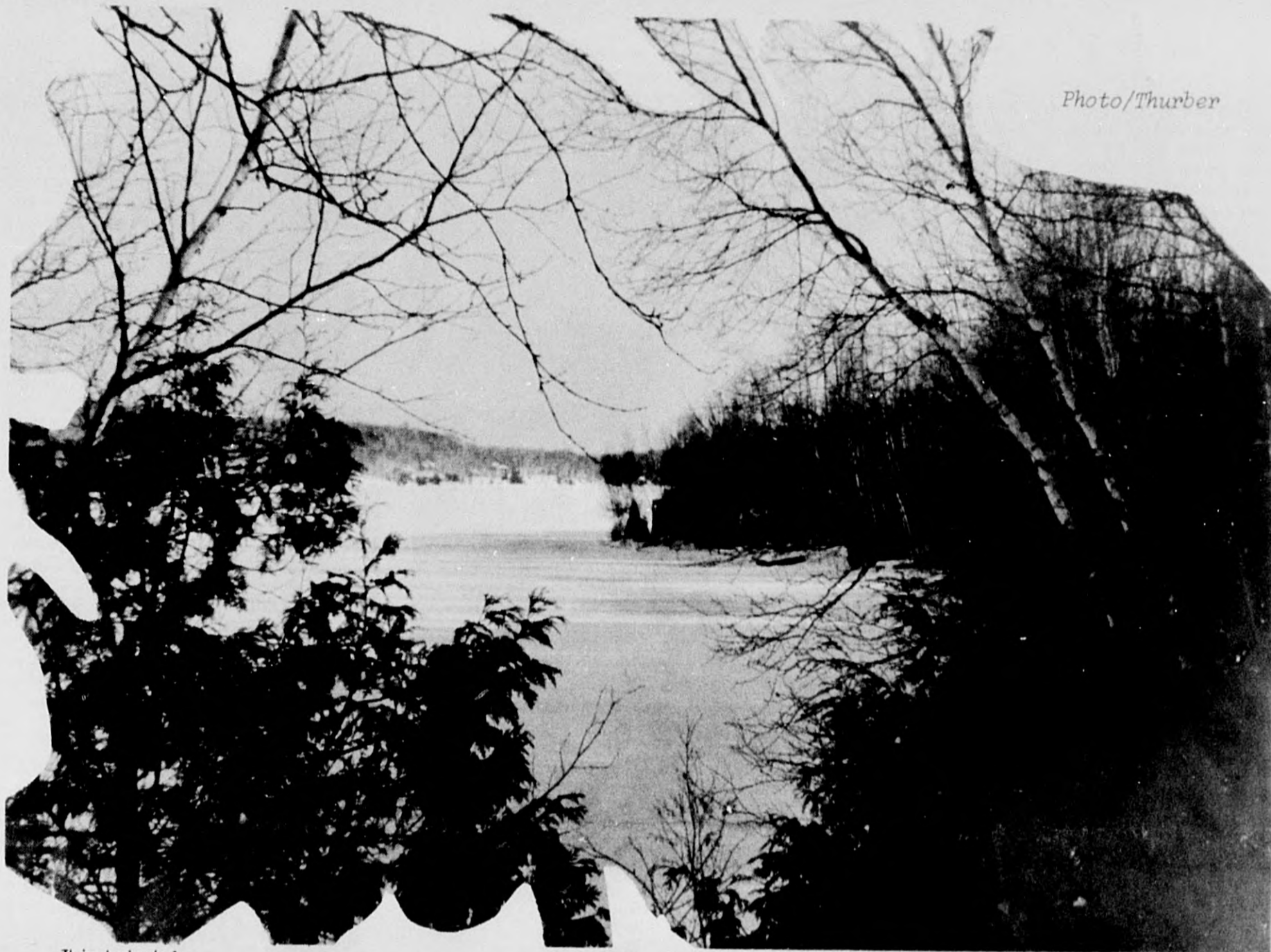


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I thought it looked like little baby mothballs. But somebody said that it was just hail. Oh hail, what a come down. It still looked a little like mothballs so I pretended it was. That was much better. To pretend.

And it was great to walk on. Or slide, I guess I should say. Cuz you couldn't keep your balance no matter how hard you tried. The sidewalk kept sneaking up and grabbing your feet. You never knew when it was going to happen--that was the fun part. Wow, it was super. To skate along--with no skates even. And I'm a lousy skater.

by Lynn Coddington

The only safe place was the street where the cars had chopped it up. That was no fun though--to be safe. Much more exciting to wonder if you were going to make it up that little hill, or around that corner, to stand or fall, slip this way or slide that way. What a riot!

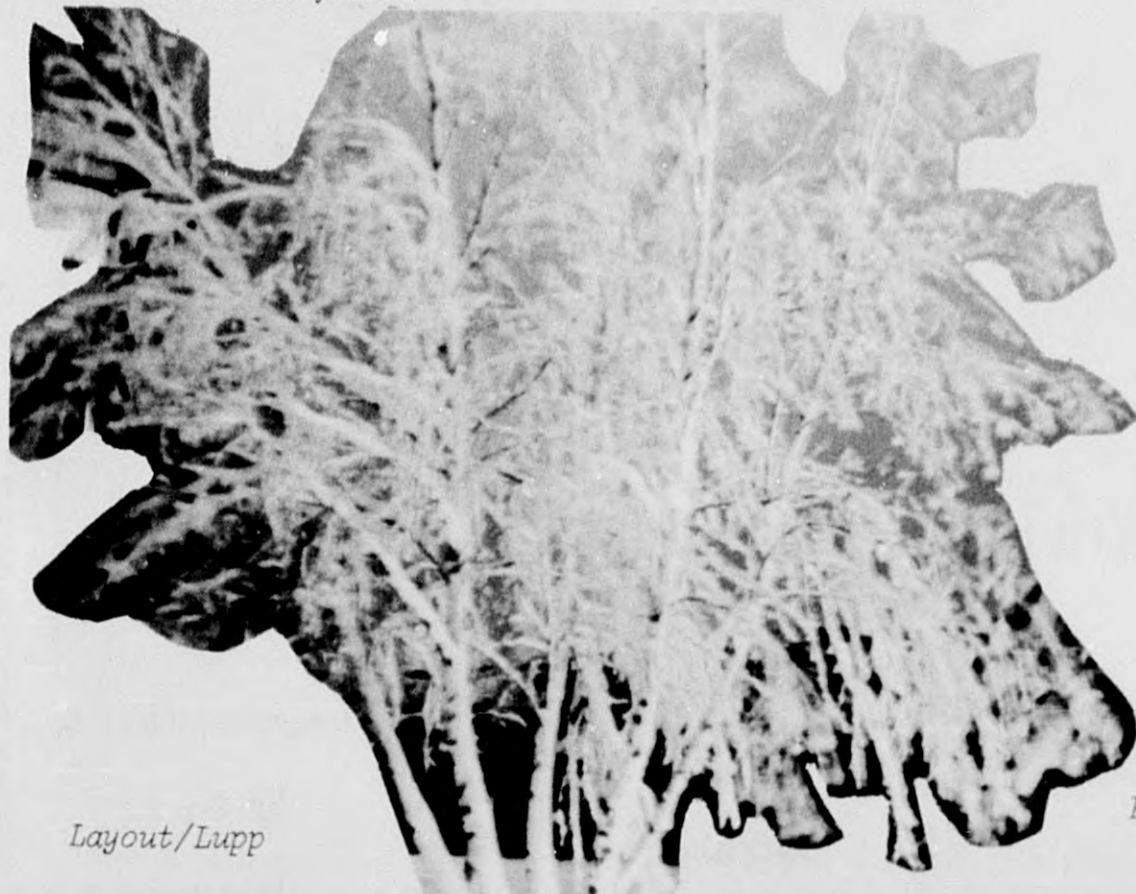
I just walked along and laughed out loud. To no one. It was so beautiful!

It really was crazy weather ya know. I mean I could see my breath which usually means it's cold out. And will snow. But it sure wasn't snow coming down that day.

Strange how many people complained about those crazy little mothballs and the slippery, sly sidewalk. I thought it was great. Ya just can't miss the fun of things like that.

And then once when it was safe to look up, I saw the trees! Just standing there waiting for someone. It was kinda dark but the lights showed the silver lining on them. Wow, that was a surprise. Those trees usually look black in winter, black bark and all. Well, they were all glittery and sparkling now.

But I guess you wouldn't see it unless you remembered to look up. You really can't watch the mothballs all the time cuz you'll miss the laugh above your head.



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LINDLEY LECTURE SERIES

# OPTIMISM APPARENT IN DUBOS' TALK

by Janet Worth

Rare is a person these days who would dare take an exceedingly optimistic view of the problems which prevail our society, particularly those problems arising from the steady increase in technological manipulations in a world where man's natural tendency seems to be an unharnessed determination to increasingly strive for bigger and better things, almost always at the expense of his own survival. At the very innermost core of what seems to be a constantly fluctuating ecological movement, rare is a person who would abandon any feelings of pessimism and redirect negative energy into a more positive channel. Such a person is Dr. Rene Jules Dubos, bacteriologist, biochemist, and ecologist, who, as speaker for the Adelbert Lindley Memorial Lecture Series for this school year, 1971-72, addressed an audience tightly-packed into Dunning Memorial Chapel last Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m.

The most subtle cause linked with our present pollution and over-population problem, Dr. Dubos believes, is man's proverbial tendency to develop and build, socially, technically and physically, to an untimely level of absurdity whereupon all which has been developed collapses completely. Dr. Dubos cited historical examples which helped to support this theory and from those examples foreshadowed what he believed could happen in our future. One such example given was that of the tremendous and extravagant characteristics of Gothic architecture. In Dr. Dubos' native country, France, cathedral after cathedral had been built, and each, in its construction of ridiculous height, collapsed.

In the present, one example of absurdity which Dr. Dubos emphasized was that of the automobile. At first, cars were very much a convenience, but now, because of misuse, are an interfering threat to our lives. The addiction to growth and expanse also is reflected in our Gross National Product, which climbs a 4% increase each year.



Dr. Rene Dubos talks with student after lecture.

The American way of life requires elimination of drudgery, and in so doing, has generated itself into a destructive way of life, characterized by industrialization and intoxication. As part of this obsession, the use of electricity in the United

States has increased 6% per year in contrast to a 1% population increase per year, Dr. Dubos stated. In urban areas, a large percentage of electricity is used in advertising, the construction and upkeep of higher and higher buildings, which of course, require faster and more efficient elevators. It's no wonder that we have power failures in big, monstrous cities such as New York City.

In spite of our present condition and all that it represents, Dr. Dubos is strongly convinced that the proper steps can be taken to redirect our thinking and our way of life. A tool for change, Dr. Dubos believes, is the counterculture; not the counterculture strictly related to the "hippie" movement, but a counterculture in which members of the so-called "Establishment" can participate and contribute to freely.

Dr. Dubos spoke of a group of powerful controllers of immense wealth, which had very recently in TIME magazine, disclosed their great concern in the ecology movement and had said that by use of computer research and analysis our increase in exploitation would result in collapse of business and industry by the year 2000 or at best, 2100.

Dr. Dubos believes that by strong determination we will be able to restructure our economy, our industry and our social life so that it will be kept at a steady state of existence. He says that we should begin to introduce and develop qualitative, rather than quantitative changes in our growth toward a better society and that through the synthesis of nature and technology, we will be able to obtain that goal of qualitative superiority.

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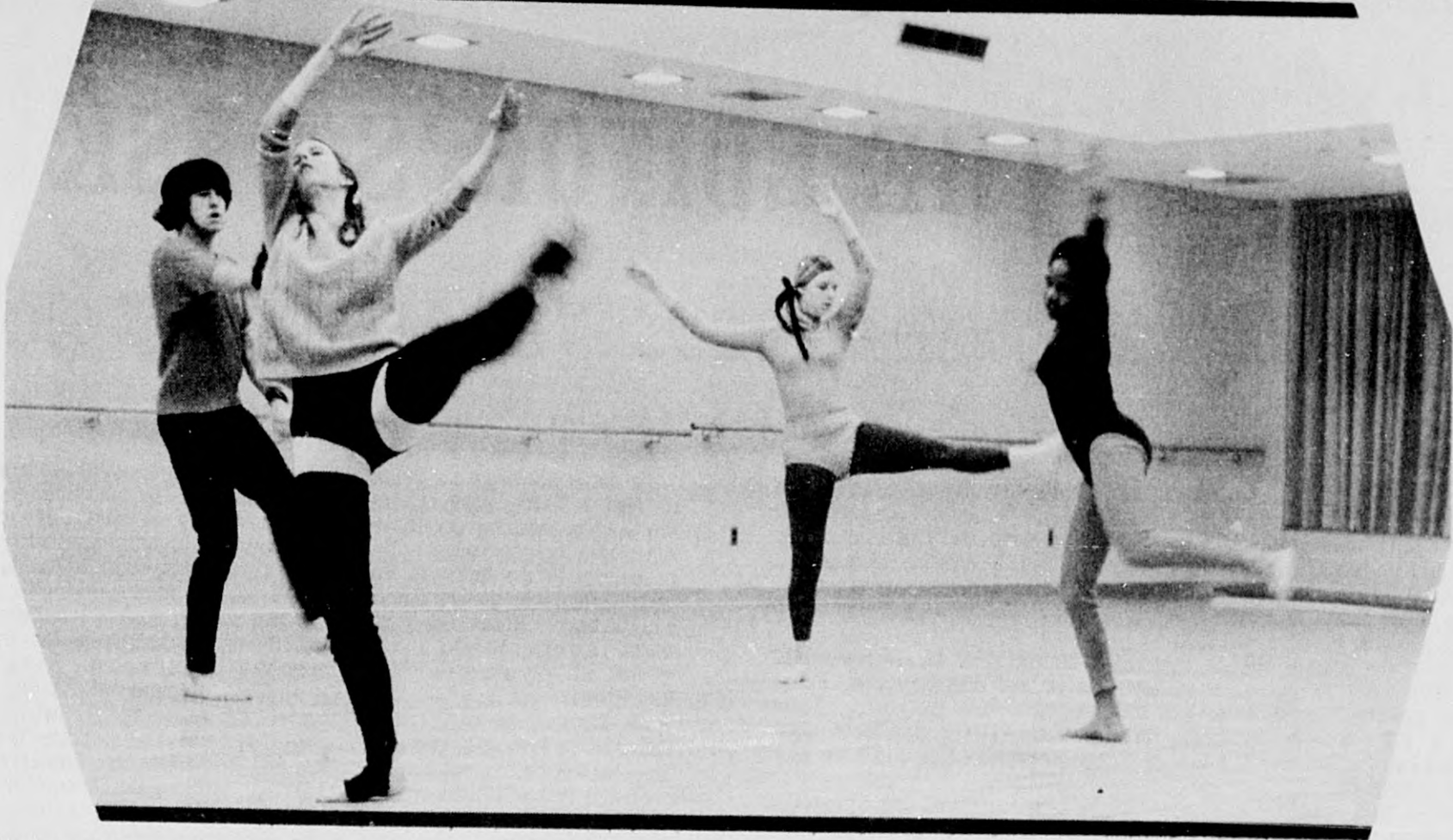
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## MODERN AND ETHNIC DANCE PART OF ORCHESIS

### **BROTHERS AND SISTERS NEEDED TO DANCE TO THE MUSIC**

by Barb Miller

Step right up folks! Be part of one of the greatest shows at Alma College. The masters of flexibility, strength, endurance, the members of Orchesis will be giving their concert of modern and ethnic dance. See the miracle of theatre, music and art working simultaneously in one performance!

Ringmaster Miss Hayden and choreographer Polly Piepenbrink have been working with the rest of the group on the unique art of communication through movement. On Tuesday they have technique sessions in various forms of dance: jazz, ballet, and ethnic, including Tahitian and African. The choreographers then combine these methods and on Thursday the group meets for composition sessions, in which routines are presented and rehearsed.

Emphasized more than memorizing patterns of dance is the free interpretation of space, time and motion. With body control and imagination, it is possible to dance to music, percussion, recited poetry, electronic sounds, and silence.

Men, don't scoff at the idea of dancing. Right now there are three men

in the choreography class, and they are not pansies. They are artists interested in a new form of expression. Coach Phil Brooks wants to get a modern dance class started for his football players. Not so they can be a smash at Tyler dances, but to increase their flexibility and hence prevent injury during games.

But since there are so few men willing to try dancing, the size of Orchesis has diminished. The group was started in 1961 and for about five years they gave annual concerts. Men presidents lent more excitement to the performances, but soon they all graduated, as did many of the choreographers. However, there are a few outstanding dancers left, and they pass on their skills to others, so the tradition continues.

New members are always welcome. Anyone with imagination and a feel for movement can join Orchesis. Some background in dance would be helpful, but it is not necessary.

So step right up! Orchesis is no magic elixir, but it may improve your balance, coordination and your whole body image.



*Added to the group above is Miss Maxine Hayden (right of Hunt) Alma dance instructor.*

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# THE EDITOR'S DESK

## DR. RENE DUBOS: THE MAN GIVES HOPE

by Paul H. Harasim

It is doubtful whether a better man could have been chosen for the Lindley lecturer this year than Dr. Rene Jules Dubos--the renowned bacteriologist, biochemist, and ecologist. He sees the problems of our society and believes they can be overcome. Not by slogans or marches or violence but by a concerted work effort through existing channels. He cites Ralph Nader as a fine example of a man wanting to get something done and doing it.

To those who believe change is coming far too slow, Dr. Dubos points to the difference in the size of families in less than a decade. Four, five, and six children families were commonplace--now the average for a family is 2.2. People recognize, even though children give them much emotional satisfaction that it would be better for all concerned to have less crowded conditions.

In talking with students who attended the lecture, I found some students cynical about his optimism in correcting our problems. It brought back memories of Jerry Rubin screaming: "Who the hell wants to make it in America any more? The American economy no longer needs young whites and blacks. We are waste material. We fulfill our destiny in life by rejecting a system which rejects us."

What they were doing is familiar to all of us now--painting as bad a picture as possible and offering nothing but anarchy as a way out.

Dr. Bruno Bettelheim, a well-known psychologist at the University of Chicago, feels that much of the cynicism and despair of students indicates the need of students to feel wanted, important, useful, and to belong. He insists that much of the appeal of the protest movements is that it gives individuals, desperately lonely individuals, something to which they can belong. In other words, they are just people. They really haven't changed. It's the world that has changed. War, technology, overpopulation and its attendant problems, the Bomb, pollution, prolonged adolescent dependence through a program of continuing education for all whether they can profit from it or not--all of these contribute to the despair of college students. Again and again when talking about students Dr. Bettelheim returns to the theme of life's futility, the fact that today's student feels obsolete, unnecessary, and unneeded. There is lacking for them what has escaped most of their parents--the absence of purpose.

We have need, young and old, to find something to which we can belong, to feel a living part of, to be appreciated for our contribution. In war the only redeeming quality is the drama of unity, of comradeship, of sacrifice for a larger cause. Can we not mobilize human imagination and the resources of the heart in such a way as to involve man in the building of the community, the human fellowship? There is something to which we can belong. It can erase cynicism and fill the void of loneliness with a shared experience and a purpose worthy enough to involve the whole man of and all of mankind. This is no time to throw in the towel. That is the ultimate capitulation, the final negation of purposeful living. Man is alone together on earth. The enemy is ignorance and the offensive to be launched is love enlightened by knowledge, service responding to concern, involvement by highest commitment, and the belief, the eternal belief that man can make life on earth worth living. Without the force of hope there is only the roll call of the dead, the passing of time, the anxiety of loneliness and despair.

Despair is not evidence of deeper insight, sophisticated knowledge; it is merely indicative of the loss of a compelling purpose in one's life. A protest without purpose, dissent without dignity, revolution without reform are nothing but hostile explosions of frustrated individuals who feel inadequate, unloved, and useless in a society which they will reject because it apparently has no place for them.

There are still opportunities to be useful, to contribute, not to "make it", agreed, but to be and become a contributor, a builder, a genuine worker on behalf of humanity. There is a new world to be built but it will not come to pass without vision, commitment, passion, and respect for the human personality and frailties of man. Without a clear purpose, a goal that believes in the possibility of growth and achievement, nothing but mindless violence and disruption can take place. The cause of the community is still ahead of us. It is an enduring purpose. It is a call to arms without bloodshed or violence, a beginning again. Humanity needs you and let us not forget that. It is true and is a belief that must be acted upon if we are to progress, to move forward into a better world of our own building. Dr. Rene Dubos already knows this.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### *Students Express Dissatisfaction With Parking*

Editor: THE ALMANIAN;

We, the undersigned, concur with Lynn Coddington's view on the parking situation in the new dorm parking lot which she presented in last week's issue of the ALMANIAN.

We would also like to present our views of the situations which extend beyond those of Lynn's article.

One of the policies of Alma College is that only upperclassmen may have motor vehicles on campus. Since only juniors and seniors are allowed to live within the south complex, it is reasonable to assume, and proven through observation, that a great number of these students own automobiles. Why then are the major student parking lots on our campus situated near predominately underclass dorms?

The cars, which has been said should be non-existent, are in fact existent and are many times needed by students for specific purposes other than getting away from campus. Many of the students use these cars for student teaching, off campus jobs and studies, and job interviews. Easy access to these cars at early hours of the morning is advantageous as well as necessary. Treking at least 2 blocks in any direction is an inconvenience which he feel is wholly unnecessary.

further, the parking lots designated as student lots on campus are usually full with student

cars from other dorms. Where does this leave the carowner who lives in south complex?

Contrary to information given at the beginning of this year, student parking is allowed in the new dorm lot between the hours of 5p.m. and 1 a.m. Besides receiving the misinformation that we would be allowed to park in this lot from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., the actual parking hours have not been enforced until this week. The rationale given for the actual parking hours is that campus snow removal occurs between the hours of 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. We have yet to see this occur, even during Christmas break when no student cars were present to impede snow removal. We question this reasoning as snow removal, even on sidewalks, in the new dorm area is virtually non-existent.

Visitor parking spaces in the Reid-Knox parking lot are usually empty and we therefore feel we would not be using space of major college donors if we were to park in the new dorm lot. Could not the administrative personnel and faculty just as easily park in other lots as the residents of south complex?

It seems illogical to us that we pay on the average of at least \$2,800.00 per year to attend Alma College yet are not allowed the convenience of parking near our own living unit, while the staff of our college is paid to come to

work here and are given priority in the parking situation.

We feel penalized and discriminated against as residents of south complex. We offer the above statements of our feelings as food for thought for the administration and urge that at least a compromising situation be instituted immediately!

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# Bra-Burning Not A

They aren't the wild-eyed, bra-burning, radicals as are some who bear the banner of women-rightists. They don't advocate burning the men's dorms as haven of male chauvinism either. They are concerned with discrimination on Alma's campus and off. Their title bears that idea-Concerned Women Students. Perhaps the purposes of the group as they appear in the C.W.S. Constitution will help dispel the myth about their radicalism.

To promote a spirit of unity among the women students.

To increase their awareness of individual and group responsibility.

To provide individual opportunities for varied experience in government and in other group opportunities.

To form an official body to give expression to the interests and opinions of women students on matters of general concern.

To work cooperatively with faculty, students and other organizations in the interest of the college and its continued development.

Not very radical is it?

This past Wednesday, I attended a staff meeting of this group and met, not inflamed radicals but ordinary students. The difference is that these women are concerned not only for themselves but for other women. The group has been left without an issue to ignite the students since the freshman women's hours issue was diffused by the administration. They are not attempting to focus interests upon other discriminatory practices which affect women on Alma's campus.

In struggling to regain student interest, C.W.S. focuses on discrimination in advising for women. Oftentimes, women are advised to seek a teaching certificate. The teaching profession has always been understaffed. Now it is swollen with a surplus of capable teachers. However, women are still advised to go into teaching because it is a "safe" career. Also, the



## Young and Old Can Benefit

assumption seems to be made that most women do not desire to attend graduate school because they will soon get married. Again, the advise is incorrect. Once assured of a job in teaching, women now experience great frustration upon graduation when no jobs are available.

C.W.S. advocates that all departments offer assistance similar to that of the Biology department. That department has files of graduate schools and requirements for attendance available to all students regardless of sex. Women are encouraged to pursue grad. school if they so desire. The Sociology department also offers assistance to all of its majors. During the fall, a seminar was held by soc. students to explain graduate schools, courses required for a masters and other information.

It is the concern of C.W.S. that advisors stop suggesting a teaching certificate when their potential is greater and the job market decreasing. According to one C.W.S. member, "Women have much more to contend with in the outside world-while men have it easier." Why not prepare them for the challenge?

At the meeting I heard of other items

# C.W.S. Foundation

by Lynn Coddington

C.W.S. has considered. Alma loses many women students to nursing schools. After two years in our excellent sciences department, girls transfer. Perhaps a school of nursing could be included at Alma.

Another concern is the lack of a reasonable percentage of women instructors on Alma's campus. The national average is about 23% while Alma boasts a whopping 2%. Often the answer to the lack of women instructors has been that the community of Alma is not desirable for many single women. This does not speak to the problem. As one C.W.S. member said, "There are not an adequate number of female role-models on this campus to which women can relate. There is a void in identifying with a happily married and successful, interested career woman."

This group needs the continued interest and support on the part of Alma's students. The key to this group is that they are concerned and willing to go beyond themselves to help other women. Women who are interested in Concerned Women Students are urged to contact either Kathy Allen in Nisbet or Barb Phillips in Newberry. Any registered undergraduate student is qualified to join.

## Letters To The Editor (con't)

Dear Members of the Alma College Community,

In less than six weeks the Afro-American Society will realize an event which up until this time has been only a dream. On March 5, 1972, the doors of the Afro-American House will officially open and we invite you to join with us in celebrating the culmination of our hopes.

We would like to take this time to express our gratitude to you. The encouragement and support of many Alma students, faculty, and administration has helped to create an atmosphere of cooperation. We sincerely hope this cooperation will continue and grow as a result of our chance for cultural exchange and deeper communication. In the Afro-American House we have an opportunity to increase black/white awareness.

We hope that EVERYONE will take advantage of the occasion and participate in the various activities planned for the week of March 5-10. These activities will be advertised at a later date in the ALMANIAN. So watch for them and "Get Ready".

Sincerely,  
Afro-American  
Society

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## African Fellow Convocation on Tuesday Night

by DAVID EYER

Alma College has several worthwhile off-campus programs but I think only one is outstanding--the Africa Fellowship. I was the fortunate one (along with my wife, Dodie) to be selected in 1970 to spend a year teaching at Mayflower School, Ikenne, Nigeria. Dodie and I feel that we learned more about people, the world and ourselves in that one year than we have through all of our formal education.

The program involves choosing a junior who has at least a 2.0 grade average to go to Mayflower School and teach as well as travel through out West Africa or for that matter any part of Africa. The fellow receives \$3,000 which covers transportation, immunization and living expenses. We found that with Dodie's salary from the Western State Government we were really well off. In January 1971 we bought a motorcycle and drove it west to Ghana. Our circuit took

us from the modern cities along the Atlantic coast up to the arid savannah of the north where the roads and villages were very "primitive." Travelling in Africa you can go from one culture and language to another in less than 50 miles. That makes travelling from Michigan to Illinois pretty plain.

When I applied for the fellowship, I had no intentions of ever teaching again. My first term teaching there didn't change those intentions either. Although my major is biology, I started off teaching English. The principal told me, "If you can speak it, you can teach it." But by second term my attitudes towards teaching improved as I got a little more experience and some good results. Over the course of the year, I wound up teaching a lot of things that I knew nothing about, until the night before class (like the history of South Africa). By the end of the year, we had hopped around so much that between Dodie and I we had almost all 700 or so students in our classes at one time

or another!

One of the best aspects was talking with people of so many different nationalities. When we were there Mayflower had teachers from India, South Africa (black), Dahomey, England and of course from several tribes in Nigeria. It was unique to sit down with all of these people together and talk about our cultural and linguistic similarities and differences, as well as political events.

On Tuesday evening (February 1) Dodie and I will show some slides and talk about our year and its experiences, and everyone who is interested is welcome. It will be in Dow Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. If any juniors are interested in the fellowship, I would be glad to talk with you about it. I'm usually somewhere in the biology department in the basement of Dow. If you would like to apply, you can pick up an application at Dr. Kapp's office.

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The following questions should be answered by circling the letter next to the word or phrase that you feel best completes the statement. Take your time. Circle one letter for each question. If you feel that more than one answer might be right, circle the one you feel best answers the question and feel guilty about it.



1. AMERICAN INDIANS CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS:
  - a. people who appear from time to time in movies with horses.
  - b. tragic victims of racist oppression.
  - c. living symbols of the hypocrisy of Christianity.
  - d. the remnant from which sick white racist imperialist society will be saved.
2. BLACK PANTHERS ARE:
  - a. heroic fighters against white racist, genocidal, sick oppression.
  - b. semi-literate hoodlums whose rhetoric is as hollow as their heads.
  - c. the vanguard of the proletariat through whose courageous acts the dehumanization of American workers will be transformed into a utopian vision of human joy.
  - d. Baaaaad ass momma jumpers, heavy dudes and studs extraordinary.
3. JAPAN IS:
  - a. an island nation just east of China.
  - b. a living reminder of white racist imperialist nuclear-bomb dropping genocide.
  - c. a dead reminder of capitalist fascist genocide rotten white imperialist hegemony.
  - d. where all those little yellow guys live.
4. THERE ARE POOR PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS MEANS:
  - a. our sick, vicious, ugly, racist system must go.
  - b. our sick, vicious, white, racist, imperialist, rotten, cancerous system must go.
  - c. you should burn yourself in protest, using all paper money in your possession as kindling.
  - d. there are some people in the United States who have less than other people.
5. GENE MCCARTHY WAS DENIED THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION IN 1968. THIS MEANS:
  - a. the Democrats are maybe smarter than they look.
  - b. white racist sick degenerate racists were to blame.
  - c. the rotten, lousy, sick, despicable, awful system has to go.
  - d. nobody cares.
6. WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "SLAVERY" WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?
  - a. Flagellate myself with barbed wire because of 400 years of oppression.
  - b. Roll over and go to sleep.
  - c. Flagellate myself with barbed wire because of 500 years of oppression.
  - d. Flagellate myself with rusty barbed wire because of 784 years of oppression.
7. THE UNITED STATES DEFEATED NAZISM IN EUROPE. THIS MEANS:
  - a. whenever Hollywood produces a World War II movie, the same guys win every time.
  - b. the most fascist state won.
  - c. don't tell me any of your war stories buddy.
  - d. we fire-bombed Dresden didn't we?
8. WHITE WORKING CLASS PEOPLE ARE:
  - a. rascist pigs.
  - b. bigoted running dogs of corporate fascism.
  - c. racist hyenas.
  - d. racists.
9. YOU ARE AT A PARTY AND SOME JERK SAYS "MAYBE WE ARE RIGHT IN VIETNAM." YOU:
  - a. punch him in the mouth and disembowel yourself.
  - b. kick him in the groin, tear off your clothes and urinate on the rug.
  - c. chant Ho Ho Ho Chi Minh and then kill yourself.
  - d. calmly walk to the center of the room, take out your Zippo lighter and immolate yourself while whistling "The Democratic People's Republic of Vietnam is Going to Defeat the White Imperialist Aggressors Blues."
10. WHEN YOU HEAR THE NAME "TEDDY" YOU:
  - a. hide your sister in the closet and swallow the keys to the car.
  - b. proudly display your bear.
  - c. blush and stammer and get sticky all over.
  - d. shoot a passing racist imperialist enlisted man.
11. THE UNITED STATES IS THE RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. THIS MEANS:
  - a. India is nicer.
  - b. it has happened here.
  - c. millions of people, perhaps more, are starving.
  - d. Mao is nicest of all.
12. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS:
  - a. the citadel of reactionary, white racist imperialism.
  - b. the birthplace of Sonny and Cher.
  - c. the last stronghold of white racism and enzyme detergents.
  - d. the single most vicious, hated, degenerate, imperialist, rotten, lousy, fascist, colonialist, oppressive, genocidal, unspeakable country in the world and the nation with the most flush toilets per capita on this dirty, foul, globe of woe.

## ANYBODY WANT A FEDERAL POSITION?

An announcement was received in the Placement Office this week that information concerning federal positions will be supplied applicants on a toll free basis directly from the Detroit headquarters of the U.S. Civil

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Posters announcing this change and listing the toll free number will soon be posted on the Alma campus.

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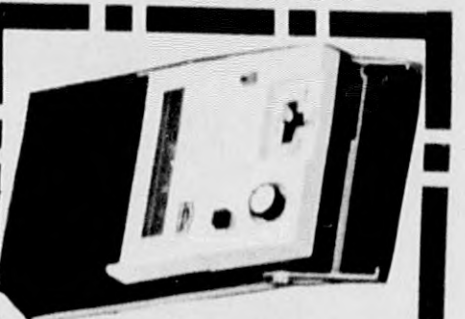


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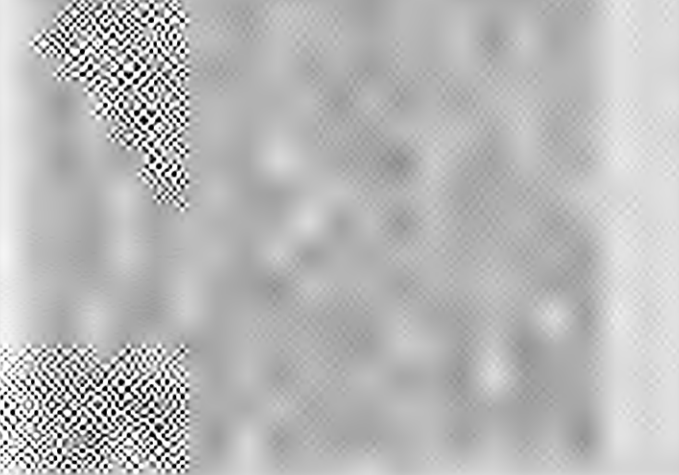
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# SENIOR INTERVIEW

Interviews with Alma College seniors. The ALMANIAN student has gained from his experience with a student majoring in religion, is the subject of a series of small town America (he hails from East-Almanian reporter Janet Worth that something more people." For a most informative and enter- community, and Harold Kruse, read on.

who is now out in Iowa I think influenced me in some ways.

ALMANIAN: What books have you read that have stuck in your mind?

KRUSE: PASSOVER PLOT. Basically its that Jesus was a good actor and that He played the role. You could look in the Old Testament and see what He was supposed to do and he played the role well and tricked everybody into believing that He was the Messiah.

ALMANIAN: What do you think of "Jesus Christ Superstar?"

KRUSE: I've never really read the words, but I take the gist of it to be that Judas sort of got a raw deal, that he sincerely believed that this was what he was supposed to do, that he was meant to betray Christ so that he could fulfill His plan of redemption. He did it, they turn against him and he ends up hanging himself. I enjoy the music. I remember what I saw this summer and when it came to Alma, though, I just couldn't see listening to it again.

ALMANIAN: How have you felt about our involvement in Viet Nam?

KRUSE: I don't have any facts. I think that this first statement is one of opinion. When we first became involved in the 1950's, I think that we were sincere in trying to help these people, but I think that it has just gotten carried away too far. We got too heavily involved to the point where we just couldn't risk pulling out. Partly, I suppose because of commercial interests in Viet Nam. It looks to me, from what I've read in the paper, that we are making some kind of an attempt to get out. I guess some people would argue that we're pulling out the ground troops and sending in more air power, but I think yesterday's paper had the article that Kissinger was releasing this information that at one point we did give a withdrawal date of August first of 1972. The communists wouldn't accept it. With the Prisoners of War maybe the lesser of two evils would be to pull out. Maybe we're trying more by staying in there, hoping to get them out.

ALMANIAN: What do you think about lowering the "Age of Majority" to eighteen? Do you think that that's a wise deal?

KRUSE: In a selfish sense I wouldn't mind had to wait. Personally, when I was sixteen, I don't think that I was ready for it. If enough people think that they are, then I'm going to object to the lowering of the voting age to eighteen, but I don't think I was ready for it. I don't think that I was ready for it.

ALMANIAN: What about the drinking aspect and all the other responsibilities?

KRUSE: I would have to dispute that, I guess. I don't think that I had a really valid reason for lowering the drinking age. From what I've read, it hasn't had the terribly drastic effects that was predicted. It's not like the eighteen-year-olds are all going out causing all sorts of accidents, killing each other. The only thing is that before the eighteen-year-olds would get some one who was twenty or twenty one and now the fifteen or sixteen year olds would be the eighteen-year-olds. It's the same thing when we get Monday off for mid-winter break. A lot of the students will take off Friday, too. Then if you give them Friday off, they'll take off Thursday.

ALMANIAN: Back to that drinking thing, do you think that Alma's Drinking Age could still be kept with the lowering of the age of majority?

KRUSE: I'm not sure what the reasons are for the drinking age, but I'm not sure that they should change it.

ALMANIAN: Do you think that we should get a bar on campus?

KRUSE: It makes no difference to me. If we

don't then I won't complain, if we do, I won't. A lot of the townspeople I've talked to while selling ads can't figure out what's happening...A Presbyterian school now going to put a bar on campus? They can't figure out what's going on here. The whole school is just sort of falling apart.

ALMANIAN: Do you think that the Dorm Policies at Alma are discriminatory towards women? Do you think that they should be changed? What exactly is your reaction to them?

KRUSE: If I was under the system, I wouldn't like it, but I'm not sure. I think that if the administration goes through with the cancellation, that is the right step. For myself, it never appeared that harsh.

ALMANIAN: But, why should it be for women and not for men?

KRUSE: If you want to argue that it is discriminatory, then you could impose it on the men, too.

ALMANIAN: But you know that that would never work. Never.

KRUSE: Is this something that came out of Women's Lib?

ALMANIAN: That's where I became more aware of it.

KRUSE: I think that the administration is doing ALMANIAN: What are some of the other things that you don't like about Alma College?

KRUSE: Maybe nothing to do with the question, but one thing I don't like is professors who post their weekly schedule...my hours for the week are Monday, 3:32 to 4:13 p.m., Tuesday, except when it falls on the fifteenth of the month, 1:47 to 2:12 p.m....this kind of thing. The guy with the best hours is Mr. Bowman. His hours were "my time is your time."

ALMANIAN: Who would you choose for president in 1972? If anyone.

KRUSE: I don't know how you can ever make an intelligent vote. They all misrepresent themselves. Maybe in one sense they are sincere, this is what they would like to see done, but at a practical level, I think that they're saying what they're saying is never going to happen. It's more of a gamble than a vote. Whoever looks as though he will be elected, but at this point, I don't know if I can really say.

ALMANIAN: What bothers you the most about America?

KRUSE: The idea that the ever-hin, that it does not. It's always that we're the best and we're going to decide to do is basically the right thing. We don't make bad mistakes. We think that it's all right to think that the United States should be number one, but I think that it's sort of misrepresenting it to say that it is something for all the best.

ALMANIAN: What do you think about the draft?

KRUSE: I think that the O. status should be easier to achieve. If people like people have so much of a little trying to get the O. status, it'd be great if everybody was a C.O., then we wouldn't be in war. There'd be nobody in the war.

ALMANIAN: How many reasons do you think there are? I don't you think that people just say that to get out of it? Is it a valid reason?

KRUSE: Only the ones who really want to go are the ones that should be sent. It'd be better to have it voluntary, no draft at all. Maybe I'm naive, but a lot of the papers, the government is hoping to go on an entirely voluntary basis within a year or so, I think. It might be great if nobody volunteered.

ALMANIAN: If you had your choice between drinking beer and watching football, which would you do?

KRUSE: Drinking beer. I watch very little

football, I see the football games here and I'm in the Band. It doesn't thrill me. If I had my way, all televised sports would be required to be put on one channel, so that they don't interfere with other programs. It seems like everytime you want to watch something, there's some stupid football or some crazy thing that there's the football game. Then there's some commentary on the game, a commentary, a commentary, and then a review. The next morning, flipped on the television and there would be replays of the football game. I'm speaking from my own experience with just two channels...when the football game hogs both of them, I don't like it.

ALMANIAN: How do you spend your leisure time other than giving interviews to the ALMANIAN?

KRUSE: I won't try to avoid the question, but I really don't think I have that much leisure time. Given the thirty hours a week here and the classes, the preparation necessary for the classes, I don't find myself having a lot of time to find some way in which to amuse myself.

ALMANIAN: You're basically happy, though?

KRUSE: Yes. That's not to say I haven't had days when I'd just as soon quit all the classes. In fact, I'd wonder what it'd be like to just be here, be on the ALMANIAN, be in the Band, in Volunteer Tutors, be involved in community government and not be a student.

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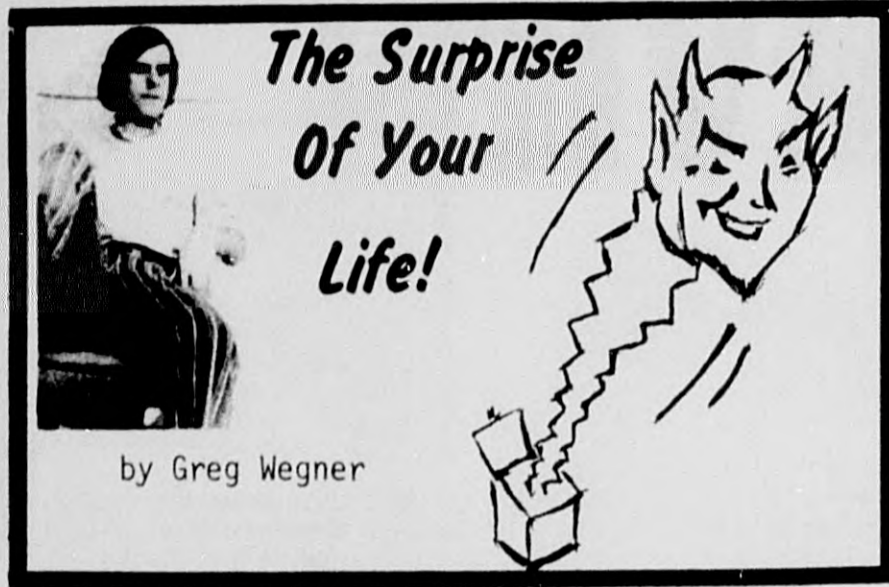
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by Greg Wegner

## GROUNDHOG'S DAY A Fading American Tradition

Sometime last summer I decided that Groundhog's Day was one of my favorites of the year. This occurred mostly as a result of my meeting a groundhog and coming to appreciate it in its own unique light. A friend and I had been driving around in the last hour of July daylight, when two stout short legged animals waddled across the road in front of us. We couldn't tell if they were badgers or groundhogs; they seemed too large for groundhogs, yet we had never heard of badgers this far south. "They were probably groundhogs," we were told later. Then someone related a story of two men walking through woods late at night, one a native, the other a stranger to the parts. They heard a particular moaning and rustling of leaves which was unmistakably the sound of a badger on the path. The native motioned the stranger, and both men leapt off the trail and into the nearest tree while the badger passed. "That's an old badger," the native explained to his friend, "and would likely attack anything crossing his path..."

Anyway, it occurred to me that Groundhog's Day was one of those occasions all of us pass through once a year, but without ever realizing the feeling behind it. There is no ritual or religious ceremony involved, as with Christmas, yet in its origins it seems every bit as sincere. It stems from a simple concern for subsistence. The farmer begins thinking in February what sort of year he is likely to have for growing. Groundhog's day emerged from the anxiety of anticipating success or failure of the upcoming year's crops. It is associated with no religious rite, except that it happens to occur on the day of Roman Candlemas, February 2.

If Candlemas Day be dry and fair  
The half o' winter's to come and mair;  
If Candlemas Day be wet and foul  
The half o' winter's gone at yule.

Groundhog's Day is comprised of superstition as much as anything else. For why should the decision of fair or foul weather, the workings of nature for eight months hence, be bestowed on a groundhog? It is absurd to think of: a groundhog will crawl out of his hole after four months' hibernation, look around, and determine the success of all agriculture by whether he sees his shadow or not.

Also, the logic of his decision is completely inverted. If the day is sunny and he sees his shadow, the groundhog will go back into his hole, convinced that winter's hold will persist. But when the blizzard is wailing, when the sun is buried beneath snow clouds miles thick, that means spring to the groundhog.

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright  
Winter will have another flight;  
But if it be dark with clouds and rain  
Winter is gone, and will not come again.

In Missouri and Arkansas once a hot dispute was carried on between individuals and in the press over the date of sowing and planting. A large faction argued that the fourteenth, rather than the second of February was the official starting date. As a result, groundhogs are not said to emerge in these two states until the fourteenth. It must be that all late sleepers move to Arkansas and Missouri.

But the thing that really clenched the groundhog for me as a symbol of uniqueness was my encounter with one about a week after hearing the badger story. I was walking through some woods, when I came head on, instantly, completely off guard, face-to-face with a groundhog. I know now that it was a groundhog, but at the time, with the woodsmen story fresh in my mind, that tiny animal looked like nothing so much as a badger. I jumped for a tree in such a fury that the groundhog (and it was a groundhog, anyone could see) ran off through the ferns, yelping, probably more scared than I. I thought about the groundhog for a full ten minutes afterward: he's a fine animal, and if I had to pick one of all creatures to disclose the coming of spring, I'd say the groundhog was as good as any.

I won't be surprised if the tradition of Groundhog's Day begins to fade even more than it has already, though. As the country changes, people change in their attitudes; and as farming falls more and more into the hands of big business, the outlook on Groundhog's Day is turning from one of mere subsistence, to one of greatest gain. The small farmer is fading as a symbol of American tradition, and the groundhog with him:

If the groundhog comes up and the day is not fair  
Look forward to fat healthy profits and spring;  
But if clear sunshine beams on his brown muddy hair  
And he heads down his hole, then shoot the damn thing.

## Hudson Memorial Collection

### Established At Alma

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The establishment at Alma College of the Dr. James H. Hudson Memorial Collection of publications pertaining to the study of medicine has been announced by James M. Babcock, director of libraries at the college.

The Hudson Memorial Collection is made possible by a contribution from Dr. Charles L. Hudson of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, in memory of his father who was a physician in the Merrill, Michigan, area.

Dr. Charles L. Hudson, an alumnus of Alma College who served as president of the American Medical Association in 1966-67, lives at 16312 Brewster Rd. in Cleveland Heights.

His contribution to establish the memorial to his father included several volumes and an endowment fund to perpetuate the collection and make possible the acquisition of additions to it.

Purpose of the Dr. James H. Hudson Memorial Collection is to help inform Alma College students about the tradition and ethic of medicine and to encourage them to consider this field as a career.

Friends of Dr. James H. Hudson who wish to join in this effort may contact Babcock at Alma College, Alma, Michigan 48801.

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The Alma College Washington Workshop, a public policy seminar in Washington, D. C. will be held this year from March 19-23. The Workshop is an "on-the-scene" sixteen-hour, four-day seminar with eight Alma College students from a variety of major fields and about twenty representatives from government and interest groups.

Topics discussed in the past have covered a wide range of subjects including welfare, assault on privacy, environment, Vietnam. The forthcoming elections and the state of the economy will be highlights of the Workshop this year.

Each student is expected to pay for his own transportation to and

from Washington, D. C. Lodging is provided along with a small daily allowance to cover part of the cost of food and transportation in Washington. Additional information and applications are available from John Agria, Director, NOB 118. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, February 15, 1972.

### Union, Parking, Living, Topics At Council

by Barb Miller

Two motions concerning the Students' Right to Privacy were tabled until Student Council members could further consider the proposals. The motions read 'Moved that Student Council recommend that each student be sent a copy of his term's billing prior to the beginning of each term,' and 'Moved that Student Council recommend that the practice of sending term grade reports to parents be discontinued and be replaced by a policy of sending term grade reports direct-address.'

After much discussion on the possibility of student participation in RA selection, action on this matter was also postponed.

Final remodeling plans for the Union will be complete soon. Paneling has been ordered for the long wall of the snack bar, and Mr. Kirby of the art department will paint murals on the east and west walls of the snack bar. Commuter students mailboxes will be installed, a large rug will be put by the fireplace in the circular lounge, new couches, tables and chairs have been bought, and estimates are being gathered for new tables in the snack bar.

Plans for a new Union or renovation of the old one were also revealed. A snack bar is included, perhaps a beer bar also, with an adjacent nightclub. The bookstore and student publications and student government will be moved into the Union. A large open lounge with partial separation and a dance floor with a portable or built-in stage and a stage construction area is included. There is also a possibility of a game room with pool, ping pong, and pinball, and an auditorium. It was suggested that all student mailboxes be moved into the Union, not just commuters', but it was thought that while this would get students to the Union, it would be a long way to walk on a cold day.

It was pointed out that the problems with more student parking lots stems from the lack of money to build them, and there are enough spaces to accommodate student cars. Concerning parking tickets, there are approximately six faculty tickets and 33 student tickets that have not been paid. It was noted that in general the faculty is a little bit worse in paying their tickets.

Of the 600 questionnaires sent to sophomores and juniors concerning making the south complex coed, 343 responses were returned. One hundred eighty-five males were willing to live in such an arrangement, and 17 were not. Ninety-two females were willing, 49 were not. The committee looking into this will have a position paper prepared by next month.

An informal count of Council members revealed that almost all of them would be interested in living in an apartment-type arrangement that has been proposed to replace Wright Hall. These apartments could house 100 students, as the plan is now, and 300 students would live in rooms coed by suite. The President's house could also be used as a cooperative.

Anyone having complaints about meals or suggestions for menus should notify the dorm food service representatives, who meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 and work directly with Saga.

The relief drive for the Bangladesh refugees was deemed a success, but the donations have not yet been totaled.



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Application and nomination forms for these fellowships are now available in the Alma College Placement Office, Faculty Office Building. Along with the available forms, you will receive full details on the awards and how to apply for candidacy.

Dr. Barton R. McCall, Director of Placement, states that the deadline for applications and nominations is March 1 and suggests that juniors and seniors interested in these fellowships for the 1972-73 year should apply for the same soon.

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# OLIVET DUMPS DISMAL SCOTS

by Dave Salvette

Guards John Martin and Rick Clack led Olivet to its 13th consecutive victory by overcoming alma Saturday night, 82-77. The Comets haven't lost since their opening game against Lake Superior State College.

Behind the hot-shooting of Ike Neitring, Alma opened up a 31-22 lead during the first half, but saw the score close to 39-36 at the first half buzzer.

The Scots had to work much too hard to score field goals, while Olivet seemed to always pass off for the open shot, which was quite often a layup. Clack and Martin were instrumental in setting up and scoring those easy buckets.

Alma beat themselves in the second half by falling behind immediately, then trying to play catch-up ball by fouling the wrong member of the opposition. Martin hit on nine of nine charity tosses in the second half.

The Scots fought back desperately from a 72-60 disadvantage by closing the gap to two points (75-73) with a minute and a half remaining. Alma was awarded the ball out of bounds with 1:21 to go on a turnover. Craig Bahle let fly a jumper from the right side that hit the rim, popped up in the air, and upon returning to the court was grabbed by Dennis O'Mara of Olivet. He drew a foul on the play from Howard Bedore, and sank a crucial free throw. The bonus shot was missed, but Mike Maciasz controlled the rebound and Clack iced the win by swishing a pair from the line.

Neitring was high scorer for the game with 27 points, and also ripped off 11 rebounds. Pat Cwayna tallied 19 markers, and Bahle counted 16. Martin, Clack, and Maciasz led the balanced Comet scoring attack with 17 points apiece.

Alma moves on to Kalamazoo Wednesday to hopefully knock off the Hornets and get back to the .500 mark overall, after two tough defeats in a row. Also on Wednesday, Olivet looks forward to extending its streak to 14 straight decisions by entertaining a rough and tumble Albion outfit.



Junior forward Craig Bahle sets sail a first half shot. The Scots played well throughout the first half only to beat themselves later in the contest.

Olivet				
Player	FG	FT	REB	PTS
Martin	4	9	8	24
Clack	5	7	17	17
Newhouse	6	6	7	17
Maciasz	5	11	7	17
Walker	2	2	3	8
Neitring	2	0	11	8
Mahle	2	2	2	8
O'Mara	0	6	2	8
Parsons	2	5	2	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>82</b>

Alma				
Player	FG	FT	REB	PTS
Cwayna	8	24	3	19
Bahle	6	13	4	16
Neitring	10	14	7	27
Aumaugher	3	8	5	11
Stuart	0	1	0	0
Parker	1	2	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>77</b>

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Hockey		
Monday		
6 PM	Wright vs. Mitchell	
7 PM	TKE vs. Bruske	
Tuesday		
6 PM	Wright vs. Bruske	
7 PM	TKE vs. Mitchell	
Wednesday		
6 PM	Wright vs. Mitchell	
7 PM	TKE vs. Bruske	
Thursday		
6:30 PM	TKE vs. Wright	

Hockey Team	W	L	Pts.	GF	GA
Wright	2	0	4	16	7
Mitchell	2	1	4	13	17
TKE	1	1	2	14	8
Bruske	0	3	0	10	21

Basketball--A League		
Team	W	L
Zeta Sigs	6	2
Bruske	6	2
DGT	6	2
TKE	5	2
Mitchell	3	5
Theta Chi	2	6
Wright	0	7

Basketball	
Monday, Jan. 31	
6:30 A	Zeta Sigs vs. Mitchell
7:45 A	Bruske vs. Wright
9:00 A	DGT vs. TKE
Tuesday, Jan. 31	
8:10 C	Almanians vs. Hacks
9:20 C	Blues Crew vs. DGT
Wednesday, Feb. 1	
8:10 C	Jock City vs. Hammer Club
9:20 C	Mellow Men vs. Bros. Six
Thursday, Feb. 2	
6:30 B	DGT vs. TKE
7:45 B	Wright vs. New Dorms
9:00 B	Mitchell vs. Bruske
Friday, Feb. 2	
8:10 C	Bunsen B's vs. Almanians
9:20 C	Bros. Six vs. Crazy Hacks
Saturday, Feb. 3	
9:10 C	Blues Crew vs. Doppelgangers
Sunday, Feb. 3	
9:10 C	Hammer Club vs. W. of DGT

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# AS I SMELL IT

by Theodis Karshner  
Sports Editor

## JOHN KAWIECKI--A RARE SPECIMEN

It's a rarity in this day and age of long hair and beards to see a clean shaven male with, of all things, a pompadour. But such a rare specimen exists at remote Alma College and he also happens to play for the maroon and cream.

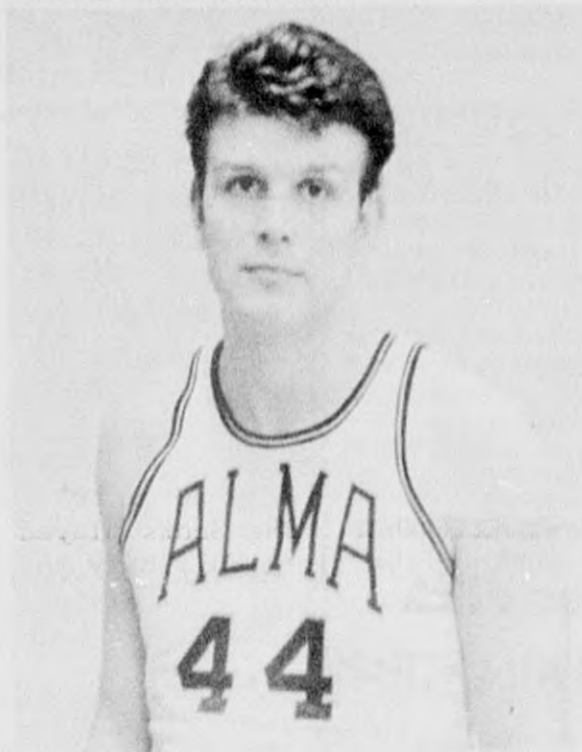
A glance at John Kawiecki and you get the impression that he should have a role in an Elvis Presley movie or as the super-jock who tells the rookie to throw away the greasy crap and douse his pie with Vitalis. Or maybe you'd expect to see John in the back seat of a jacked-up '57 Chevy on Superior Street guzzling some Pabst and cruising for burgers.

But such is not the case. John has graduated from the aforementioned scene into one of greater responsibility. At 25 he is the father of a two year old girl and one year old boy. While his wife Judy entertains the kids John must tangle with professors and opposing basketball players until calling it a day.

Currently John is fighting another battle--the war of obesity. "My playing weight has always been 190 but when I started school I weighed 230," he reported. To battle the bulge the 6'4" native of Midland went to the health clinic, which is renowned for its Vitamin C remedy, to obtain a Mayo Clinic diet. Round one was successful as he dropped 15 pounds but John has set 190 as his ultimate goal. "After 15 or 20 minutes up and down the court I realized that 215 wasn't my playing weight," he admitted rather sadly.

John prepped at Midland High School quite a few years ago. As a senior he was named his team's most valuable player. He proudly admitted that his team has one record which still exists; that being the most games lost in one season.

From high school John entered Northwood Institute where he played ball under a man named Tom Brown. "I'd say he's had the most influence on me because he was able to rid me of many hangups I had while playing," related the big foward. John stayed at Northwood for one season and then decided that school wasn't for him.



John Kawiecki

He enlisted in the Air Force because, like most of us, he had no desire for Vietnam. John was stationed in Texas and he played ball on the base team for four years. In his third year of Air Force ball he was selected to the All-World Team. After serving his country for four years, John landed a job on the parks and recreation crew in Midland. He went to Delta College for a while but because of a special ruling by the MIAA he decided to transfer to this lovely institution. The ruling which Coach William Klenk was able to obtain was that John had to sit out one term for a residency requirement and after that have three years of eligibility.

At the beginning of fall term John became frustrated with his role a father-husband-student-and basketball player. "My wife was ill so I had to watch the kids," explained John. "At the same time my little boy had to have an eye operation so I spent a lot of time at the hospital. All the while I was getting behind in my school work," he added.

Soon after things straightened out John was able to take to the woods with his bow and arrow. Like many hunters he tells the story of the 12 point buck which by some act of God got away. However, he claims he has learned from his past hunting experiences and someday will be hanging something besides tapestries on his apartment walls.

With a physical education or math major in sight, John wants one day to teach and coach. He enjoys to golf and play tennis but in the meantime he hopes to contribute to the winning ways of the Alma Scots basketball team.

Due to a resignation of the Managing Editor of the ALMANIAN, that paid position is vacant. Anyone interested in that position should see Eric Dreier at room 113 Bonbright or call 411,412. Applications should be submitted before February 7, 1972.

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## THE CAFFENE CYNIC

They'll tell you what's wrong with anything, these Great Coffee Drinkers. Listen to them sometime in the Union or anywhere, speaking in long ironed monotones between sips of coffee or beer or whatever, exhaling clouds of dense, dead smoke from filter cigarettes. Frowning, they'll tell you what's wrong with higher education today, wrong with the present economy, wrong with Alma College, wrong with anything, these Great Coffee Drinkers.

With some practice, you can learn to spot a Coffee Drinker in the crowd. He's the gloomy detached one at the table, who laughs when everyone else is through because he is highly perceptive and realizes the great irony and futility of life. He knows everything, for he will talk about anything with authority and usually with disdain. Yet he does not listen.

Offer a note of optimism to a Great Coffee Drinker sometime: just try. Immediately he will shroud it with gloom and pessimism dark as coffee itself. For your Coffee Drinker is a seer, and not to be dissuaded by mere hopeful outlook. He was an optimist once himself, he'll tell you, until struck by the stark reality, the gross irony of contemporary society. "But doesn't such-and-such at least show a change for the better?" you might ask.

"No-no-no-don't-you-see-it's-hopeless-etc-society-of-ignorant-etc-no-one-seems-to-realize-etc-besides-all-great-things-have-been-accomplished-etc-etc!"

Well, my friend, ramble on all you like, spend your whole life in pompous denunciation for all I care, but I'm not impressed. Condemn the situation as hopeless and futile, but I call you the first quitter. Have you any positive notions at all? I hear plenty of talk about your intentions, but it is the coffee cup to which most of your energies seem dedicated. You are a part of the problem, not of the solution. Anyone can spout off negativism, but are you capable of anything at all besides condemnation? I'm beginning to think you're not.

But how can you get this across to a Great Coffee Drinker? How can you insert even a single word into his stream of cynicism, let alone a whole paragraph? I've never been able to. I've had to content myself merely with recognizing Great Coffee Drinkers when they appear. They don't even have to drink coffee: you see them on street corners, behind desks, almost anywhere. Beware of the day one of them turns up in the shaving mirror.

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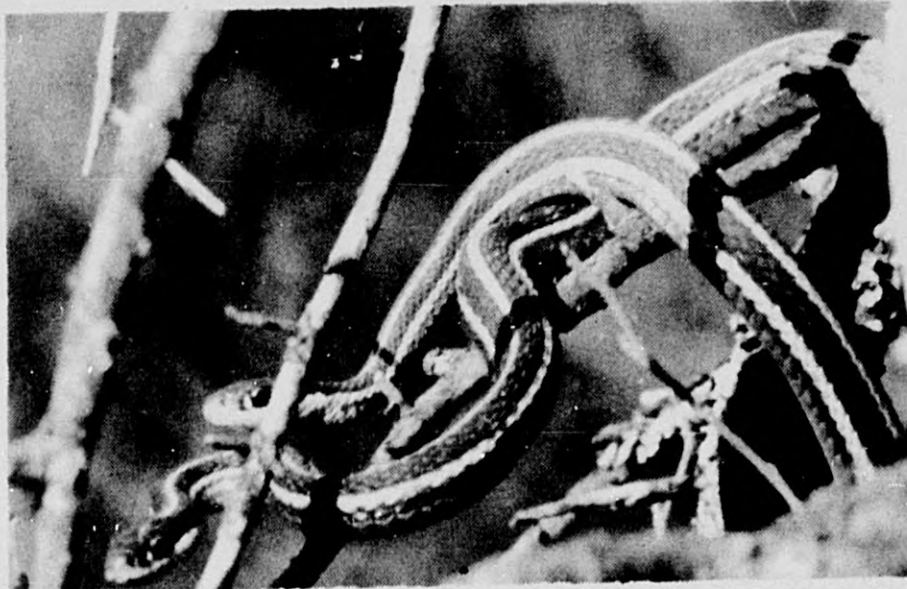
play. Add nocturnal escapes, buried treasure, ship's hold duels and a beautiful noblewoman captive. Add lavish production and excellent portrayals (by Laughton, Randolph Scott, Barbara Britton, Reginald Owen, John Carridine, Gilbert Rowland, Ian Keitt, William Farnum). You get a fine period-piece adventure.

Note the date: 6 February. Certain printed schedules may show a different one. February 6th is the correct one.

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Films-The Great Train Robbery & The Tollgate-Clack Theatre 10:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, February 2 Movie-"The Thing That Couldn't Die"-Tyler Aud. 10:00P.M.
- Thursday, February 3 Campus entertainment-Tyler Aud. 10:00 P.M.  
Biology Club-Dow 100 7:00P.M.
- Friday, February 4 Dow Flick-"Anne of a Thousand Days" Dow Aud. 6:45-9:00 P.M.
- Saturday, February 5 Dance-Tyler Aud. 9:00-12:00 P.M.  
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