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WOMAN CONQUERS MAN IN TRAGEDY

by John Kunik

What can a man possibly know of his child? Does his child love him? That he must take on trust. Will the child become a decent, respectable, and happy adult? That a father can only hope for, never know. Will he live on through his child, his child's mind, his child's soul? This a father can only wish for and believe. What is a father without these things? What is his use, his purpose? There is no reason to care for the child if no love is shown in return. There is no reason to clothe and shelter the child if the child chooses the gutter for a life. There is no reason for a father to teach a child what he has gleaned from life if the child only wishes to blot out every memory of the father. A father works and sacrifices for his child and in return he receives as a reward the rather doubtful and unsubstantial commodities of hopes, dreams, and trust. In other words, a father's love must be satisfied to be nourished with unknown quantities of uncertainty. However, this sacrifice is not too much for his child. His child? . . .

His child? An interesting question if presented at the proper time. It could destroy a man. Consider what an evil and emotionless woman could do to a man with that question. What would happen to a devoted father who put his child to bed at night only to find that it is another's child in the morning? In August Strindberg's tragedy, "The Father," we are presented with a life and death struggle for the control of a child's future, a battle of wills at the primal level. A battle in which the turning point is the simple question: "his child?"

The Alma Players are presenting a play that is frightening in the thoughts it presents. Strindberg takes the basic unit of society, that symbol of security, the family, and destroys it. He does it so convincingly that you will leave the Auditorium not thinking, but knowing that it could happen. The Players, under the direction of Dr. Phillip Griffiths, have interpreted the script in a manner that takes the tension of the play and builds upon it and continues to add upon it until it explodes in the last act. The inter-

missions will definitely seem too long.

In portraying the Captain, Paul Harasim takes a giant step away from his comical treatment of Tartuffe and toward an excellent characterization of a truly tragic character. The Captain, as a character, is unpredictable. It is this unpredictability that makes it difficult for an actor to play the role convincingly. But Harasim handles the character well, as we watch him struggle, writing and reeling under the psychological pressure that his wife diabolically applies to his world.

Sally Bahlman, as Laura, the Captain's wife, does indeed use the Captain's entire world to trap him. It does not take long for Laura to convince all of the Captain's friends and acquaintances that he is on the verge of insanity. Sally presents an excellent characterization of a woman so obsessed with controlling her own child that she becomes totally cold, calculating and heartless. At times her portrayal is frightening. You will find yourself not believing that anyone could be that cruel. But so convincing is Sally's portrayal, that while you watch Laura discharge her duties in such an inhuman and business-like manner, you are forced to believe it.

Bertha, the daughter, is played by Beverly Magley. Bev turns in an excellent characterization of a child torn between warring parents. One moment she runs to her father for protection and the next she chides him for implying that her mother is a liar.

Chuck Waltmire is Doctor Ostermark, who is renting a suite from the Captain. However, he unwittingly becomes part of Laura's plot. Chuck presents a fine picture of an educated and well-mannered professional.

The pastor, Laura's brother, is portrayed by Joe Sobel. The pastor definitely knows of Laura's power to get whatever she wants. However, the pastor bides his time, and in a fine scene, he subtly lets his sister know that he sees what she is doing.

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Professor Lynn Trowbridge, Students Jeff Johnson and Timothy Sievert Featured 4:00 p.m.

ALMA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PLAY ON SUNDAY IN CHAPEL



PROPOSALS STATED FOR NEW UNION

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Should accommodate pool, ping pong, cards, pinball machines and other game machines. Should provide approximately 2000 sq. ft. of space and should be equipped with a monitoring desk so as to control all of the activities in the room.

GENERAL LOUNGE--Function: the lounge should function as a central area in the center where the college community can meet and mingle. It should serve as the entrance to and reception area of the campus center and should be adjacent to the dance floor, the snack bar and, if possible, the nightclub.

Should be a large open area equipped with appropriate furniture for studying and lounging so arranged that several small separate areas are included within the general lounge. These areas should not be separated from the lounge by doors, but should be set up as alcoves. A TV lounge should be established within the general lounge in this fashion. Locker and mail facilities for commuting students should be established adjacent to the general lounge area.

NIGHTCLUB--Function: to provide a place for small, intimate gatherings, for entertainment, conversation, student art exhibits, etc.

Should be established to accommodate approx-

imately 125 persons at a time. It should have a high degree of finish, should be provided with appropriate furniture. A small stage should be located so that it would be adjacent to the snack bar area and so that persons using the nightclub could secure snacks from the snack bar.

STAFF OFFICES--Function: Two staff offices should be provided for the Union Director and staff. One should be so equipped as to provide an opportunity for ticket sales, information, and a lost and found area.

BOOKSTORE--Function: to provide for the sale of textbooks, paperbacks, records, and other items to serve the students and the college community.

The current campus bookstore operation should be moved from its present location to the new student union and appropriate space and facilities provided.

STORAGE ROOM--Function: A reasonably large storage room, perhaps 400 to 500 sq. ft. should be provided for the storage of furniture and materials used in the student union.

AUDITORIUM--Function: to provide adequate facilities for the performing arts other than theatre, for student social activities such as visiting entertainment groups and for campus

film series.

An auditorium to seat 800 or more persons should be provided either as part of the student union or as a separate facility. This auditorium would have multiple usage, including use by the music department for programs, as the location for campus films, and to accommodate entertainment programs which would be brought to the campus or which would be put on by campus groups. The stage would not need all of the equipment provided for theatre productions since it is assumed that a little theatre will be provided for dramatic productions.

GENERAL SERVICE FACILITIES--This should include checkroom facilities, adequate lavatory facilities, and an area where maintenance and custodial personnel may have their lockers, keep their lunch, etc. The whole building should be equipped with an inter-corn sound system and with adequate electrical and television outlets.

John Kimball wished to emphasize that these recommendations are still in their planning stages and that final decisions about the construction or the remodeling of a Student Center would not be made until a much later date.

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Inside a small courtroom in the new glass-walled Federal District Court building in Harrisburg, Pa., the Roman Catholic Church and the conscience of America are on trial. Already editors and newsmen are calling it the trial of the century, although the Government would limit publicity by holding it in a courtroom that seats only 80 persons—when over 350 newsmen are assigned to cover the event.

The U.S. Dept. of Justice seeks a conviction of conspiracy against two Catholic priests, a nun, a former priest and a former nun, along with a young Catholic layman and a Moslem Pakistan scholar (who was attracted to the peace movement while at the University of Chicago). They are charged with plotting to kidnap White House adviser Henry Kissinger and dynamite heat vents in Government buildings as a part of their anti-war protest. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark (son of Tom Clark, a long-time Justice of the Supreme Court) heads the defense with several of the nation's distinguished legal scholars assisting.

The charges are based on correspondence between Father Philip Berrigan and Sister McAlister in which kidnapping and dynamiting are alleged to have been proposed. The letters as published in Life Magazine revealed however that most of the matters discussed were about peace demonstrations, plans to raid draft boards, etc., the kidnapping and dynamite "conspiracy" consisting of little more than incidental anti-war jive.

Moreover, the letters got to the Department of Justice through an FBI infiltrator, a former convict whose erratic criminal behavior would disqualify him as a witness in any other court. How much this FBI plant contributed towards advancing the "plot" will probably never be known, for the Government attorneys, of course, will squelch the part he played. But on numerous other occasions FBI infiltrators have actively encouraged lawless acts to entrap peace activists, even furnishing the explosives!

Father Daniel Berrigan, the poet-writer, was originally among those indicted, but in a new indictment handed down last spring he was

dropped as a co-conspirator, despite the fact that J. Edgar Hoover had previously labeled him as a chief offender. When the FBI director first voiced the charges before a Congressional committee in 1970, Hoover was known to be festering over Father Berrigan's success in eluding the FBI tentacles for over four months while the priest meanwhile managed to make dramatic appearances in various churches and campuses. This cat-and-mouse activity drew headlines, enlarged the priest's following immensely and enraged Hoover. When Congressional sympathizers of the Berrigans challenged Hoover to support his accusations, the first indictment was drawn up, obviously a hurried job, filled with errors and misstatements. This was finally superceded by the second indictment which dropped Father Daniel's name, though retaining his brother, Father Philip Berrigan, as a chief conspirator.

TOPE JOHN XXIII will be the most important though silent witness at the trial. His encyclical, *Pacem In Terris*, has been hailed by many non-Catholic sociologists, philosophers and scientists as one of the great documents of our generation. It has been the springboard of the Catholic peace movement, for by its teachings the church can no longer support modern war since technological weaponry does not discriminate between the innocent and the guilty. God's law made manifest through Christ is above man's law—this is the gist of John's great revelation. Such a doctrine, slow to spread throughout the world church because of nationalism, is nonetheless already permeating the hierarchy and will soon be pounding at the thoughts and conscience of all laity everywhere.

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC Bishops in the U.S. reflected this by condemning the war in Vietnam as immoral and demanding a prompt and complete U.S. withdrawal. The bishops also officially voted to support the position of Conscientious Objectors. Several bishops (Dozier of Memphis, Tenn., Gumbleton of Detroit, etc.), along with Cardinal Shehan of

Baltimore, have spoken in support of the Harrisburg Seven. All of this will have weight in the courtroom, although every possible maneuver will be used by the Government prosecutors to suppress such citations.

PROTESTANT denominations have almost all met the challenge of *Pacem In Terris* by similar declarations after heart searching debate in their national assemblies. Most conservative-fundamentalists are suffering distress of conscience, caught between their previous support of the war and the pressure of the increasing odds of damning facts concerning the total evil of the conflict. Beyond this is the vast sea of public ignorance and indifference which the Pentagon, White House and Department of Justice will now do all possible to perpetuate so that no turbulence will be stirred up by priests or anyone else which might prevent winding the war down neatly so the generals can get their medals and promotions, the defense industries their profits from replenishing our wasted military resources, and Nixon get reelected. The Democrats would have done the same under IBJ—but how can the ship of state be kept on course when the captain jumps overboard?

A statement for the court by the Harrisburg Seven warrants consideration for it will doubtless have a place in the history of our period: "Our anguish for the victims of this brutal war has led us all to non-violent resistance, some of us to the destruction of draft records. Unlike the accuser, the U.S. Government, we have not advocated or engaged in violence against human beings. Unlike the Government, we have never lied to our fellow citizens about our actions. Unlike the Government, we have nothing to hide. We ask our fellow citizens to match our lives, our actions, against the actions of the President, his advisers and his chiefs of staff. We propose the question: Who has committed the crimes of violence?"

See National Catholic Reporter Jan 28; N Y Times*, Jan. 24; Boston Globe. Jan. 1. For a study of *Pacem In Terris* and war, see Saturday Review, Sept. 1. For a study on the Berrigan, see Christianity and Criticism, Jan. 74

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Nancy Stodola does an excellent job as the elderly nurse, who is almost a mother to the Captain. She loves him dearly, almost as a son. She, too, gets caught up in Laura's web, and Nancy is very touching as she shows the old nurse's torture in having to harm her "little boy."

The cast is rounded out by Jim Marvin, playing Nojd, the Captain's picaresque little manservant, and Henry Matthers as the orderly.

The Alma Players will present "The Father" on March 2, 3, and 4, at 8:00 p.m., in Dow Auditorium. Once again Alma College will be presented with three evenings of fine theatre, easily on a par with the Players' production of "Tartuffe."

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THOUGHTS ON COLLEGE LIFE

by Lynn Coddington

ALMANIAN MANAGING EDITOR



I will honestly tell you now that the following is a somewhat random combination of thoughts which have recently crossed my mind. Take from it what you want.

How does one impress upon a person the need for a futuristic approach to life? I was once told by a close friend that "Heres and nows are so luxurious." They are and are not to be overlooked. However, the need to look to the future, to confront the what's-going-to-happen-to-me-after graduation blues overshadows the luxury of the present.

Let me try to make it clearer still. Just recently, in talking to a faculty member, he mentioned that a majority of the seniors had yet to register with the placement office. A great number of those seniors are in education--a field already glutted with qualified teachers. Graduation is a little over a hundred days away and yet these people seem unable to confront the fact.

This brings me to question students' attitudes towards one's college "education". I put quotes around education because an education can not be defined in the narrow sense of "high school" or "college education". It must be considered in terms of a continuous life education.

Is college viewed as one final haven from the insecurities to be faced the day after graduation? Is this why there is such a neglect to seek the placement office because it smacks too much of confrontation with the "outside world." I have the growing conviction that students see a dichotomy between college and the remainder of one's life. When properly placed on an educational continuum, there can be no such distinction. One's education does not end upon leaving this institution. Though the technical knowledge and skills learned in college may change--scientific knowledge grows, historical events occur--one's ability to communicate is an incorporate part of a person.

Hopefully, the skill to communicate, to convey one's ideas, to understand another person, to argue, be receptive are learned through the college experience. Historical dates are forgotten but the art, and I emphasize art, of communication must be ingrained.

The conception of an educational continuum is perhaps best exemplified by work-study opportunities. They provide the chance to incorporate

one's book-learned knowledge with practical application. The significance of these opportunities is immense. What is an employer to do when faced with the applications of two equally competent business majors--the only difference between the two being one applicant's on-the-job experience in auditing with a local business. Who would the social work agency hire from a group of equally skilled applicants but the one who writes of practical experience through work at the Mental Health Clinic in Alma. The Political Science major who has worked a summer in the Saginaw city government perhaps will be more qualified than one who has not had the experience.

The opportunities are there for any who want them. But few people seem to want them. There are only three Sociology majors involved in field work this term. There are less than fifteen applicants each for the summer internships in Washington D.C. and Saginaw. Only two students have expressed an interest in the Rotary Club Scholarships offered to persons in the Alma area.

Can I make the assumption then that only a handful of students really care about their future enough to do something about it. Obviously, I'm excluding graduate school applicants and those persons lucky enough to be assured of a job already. Nevertheless, I can't overlook the number of seniors who have failed to seek out the placement office. The opportunities are there if one would just grab them.

What I've written here is basically a stream of thoughts somewhat similar in manner--feelings about work-study programs, students and college life, ideas about the future. Somehow, my questions seem tied to a critique of persons whose conception of college is different from mine. I will not allow that upon graduation two years hence my education will suddenly and miraculously be finished.

The heres and nows and what I'm doing carry implications for the future. These are simply my value judgements. I don't have the right to try to impose them on others. I can hope however that people will shake themselves out of their doldrums, raise their heads and look around at what's happening to them before it's all been swept by. As I said at first though, take from this what you want.

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STUDENT COUNCIL RECEIVES NO REQUESTS FOR INCREASE IN STUDENT BUDGET

by Barb Miller

There have been no requests for increases in the student budget. All organizations are asking essentially for the same budgets as last year. The student body will vote to approve the following budgets: Almanian, \$11,050; Scotsman, \$12,000; Student Council, \$1,825; Union Board, \$21,000; African Fellowship, \$1,000; Volunteer Tutors, \$675; total, \$47,550. Next week the Student Council will discuss whether to list the Scotsman and Student Directory as separate items.

A formal announcement is to be put in the Almanian stating that instead of the student tax for the radio station being levied during the spring term of this year, it will be paid in the fall term of next year. This transfer of the tax is necessary because the Board of Trustees does not want the tax charged in the spring. This action will save one refund process. However, the radio station establishment procedure will begin with a loan from the college.

The schedule for the R.A. selection process was noted. February 29

through March 6 will be interviews of the R.A. applicants by three teams of two R.A.s. On March 16 will be small group discussions of the applicants, while being observed by a panel of judges. The rest of the process has not yet been decided. The discussion situation has not been officially approved by the R.A. selection group, but it looks like it will be a part of the process.

Next week final plans for a new union will be presented to an architect, following a tour of several other colleges' unions by a few Council members.

The Student Affairs Committee may be abolished because most of the members are also in the Student Council and this extra committee just creates more red tape.

The Michigan Higher Education Society convention will be held March 3 through March 5 at Central Michigan University. Last year representatives from 37 other colleges attended. Alma College is entitled to two voting representatives, but other interested students may attend.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Wednesday, March 1

Devil's Workshop- Clack Art Center, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Varsity B Ball, Adrian here, 8:00 p.m.

"The Last Man on Earth"- Movie

Tyler Aud., 10:00 p.m., admission 10¢.

Student Council-- LG6-7, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

Biology Club--Dow 100, 7:00 p.m.

Campus Entertainment- Tyler Aud, 10:00 p.m., admission free.

Young People's Concert, Alma Symphony and Ballet-- P.E., 7:30 p.m.

"The Father", Drama Dept. Winter play-

Dow Auditorium, 8:00 p.m., ad. free.

Friday, March 3

Flick, "2001: A Space Odyssey", Tyler Aud., 6:45 & 9:00 p.m., admission 65¢.

"The Father", Drama Dept. Winter play-

Dow Aud., 8:00 p.m., admission free.

Saturday, March 4

WMIAA B Ball Invitational here. 9:00 p.m.

Flick, "2001: A Space Odyssey", Tyler Aud., 6:45 & 9:00 p.m., admission 65¢.

"The Father", Drama Dept. Winter play-

Dow Aud., 8:00 p.m., admission free.

Sunday, March 5

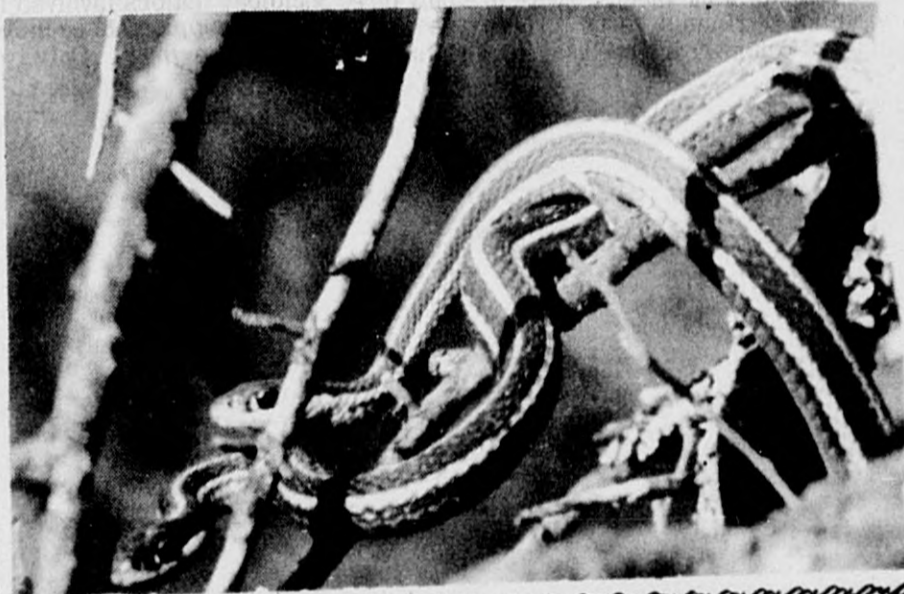
Winter Symphony Concert- Dow Aud., 4:00 p.m.

Afro-American Society Open House, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

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FINANCIAL Aid Applications AVAILABLE

This is a notice to all students now receiving financial aid, and those wishing aid for the next school year. Applications are now available in the Student Financial Aid Office in the Reid-Knox Administration Building for financial assistance. These forms must be filled out and returned to the Financial Aid Office on or before May 1 of this year for financial aid concerning the next academic year.

Available are applications for all aid except that which is given by the state. Students may pick up forms for scholarships of all types, loans, grants (including the Federal Opportunity Grant) and for student employment any week day from 8:30 to 5:00.

If you are now receiving aid from Alma College, and desire aid next year you must re-apply for any type of assistance. This includes Alma College Campus and Saga Food Service Student employment. All others must inquire directly about all other financial aid outside of Alma College.

A final reminder to each student that a Confidential Financial Statement for 1972-73 must be filed before any consideration is given to applications concerning financial assistance.

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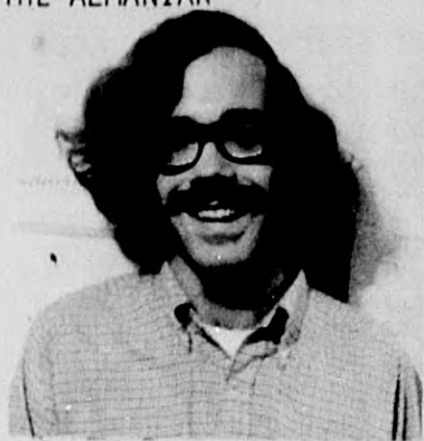
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ALMANIAN SENIOR INTERVIEW



GEORGE BENNETT

This is another in a continuing series of interviews with Alma College seniors. George Bennett, a music major, told ALMANIAN News Editor Janet Worth that Alma's policies regarding women "are strictly to please people like my parents and the Board of Trustees." For a frank discussion of George Bennett and Alma College, read on.

ALMANIAN: In your four years at Alma College, what have you found to be the best things about the school?

BENNETT: I think about the best things about this school are the people here. Not necessarily some of the profs, but some of the really great people I've had a chance to interact with. I think Alma College has given me three of my best friends that I have ever had in my entire life, but it's been through very informal interaction, not a thing to do with the college itself.

ALMANIAN: Isn't there anything about the college itself that you really like?

BENNETT: At this point, I can't think of too much. I think about the best thing that has really helped me is the fact that the Music Department has finally gotten around to getting some people who I consider to be half-way creative individuals, specifically Mr. Trowbridge in the Brass Department and Mr. Hartwell who's replacing Dr. Sullivan who's on sabbatical. I really feel that those two individuals are quite creative and have thus done a lot to strengthen the image of the Music Department here on this campus. But outside of that, I think that the college itself is rather mundane.

ALMANIAN: Are there any reasons that you don't like Alma College?

BENNETT: Alma College as far as an academic institution, to my knowledge doesn't seem to foster creativity or even a great deal of commitment to academic endeavor. I mean, it stifles it. I think that an institution which purports to be a socializing agency and helps people to increase their knowledge and learn how to learn should foster attitudes conducive to learning. Alma College is not doing this at all, in fact it stifles a great deal of work because it puts so much cowpie on your shoulders you really don't have time to investigate things that you want to, or get a chance to rap with the profs about things which you know that they have knowledge about or which they don't have time to put in their regular academic courses. I've learned more from profs in the Union or just rapping with them socially, or being at their homes than I've learned in an entire term of classroom work. I do know that we have some intelligent, creative people on this campus as far as profs, but you wouldn't know it by the courses they have to present.

ALMANIAN: Before you came, or during your four years here, what did you expect out of your college education? Were your expectations filled?

BENNETT: For me, I had one main thing in mind. I came to Alma College with the intent and the aspiration of being a music major. I didn't know for sure what that entailed, but I love music and I wanted to further my knowledge of music. I think to that extent, Alma College has done that in that through the music courses and history courses, (things like that), I think that I've gotten a good knowledge of music and I think my skills in making music have improved. Probably the biggest hassle was some of the people in the department whom I didn't get along with--that could be personality conflicts or things within me, but I feel that some of the ideas and the format of the entire department weren't terribly creative.

ALMANIAN: Are you more satisfied with it this year?

BENNETT: Oh, yes, I would say so, especially since we've gotten some younger blood into the department. I think it's helped a lot, although I would not wish to negate the efforts of Dr. Russell and Mr. Bowman because they're both very talented people and I respect their talent a great deal. Since I've gotten more into music, I can see more of what these people have to contribute and I respect them more now for their particular talents and interests.

ALMANIAN: What instructors have you found to be particularly good here at Alma? What ones

have been terrible? Why have you found them to be so?

BENNETT: I feel that I've had some very fine instructors in the field of my major in the voice department. This year's experience with Mr. Hartwell has been very good for me. He seems to be a very proficient vocal instructor, as far as his knowledge and abilities and yet he seems to have a fair amount of ethos and understanding as far as my situation. I think he had an idea of some of the things I was going through, and if he didn't, he certainly put on a good front that he did. Also Mr. Trowbridge has somehow kindled my interest in music history, which I think would be very advantageous for any person who is seriously studying music because history is itself and the whole concept of music history is still going on and history is being made every day. To have that kind of perspective is always good. People that have been bad to me have been people I really don't like at all. I would have to say that would be the chairman of the department, Dr. Sullivan. I respect his talents as a musician, he's competent, he's knowledgeable, but I think that as a person, perhaps because of our own personality conflicts, I think we just couldn't make it as a voice instructor and his student, and that does involve quite a close relationship in many ways.

ALMANIAN: What do you think has taken up most of your time, the academic activity or the social activity?

BENNETT: I'd say about 50-50. Many of my academic endeavors turn out to be social--I'm basically a friendly person and many of the things that are academic and contribute to my knowledge--even in music or anything else--are also social events. Every experience can be a learning experience even to the extent of going to a drinking party or something. Really, I think that it's about 50-50 because I have worked hard and even though perhaps it doesn't show on my grade point, (I don't consider myself a terribly intelligent person), it's hard to separate, so I'd have to say about 50-50.

ALMANIAN: What have been your extra-curricular activities and how have they been valuable in your education?

BENNETT: The Choir's been great for me--I've gotten some really neat friends out of Choir. It's been a fantastic experience as far as being in cities in our wonderful country--(ha ha). There's been some really good experiences. And Choir Tour for me, of course, has been great because I always enjoy staying at other people's homes and rapping with different people, even though perhaps I knew I'd never see them again, even for short periods of time, it was still a lot of fun to know that people would take the time to have me in their home and prepare all these nice things for me and be that nice to me. That's quite a commitment for a family to take someone in who they don't even know.

I've also been very active in Alpha Phi Omega. My fraternity comes closest to me to being an organization which tries to reach parts of the community and help them out. I think that the college should make a commitment to the Chicanos or the entire community as far as being a learning center for the entire community and not just for a bunch of students who pay tuition. I think that they have a responsibility to foster knowledge for anybody, and make their services available to people from a poor circumstance who just couldn't pay a tuition. I think that the college should be willing to make all their services available to the entire community, not just the blacks, (that's sort of a hackneyed sort of awareness), but the Chicanos here in this community--no one does anything for them really, or not as much as could be done. I think that my fraternity has potential to serve a lot of people. I'm also involved with "Listening Ear", which is not connected with this college but which is a part of the community and I think that's been valuable because it's taught me that this community really has some great people in it. Only in my last

year have I known that there are some great people around here. It makes me wonder how much of a commitment the college has to letting students know what kind of a community they are living in... because we are living in a community. We're living in an academic community, we're living in a larger community called Alma Township.

ALMANIAN: Do you feel that it is really a community?

BENNETT: In locale it's a community, but I think as far as people, there is a great deal of class snobbery, usually among different "social classes" and a very great deal of value judgments that separate people, also prejudices and a great deal of negative emotions that inhibit interaction among different peoples of different backgrounds here in the community. So it's not really a community because a community to me is a place where people accept each other and all work towards a common goal. I don't think this is happening here at Alma.

ALMANIAN: While at Alma, do you feel that you've developed more of a social awareness or do you feel that you've been isolated from the rest of the world?

BENNETT: I do feel that I've been isolated from the rest of the world, but I also think that I've developed more of a social awareness because the people whom I have associated with have impressed upon me the whole thing of social awareness to be aware of more than just myself, my family and a few of my friends. I think Alma College's Urban Studies Program has been very valuable to me because it allowed me to go down into Detroit, in some pretty bad sections in town, and really experience some of the things I'd been hearing about as far as poverty or urban despondence but also gave me a chance to meet some people of total diverse backgrounds from my own, and I was forced to cope with these people in their different ways of living. I think this helped me out a great deal. The program was very valid for me, it helped me cope with many of my friends back up here, when I came back up, I expressed different opinions, which many of them didn't like, and it also helped me to cope with my parents and their decided negative reaction to the whole thing. It forced me to cope with how much I still wanted to commit to my parents and how much I had to start committing to myself as an individual.

ALMANIAN: What are your plans for next year? Do you think that you are prepared for these plans?

BENNETT: For part of next year, I hope to come back to Alma to get a teaching certificate. I won't be graduating exactly in June. After that, I think I'll go for about a term of grad school. I then want to get out and probably I'll teach or be a social worker, since my other field of endeavor as far as a major is sociology. I'm taking a degree in social work from this institution. I believe that diversity is the name of the game, the way our society is rapidly changing. Since I have what I consider a fair amount of social awareness sociology is sort of a natural ramification of this, though sociology, I think doesn't really hit it either it comes closest to hitting many social problems that we are facing.

ALMANIAN: So do you think that Alma has prepared you for what you're going to be doing?

BENNETT: I think the total involvement with Alma has helped me a great deal--it hasn't been a great help in many of my classes and sociology hasn't helped me so much in human awareness or social awareness. It's too easy to put it all down in a book or on a test and forget about it, but I think Alma's Urban Studies Program, many of the people here at Alma have helped me out a great deal, the warm human relationships I've had have helped me out a great deal. I wish I could say more that my classes have been really

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DOGMA AND DEATH

Wells Press Service

Institutional religion is being emasculated east and West. In Ireland the long war between dogmatic Catholicism and strident evangelical Protestantism saw fresh waves of violence with 25 killed in January, a total of 230 dead. Last spring West Pakistan Moslem armies, many shouting "Victory to God," slaughtered several hundred thousand Bengali Hindus, perhaps a million.

The first human sacrifices witnessed in modern times took place in Dacca last December when thousands watched - millions over TV - the torture killing of four accused Pakistani saboteurs after a moslem emir intoned a sacrificial prayer. (News photos and TV which caught the torture missed the priestly prayer.) This was after the armies of India, almost entirely Hindu, swept over East Pakistan, killing thousands of West Pakistani Moslems who had massacred Bengali Hindus.

The Orthodox religious Jews are the most intolerant force in Israel's Government. They will scarcely permit any talk of peace unless those whose lands have been seized and occupied surrender all hope of recovery of their properties. War is preferable to compromise among the rabbinicals.

This is even true of Jerusalem, a Holy City to so many faiths. When the most distinguished Jews - some who were early residents of Israel, such as Nahum Goldman, even Ben-Gurion - move towards reconciliation, they are silenced.

We would like to feel that America stands unstained and aloof from all this betrayal, symbolizing civilization's necessary moral base and mankind's enduring hope. Unfortunately, the indiscriminate killing we have perpetrated in Southeast Asia dwarfs that in Ireland, the Mid-

east and even matches the tragedies in Pakistan. Clouds of flying bits of razor sharp steel, millions of tiny pellets that dig deep jagged holes in the soft parts of the body, or flaming jelly that sticks like glue are as torturous as any death.

Our warrior pilots do it all from the cool distant sky and never see the faces of their victims or the agony. So we never face the reality of it. But the world knows that at least 400,000 South Vietnamese civilians whom we're supposed to defend have died under our bombing and fire-power, a million have suffered injuries and three million or more have been driven from their homes, their acreages ruined by U.S. defoliation and giant bulldozers. At present, electronic warfare in many new forms replaces our troops as they withdraw - every day hundreds of bombs fall in inhabited sectors (CBU's, Daisy choppers, etc.) that destroy in one blast everything--plant, animal and human--in areas as big as football fields.

What survives? Won't such disregard for human values by those who carry the scepters of power in one hand, the cross or sacred symbols in the other (or attend White House prayer breakfasts) destroy the moral roots of our societies and mark the end of religion? It would seem so. Obviously much of the inhumanities and lawlessness springing up around us reflects this disillusionment and disintegration of ideals. We cannot desecrate the lives and properties of others and remain secure ourselves in this small and crowded world.

Throughout all this hypocrisy, however, the great prophets of the past, and what they taught, have not been rejected or lost. In fact, millions of youth over the globe are devoted to a new search for moral truth, even behind the Iron Curtain, a quest which finds many going back to first sources in literally everything from A to Z--astrology to Zoroastrianism. As for Christianity, the teachings of Jesus have lost none of their appropriateness or appeal, many new intensive group discipleships springing up.

The Roman Catholic Church comes the nearest to representing on a worldwide basis an embodiment of Christianity--there even being, for instance, about three million Catholics in Vietnam, North and South. While ancient Rome contains its head, America holds the church's heart and purse strings today. Not only does a high proportion of the church's income come from the U.S. but by far the most lively forces for renewal are in this Hemisphere. What happens in the American church therefore will have a most potent influence on the church and the world everywhere.

Elegy For A Pigeon

by Barb Miller

Once a long time ago someone wrote about the Alma College Pigeons. If you ever have a spare hour to browse through old copies of the Almanian, look this story up. It is one of the best praise these birds ever got.

But now there is one less to talk about. Staggering half asleep to my 8:30 class one day, I chanced upon a dark blotch in the snow next to Hood. It's a pigeon. Maybe it's stuffed? No, stuffed animals repose in dignity in taxidermists' offices or big game hunters' dens. Look how stiff it is. The claws are curled like they're still hanging onto something. I wonder how it died. Well, there's another empty perch on Hood's Pigeon Paradise. Don't just stand there blinking your eyes at me! Don't you care that one of your comrades has fallen? As if on cue, they all rise into the air and fly away to more desirable and peaceful spots.

That afternoon it snowed. Either the maintenance men picked up the corpse (doing God knows what with it), or it is buried under the snow, to be uncovered when a dog digs it up or when spring comes. Hopefully the pigeon will have rejoined Nature, to be abused and cursed no more.

ATTENTION: BEWARE OF GREEKS BEARING GIFTS.

Flowers for all Occasions

Tom Billig's Flowers

SENIOR INTERVIEW

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meaningful to me, but for the most part they haven't been meaningful in their social situations to bring them into a perspective. . .the classes themselves never did this.

ALMANIAN: What books and what people have influenced you the most?

BENNETT: No books really. It's just little ideas I've gotten out of many different books. That's not the most important thing. If you're talking about really influencing the way I think, I could definitely say certain books have influenced me a great deal, but they're strictly in the line of music and they're all academic--they've helped me to analyze and appreciate music better. As far as becoming a better person, there have been no books which have helped me out that much or influenced me.

ALMANIAN: How do you feel about the discriminatory attitudes towards women at Alma College? What role do you see American women playing?

BENNETT: I think Alma's policies are strictly to please people like my parents and the Board of Trustees. I feel that they are totally invalid for "today's woman" because I feel that women who are struggling for equality, which is very difficult in our society still, I feel that the whole idea protecting women from themselves or from evil men, or whatever the hours and the sign-in and sign-out are supposed to do, I feel that for one thing, it's not accomplishing anything as a function, because if a girl wants to get around the rules, she can. Even outside of that, the whole thing seems a total waste of time and effort. It's the girl's own fault if she can't cope with her situation, and it's her own responsibility to find people to help her out. I don't think that an institution can do that much for her. Girls have more problems coping with the institution than with their freedom.

ALMANIAN: Do you think that women have more problems coping with freedom because they have been protected so long?

BENNETT: Oh, I don't think so. The human species is very adjustable when it has to be. We're all part of the human species and to say that women would have more problems. . .I think that it would just take sort of an adjustment period and then after that, however long that takes, which for most people doesn't take that long, they can just go on with this new found freedom and function normally, or normally as far as integrating it into their own system of thinking and acting.

ALMANIAN: What bothers you the very most about America?

BENNETT: I think the thing that bothers me the most about America is that it is not really a community. . .maybe it can't be, but the whole thing that there are so many different polarities that keep inhibiting people from really caring about other people. Because you have long hair or short hair, or you're a greaser or you're not a greaser, or if you use vulgar language or not, or the fact that you're over forty and I'm not. . .the fact that people make such erroneous value judgements about other people and all institutionally reinforced, or often is a part of "reality". To be hip you must wear Ban deodorant and use dry stuff on you hair to give it the dry look, or wear cologne, or you're not alluring unless you wear a certain perfume. . .all these material things. They don't really enhance anyone, they just put money in their pockets.

ALMANIAN: Do you feel that you've contributed in any way whatsoever to Alma College? If so, how?

BENNETT: I've contributed somewhat. . .not a great deal. If I've contributed at all, I think that it's been the people who have known me. Either I've affected them adversely or with a great deal of good feeling. I haven't really done that much to change Alma College as an institution. I didn't really care to. I don't really care what happens to Alma as soon as I get out of here. It's a very nice place to go, I suppose, if you have no place better to go. It's a socializing institution, which is its function and it's a positive socialization institution, it's not like a prison, well it is like a prison, but in a less tangible respect--it imprisons your mind--very often things like that, but that's sort of what universities and colleges are supposed to do. They're supposed to help your mind to become disciplined or something like that... at least that's what I've heard.

THE ROAD TO ENUGU



African Fellow 1972-1973
Gary Klepper

After more than two hours of deliberation Friday night by the African Fellowship committee, Gary Klepper was chosen to be the next African Fellow.

The 12-member committee of six faculty members and six students, including Dave and Dodie Eyer, last year's Fellows, is headed by Dr. Timothy Thomas. They selected Gary from among five applicants.

Obligations of an African Fellow are to spend 12 months at the Mayflower School in Ikenne, Nigeria as a teacher of English and perhaps French, mathematics, or science. The selection involves evaluation of the applicant's deep personal commitment to extend his undergraduate work to five years, his personality traits, his stability and resilience, his academic adequacy, and his potential ability to teach.

Sending the Fellow to Africa costs \$3,000. Financing comes from the Faculty Auction, the student tax, private donations, and the sale of African art objects.



The next morning, we had another ferr-ride across the Cross River; here at the mouth the river was wide, and the trip lasted for 2 1/2 hours. We were on the ferry at 5:30 a. m., and the sunrise was quite pretty. That day we covered a lot of ground. Mr. Williams made short stops at the banks in Uyo, Ikat Ikpine, in Aba, and by evening we had reached Port Harcourt. In the Aba area there was still a lot of evidence remaining of the war's destruction there. It was one of the war's hottest sectors, I was told. I understand that Ikat Ikpene is quite a center for crafts, but unfortunately we didn't stop and I didn't see much. In the area of Ikat Ipkeen we passed the area in which a people called the Annango live. The people worship their deceased immediate ancestors and build sheltered monuments to them in front of their family compounds. As we travelled along the road, we saw a number of elaborate ceramic statues. They were interesting--I took pictures of a few of them, and the people didn't like that at all.

Aba was really a bustling trade city. Again we just passed through, but it seemed that there were people rushing about everywhere you looked, and the town seemed to be one big open trading shop. I didn't know at the time that I'd be returning to Aba within the next couple of weeks. Then it was on to Port Harcourt. As we passed the East Central-Rivers State border, there was a long line of large trucks parked along the road. Mr. Williams said that the drivers would all be Ibos who feared that they and their property would not be safe in the Rivers State at night. (I think you're familiar with the situation in the Rivers State and Port Harcourt. Before the war, the city and the whole area had been dominated by the industrious Ibos. The River people were naturally jealous of the Ibos, and disliked the poor treatment that they evidently received from them. When the Ibos evacuated Port Harcourt during the war, their property was occupied by the Rivers people. With the end of the war, they did not want to give up their position, and I understand that for a long time after the war an Ibo man had to be very careful in the state and in the city. The Rivers people must have felt that to let the Ibo in at all was to return to the pre-war domination by them. The tension has eased a bit now I think, but Mr. William's driver was an Ibo man, and he seemed a bit uneasy travelling to Port Harcourt at night.

Port Harcourt seemed to me to be a very nice city. Large, like Lagos and Ibadan but much cleaner and with a better road system. While Mr. Williams was doing his business in the bank, we went to the shipping docks and then visited a large farm owned by a friend of Mr. Williams. We then went back to Aba, and headed for the town of Owirri. Boy, that area must have really suffered during the war. Bullet holes in everything. And it did seem as if everywhere we went in the East there were army camps and many, many soldiers. Owirri was another busy city--I didn't see very much, as it was dark when we got there. Mr. Williams said that the Owirri area is very populous--the most dense in Africa after the Nile delta. There is limited employment

other than farming, and the people in the area are quite poor, especially after the war. Mr. Williams didn't waste any time in finding a place to stay for the night. He said that it wasn't a safe place to be walking around at night. There were many, many bicycles in the town. Evidently, many folks make a living by taxiing people about on their bicycles. The bicycle-taxis are the city's most important means of public transport. The next day we drove to Mbidi, and then north to the Uli airport. It was interesting--all that remains of the airport are some white markings on the long flat stretch of road, the wreckage of a few planes, and soldiers walking around, perhaps to be sure no one takes too much interest in the place. Then we went on to Umecahia, one of the last Biafran strongholds, and for long their headquarters after the fall of Enugu. We took a small detour from Umuahia to visit the Hopeville Rehabilitation Center at Okigwi. The center was founded and is run by two Roman Catholic brothers, and specializes in the rehabilitation of leg amputees wounded in the war. It's really an amazing place. They trained the men first of all in the making of artificial limbs for themselves and those who would eventually replace them at the center. There is therapy to teach the men to live as normally as possible with their artificial limbs, and then vocational training in many different areas--leatherwork, weaving, shoemaking, carpentry, and in a number of other fields. There is a nursery for children who are still suffering from kwashiorkor (I saw cases of real kwashiorkor here for the first time, but I was to see later that these cases were well on their way to recovery), and an agricultural section to both teach farming methods and provide some food for the center. At an athletic field day recently, one of the center's leg amputees was able to high jump 5'7". Isn't that amazing? I really enjoyed that visit. Afterwards we returned to Enugu, and my trip with Mr. Williams was over. He was very kind to me--I'm sure I was able to see many things with him that I could never have seen otherwise. After leaving Mr. Williams, I began to look for Peter Onzekwere.

I think that I may have mentioned to you that there was a lower sixth-form student named Paul Onzekwere who had invited me to visit his home over the holiday. Well, I was surely happy to have the chance to visit Paul. When I left Mayflower on the 4th, Paul gave me a letter of introduction to his brother Peter in Enugu, and we decided that if I didn't have a way back to Mayflower, I would meet Paul there (at Peter's home) on his way home. Well, I was able to get a taxi to Peter's neighborhood, and found him washing in the public shower just having returned from work. He really welcomed me warmly! He's really a nice fellow. I ended up staying with Peter for five days before Paul arrived, and then Paul and I stayed for another three days. Peter is one of the warmest people I have ever met. He is a very devout Christian--a real "practicing Christian". He seemed a contrast to Mr. Williams in some ways. As opposed to

What follows is the second in a series of excerpts from a letter written to Dr. Ronald Kapp by Rick Scatterday, the present African Fellow.



Class V (12th grade) students cleaning the latrine during a cholera prevention campaign.

being wealth, proper and somewhat cold, Peter made just enough money in his work to pay for his 8 x 12 ft. room, his food, and his "A" level (H. S. C.) correspondence course, but shared with me everything he had. While I was with him he insisted on leaving his bed for me and sleeping on the floor. He fed me very well, and refused to let me help with the "housework" or buy some of the food. It was in Enugu that I really came to love the African diet. When Peter was free from work, he would take me to see things in the city, or to watch him play soccer. He has played for many years in the Enugu city team. I really had a fine time staying with Peter, and I think I can really say that I was able to see the city life from a poorer end. Peter's room was in a boarding house with an open courtyard and in this courtyard the tenants did everything--cook, play, wash clothing, bathe.

I had a wonderful time staying with Peter and I really hope that I can always follow the examples of generosity and Christian living that he has given me. Boy, I'll bet I'm boring you--guess I surely take a long time to tell a story.

After Paul arrived, he took me to meet some of his friends and relatives in the city, and after a couple of days of enjoyable times, I took the train with Paul back to his home, Umuahia. I met Paul's family and once again had a very warm welcome with the folks going out of their way to make things nice for me. We did some hiking around Paul's villiage, and then we met Paul's cousin Israel and started off on a trip to Aba and Port Harcourt. So I retraced the route with Paul that Mr. Williams had taken--but it was much different this time. Rather than driving through, this time we spent nearly a day in Aba and 2 1/2 days in Port Harcourt. In Aba we stayed with a young man who had been with Paul throughout the war. (Did I mention that Paul (an Ibo) left Mayflower after the massacres of Sept. 1966 served as a medical officer in the Biafran army throughout the war, and then returned to Mayflower with Madame's help, in June of 1971?). Paul describes the city of Aba as very "hot", teeming with activity, precautions necessary with valuable things. When we were there, he insisted on holding my camera for me. He said that many are very poor, and robbery is common in the city. In view of that, it seems strange that when we were leaving the city for Port Harcourt, we didn't start until after dark. As it turned out, we did have one close call. We went to the motor park to get a vehicle, and there were many, many men trying to tell us to enter their different vehicles. We entered one car, but then immediately people came to enter the car from both sides, and all of a sudden it was full. Israel and Paul told me to get out immediately. We climbed over people, got out, and I followed Paul as he walked away--the men in the car yelling at us to come back. Paul said that he didn't trust the vehicle--he thought they might have been after my camera and any money we had. We did end up getting to Port Harcourt without any trouble at all. We travelled in a Volkswagen van.

THEATRE EXPERIENCE

OFFERED IN MAY

Again this year the Co-Curricular Affairs Committee is offering to 100 members of the community a Saturday of theatre at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford, Ontario, Canada.

Tickets have been secured for both matinee (AS YOU LIKE IT) and evening (LORENZACCIO) performances on Saturday, May 20, 1972. All seats are \$3.00, best in the house.

Overnight accommodations for Saturday night have been reserved at the Queen's and Windsor hotels.

The Co-Curricular Affairs Committee will, in addition, furnish transportation to all ticket-holders. Buses will depart early on the morning of the 20th and return by supper-time on the 21st. Some food will be furnished to students but each person should anticipate the necessity of supplying several meals for himself.

Total cost per person is \$11.00. This includes one matinee ticket, one evening ticket, transportation, over-

night accommodations, and some food for students.

Reservations can be made with Mrs. June Pinter in the office of the Vice-President for Administrative Services, Reid-Knox Building, beginning at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 1. Purchasers may make room selections in the order in which they make reservations. That is, rooms will not be assigned as they were last year; rather, each person may, at the time he makes his reservation, choose his room from those left unselected at that time. No reservations will be accepted before 1:00 p.m., March 1. No reservations will be accepted by phone. All reservations must be accompanied by payment in full, \$11.00 per person.

Unique Course to Examine Community Concept

Utopia and Ideology: The Quest for Community in the Nineteenth and twentieth Centuries is the title for the interdepartmental topic offered by Dr. Massanari and Dr. Smelser for spring term.

The class will look at both the actual and theoretical concepts of community. This course will attempt to provide a historical-analytical context in which a consideration of human community will take place. It will aim at exploring some of the criteria, judgements and assessments of forms of community and visions of the ideal community.

The class will approach the topic on a seminar critical-inquiry method. The seminar will meet twice a week

for two hours and will examine such works as, Ideology and Utopia by Mannheim, E. Nolte, Three Faces of Facism; Utopias and Utopian Thought edited by F. Manuel and Buber's Path in Utopia. The fifteen students will look at a community of the right as National Socialism in Germany, and a community of the left, Marxism.

At the end of the term each student will be expected to investigate a particular community or theory such as the utopian socialists, Paris Commune, Christian socialists, socialist humanism, or Walden II. Dr. Massanari and Dr. Smelser will base the student's grade on participation in the seminar, position papers, and the final project.

SPRING TERM LOOKS PROMISING

by Barb Miller

(Pant, pant). I hope I get there on time. His hours are only from 11:30 to 11:45. I hope all the ones I want aren't filled up already. Good, he's in his office. Hi, would you sign my pre-registration card? Who am I? I'm one of your advisees. Yes, it has been a long time. Are these classes all right to take? It might be easier to read if you turned the card right side up. Yes, I've checked out the times. I know I should have one class from another division, but I couldn't fit it in. Maybe next year. Yes, I'll be here. I'm only a freshman. Yes, I know it must be hard to remember the names and faces of your five advisees.

Oh no, look at the line. Everybody pushing to be first. Wow, that girl really gave him the elbow. I hope none of them want a class I want. My turn. Come on lady, hurry up. This anticipation is giving me ulcers. There's one card, two cards, three cards . . . What? No, that's okay, it's only a fractional credit. Put me on a waiting list? great! Sign my name at the bottom. There's no dotted line. Just put it anywhere I guess. Hey, . . . Hey! Here's my cards. That's it? I don't get any guarantee? Well, if that's how the system works.

I can't believe it! I got all my classes! I don't have to go back and see my advisor like I had to so many times last term. All of them! Basket weaving, Care of Your Goldfish, Pig Latin, and on the waiting list for Intermediate Ping Pong. It's going to be a great spring term.

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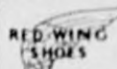
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LETTERS TO

FRUSTRATION WROUGHT FROM ARBITRARY REGULATIONS

An open letter to President Swanson, Deans Plough, Rentz and Southern, and the Administration of Alma College

Even as I begin to write, the all too familiar feelings of frustration and resignation cloud my mind, and once again I seriously question whether this or any other action will ever successfully restore sanity to Alma's troubled intellectual community. With its grossly distorted priorities, its arbitrary and unenforceable student regulations, and its pervasive financial paranoia there is little reason to believe that one more letter will significantly alter Alma's confused course. But I must write. I have lived in this town all my twenty years and have been intimately involved with Alma's students, faculty, and administration for the last eight of those years. Consequently, I have been both a witness to its evolution (note: I even played in the immortalized A.C. Jungle) and a party to oftentimes privileged information regarding its plans and its failures. Furthermore, I have lived in its dorms, eaten its food, received its parking tickets, broken its regulations, experienced its repression and finally--I have dropped out to pursue a style of freedom which this institution could neither condone nor understand. So now, after several months of somewhat anguished evaluation I must (in all probability) lose some friends and focus on a few of Alma's very real and very significant problems. Hopefully, the guilt I feel from months of silence will be lessened in the process.

To begin with (and to put it quite bluntly) Alma is pursuing a self-destructive course. In its attempted manipulation of adult, student life styles it is fostering dangerous levels of indifference and frustration--and for good reason--whatever official channels concerned student-citizens choose to utilize in their attempt to instill community conscience (i.e. a total community awareness of man's awe inspiring magnificence and basic right to experiment with alternate and personally significant life styles) they are rudely halted time and time again by an administration obsessed with physical plant expansion and economic concerns. Granted, the college will collapse if monies are totally cut off but I must ask the administration this, do you honestly believe that if, for example, 24 hour open dorm, co-ed living arrangements, or any of a multitude of needed reforms were initiated, the college would collapse--the funding would be cut off? That assumption is lacking in both credibility and documentation. Now, assuming that there are donors who attach "strings" to their gifts I must ask this, is it ethically sound to accept such gifts, if their acceptance seriously hinders the institution of needed reform and if by their acceptance--you, the administration, implicitly demonstrate the ultimate significance of the dollar? (To draw an analogy with prostitution at this point might be interesting and worthwhile) Again, assuming that there actually would be a significant reduction in funding as a result of reform, I can only say that I would rather attend stimulating classes in a free barn than enjoy a multi-million dollar academic facility in an institution which failed to endorse freedom of individual choice. (We must not forget, of course, that in all probability, there are many people willing to contribute to reform in higher education).

It was not my intent, however, to dissect the administration's economic concerns. They are painfully real and should be handled in detail by those trained to do so. They should not, however, be used as a reason or an excuse for vetoing legitimate student proposals. Whether funds are used for physical expansion or ethical reform (if indeed they are mutually exclusive) is a difficult question, but at this point, it would seem wise to re-evaluate the administrative priorities which too often dictate the answer.

Before continuing further, it might be profitable to investigate the nature of education itself as it applies to an institution specifically concerned with this task (as opposed to an institution whose primary concern is the economic success of an educational business.)

Erich Fromm, speaking of the necessary requisites for successful instruction contends that, "One of the most important of these conditions is that the significant person (or in this case, institution) in the child's life have faith in . . . (that child's) . . . potentialities. The presence of this faith makes the difference between education and manipulation. Education is identical with helping the child realize his potentialities. The opposite of education is manipulation, which is based on the absence of faith in the growth of potentialities and on the conviction that a child will be right only if the adults put into him what is desirable and suppress what seems to be undesirable. There is no need of faith in the robot, since there is no life in it either . . . It follows that the belief in power (in the sense of domination (and manipulation)) and the use of power are the reverse of faith. To believe in power that exists is identical with disbelief in the growth of potentialities which are as yet unrealized . . . There is no rational faith in power. There is submission to it or, on the part of those who have it, the wish to keep it . . . Because of the fact that faith and power are mutually exclusive, all . . . systems which originally are built on rational faith become corrupt and eventually lose what strength they have, if they rely on power or ally themselves with it." (from *The Art of Loving* by Erich Fromm, 1963, pages 104 - 106. italics mine)

Those in the administration, faculty, and student body (yes) responsible for the suppression of individual choice and personal freedom would do well to reread this excerpt from Fromm's highly respected book. It should be carefully noted that many acts of suppression on the part of the faculty and student body fit precisely into the final italicized description of a corrupted power in a degradingly significant institution.

Returning once again to Fromm's thesis, a passage strikingly similar to many delivered by President Swanson at various convocations challenges the reader: "To have faith requires courage, the ability to take a risk . . ." But I must now ask the entire administration; for all your unquestionably sound and grand advice, where is your courage and what is your risk? Certainly not in your attitude toward student autonomy and the right to determine one's own life pattern as long as other's rights are not violated. Certainly not in your idiotic suppression of alcohol or sexual intimacy and expression between consenting adult citizens of this state. Before we go further, remember--theoretically, those involved with an institution of higher learning are there seeking an education. To discuss the obvious fallacies in this theory is beyond the scope of this letter but we can safely assume that at least a few students do fit in this category. Therefore, it logically follows that these individuals will resent any element which seriously interferes with this pursuit. (This includes administrative policy) Therefore, the system is self-policing. That is, the students themselves will maintain--to paraphrase your catalog--an atmosphere conducive to such a time consuming and all encompassing task. Any time spent in a dorm prior to a major examination (unfortunately, only prior to such an examination) will substantiate this argument.

Instead of an administrative acceptance of this basic precept, however, innumerable programs of social manipulation, suppression, attempted control, and punishment are found within all levels of the managerial hierarchy. Recently, the lowest level of this hierarchy (i.e. the R.A.) is finding this situation increasingly intolerable. Unfortunately, no one in a higher level is interpreting this with any degree of positive objectivity. Instead, they are examining this development with their typically distorted, narcissistic orientation.

At this point I must be careful for the frustration welling up from a painful awareness of administrative stupidity regarding student (read human) rights, and their callous and short sighted manipulation and attempted programming of

delicate inter-personal relationships nearly drives me to the use of "vulgarity" and "gutter language." But I will not yield to the temptation. Instead, I will appeal to administrative reason--hoping, praying, that in the final analysis they will be surprised and shocked upon discovering just what they are actually doing--and will take every conceivable pain to remedy the situation. But, I must also face reality--Deans Plough, Rentz and Southern (and those directly under them) are, if not fully aware at least partially cognizant of the actual nature of their manipulation. So I must take a different approach; I must question the success of this manipulation, for if it is in any way responsible for a general distortion of priorities and ideology on this campus, its value, indeed its moral significance, must be called into serious question. Similarly, if it is not contributing in a positive manner to academic and inter-personal good, it should be discarded and an alternate program should be experimentally initiated.

I firmly believe that a mere presentation of the facts will serve to answer much of this question--facts which unequivocally point to at least some element responsible for Alma College's relative stagnation. Most shockingly significant is this comment from a highly respected scholar and top rated member of Alma's faculty. (I must emphasize the nature of this source. It is totally irreproachable and must, for obvious reasons, remain totally anonymous. For purposes of establishing a time reference, this conversation occurred approximately five weeks into fall term 1971--just prior to my leaving.) Concerning widespread faculty disappointment with the state of Alma's academic community it was noted at the time that, "Any attempt on the part of the faculty to create intellectual ferment (at Alma College) has met with dismal failure."

Intellectual ferment--that, I'm afraid, is what a college is all about. That is why the best minds in the world are assembled into an environment of educational opportunity. This is, without question, the most significantly different aspect of a liberal arts experience. In short, this atmosphere, which, almost by osmosis, can create a creative, thinking, sensitive and intellectually alive person is, by faculty admission missing--a "dismal failure."

This alone should be reason enough to abolish any policy which distorts priorities to the point where the major administrative concern seems to be the control of student freedom rather than the full utilization of the institution's intellectual resources. But there is more. There is strong evidence that the end result of this attempted control is not a well groomed mass of self-actualized and whole human beings, successfully functioning as students in pursuit of academic excellence and living meaningful lives characterized by involved and dynamic inter-personal and inter-sexual relationships. Indeed, there is good reason to suspect that this very control is responsible to some degree for the sexual neurosis which plagues the campus. A reiteration of specific details at this point is hardly necessary, but it should be noted that the type of thoughtless, sexual athletic contest which haunts administrative minds could not really occur in a co-ed living situation. Remember--it is necessary in such an environment to wake up and face the previously involved people (or at least their brothers and sisters) the next morning. (Note: South Complex is not co-ed in this sense. The sexes can easily hide from each other in that situation) Granted, group sex may be a significant and enriching experience (and before you slap a moral indictment on me remember I am neither damning it nor advocating it--I am merely discussing it objectively) and it may be a psychologically debilitating experience. I suspect that in the majority of instances it is the latter, but I am not so sure that I could honestly condemn it for all time. I do know this, however, strict sexual segregation such as that practiced at Alma College (and elsewhere--but that is not, repeat not a valid argument) must necessarily lead to some form

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THE EDITOR

APOLOGY FOR LANGUAGE, NOT THOUGHTS

Dear Editor:
Two very significant sets of circumstances have occurred since my letter appeared in the February 7th issue of the Almanian.

The first: I spent several hours talking with some of the people involved in the incidents which were the subject of my previous letter. In no conceivable way could I fault anyone concerned with the disciplinary action deemed commensurate with the offenses of those seven students. Under the existing laws of our community--they got what they deserved.

The second: I, of course, read President Swanson's letter. Dr. Swanson's letter prompted me to look closely at a three-week-old article. Without any fervor of hasty reactionism, it is now plain to me that Dr. Swanson is absolutely correct when he labels Vegter's letter "Vulgar." An apology is therefore in order.

I am certain that it will be curious to many people, but I sincerely believe that those to whom I must apologize are the very people who, in spirit, agreed with that letter. Vulgarly doesn't have any place in journalism. I cannot agree that anyone but I should shoulder the blame for a wretched attempt at honest opinion. It is unfortunate for him that Paul's name is associated with the totality of the Almanian's content.

To many students who thanked me for saying what they wished they might have said, I am sorry. I have done you all a disservice by allowing the way in which I expressed myself to become an issue.

Though I still feel a resentment toward the conservative moral fiber which permeates the institution I have chosen, I have learned a lesson well. But it was a lesson in two parts. Once before, while I was a student at Michigan State, I climbed on a band wagon. In each instance it was a tremendous psychological let-down. Now, more than I am able to resent the threatening intrusion on the world of my own private morality, I have come to resent my fellow students. There is something deplorable occurring when idealistic young people, endowed with an innate vitality, choose only to exhibit lethargy. I feel, in myself, a tedious evolution toward an attitude of selfish instincts. I would like to fight the change in me; but only if an ideal is shared in practice does it have an ounce of function.

Respectfully,
Dave Vegter

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Sincerely,
John T. Richards

Not Language Important

In regard to President ck on Mr. Harasim and pertaining to the guest en by the latter. In nothing as insignificant s and terminology used r, President Swanson ole point of his edi- this or the President w attention away from that exist at Alma that ut by Mr. Vegter. The motives are unclear to that the administration feels it necessary to man beings like little tle by trying to regulate lives is much more an any combination of ds. I feel sorry for you nson because of your nd superficiality. I be well for you to it is not how a person g but WHAT he says ant.

Sincerely,
Dan Ryskamp '74

Low Standards Pollute Society

Dear Editor:

We learned a long time ago that low standards in private health resulted in disease, crippled lives and death, and were not in the best public interest. We have more recently learned that low standards or no standards in our personal choices verge on the catastrophic. Other civilizations learned, by dying, that low moral standards, whether private or public do pollute society. Unfortunately, we have failed to see the analogy and though an analogy may miss the gold it still may get enough of the target to reveal a vital truth. Every problem that confronts us, including ecology, has been created by choices, some of which were made openly but most of which were made in private. There have been societies that were wiped out by improper standards in private health. There are many who predict that our society, in fact, our whole world is at the brink and only a miracle can save us because of both flagrant and surreptitious instances of pollution. I also believe there is some evidence that our society may be in danger because of moral pollution and that the greater

"doing your own thing" extremely rare

To the editor:

I usually think newspaper debates should close after having ample time for all sides to be heard. Hence I would have refrained from commenting on David Vegter's "Guest Viewpoint" (Almanian, February 7), if I did not expect that someone might use it as proof that "wicked Alma" (or, in the column's terms, "expedient Alma")? condoned an Olympian immorality.

As I write this letter, no one has attacked the column on those grounds, and I do not choose to do so. But jealousy will wear a halo at times, and "righteousness" will mask a drive-to-power-and-community-leadership; and so I want to answer one of Mr. Vegter's points before any further answers make us grow cataracts to cloud our vision.

While I might disagree with the columnist about censorship, confidentiality, expediency, legality, liberty, morality, or vulgarity (the order is that of the alphabet, not of importance), I simply want to respond to one statement: "Their (the College's?) kind of morality does not exist in the nature of man, and . . . is being bred out of society: let everybody do his own thing as long as it does not affect other people's rights."

Aside from noting the absurdity of claiming that a non-existent morality is being eliminated, let me also note that in my own observations--which I believe are supported by the more expert observations of such ecologists as Dr. Dubos, quoted in the column--cases of "doing your own thing" without "affecting other people's rights" are extremely rare. Such cases hardly exist in the predatory, prowling places of modern life, and that holds true of classrooms, residence halls, corporations, professional offices, and most of the myriad subcultures of our cities.

The reason such cases are rare lies in the strong "gang-think" which, paradoxically, enforces Mr. Vegter's (spuriously) individualistic code. "Doing your own thing" really means "doing the group's own thing," and such a code stifles personal worth just as effectively as the "morality" attacked in the column.

I would like to point out to both the guest columnist and his (imagined?) Fundamentalists that they ignore some rather precise distinctions in life:

(1) the general difference between genuine relations between and among human persons and the phony, manipulative relationships of persons over persons-as-things or persons-as-converts (and there is little difference here between conversion to faith, to virtue, or to stud-hood).

(2) the more specific gradations in the quality of physical relationships between man and woman, gradations which even in Biblical times depended not on moral codes but on relationships entered into between persons (See Genesis 38, Exodus 22:16-17, and Deuteronomy 22:28-29).

It seems to me that one may "do his own thing" either in the dubious pleasures of group "scandal" or in the inviolably pure and private sanctity of one's personal soul. Both are products of "gang-think," and both are unimaginative and visionless--and society perishes without vision.

Theologian Harvey Cox, married father of three, seems to have enjoyed life more than a dozen Hefners and forty Fundamentalists together, notes how we "post-Victorians" condemn celibacy as our forefathers condemned incontinence. For "a younger generation of post-post-Victorians" he counters, "sex is not such an issue. The artist Van Gogh perhaps put it best when he said that the sex life of the artist must be that of a monk or . . . a soldier. Anything in between distracts his vision. The fact that the monks chose the former should not distract us from their vision." (The Feast of Fools, p. 89)

Unfortunately, except for one brief response, there has not been much of the artist in the debate; it has not been between soldiers and monks; it is likely to become an absurd confrontation between those otherwise identical individualisms, defiant libertinism and scared prudery. Because the "post-post-Victorians" have not yet made their presence felt at Alma, the present debate will obscure the importance of either an enduring enjoyment of life or an enduring vision of life, or both. Because of paradoxically pseudo-individualistic "gang-think," perhaps it is not a "morality" but "society" itself that is "being bred out of society."

Yours for a vision of a future,
Eugene H. Pattison

danger is here. Pitram Sorokin has said in The Crisis of Our Age that "an illiterate society may survive but an immoral society is doomed." Not to improve but rephrase Sorokin, a polluted environment may regenerate itself and perhaps survive but as history has so eloquently demonstrated an immoral or polluted society is doomed.

Thought X--A slightly illegal use of drugs within the confines of my own room, alone or with intimate friends is of no concern to anyone else.

Thought Y--"I don't give buffalo chips" about anyone or anything else; when I spray my own crops within the confines of my own private property with a deadly insecticide which only recently became illegal. "When somebody effects my rights to those activities, I have not in the past, and will not in the future, put up with it."

Thought X--A slightly immoral sexual act behind a closed door with a "loving" and/or "consenting" adult is well within my rights.

Thought Y--The slightly immoral act of allowing a small defect in my cottage septic system to go unrepaired which is behind a closed and locked gate is well within my "rights", especially if it can't be detected, "because morality doesn't bug me and never has."

Thought X--To slightly break the rules of the college and the hearts of my parents; to also disturb the rest of the dorm by getting drunk is a personal prerogative and no one had better interfere.

Thought Y--To slightly break the rules by dumping small amounts of mercury in a small isolated drainage ditch, (which ultimately finds its way into your next fish sandwich) is really quite alright since "I can easily get away with breaking the rules."

We know now (and almost too late) that in those things that touch our environment that what A does to B has a profound affect on B and everything that surrounds B, although many times this is not immediately apparent. I also believe the analogy holds within society, but with even greater devastating results, because it involves people. People are at least a little more important than things, and their actions though entered into privately do create waves that directly affect others. The people who surround us, know us, and are influenced (cleansed or polluted) by us more than we are willing to admit. In another sense it isn't necessary for A to do anything to B and still affect both his own and B's reference groups causing ripples that reach a distant shore. How A thinks is communicated

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to others and makes a difference for good or evil. No man is an island; how he thinks though his mind may seem to be closed, and how he acts, though it be in stygian darkness and behind a closed door, that door always swings open. That door is no longer a barrier but a drawbridge that reaches others and they are polluted as certainly as the internal combustion engine with all its secrets pollutes our atmosphere.

I offer no defense for my own generation. We have been reminded on numerous occasions that we are guilty hypocrites and I agree. But it seems to me that there is at least a small measure of hypocrisy in any person who can raise his voice in shrill persistent criticism of those choices, at least some of which are moral, that destroy our physical environment but shut his eyes and his mouth when moral choices are made that pollute our whole society.

The viewpoint of an intruder '38
Harold Dean



Mark Wangbera auctioneers for the students and wins.

FACULTY AUCTION IS CALLED FANTASTIC

Dear Students and Faculty,
Following last week's Faculty Auction, all we can say is "FANTASTIC!" All the receipts aren't in yet, but our estimate is that a final total of over \$1,000 will go to the African Fellowship. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the Alma College campus for their generosity; the faculty for providing such fantastic merchandise, and the students for buying it. Without your continued support the African Fellowship would cease to exist. Again, thank you all so very much.

Sincerely,
The Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega

Dear Editor:

Women students of Alma,
A few weeks ago a group of girls from C.M.U. visited your campus. We were from Kappa Phi service sorority, a national organization of Christian university women interested in service, study, sisterhood, and worship.

As one of our goals for 1972, we have decided to try to start a chapter at Alma. We are looking for people who enjoy working together, having fun together, sharing experiences, and working to improve our faith. We would like to be able to get

together with you at Alma to introduce ourselves, and to introduce you to Kappa Phi. If we can arrange a convenient time we would then like to have you come up for an overnight 'retreat', to visit our campus and see what we're like.

If you're interested in being part of an organization that cares about people and enjoys doing things--write to us. We'd like you to be a part of our group.

Sincerely,
The sisters of Kappa Phi,
c/o 213 S. Western Islands,
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858



Dr. Ronald Kapp
auctioneer for the
faculty... losing.

Congratulations TO BRUSKE'A' BASKETBALL TEAM

Dear Sirs,

I would like to extend my congratulations to Bruske Hall's "A" league basketball team on their winning of the "A" league championship last Wednesday night. It is the first time in a very long time that a dorm has won the title. They displayed great team work and showed much poise while winning the title. They deserve the tribute of a very fine basketball team.

To Charlie DePree, Al Kohn, Dan Stulberg, Gary Paesans, Kirk Vandergeest, Chuck Chrisinske, and Rick Lake - a heck of a job. Congratulations.

Sincerely,
John Hoekje

YOUTH-- RUN FOR DELEGATES

Dear Editor:

The recent passage of the Michigan Presidential Primary Bill has created a special precinct delegate election on May 16, 1972. The Michigan Youth Politics Institute is encouraging young people to run for these precinct delegate slots, to give youth a larger voice in both the Presidential selection process and in the internal affairs of the Parties.

The Institute, in conjunction with the Michigan Youth Caucus, is sponsoring

a statewide Conference on March 11 in East Lansing. The purpose of the Conference is to give young people comprehensive training in the dynamics of running for precinct delegate, as well as how to conduct voter registration drives and mobilize their peers: in their neighborhoods, on their campuses, and in their Union shops.

Peace,
Richard S. Kruch
Executive Director MYPI

Criticism LEVELLED

Dear Mr. Harasim:

I do hope your ego is satisfied for another week. Those three pictures of you were tremendous (not to mention your picture in your column). I'm looking forward to seeing you again in person but, if I don't, I know I can find you in your personal little paper. By the way, the article on the play wasn't worth (no pun intended) the space it took.
Chris Cornwell
one of many disgruntled readers (ex-readers)

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SEMINAR ON MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Dear Faculty and Students:

I would like to announce that on March 8th, at 8:00 in the evening, a short, but very informative seminar will be held in the Library A.V. Room. The topic is: MS, the crippler of young adults.

This seminar is a product of my Independent Study this term at Gratiot Community Hospital, where working with multiple sclerosis patients was a part. In doing so I realized how ignorant I was concerning this disease. Therefore, with the help of the Alma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and a film narrated by Jimmy Stewart, I want you to learn with me about this crippler. This disease could be part

of your roommate, friends, family, or even you.

Did you know that:

- MS hits young adults between the ages of 18 and 40?
- MS appears primarily in colder climates?
- MS effects your central nervous system?
- MS has no cure?

I hope that you will take an hour to become informed about something which could possibly become a reality.

Sincerely,

Steve Weinberger (Preacher)

Date: March 8
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Topic: Multiple Sclerosis

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ROTARY CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD

Joe Simon, president of the Rotary Club of Alma, has announced that the club is seeking young men and women in the Alma area as candidates for Rotary Foundation educational awards for study abroad in 1973-74.

Four types of educational awards are offered by the Foundation: Graduate Fellowships, for those between the ages of 20 and 28, with a bachelor's degree or equivalent; Undergraduate Scholarships, for those 18 to 24 with a minimum of two years of university level work; Technical Training Awards, for those 21 to 35 with a secondary education and at least two years' working experience; and, Awards to Teachers of the Handicapped, for those 21 to 35 who have been engaged as fulltime teachers of the mentally, physically or educationally handicapped for at least two years at the time of application.

Each award covers round-trip transportation, educational and living expenses for one academic year, and, if necessary, funds for intensive language training.

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit organization supported by contributions from Rotarians and Rotary clubs in 149 different countries. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than \$12 million for its various programs, and more than 4,700 young men and women have gone to countries other than their own for a year of study.

Past Rotary Foundation awardees from Alma area are Gordon Vliet of Williamsburg, Virginia, Ronald Eggleston of the Alma College faculty and Charles "Pat" Shelley of Saginaw.

Further information about these awards is available from Dr. Joseph Walser, Department of Religion, Alma College. The application deadline is 15 March, 1972.

Civil Service Exam

Offered Again

Any seniors who missed taking the Federal Service Entrance Examination which was given on the Alma campus in the fall will have another opportunity to take this examination. Arrangements have been made with the U.S. Civil Service Commission to give the examination on campus providing there are enough students interested in taking the examination. The examination will be given on Saturday, April 1, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 123 of the Physical Education Center.

The deadline for signing for this examination is Thursday, March 23. Application forms and further information concerning this examination, which is used as a basis for selecting candidates for many federal service jobs, can be picked up in the Placement Office, Faculty Office Building.

PETITION FOR ABORTION

All petitions for the Abortion Law Reform Petition Drive should be in by March 1st. If you have a petition or would like to sign one, please see Beth Livingood in Cole Cottage.

Saginaw Internship

All those interested in the summer internship in Saginaw are urged to contact Mr. Eggleston this week if you have not already done so. The deadline for applications is Monday, March 6th. If interested, do not fail to tell Mr. Eggleston by that date.

YMCA Sponsors Trip to Asia

The State YMCA of Michigan will be sponsoring the American Students in Asia (ASIA '72) project next summer. This will be the seventh group of college students - young adults to go to East Asia as volunteer leaders/teachers for the YMCA of Hing Kong.

Selected college students - young adults, will leave Chicago on July 1, returning August 25. Cost is \$1600 to each participant. They will serve as English teachers on the Rooftop Centres in Hong Kong, and help with other youth leisure-time programs.

Enroute to Hong Kong the group will spend ten days in Japan and a week in Korea. Applications for visas to Mainland China will be made this year.

More information is available from John Agria, NOB 118.

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placements can be made right through April, early applicants will obviously get the pick of the jobs. Salaried or volunteer jobs are in hotels, offices, social work, agricultural student camps, archaeological digs and other categories. Room and board is available in all cases.

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THE MEANING OF MY LAI MASSACRE

WHEN Mylai was first headlined, this News Service regretfully reported that the killing of civilians had become quite general, arising out of the U.S. bombing strategy and the creation of free-fire zones where bombs and artillery fire were dumped at will on inhabited South Vietnamese areas supposedly under Vietcong control. We explained that: ● Out of this inhumane policy, had arisen the body counts which measured progress in the war by "kills" rather than tactical gains in which the enemy was outmaneuvered, forced to retreat or surrender, the generally accepted aim of civilized warfare, rather than slaughter. (This arose largely out of our military's failure to cope with Communist guerrilla tactics because of a fixation on conventional war technology.) ● Since the Vietcong were South Vietnamese, such a barbaric practice inevitably dimmed the margins between combatants and civilians. Thus we reported that the killings of civilians had happened not just in Mylai but had become a tragic widespread fact of the war.

Meanwhile the court-martial cases ground through their routine, only one defendant out of twelve convicted, and he, Lt. Calley, had his sentence suspended by White House action. No high ranking officers were either charged with responsibility in the courts or used as principal witnesses, the brass staying out of it.

Many GI's outside the courtrooms have now come forward to tell of witnessing civilian torture and deaths; several officers, including colonels, have reported the same, some charging that they had reported the atrocities to their superiors, only to have their reports ignored; in some instances, when they persisted in their requests for corrective measures, to protect the reputation of the Army, they have been reprimanded. And in one notable case a highly decorated colonel had his career destroyed, a penalty that could only have originated in the high echelons.

See BTL, Oct. 15; also N.Y. Times, Sept. 5, for details on case of Col. Anthony Herbert.

THE PEERS PANEL, headed by Gen. Wm. E. Peers, has now become known as the only sizable investigation launched by the Army itself. But its gathered evidence was also suppressed, the most important and revealing evidence removed from official files and apparently destroyed. This is another action that could not have occurred without the full knowledge of, if not participation by, the high command.

This full Peers panel story is told, along with details about scores of Mylais, by Seymour

M. Hersh, the journalist who initially disclosed the facts of the massacre and received the Pulitzer Prize for doing so. Hersh's long report appears in the New Yorker magazine Jan. 22 and 29, with many details on how the high command conducted the war in ways that created the body count system and led to Mylai. We urge any of our readers who have doubts about the momentous nature of this tragedy to look up these issues in your public library. (This material will no doubt be published in book form later.)

Hersh tells, for instance, of the helicopter pilot, Lt. Hugh C. Thompson of Atlanta, who saw

the killing of civilians by Lt. Calley's outfit and landed to rescue some of the civilians from GI fire. When Calley angrily protested Thompson's interference, the latter ordered two machine gunners in his helicopter to train their weapons on Calley while civilians were being taken aboard! Over 400 civilians were slaughtered in the Mylai area rather than the approximate 100 cited in the court-martial.

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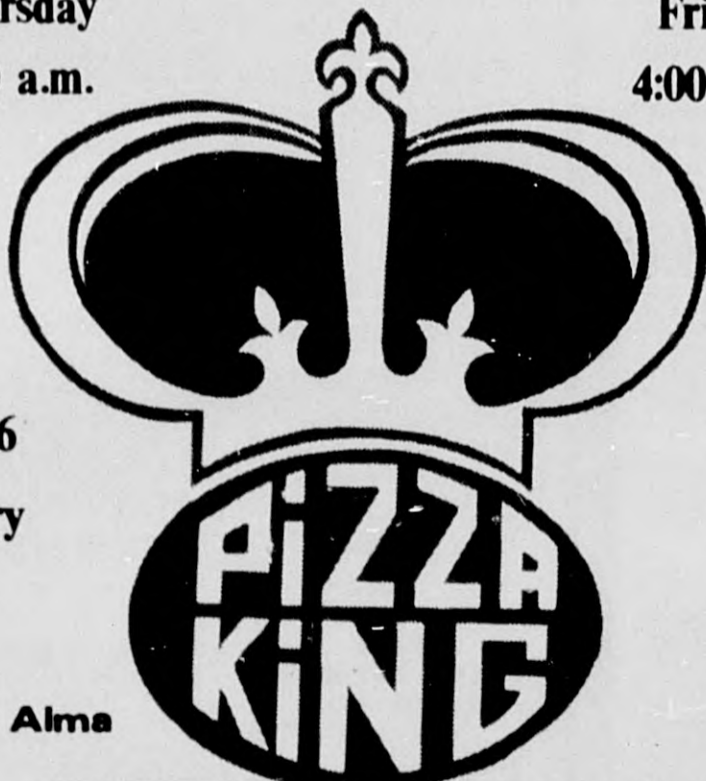


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SCOTS TAKE A DIVE

by Dave Salvette

Alma disappointed its basketball fans as it blew a six point lead in the waning minutes of a 61-59 loss at the hands of a poor Kalamazoo squad. Kalamazoo entered the game in the MIAA cellar with an 0-10 record.

The Scots jumped off to a 30-12 bulge in the first half with Craig Bahle and Ike Neitring providing the scoring punch. A 100 point performance seemed possible at that stage of the game. But by half time the Hornets had whittled the deficit to seven points, 32-25. A seemingly complacent Alma team attempted to look for the short, open shot which it never obtained, although the Scots were still in control of the contest.

In the second half a tenacious Kazoo ball club pecked away at the Alma lead. Their goal was achieved with 9:50 remaining when a bucket by Pat Cunningham made it a 43-42 score for the Hornets. A quick outburst by the Scots reversed the lead back to a somewhat comfortable 52-45. The opposing coach frantically called a timeout and settled his men down. Alma still appeared in good shape with a 59-53 advantage with around two minutes remaining on the clock.

Bob Dentzman hit six straight points to tie the conflict, but not before Howard Bedore had missed the front end of a penalty situation with 1:14 left.

Alma elected to go for the final shot. As the

noise of the crowd reached the 100 decibel area, Craig Bahle popped one of his patented jump shots that failed the mark. Kazoo grabbed the rebound and quickly called timeout with but three ticks left on the clock.

What is the Alma team supposed to do in this situation? Give up the short pass--yes, commit a foul--no! Neitring obviously didn't recognize this as he went over the back of John Weurding. Stepping to the line, Weurding swished a pair to give the Hornets a two-point margin.

Timeout was called by Alma and with a play that worked in the Christmas Tournament, Jim Parker made a beautiful long pass on the throw in to Neitring. Ike couldn't handle it, even though he put the ball through the hoop after the buzzer sounded.

Dentzman was the hero in the second half surge as he pumped in 16 points, notching 20 altogether. Bahle equalled this output for the Scots and Neitring added 17 markers and 12 rebounds.

Alma shot a commendable 46% from the field, Kalamazoo fired at a weak 37% clip, but added four more charity tosses than Alma.

Basically, it had to be one of the best examples in the art of "choking" that this writer has ever witnessed.



A game high 20 points by junior forward Craig Bahle was not enough as the Alma Scots were embarrassed by the Kalamazoo Hornets 61-59.

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Tankers Enter Final Week

by Dave Lady

Alma finished third in its final meet last Wednesday at Kalamazoo against Kalamazoo and Calvin. The Scots earned a total of 21 points with Jim Warner getting nine; Dave Lady, five; Jeff Zimmerman, four; and Andy Reed, three. Freshman, Warner set a new varsity record in the 200 yard butterfly with a 2:22, over five seconds under the old mark. Warner also copped a third in the 500 yard free.

Lady captured a third in the 200 yard free and a fourth in the 100 yard free. Zimmerman took a fourth in the 200 yard I. M. and a fourth in the 200 yard breaststroke. Reed contributed a third in the 50 yard free. Alma's medley relay finished third with Warner hitting a personal college best of 58.3 seconds in the 100 yard butterfly leg.

Alma's season ends this Wednesday with the league meet at Marshall. The team has high hopes for all four men to turn in excellent individual times in their events.

IM SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 28
9:15 Gym B--'A' OX vs. Wright
9:15 Gym A--'B' DGT vs. Mitchell
Tuesday, Feb. 29
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9:10 Gym B--'B' TKE vs. Zeta Sigs
9:20 Gym A--'C' Championship



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Lassies Lose Then Win

Last week Alma's Women's Varsity Basketball Team played the final two games of the 1972 season.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22 Hope College beat the Lassies 50 - 36, in a disappointing game in Holland. Three of Alma's starting players; Bev Palmreuter, Marcia Simmons and Lorraine Lake fouled out in the fourth quarter, giving Hope the victory.

Thursday night Alma thoroughly outclassed Saginaw Valley College 39 - 23. SVC. was held scoreless until midway through the second quarter as Alma completely dominated the game. Coach Jean Ann Reilly started substituting early in the game and all the Lassies saw action.

With their regular season behind them, the Women's Varsity will now host the WMIAA Invitational Saturday, March 4.



This Saturday, March 4, Alma will host the Women's MIAA Basketball Invitational. The games will be played as follows:

A LEAGUE

11:00 AM--Alma vs. Olivet
--Hope vs. Adrian

2:15 PM--Winners
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B LEAGUE

9:15 AM--Muskegon vs. Oakland University
12:30 PM--Kalamazoo vs. Albion

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M.J.J. SMITH DISCUSSES CHINA TALKS

What are the implications of the Peking Summit? Will the Nixon visit bring about extended friendly relations between the U.S. and China? What is the effect upon other nations? Read on, as Dr. M.J.J. Smith, professor of Asian Studies at Alma, speaks to these questions...

by Greg Wegner

ALMANIAN: What effects do you think Nixon's trip to China will have politically, socially, economically on an international scale?

SMITH: That's hard to assess. In the negative sense, Professor Reishauer has put it best when he made reference on the national media to the impact of the Peking Summit on the European-Japanese-American trade triangle. Clearly, rapprochement with China will disturb the Japanese. The Japanese have good reason to be concerned. Some American businessmen also have reason to be concerned. Unquestionably, normal relations with China will effect that trade relationship.

ALMANIAN: Is this a negative impact?

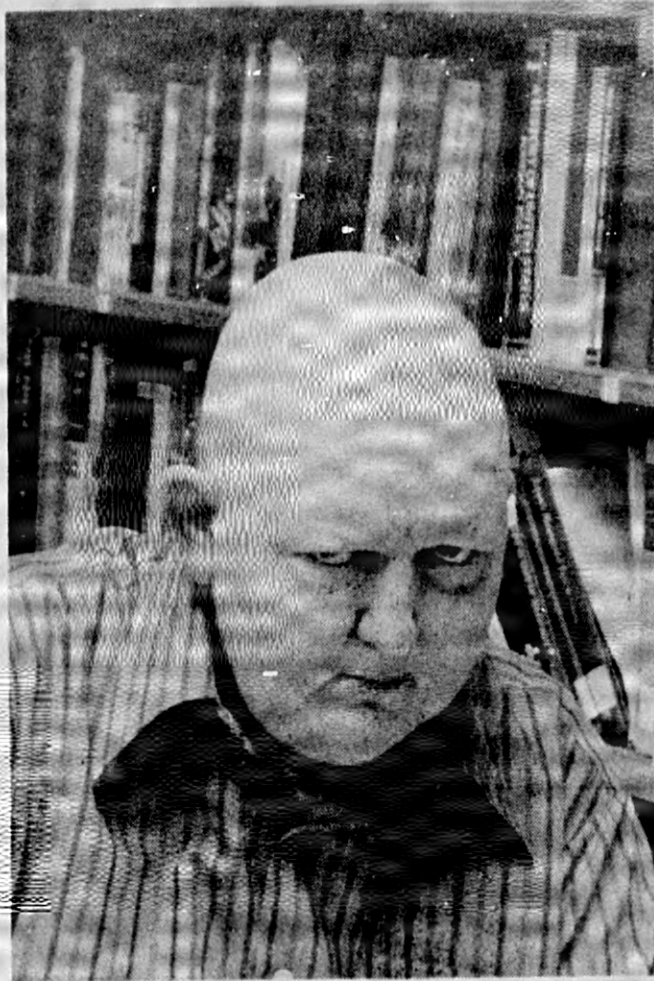
SMITH: It need not be, but it could be conceived in this way, as it was in the 1930's. If you recall, the Pacific War of 1941-45 ostensibly concerned China: the Americans, FDR administration, gave the Japanese, in 1941, six months to get out of China. The Japanese said no; eventually there was a war. But China was the central issue.

A second negative impact concerns American domestic politics. For a number of years enthusiasts who supported the regime of Chiang Kai-shek, who supported the China Lobby, who were primarily anti-Communist, found in Richard Nixon a sympathetic soul. These people, especially Americans, made serious commitments to an anti-Red posture with regard to China. They were intolerant of people who urged a middle course, the kind of approach that Kissinger is now advising. It was this sincere but intolerant group who ousted several loyal China experts who did not see Chiang Kai-shek as the answer in the forties. Suddenly, in February, 1972, they find themselves without a patron. President Nixon, who had in 1960 condemned the People's Republic of China, is now praising Chou En-lai and conversing with Mao Tse-tung. Understandably these people are shocked, disturbed, perhaps even angry. They feel deserted. There will be a backlash. In dealing with China, Nixon has replaced emotion with reason. If these individuals can be persuaded that simply because we open negotiations with the People's Republic of China doesn't necessarily mean we're embracing Communism, perhaps they will see virtue in Nixon's "summitry."

ALMANIAN: Is there a similar conservative reaction in China towards the Peking Summit?

SMITH: Yes. In fact, there has been a great upheaval in China in the past seven months. Lin Biao, the number two man in the Politburo and commander of the People's Liberation Army, was opposed to the Nixon visit. In the past four months Lin Biao had disappeared. He is absent from the scene. Some people say he is dead, some say he is in retirement. Two hundred or more members of the People's Liberation Army have been killed at their command posts in the vicinity of the Nixon visit. The die-hard Maoists of the Party oppose the Summit. The majority of Chou En-lai is still alive, but he does not have as much influence as he once had. The Chinese are divided on the Nixon visit. Some think it is a great step towards normal relations. Others think it means the Chinese have been taken over by the United States. The majority, however, is still undecided.

SMITH: A US. or CIA. agent who's been working on Taiwan international. Also, it has created tensions in Japan. Japan has virtually established an economic colony in Tai-



DR. M.J.J. SMITH

wan. The Taiwanese economy relates closely, almost a dependency status. Japanese entrepreneurs have invested heavily in Taiwan. Taiwan has an ongoing economy, a vigorous economy. What will come out of the Peking Summit? I believe, is that the Nixon Administration will acquiesce and support the deal between Japan and Peking. The deal must be worked out between Tokyo and Peking. Where does that leave Tokyo? Frankly, it makes Tokyo odd man out. Now, how are we to repair this damage--and certainly there is damage--to our Japanese friends? That is a large question that we have to resolve. Japan must have a place in East Asia. How will Japan respond now that China has again been welcomed into the European-American trade orbit? I'm not entirely sure that I would be happy about a situation wherein Japan was tied too closely to the Chinese market. Because the last time that happened the Chinese levied boycotts against the Japanese, and the Japanese sent troops into North China.

ALMANIAN: Will these talks have any influence on the Vietnam War?

SMITH: I doubt that Peking dictates to Hanoi. I really don't think that Peking Summit will have any great impact with regards to solving the Vietnam War. In the Korean situation, however, this is another story. This Summit may result in lower level negotiations which will ease tensions in North Korea. Right now we are dangerously exposed there. There is an internal, low level shooting war that's going on intermittently. This may help us ease tensions in that area. To a large degree the Chinese have influence over the North Koreans.

ALMANIAN: What will the effect be on Russia?

SMITH: Clearly, the Peking Summit is a diplomatic victory of sorts for the Chinese and for the Americans; it is something less for the Russians. I look for the Russians to seek a balance, an effort to regain lost prestige as diplomatic initiative by escalating tensions in the Middle East.

ALMANIAN: Will the talks affect the situation on the China-Russia border?

SMITH: They may force the Soviets to be more careful with regard to their demonstrations in that area. There are over a million Soviet troops on the Chinese border now; perhaps they will begin to limit their commitment there, withdraw some of the troops. That would be a good thing. It would be a great catastrophe if China and Russia became embroiled in an incident along the Chinese border, for this could trigger World War Three. And above all, we don't want that.

ALMANIAN: What sort of changes will the Peking talks have upon this country?

SMITH: It certainly is going to make a great deal of political capital for the Nixon Administration and for the campaign of '72. Secondly, the Peking Summit, I think, will mark the end of an era of loose morals, foul language, bad taste. It will introduce once again a respect for courtesy, decorum, correctness as a virtue rather than as a vice. An ancient and glorious civilization has now been restored to us; here is an example of great restraint. For one week Americans have observed "correctness, order, and repression." The Chinese hold more respect for decorum, for institutions, and for age. That could have a large influence on American life over the next two decades. Herein lies a danger. Soon now American universities and colleges must begin to treasure and reward rice cultivation rather than theoretical physics; brick-laying rather than publication.

ALMANIAN: What is your opinion of the Summit news coverage this week?

SMITH: I think it is extremely poor. It's poor because the people who are involved in it, the network people, are unlearned. For example, that any congressman would express concern because there are not large enough to greet the President is ridiculous. It testifies to the gross provincialism, the petty petulance of the commentators in China. Fortunately, there were some academic mandarin tending network microphones; they saved the "pundits" from uttering fat ping. Clearly, we need more information on China. Happily, there was a news embargo and millions of Americans learned that Chinese can do more than perform miracles of culinary art.

ALMANIAN: Does this event affect your role as a professor of Asian studies at Alma College?

SMITH: It is gratifying to find an American President participating in dialogue with the Chinese leaders. It makes many things possible in terms of teaching opportunities. There was a time when it was extremely dangerous to teach Asian Studies. Whenever one made a pronouncement, whenever one gave a lecture beyond the Opium War of 1839, he left himself open for all kinds of criticism. That era is over. Now I think professors all over the country can enjoy the same kind of academic freedom that I've enjoyed at Alma. I have never had anybody muzzle me or tell me what I'm supposed to say in terms of this college community. I don't think that has been the case for all college professors. Now it can be; and that is good.