs satisfy the requirement but others do not. Inconsistency may be a virtue at times. At other times it may not.

'Establishment' is corrupt and meaningless should have been there.

One might complain --- with some reason --- that they didn't see all sides of the campus, that they didn't see some of the poor classes, professors, and rules that are present on the campus. True. But one would be just as wrong to assume that the trustees would be insulated as to think such things did not exist. The point is: If there are people as concerned as the trustees of Alma College are about the college and its direction, in spite of their separate lives and careers, how much more involved and concerned the students should be!

STAR of the week award goes to Al Nelson, chairman of the newly-formed Student Grievances Committee. Few students within the Community Government structure have worked so hard, and received so little recognition, as Al. Almost by himself, he developed the Grievance Committee and steered it through Student Council. Now all that remains is for the students to make use of the committee.

As always, questions and comments are welcomed. Address them to: John Hull, 320 Wright.





# ITEMS OF INTEREST

## educational policies

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The present membership of the Ed Policy Committee indicated near unanimity in strong disapproval of our present requirement. We (Ed Policy) do not have any indisputable evidence that the requirement is accomplishing any end, even the end of assuring audiences for performers. Faculty feeling is not definitely known. The result of a straw vote on a vaguely worded "do you favor keeping a convocation requirement" is probably not an accurate assessment of faculty opinion.

It is doubtful if either of the two objectives of 1966-67 are being consistently met. The wide variety of programs offered make it possible for most to satisfy the requirement without either 1. broadening their cultural interest or 2. confronting Christianity intellectually as a viable alternative. The policing of the requirement is by punitive measures for failing to meet the requirement. The assumption is that attendance is its own reward. This is a dubious assumption at best, though undoubtedly often true.

Other business included the acknowledgement of Dr. Luke of the Religion Department to replace Dr. VanDenBergh of the Language Department as a member of Ed. Policy Committee.

Friday afternoon, October 30, was designated UNICEF time in Alma. Helped in the drive, knocking on doors, and talking with Alma residents, the sisters of the Alpha chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma collected money for the well-known UN Fund. They worked along with concerned elementary students from the First Presbyterian Church in Alma, catering to the area.

Mr. Wesley Dykstra, Professor of Philosophy, will officiate at the Alma College morning chapel service, "Strife," November 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel. Faculty are cordially invited to attend.

The Sisters of AET Daphne announce the new hall pledge class: Debra Alta-Lima, Mary Ann, Linda Custer, Jana Linder, Mary Miller, Dawn Olson, Diane Ann, and Betty Sawyer. The Sisters of AET would like to congratulate Sue Rhodes for her standing in the town of Alma.

The Brotherhood of AET would like to congratulate Dave Owen on his pinning to Sue Rhodes of AET and John Mattison on his pinning to Sue Craig of AET. Congratulations AET's, you've done it again!

The AET's would also like to congratulate the AET's for taking a fine Hall Pledge Class.

The Music Department will present a student recital at 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, in the chapel. The program will include: Melody Sisco, soprano, singing Lia's Aria from L'Enfant Prodigue by Debussy; Diane Morris, soprano, singing At the Well by Hageman; Bob Spencer, tenor, singing Ich Grolle Nicht by R. Schumann; the quartet: Tis Well My Friends and the Air Call Forth Thy Powers from Judas Maccabaeus by Handel; Marjia Andrews, mezzo soprano, singing Seascape from the song cycle "On This Island" by Benjamin Britten; and a trumpet duet by Charlene Zwerck and Rick Townsend.

## Bus Stop Makes Use of Odd Story Situation

With many of the bus stop stories, the bus stop makes use of the odd story situation. In the first story, a drunk man is seen in one of the lines. A drunken

## STUDENTS SEEK BEDS

The action was well-planned and swiftly executed. The men of C were the first victims. Returning from an early morning shower, a west C resident was startled to find his orphaned mattress leaning against the wall and no trace of the springs or the frame. Making quick work of the fellas rooms, they proceeded to the removal of the ladies bunks in section B. By noon, Thursday, October 29, there was not a bed to be found in either unit C or B in the new South Complex.

Structural defects have forced the replacement of both springs and bed frames in these two sections of the new dorms. The stacked bunk beds displayed a slight bowed posture indicating that they lacked sturdiness. The springs demonstrating a shortage of vitality and strength were not all that they were wound up to be.

The Maintenance Department moved in and packed up the faulty furniture. It will be replaced by a completely new shipment, according to the administration of the college. The only problem now seen by Dr. Audrey Rentz, Dean of Women at Alma, is the delay and extended inconvenience of at least a week and a half before the replacements arrive.

The alteration in life style comes as quite a surprise to most of the South Complex inhabitants and it has evoked a variety of responses and attitudes from those involved. Amid the minor problems and discomfort, the majority are taking to stride, using the forced opportunity to experiment with unusual room arrangements and unique ideas.

A resident of C was heard to claim that with everyone's mattress on the floor there should be no problems with falling out of bed and incurring injury. One who lived in B when asked her opinion of the improved sleeping conditions replied, "I guess I'll have to sleep on it."

intellectual, who has been turned off more college faculties than he likes to remember, looks around early comedies being played out in atrocious dinner during an all-night show by a woman wearing a bikini and some other bus passengers, and says the situation is morally Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales" brought to life.

Actually "BUS STOP" is a bringing up previous stories in which an oddly assorted group of people are brought together by some unforeseen circumstances a flood, a shipwreck, or the chance of travel, forced to remain in one another's company for a time of crisis, and then, after they have revealed their contrasting characters and let their lives get tangled up somewhat, they are dispersed, with little likelihood of their ever coming together again.

Sometimes this pattern does not tangle the lives of its characters, but merely allows a number of separate tales to be hung on a single thread—as was the case with the "Thou and One Night's" Boccaccio's "Decameron," Longfellow's "Tale of a Wayside Inn," or more recently Carson McCullers' "Ballad of the Sad Cafe."

Sir James Barrie in "The Admirable Crichton" stranded his diverse characters for long weeks on an island after a shipwreck. "The Deluge" imprisoned a group of fugitives from a flood for a night. "The Petrified Forest" gathered in some strangers into a wayside cafe to cower under the gun of an outlaw.

"Outward Bound" gathered together a random group of people for a ship's voyage to an unknown port, which turned out to be "that further bourne whence none return" because they were dead. Maxwell Anderson's "Trunkline Cafe" was another instance of bringing together modern wayfarers along a highway. The outstanding example of sundry people being thrown together by circumstances, and having their lives unmeshed with last-minute results is Victor Barnis' pre-war tale of a German in a German hotel, "Grew's Hotel."

The "Grew's Hotel" whose legends and tales are as old as time, is that story of a hotel where, by any emergency, only by the accident of their having happened to register here as guests on the same night. But the hotel is shown to be so well-run and so well-stocked that they never leave it for a long period and the ill-fated and the fortunate changes, each of the characters has an unpinging effect on the others.

In "BUS STOP" the bus stop offers a somewhat of a grand hotel in its roadside diner where a lot of the assorted people are thrown together. A happy but not a very happy ending for a rainy and stormy night. "BUS STOP" was a play by New York in 1955 and 1956, and it is a true and heartily amusing virtue.

## Milliken Visits Alma

This past Wednesday, October 28, Governor Milliken visited Alma's Republican Headquarters on Superior Street. According to Keith Butler, President of Michigan Students for Milliken at Alma College, he stopped over on his way to Midland where he was to visit the Dow Chemical Company's factories.

While at Alma he spoke to other Republican candidates running for county and state offices. "He walked down Superior Street greeting shaking hands, and offering his jovial smile," says Keith, "to those he met."

"Although his visit was a quick one," Keith concluded, "it was a welcome opportunity for Matt Weeks and myself to see the governor again and talk to him." Matt Weeks is the Northern Coordinator of Michigan Students for Milliken.

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**says NCA "...We did not discover that the college ...had taken many positive steps to encourage and involve students in community service projects,"**

7. Students and faculty have the opportunity to participate in the governance of the college through the college's new (1968) Community Government. This new structure offers very real possibilities for effective communications within the campus community. This organization includes the following joint student, faculty, administrative committees: Academic Review, Educational Policy, Cocurricular Affairs, Judicial and Publications, Special note should be made of the fact that the cocurricular committee is cognizant of the importance of its role and appears to be a hard working group with excellent leadership.

8. The Alma College library building is a new (1964) centrally located structure with an exceptionally pleasant interior. Space is ample for the 80,000 volumes and is admirably furnished and arranged to attract student use. The Science collections are located in the Science Building and this accessibility is of great importance to the biologists, chemists, and physicists. The library collection is basically adequate for the growing student use. The Reserve Section is especially successful. The library staff, which is excellent, plans to obtain faculty participation in strengthening the book collection. The budget has grown to the point where it will be about 6 percent of the total Alma College Educational and General Budget for 1970-71.

9. The areas of responsibility of the president's top staff (the four vice presidents) are clearly delineated and the group seems to have a "team approach" to management.

10. The recently organized (1968) Board of Associate Trustees holds great promise for student and faculty involvement with trustees and administrative staff. This observation is the result of interviews with the student, faculty and trustee members of this new board.

11. The Mott Foundation's program for the promotion of continuing education and the Community Education concept has been and should continue to be a significant development for both Alma and many public school districts in Michigan. Alma College is a regional center for the foundation and is providing the leadership and supervision for the "seed money" which the foundation is providing for several communities in the region. Twenty-two school districts are now involved in the program and it is estimated that approximately 25,000 individuals have participated during the past academic year.

12. The development of the MacCurdy Ecological Tract holds promise as an off-campus laboratory for environmental studies.

13. The Student Personnel Services are well organized and adequately staffed.

14. The curricular program under the direction of an effective committee is strong.

15. A board base of financial assistance to the students is available. It appears that the College is attempting to make attendance possible for students from a broad spectrum of socio-economic backgrounds.

16. A comprehensive network of opportunities for student counseling is available through the organizational structure which includes the Head Residents in the housing units, student residential advisers and staff personnel. Clinical psychological and psychiatric services are available

through the County Mental Health Clinic.

**WEAKNESSES**

1. The visiting team did not detect from interviews with faculty, students, and staff the existence of a primary concern for the achievement of the institution's goals. For example, we did not discover that the College, as an institution, had taken many positive steps to encourage and involve students in community service projects. This could be one channel of achieving the institutional goal "for students to be encouraged to be responsive to the needs of society."

2. In depth comprehensive long-range planning for the educational and academic program through departmental, divisional, and committee structures was not readily apparent. Prior to 1969, the organization of the faculty under three deans led to problems which linger. The problems have been identified but there is a lack of commitment to their solution. For example, one finds in the Institutional Profile, "The Educational Policy Committee has been charged with the responsibility of evaluating the academic programs of the College. The Committee holds that it cannot discharge this responsibility within its role as a committee." The intellectual climate is recognized as a problem, but, again, in the self-study the comment elicited is: "One factor seems to be the pre-college environment of most students." The Educational Policy Committee was vigorous but puzzled in its response to questions about such statements.

3. One comment frequently expressed in direct interviews was a desire to have a larger role in the setting of budgetary priorities. More specifically, there was dissatisfaction with procedures of establishing the budget. The academic departments do not receive their final budgets until students arrive in September or shortly before. More discussion of budgetary practices would be valuable to faculty. We raise the question whether there is adequate participation of faculty and students in the setting of priorities in the budget.

4. Although there is a course evaluation system in use in which each faculty member evaluates two courses per year, the purpose, evaluation, and use of these reports are unknown to some members of the faculty.

5. The Institutional Profile was more descriptive than analytical. It did not provide the visiting committee insights into Alma's plans for the advancement of institutional academic and cocurricular programs.

6. The functions and goals of the newly organized community government are neither adequately understood nor known to faculty and students. The executive committee of the community government appeared to be very hazy and uncertain about their role and responsibilities even though the bylaws and constitution of the structure are known. From our observation, the College would be wise to continue a full program of publicity to interpret the community government to the college community.

7. The pace of curricular change has been rapid at Alma and, to a degree, has been unplanned. For example, "the problems involving the Western Civilization course have been eliminated because the course has been eliminated," is found in the Institutional Profile. In 1960, the

examiners found the faculty very busy with reorganization and recommended giving relief from committee work to carry out a program. Curricular change still needs better planning and execution.

8. Although the library collection is basically adequate, the book collections are below what they should be in nearly all areas.

9. The obvious need for more adequate physical facilities for art, music, speech and theater, and for the student center is recognized and is a part of the plans for future building programs.

10. The Educational Policy Committee seemed unwilling to discuss and evaluate the goals of Alma.

11. The visiting committee has the impression that in some areas of policy decision-making, the decision may be based too much on operational concerns and not sufficiently on institutional goals. For example, the question of how the uncertainty about the role of the chaplain and in a sense religion at Alma will be resolved; or the use of the faculty committee in the selection of the new chief academic officer (provost) in 1969.

12. The academic advisement load for lower classmen was disproportionately heavy and consequently the students felt some neglect in this area.

13. Placement advisement services are well organized for prospective teachers. However, majors in other areas feel they are not given enough attention.

14. Some student distrust exists in connection with student resident advisers as they are sometimes seen as an arm of the administration.

15. The recognized need for improved facilities to house student health services will be solved when the new clinic facilities become available.

16. It was not clear to the visiting committee just how and by whom institutional priorities were set.

17. There is some dissatisfaction among faculty both with some inequities in teaching loads (music vis-a-vis other areas), and with the relaxation of graduation requirements in language, science and senior studies.

**GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

The visiting committee offers several questions for consideration by Alma College which we believe bear upon some aspects of the commitment of Alma College to achieve its own goals and fulfill its purposes.

1. How do the stated purposes of Alma College have an impact on:

- a. the procedure and substance of short- and long-range institutional planning? of establishing priorities?
- b. committee decision making?
- c. recruitment of faculty, staff and trustees?
- d. the academic program?
- e. the social regulations?
- f. the cocurricular life style of the campus?

2. Have the trustees, the faculty, and the administrative staff through individual and committee action included the following institutional purposes among the bench marks used in decision making and in the implementation of decisions:

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# "The Health Center is Now Outgrowing its Facilities" Explains Fishbaugh

by Reid Simons and Larry Stephey

"The college has grown but the Health Center has just sat," says Dr. William Fishbaugh, Alma College Medical Director, in an interview with THE ALMANIAN, concerning some of the questions that were raised in an Editorial which the paper published last week. This editorial dealt with the distribution of birth control information from the Health Center.

Dr. Fishbaugh began by saying that he was not satisfied with the quality of most literature of this sort. He believed that the information presently available is too general in nature to be helpful to college students.

The doctor stressed that the most valuable form of birth control information comes from the doctor himself. The one to one relationship is the most informative he says. However, because of the time and personnel limitations of the Health Center, this one to one relationship is not possible.

Prompted by student requests he intends to look into the birth control literature situation with the idea of finding suitable material for the Alma College Health Center.

When asked about birth control device distribution at the Health Center, Dr. Fishbaugh indicated that it was his general policy not to prescribe or distribute such devices. He believes that the birth control pill is the safest form of contraceptive in all respects, but he finds the limitations of the Health Center too great to attempt to handle this device.

According to Dr. Fishbaugh, prescribing

the pill requires a thorough preliminary examination, continuing check-ups and excellent records, none of which the Health Center can offer. He concluded that women seeking such devices should be under the care of a private physician.

During the course of the interview, Dr. Fishbaugh went into some detail concerning the policies and general nature of the Alma College Health Center.

Last year alone there were 6,555 health center visits and he anticipates that there will be over 7,000 this year. "The Health Center," he says, "is now outgrowing its facilities."

The doctor is contracted by the college to be on campus one hour a day only. Other visits to campus, such as talks with dorm residents and medical coverage at sports events are his "own initiative."

The Health Center is presently equipped to handle injuries and acute illnesses. Tuberculin tests and immunizations can also be given, but this approaches the approximate limit of the Health Center, he says.

He believes that not only are the facilities inadequate but the Health Center is also understaffed. One improvement he thought could be made would be a full time secretary for the center. This would free the nurses from much of the burdensome paper work and allow them to devote more time to the medical attention of the students.

Dr. Fishbaugh is investigating the possibility of devising a new method of finan-



Medical Director Dr. William Fishbaugh

cing the Health Center. At present, a portion of each student's tuition is put towards the center. Dr. Fishbaugh thinks that perhaps it would be better if each student would pay according to the use of the center. Under this plan if a student visited the Health Center he would be charged a nominal rate. He would also be charged for any drugs or medication that he received. "The Health Center is not paying for itself," Dr. Fishbaugh says and he believes that this form of payment would be a way to improve the Health Center.

Dr. Fishbaugh repeatedly emphasized that he is more than willing to discuss any and all matters or policies dealing with the Health Center. He expressed the hope that more students will talk to him about these Health Center problems.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the Alma Community:

We believe that men and women can never be truly free until they commit themselves to lives that are dedicated to securing for themselves and mankind a society that thrives not upon 'the permeating and victimizing fact of human degradation' but upon the Christian and Humanitarian ethos of constructive community involvement and social concern.

We have concluded, as has the North Central Association, that true community concern and interaction between the residents of Alma College and the City -- and between Alma College students, faculty members and administrators themselves - is desperately lacking. Communication should begin, and begin NOW.

In supplementation to the efforts of THE ALMANIAN staff, some concerned members of the Alma community have taken upon themselves the task of providing another channel for deeper communication. That channel is an overt 'underground' newspaper, titled THE SECOND STEP, (Logos II). The staff accepts for publication prose, essays and short articles of a 'social concern' nature. All literary contributions must be signed by the author and, unless requested by the author, his or her name will be published in the paper. Only with literary and monetary contributions will THE SECOND STEP, presently published bi-monthly, be able to expand both in content and in context.

In addition to communicating social concerns originating on the Alma College campus and in the Alma community, THE SECOND STEP, with the assistance of LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE, will attempt to keep our readers in touch with events both in the national and international arenas, from Biloxi to Phnom Penh.

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## Lonely Stretch Setting for Harrier History

ALMA--A lonely half-mile stretch running parallel to the Ann Arbor Railroad tracks and leading to the back nine of the Alma Country Club was the setting for history Saturday afternoon. It was along this trail that the Alma College cross-country team out-legged the Hornets of Kalamazoo College, 16-47, for the squad's sixth consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association dual meet victory, which means an unblemished season--the first in Scot history.

The dual meet triumph was the team's 12th in 13 meets over the past two seasons. This is a remarkable record considering two years ago the Scot harriers failed to win a meet. The Scots now enter the N.A.I.A. District #23 meet at Ferris in Big Rapids this Tuesday before the league meet on November 11 at Albion. The league meet competition and the dual meet season each count 50 per cent toward the league title.

Saturday's race was important in several other respects, as well. A quick summary reveals that Alma took seven of the top eight positions; that three Alma runners crossed the tape in first together, which displays the front-running strength of the Scots; and that seniors Ron Merritt and All-American Don Yehle have made their final appearance at home in a Scot cross-country uniform.

It was Yehle, sophomore Clare Kreger and freshman Bill Chenoweth of Charlotte who tied for first with a respectable time of 21:04 on the windy, heavy course. Scot Jerry Crane slashed several seconds off his best previous time by placing fourth in 21:17.

Paul Guenette' of Kazoo followed in fifth, thus preventing Alma's third slam of the season. Scots' Jim Hare, Jim Urquhart and Rudy Godefroidt finished in the next three position, with times of 21:39, 21:48, and 22:08 respectively. Merritt followed with a 23:01 clocking.

## SCOTS TRIUMPH OVER KALAMAZOO 29-21

by Randy Sergeant

Larry Pfaff, Kalamazoo quarterback, hit 18 out of 36 passes en route to establishing a new MIAA single season mark for yards gained through the air, but Alma overcame this to record a 29-21 triumph before 3,000 people Saturday at Bahlke Field.

Pfaff's effort eclipsed the existing record of 852 yards set by Tom Bell in 1969. The new standard is 1,042 aerial yards, 276 which were gained Saturday. However, three interceptions by the alert Scot secondary tarnished Pfaff's performance and set the stage for the Alma victory.

Upset-minded Kalamazoo surged into an early 14-0 lead with a score near the end of the first quarter and then another one a minute into the second. Dave Sayers capped a 10 play, 61 yard drive by squeezing in from the three at the 5:28 point of the opening period. Pfaff then opened the second period by finding Demonte Johnson free at the 15 and Johnson strode the rest of the way for a 42 yard touchdown toss.

Jack Prince's one yard dive brought Alma within 14-7 after a sustained drive covered 64 yards. Neither team could add to this total as the first half ended with Alma trailing by a touchdown.

Scot halfback Larry Hourtienne knotted the contest late in the third quarter by plunging over from the one. Alma had little time to prepare to usurp the lead for Kazoo persisted in bouncing back, thoughts of a big upset keen in mind.

Dave Sayers bucked in from a yard out to again give Kalamazoo a one touchdown advantage. Alma was quick to respond as Rick Manzardo, who starred all day with 156 yards gained rushing, ripped into the endzone from the five. The Scots elected to go for two in an attempt to take the lead. Wasen went to Manzardo, who skirted left end for the two point conversion.

Manzardo added the final tally at 5:20 of fourth period which provided the final margin of victory. From seven yards out the scrappy halfback banged his way into paydirt. Kazoo was unable to muster another serious threat and the upset was just not to be. Alma, heavily favored coming into the encounter, managed to right themselves after a rather mediocre first half to gain the 29-21 decision. The win guarantees Alma at least a tie for the MIAA title, with the following possibilities. Albion and Adrian are the only schools left with but one loss save for Alma. These two will play each other this weekend. The winner will be the co-champion with the Scots.

Atie would mean that Alma would be undisputed champions. Pray for ties Scotsmen!

Alma will finish its 1970 football campaign this Saturday against Lake Forest College. The away encounter is a non-league game and does not count toward the championship.



Scotsman Larry Andrus upended by a Kalamazoo tackle in the third quarter of Saturday's Alma-Kalamazoo game.

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