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by ORCHESIS and KILTIE LASSIES

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Performed Last Thursday Night



The Sorceress



A Kite Painted Yellow

The day is laughter
Smile yourself into the sun
Of course you feel
Hopeful joy growing
Beginning to root in you
A steady spreading out
Reaching, trying, touching
The newness in its glowing glory
Breaks space down
Bulges and flows
The space
Is you

Rodeo



Sailor's Hornpipe

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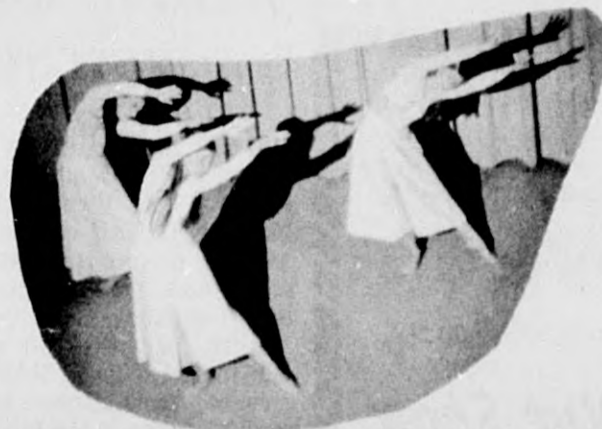
Ball of Confusion



Caven Clark



Lament for a Dead Princess



... and the Greatest of These Is Love

THI SC Elections Held Tuesday

CANDIDATES SPEAK THEIR PIECE



BILL HARRISON



JOHN RICHARDS

Candidates for President

I would like to be President of Alma College Student Council because I am tired of the bullshit that has been going on here. I do not propose to do much of anything if elected, expect that I will try to get for the students the kinds of rights which they are entitled as human beings. This means, to me, the right to live where and with whom one chooses, the right to come and go without question and generally the right to do anything that does not harm or disturb anyone else. To say that an academic institution like this college has a responsibility to guide students' social development is one thing, claiming the right to dictate our lives is another.

I ask for the support only of those students who are sick of being dictated to, who recognize the farce of community government and who wish to protest against the living conditions and treatment which stand in the way of Alma College's development into a fine academic community.

PRESTON BRADLEY SPEAKING CONTEST AND SPEECH NIGHT ANNOUNCED

The Sixth Annual Preston Bradley Speaking Contest and the Ninth Annual "Speech Night" will be held coincidentally Thursday, June 1, 7:30 PM in Dow 100, Professor Robert Smith of the Department of Speech and Theatre revealed this week.

The event, open to all students enrolled at the College, whether full- or part-time, is designed not only to provide an outside-the-classroom speaking experience for students, but to encourage responsible and mature oral communication of a high order on matters of significance. The winner of the Bradley Award, chosen by the audience, receives a wooden gavel hewn from the trees of Thomas Jefferson's estate, Monticello, and his name will be emblazoned on a permanent plaque housed in the Reid-Knox Administration Building.

Students wishing to enter choose a controversial topic, submit a full-sentence outline of it with bibliography to the Department of Speech and Theatre, and appear before a screening jury in order to qualify for the finals on June 1.

The Bradley Award was established in the last decade by a friend of Dr. Preston Bradley who was an Alma student in the early twentieth century.

Further details on the speaking event may be obtained from Professor Smith in the Department of Speech and Theater.

Community government is dying on this campus not because of "student apathy" or "lack of responsibility" but as a direct result of justified frustration and disillusionment--for our voice has been ignored, our concerns have been dealt with only superficially, and our status as important individuals has been effectively diminished by an administration preoccupied with Alma's financial success. This is not news to the majority of Alma's students but the question is, can we afford to give up our struggle for self-determination? I think not--for if we do, our voice will not be listened to again. It's really that simple--and that frightening. That is why I am urging you to vote on Tuesday May 2, and that is why I am asking for your support. Here

(1) I will actively fight to abolish regulations concerning the use of alcohol on campus.

(2) I will strive to liberalize the "pass-fail option" policy, making this alternative available to more people for more of their college career.

(3) The health center will continue to feel intense student council pressure until they increase their medical counseling staff, make "house-calls" for those too ill to walk to the center, dispense birth control information and prescriptions, and provide abortion counseling for college residents.

(4) Continuing this year's efforts as chairman of Campus Affairs committee I will work with faculty in our attempt to streamline community government. Student representation on all committees will be increased and student factioning as a result of overlapping committee structures will be eliminated. In short, we will develop a strong and unified student front.

(5) Finally, in collaboration with the Educational Testing Service at Princeton and Duke University, a program of extensive faculty and course evaluation will be undertaken. The results of this study will be published on an annual basis and will thus enable students to make a more realistic choice prior to entering a course.



STEVE OESTERLE



KIRBY GOODWIN

Candidates for Vice-President

The Vice-President has two basic duties. He must be able to take control of the Student Council and the Executive Board in the absence of the President, and he is chairman of the Student Budget and Finance committee.

As second in command of your council I will work closely with the President to insure that the council takes a united and powerful stand on vital proposals in our efforts to push them through the administrative red tape.

In addition, as chairman of the Student Budget and Finance committee, I will be interested in your opinions concerning the allocation of funds, i.e., where the money is spent and how much is spent.

The main point is that I will be working in your behalf and always keeping an open door and an open mind to all student opinions.

I am a candidate for the office of Student Council Vice-President because I feel that there are some problems which warrant attention in the Alma College community. I would appreciate being given the chance to help find solutions to these problems.

If elected I will look into such areas as the restrictions on off-campus housing, P.E. requirements (are they really needed?), and open dorm regulations. A review of the Alma College Health Center is, I think, long overdue and I propose that this be undertaken also.

I will continue with the plans to rejuvenate our Student Union, and foremost on my list of priorities right now is the establishment of the co-ed dormitory by Fall 1972. Hopefully, soon followed by co-ed dormitories with more realistic and responsible regulations and a selection process far less restrictive.

These problems are but a few of those which will face Alma during the next year, but I would welcome the opportunity to try and find solutions for all of them.

Finally, no matter who you vote for on Tuesday, vote, so the administration will see that Alma College students are concerned with what goes on in community government, and in the community as a whole.

FOURTH YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM OF SEASON

The fourth Young People's Program of the 1971-72 season will be presented by the Alma College Department of Music at 7:30 p. m. Monday, May 1, in Dunning Memorial Chapel on the college campus.

The program, entitled "Chamber Music Is Fun," will feature a string quartet, woodwind quintet, recorder ensemble, marimba ensemble, flute duet and other small chamber ensembles.

Students from the mid-Michigan area are invited to attend the program. Tickets at 50 cents for students and one dollar for adults will be available at the door and also may be purchased in advance at public schools.

ILLEGAL MAILINGS MUST STOP

It has been brought to my attention by the college mailroom that certain persons have been mailing the ALMANIAN to off-campus addresses without proper postage. Please understand that the postmark does NOT constitute a stamp; it is only a mailing permit applicable to bulk mailings. The ALMANIAN has instructed the mailroom to withhold any such mailings in the future. Harold M. Kruse Business Manager

RESIDENT ASSISTANT APPOINTMENTS COMPLETED

The Office of the Dean of Men is pleased to announce the following list of appointments to the position of Resident Assistant for the 1972-73 academic year:

Bruske Hall: Chuck DePree, Graham Driver, David Sweet, Nancy Johnson, Patricia Buckman, Kathy Jackson.

Gelston Hall: Mary Jo O'Leary, Ruth Hoskins, Jerilyn Brown, Carol McCauley, Cindy Reicks, Marilyn Class, Gail Marchand.

Mitchell Hall: Scott Schofield, Neil Carter, Rick Scatterday, Rex Howland, James Robinson, Chuck Hazen, David Chapin, Ron Walsh, Bruce Plackowski.

Newberry Hall: Jan Griffin, Linda Behling, Cheryl Novitsky, Dala Beld, Debbie Zannoth, Lura Beynon, Donna Lupp, Chris Frody, Sue Craig.

South Complex Halls: Caralyn Montague, Kathie Schlames, Peggie Rigsbee, Christie McLeod, Thom Nelson, Eric Dreier, Tom Hill, Mike Stuart.

Wright Hall: Chuck Wlodyka, Albert Fiorello, Mark Wangberg, Jim Cole, Larry Baker, Paul Currier, Terry Baumann, Dan Mecoli, Steve Weidner.

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by Janet Worth

WOMEN'S LIBERATION SPEAKER SAYS "A PERSON SHOULDN'T BE CONFINED TO WHAT OTHERS LIMIT HIM TO."

The second in a series of talks on the topic of "Sexuality and Identity" was given last Wednesday night by Sally Scales, a graduate of the University of Michigan. Ms. Scales, who had become aware and interested in the Women's Liberation Movement five years ago, while working with government, spoke of the same problems heard over and over again concerning the sex roles, but in essence, presented no solutions to the problems.

Sally, as she prefers to be called, shared with the group many of her personal experiences which have changed her way of thinking. When she was engaged, she had given up her own identity. "What was me as a person really was my fellow's perception of me," she said. "A person shouldn't be confined to what others limit him to."

Sally believes that basically, women perceive themselves only in terms of their relationship with a husband and their children. Childbirth is a most important phenomena for a woman because what happens during it affects the woman's perception of herself. Sally says that to her, the most frustrating element of marriage is the lack of communication between husband and wife.

The fact was emphasized by Ms. Scales that women are more aware of their bodies than are men. "For a woman," she stated, "the appearance and the function of the body is important." Most likely this is due to sex differences in the brain, which have an effect on the ego. More than this, however, Sally believes that women and younger girls have been channeled into this role, through the media, and, in her words, "they tell us that our role in life is to capture and to possess a man."

In spite of this kind of problem, Sally thinks positively. "This does not have to be the situation. I see that there are alternatives of life-styles, self-concepts, and meaningful roles, as well as simply a new growth. A sense of humanity is beginning to come, which, I think, will have a very profound effect on us."

She talked next of the development of women's sexual identity. "Between males and females," she stated, "there's an entirely different concept of one's developing one's sexual identity as a consequence of the external and internal differences in sex organs."

She went on to say that just because our society is male-oriented doesn't mean that women have no identity, individuality, or just as much creativity as do men. "Women have a very strong ability to create tone and to set an inner atmosphere for the future, whereas, by contrast, in men everything is outwardly projected."

The Women's Liberation Movement was first created or brought about to develop trust between women. As it is, women don't generally trust each other, Sally believes. Because most women are never forced to make their own decisions or to act independently, she emphasized the importance of self-esteem in young girls. This is especially important as the girls reach puberty and begin developing relationships with boys. "Femininity in puberty is something which must be proven by the girl's ability to capture the attention of males," she said.

The next topic of discussion centered around female sexuality. Basically

Ms. Scales talked about the decision the woman has to make about whether or not she will partake in sexual activity and whether or not she will use an oral contraceptive. "The pressure and responsibility is placed on the woman for making her own choice. This freedom of choice is sometimes found as a burden, if it is not overpowering entirely." Not only are social conflicts present, but also conflicts in the self-image a woman might wish to achieve.

"We're talking about looking at what the societal perceptions of sexuality are and one's internalization of what these perceptions are, and the agonizing process of making decisions, particularly in light of the fact that women tend to be themselves in terms of their relationship to men," she generalized.

Sally talked about the pill and its effects on a woman's body chemistry. As the hormones control to a certain extent the emotions of women during menstruation and ovulation, women, she claimed, have an advantage over men in that they can predict temperamentality. The pill flattens out the ups and downs of this cycle so that the moods are less extreme.

The continual evolution of sex roles is what fundamentally decides the criteria of masculinity and femininity. Not just the Women's Liberation Movement is responsible for the evolution. "Because of men's own anxiety and their identity crisis going on, at the same time, their reaction and resistance to women is simply symptomatic of a larger change occurring for them where they have not found their identity. The men who have the greatest assurance about their masculinity are the ones that feel the most comfortable with relating to children, taking over some of the household duties, essentially saying, 'there are other things more important to me'," Ms. Scales said. "A man who is really concerned about his masculinity simply is not going to buy that because it is not acceptable."

"When women have more options open to them in the business world," she stated, "women are not going to find it all that fulfilling. Those capable most of succeeding are the very people most fearful of success. If we think of ourselves in relation to men, our own success is a direct threat to our femininity." Sally believes that the truly liberated woman should be able to see and fulfill herself in terms of maternal roles and in a career. The truly liberated woman, she claims, says that "I can fulfill myself in both ways."

The key to achieving this liberation is self-esteem. "We must swing in the middle of extreme power and being pornographic as sex." Ms. Scales believes that as we are developing technically, it is difficult to relate in a caring way. "The direction of society must turn internal, which is all the more reason for the Women's Liberation Movement," she emphasized.

Sally Scales played a tape and recited a reading which asked a lot of questions about sexual identity and role-playing. Throughout the tape the phrase was repeated, "I don't know." In the question and answer period which followed, what vital questions concerning the change of attitudes were answered, I don't know.

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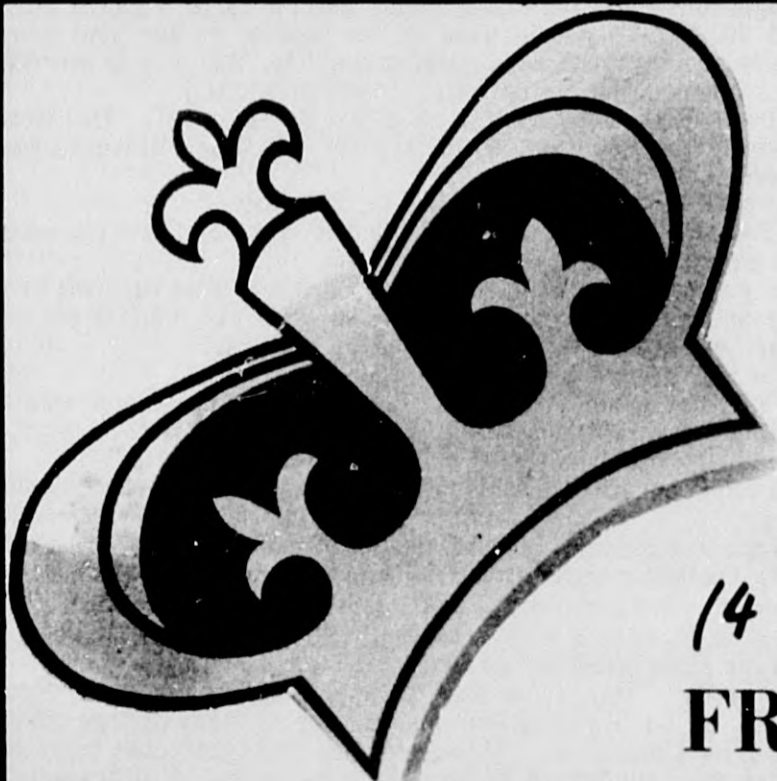
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Directional Landscaping Urged To Go Full Speed Ahead

by Theodis Karshner

We, as human beings, have been conditioned to roam cement seas in motorized chariots and have the countryside obstructed by large billboards. We casually observe six story office buildings crowd the horizon and wonder when Lansing will officially become a Detroit suburb. In this era of cement, steel, aluminum, and fiberglass there is a longing to see something green; whether it be a lawn, a forest of pines, or a corn crop.

Last fall and this spring students of this campus were criticized in this weekly for destroying some of Ma Nature. We have all been guilty of carving trails across the lawns while sidewalks become less and less traveled. But, who can blame a person for wanting to shortcut on a soft surface especially when Saga is being served? And throwing frisbees on Superior Street can be hazardous to one's health. In other words, as long as there is grass there will be someone enjoying its conveniences.

It is unfortunate that we as students must destroy some of the beauty which exists on this campus. There are several solutions to the problem but only one which is reasonable. Keeping people off the lawns would be inhuman. Calling in maintenance to seed the bare spots is also out of the question. And pouring cement where the paths now exist would kill the campus beauty and run into dollars. Our best answer is to undergo a process called directional landscaping.

Directional landscaping in essence is the planting of evergreens, scrubs, or small trees in strategic locations to alter the flow of traffic. It is a relatively new concept at Alma College, being in existence for four or five years. It evolved from an annual planting budget under supervision of Plant Director, Robert Fraker. The planting budget not only includes directional landscaping but it provides for replacements of dead trees or damaged bushes.

Fraker pointed out that landscaping near Dow has eliminated many eye sores in the past year. "We have tentative plans for more planting but nothing has been resolved," he added. However, Fraker later admitted a preference to do some work in the general area of Monteith Library and the Clack Fine Art Center. "We are naturally more aware of the Clack area because it is newly landscaped."

Just east of Folsom is another area of concern which may soon be remedied. With the scheduled building of the new Academic Center, the path in front of PAD should be eliminated. As for the area between the Dunning Chapel and Tyler the plans change annually. Fraker and his crew are still up in the air about this plot of land because of its continuous use by recreational freaks.

It's refreshing to know that administrators such as Robert Fraker have a concern for the green appearance of Alma College. And in the next few years it will be interesting to see who wins this game of Stratego, the students of this institution or Fraker and his men.



ENVIRONMENT WILL BE SAVED BY INDIVIDUALS

by C. S. Barnhouse

Before this article goes any further, let it be understood that we are in danger, serious danger. We have pushed our ecosystem to the brink, and unless we pull back some, it is going to fall in around our ears. The environment will have to be saved by individuals, either working alone or in groups. So here it is, friends and neighbors, the how and why of individual environmental action.

A) This first is aimed at the Alma College student in particular-- Don't walk on the grass unless it is absolutely necessary. That doesn't mean don't play on it or lay on it; it means quit cutting those paths between Mitchell and Hamilton, and the library and Newberry. Such mudholes are unsightly and a disgrace. If the students continue on their senseless campaign to trample the grass in to the earth, the school administration will be left with only two alternatives.

1. Put restraining fences at strategic points.
2. Put sidewalks in where these mudways are (Such a procedure would leave Alma with no grass and a lot of cement in an extremely short period of time.)

B) Don't litter and pick up at least one piece of litter per day. Can you imagine how clean and beautiful this country would be if nobody littered and all 200,000,000 people were on the lookout for any stray debris?

C) Use as few unrecyclable goods as possible. And recycle everything you can. (There are paper recycling closets in Bruske.)

D) Don't drive anywhere you could just as easily walk. That means stop driving downtown and around campus. Walking will benefit you in two ways:

1. The exercise will strengthen your fat little body.
2. You won't be breathing the pollutants you would have poured into the air.

When you do drive, use low-lead gasoline and make sure you have a working anti-pollution device installed on your car. And if you and a friend are going to the same place, go in the same car.

E) Use bio-degradable laundry detergent.

F) Don't buy clothing made from animals on the endangered species list. (Don't buy alligator shoes, purses or wallets; leopard, tiger, or wolf skin coats, etc.)

G) Boycott companies that fall behind state and federal pollution control standards

H) Write your government representatives (state and federal) demanding more rigid pollution control standards and enforcement of the existing ones.

I) Join an organization dedicated to environmental action. An individual can do little to make a major change in the environmental situation, but a group can wield potent enough force to make great changes.

On Thursday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Hall meeting room, there will be an organizational meeting for an Alma College office of the Earthday Committee. This is an Ohio State University based organization that was formed in the wake of the Earthweek-1970 events. It has been instrumental in educating the Ohio State University community in environmental problems and in the setting up of recycling centers in the Columbus, Ohio area. The guest speaker will be James Kranek, founder of the Earthday Committee. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Campaign Started To Hold Alaska Pipeline Hearing

WASHINGTON -- Students on a number of U.S. campuses have begun a campaign to turn the Nixon Administration around on its refusal to hold public hearings on the issue of environmental impact of the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline.

Working with the Alaska Action Committee, an organization of conservationists living in the vicinity of Washington D.C., these students are distributing a pamphlet entitled "The Alaska Pipeline Reading Lesson." The pamphlet deals with unanswered questions and inconsistencies found in the government's pipeline impact statement.

At issue is whether the federal government will grant, as early as May 4, a permit for construction of the 789-mile, hot-oil pipeline that would carry oil from Prudhoe Bay in the Arctic to the Alaskan port of Valdez. There the oil would be transferred to tankers for transport along the west coast of Canada to western U.S. ports.

Canadians have expressed fears about the prospects of oil spills on their coast along the route. In addition, environmentalists fear that the pipeline, going through one of the world's most active earthquake zones, might exact severe damage on the wilderness, rivers, streams, wildlife and fishery resources of Alaska. All of the land over which the pipeline would be laid is owned by the federal government.

In its own study of environmental impact the Interior Department reveals there would be less environmental risk and no greater economic

cost involved in constructing a pipeline through Canada. However, the consortium of seven oil companies seeking the trans-Alaska permit, already has pipe stockpiled and wants to go ahead with the project as originally conceived.

The government, in refusing to hold public hearings on the impact statement, urged interested citizens to read the report and render comments. Conservationists complain, however, that there are only seven copies of the nine-volume study available for public inspection in the "lower 48" states. Copies can be purchased through the mail, but they cost \$42.50, and delivery time is still uncertain.

What interested students can do is send a letter -- or a telegram -- to the President, asking for 90 days to review the statement followed by full public hearings to bring the knowledge and wisdom of the American people to this important decision-making process. Student action is needed, and it's needed now. Write or wire:

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

In spite of the imposing concern on the part of conservationists, ecologists, Congress members and students, the Nixon Administration appears determined to bow to oil industry demands to issue the pipeline permit.

Copies of "The Alaska Pipeline Reading Lesson" can be obtained in quantity from the Alaska Action Committee, 729 - 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reapportionment Again Occupied Center Stage In Michigan House During The Past Week

To the Editor:

The reapportionment of Michigan's 19 Congressional districts again occupied the center stage in the Michigan House during the past week. Debate and voting on the several plans offered were marked by a clear desire on the part of all to reach some satisfactory compromise. This desire crossed party lines, and was reflected in the words and actions of virtually all representatives. Nevertheless, the net result was that five plans went down to defeat. If agreement is not reached on some plan in the next week or so, it is quite likely that the matter of congressional reapportionment will be decided in the federal courts.

Although it may not be apparent to the casual observer, the legislative process is working in respect to this matter of reapportionment. There was some irregularity in the discharge of one plan from the committee which was considering it, but, in the main, legislative order was followed. It may then be the source of some puzzlement to outside observers that all this desire to arrive at a plan and all this activity should not result in legislative agreement. The answer is relatively simple.

The Legislature by and large reflects the general population which it represents. If there are issues which divide the general population--busing, the Viet Nam war, and so on--we can expect to find that the Legislature is equally divided on the same points. Apportionment is such as issue. It is possible to cut districts in a seemingly infinite number of ways and still observe the one-man, one-vote rule set down by the United States Supreme Court. But few of these many ways may be acceptable to the people or the representatives in given areas.

Partisan politics plays some role in the impasse we have found ourselves in but this is not the major reason for disagreement on a compromise. Leaders of both parties worked hard and long to come up with a suitable compromise plan. Their best efforts went down to defeat, however, on the House floor. Local interests, as seen by various representatives were perhaps the key factors which cost the few votes needed for passage of any given plan.

It is, perhaps, easiest to illustrate this point with a hypothetical, but possible reapportionment plan which would slice the state of Michigan into thin slices from north to south, resulting in districts which found people from Detroit in the same district with people from Alpena. It is obvious that there could be little in common on which a Congressman could represent such a district. This extremely unlikely example illustrates the situation which many representatives object to in various reapportionment plans.

They may feel that a proposed plan cuts local government boundaries, or isolates various interests in their districts in a way that would make effective representation of their people difficult or impossible. It is this sort of feeling that has led a number of the House members to vote against various plans--even those submitted by their own parties. They believe that they are serving the best interests of their people in voting

against these plans.

The problem of the House leadership is that when we remove the fears and doubts of such House members, the necessary redrawing of lines may alienate some other member for similar reasons. There has been for sometime now a solid core of agreement among the leadership and many of the members that makes up a basis for agreement on a final plan. It is getting the last few votes which has frustrated final approval. The likelihood of rounding up these few votes at this juncture seems quite slim.

Marvin R. Stempien

Majority Floor Leader-House of Rep.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON HAS PUBLIC SERVICE WEEKEND

Dear Editor:

The seventh annual observance of Tau Kappa Epsilon's Public Service Weekend took place April 29-30, 1972, throughout the United States and Canada in communities in which Teke chapters are located.

While even the categories of projects that were undertaken are too numerous to list, it is certain that the environment received substantial attention, as did local service projects and fund raising for important causes.

The men of Alma's chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon spent their Sunday entertaining the boys connected with the Big Brothers of Gratiot County. Various activities such as a weenie roast, softball, and other games were enjoyed by over a hundred participants.

The annual Public Service Weekend is the spring climax of a year-round program of community service by chapters of Tau Kappa Epsilon. The Tekes of Alma College will continue to participate in community projects for years to come.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

STUDENT CRITICAL OF ALMANIAN FORMAT

Dear ALMANIAN,

I can't tell you how thrilled I was with last week's paper. I felt the new format was just incredible. You're right, what do we need with the title on the front page? And why pay any attention to that old journalism rule that says you should only print news on the front page? After all, it does boost ones ego to see one's own handywork on the front page. And I agree whole-heartedly with your one-sided editorializing. After all, is your job to present both sides of an issue to the people so that they may make up their own minds on that issue? Of course not! Your job is to present a one-sided overview of all situations! Your job is to force your opinions on everyone else! The job of the ALMANIAN, so it seems, is to present only that news which it feels important and to present only those views

which it feels appropriate.

Keep up the good work, ALMANIAN, and you may someday get the "Wrong-Way Feldman" award for wretched journalism.

Devotedly yours,

C.S. Barnhouse

P.S. With the new format, I think a more appropriate title should be chosen for the paper. How about, "Harasim's Gripe Sheet!"

Priest Says Almanian Subscribes To "Sensationalism And Fanaticism"

My brother,

It is with a certain lack of diplomacy and tolerance on my part that I respond to the article which appeared in the April 24, 1972 issue "Priest says he's a fanatic."

In times when the leaders of the future labor with problems of categorization and identification, openmindedness and the essential qualities of each person, problems of bigotry and acceptance of individualism. I was deeply

disappointed to find that such intent does not carry itself into the fabric of the staff of the ALMANIAN. It was my hope that the organ which should be the voice of the Alma College students would have risen above bigotry and personal prejudices of the past. I was relieved only in this that some of the faculty and students have had an opportunity to meet me personally so that I might be judged on the person that I am (for bad or good) rather than have to subscribe to the sensationalism and "fanaticism" evidenced by your paper. It is my hope that in the future you your selves might subscribe to those principles of honesty and fairness which you seem to hold as sacred.

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Rev. Paul Petiprin

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Does the Administration Care?

To the Alma College community and alumni concerning the issue of student and administrative rights.

The time has come for reevaluation of the role of the Alma College student vis a vis the administration. Does the administration really care about the students needs? Or is the administration motivated by its own desires, relatively unconcerned whether the students interests are being served?

Take for example, the apparent refusal of the administration to give co-ed dorm policy its proper consideration. Not even willing to take a stand on a controversial topic, the administration is evading the issue at hand, namely the students desire to give co-ed housing a fair chance. However, it appears the administrators have finally gone too far. The student council have mentioned possible resignation, in recognition of the futility of their existence, unless the administration is willing to deal with them fairly and give co-ed housing at least serious consideration.

If all of the above is true, the logical question is why does the administration evade the issue, fulfilling a policy of Victorian narrow-mindedness (no co-ed housing). The apparent answer would be the administrators (who are all intelligent men) are only puppets to an outside force. An outside force which is undermining the essential liberty of innovative thought and experimentation, necessary to any college environment. As one high placed administrator said, "We have to bear

in mind our constituency." Who is this constituency, this outside force manipulating college policy? In large degree, it is our trustees (who sincere and devoted though they may be) represent such companies as Ford Motor and General Motors, as well as large trust funds. These representatives appear to think co-ed housing policy is wrong and radical. As representatives for large American corporations and endowment funds, the trustees have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo. (Such large American corporate group's record of maintaining the status quo is found not only domestically but in the international arena. A classic example would be the toleration and cooperation by America's large Corporations with Apartheid South Africa.)

Although, it is common knowledge it takes tremendous sums of money to finance a College, does this give these corporations and their representatives (Alma College Trustees) the right to impose an intellectual strait jacket upon the college community and student government processes?

Therefore, let us have the college community and conscientious alumni unite and declare an end to this outside force's ability to dictate what policies can or can not receive serious administrative consideration.

As John Milton said; "Give me the liberty to know/ to utter and to argue freely/ according to conscience above all liberties."

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Cindy Furnival (left) and Sharon Graper

Alma Women going to British Columbia & Indonesia

The Student Admissions Project, sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, is sending Cindy Furnival to British Columbia and Sharon Graper to Indonesia. For two months they will stay with missionaries and help. Sharon will be teaching a 10 week English grammar refresher course to English teachers and Cindy will be teaching vacation Bible school. Seven people from Michigan State, U of M, Central Michigan, and Alma will be going to countries around the world, including France, Japan, Mexico, and the Philipines. Most of their ways will be financed by fund-raising drives on the campuses and donations from churches.

Both Sharon and Cindy are "really excited" about going. Sharon considers it a "big adventure," especially since she has never been to a foreign country. Cindy has traveled and isn't at all apprehensive about spending her summer in a mountain Indian village in the wilderness because "It's only Canada." However, Cindy says, she is glad Sharon is going too so they can talk and help each other get ready.

Arts & Crafts Center offers works from adult completion & enrichment classes

Continuing with the community concept, the Arts & Crafts Center offers as its forthcoming exhibition, works from adult completion and enrichment classes sponsored by the Alma Community Education Program. The exhibition coordinated by Betty Reyes and Daisy Lanshaw consists of works from the following classes: Painting-Betty Reyes, Yvonne Gabriel, Gilbert Powers, and Daisy Lanshaw, teachers. Pottery-Nancy Sanders, Wynn Tesman, Noell Lemmen, teachers. Silk Screen Printing-Noell Lemmen. Wood Shop-Steve Cady. Needle Work-Nancy Nicholson. Drafting-Abe Rodriguez. Upholstery-Geraldine McCormick. Machine Tool-Phil Fockler. Bishop Sewing-supervised by Willa Jo Bush.

jewelry, pottery and sculpture will be chosen by the instructors from the class work done by the students for this exhibit. Instructors at the High School are Dody Eyer, JoAnn Allen, Eileen Budge, and Robert Wachowski. This should be one of the finest school art shows ever!

Please join us at the opening of the Alma Middle School and High School show on Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. or anytime through May 20 during regular gallery hours. "AWARENESS OF ART IS IMPORTANT."

How exciting to give special recognition to the elementary youth in Alma. Six elementary schools, Luce, Riverdale, Pine, Republic, Wright, and Hillcrest will be showing their finest art accomplishments. With the fine art-teaching program in the elementary system conducted by Mrs. Betty Reyes, Mrs. Vicki Gabrielson and Mike Lytle, many art forms will be exhibited. These will include pottery, weaving, sketching, collage, crayon resist and others.

The public is invited to join us opening night, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. for a cup of coffee and review the accomplishments of the area citizens. We extend our congratulations to the many students participating in completion and enrichment programs.

Art is all too often thought of as belonging to the realm of fun and games, the serious aspects being neglected. Not so in Alma Middle and High School! Top paintings and drawings, leather craft, weaving,

Please bring your family; VISIT AND VIEW, opening night is Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m., continuing through May 28. Gallery hours are from 9-12, and 1-5 Monday through Friday, Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

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Dr. Robert Wegner-- "...I write about loss and failure, they are such crucial missing ingredients in the mental make-up of America...."

ALMANIAN: Recently, you had published a story in an anthology with such great writers as Hemingway and Fitzgerald. What else have you had published and where have you published?

DR. WEGNER: I've published poems, reviews, critical articles, stories, and a book on the poet E.E. Cummings. I've published with major New York houses such as Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich and Allyn & Bacon--and by such an obscure (but not unfelt) press as the one in Professor Dykstra's basement. WORDS FOR FRAMES was hand set by Professor Dykstra and illustrated by Professor Kirby. Let's see--I've published in professional magazines like AMERICAN LITERATURE and in quite a few of the literary magazines such as EPOCH, CARLETON MISCELLANY, and the now defunct Michigan VOICES. ESQUIRE magazine once published a story of mine, which because it does not seem to correspond exactly with the image the powers that be have of Alma College does not appear in the display case over in the Administration Building. But I'll tell you the title anyway. It's called "The Woman with Concave Breasts."

ALMANIAN: Hemingway liked to write in the early hours of the morning. Is there any particular time that you feel the most creative?

DR. WEGNER: The morning, yes. Thoreau would agree. I run down all day like a wind-up toy--and so the morning hours hold all the zip for me.

ALMANIAN: Do you ever find that your teaching gets in the way of your writing or vice versa?

DR. WEGNER: Everything gets in the way of writing including time itself--either too little or too much of it. But in another sense everything is grist for the writer's mill--for that writer who assimilates, dreams, and makes associations. Depending on my mood, teaching has been a frustration. At other times I've been grateful for the teaching, have welcomed it in order to get away from the writing.

ALMANIAN: What novelists and poets have made the most impact on you?

DR. WEGNER: Let's see--Mark Twain as a humorist. William Faulkner and Lawrence Durrell. "Damn Durrell" is one of my frequent expressions. He does some things so well, does Durrell, that I despair of ever catching him and allow myself to feel irked that he got there before I did. I'm intrigued by Thomas Pynchon and Vladimir Nabokov. Poets? Shakespeare, John Donne, Robert Browning, and E.E. Cummings. This may strike you as an odd assortment, but they all have one thing in common--an ability to dramatize a distinct speaking voice. I like Robert Frost, too.

ALMANIAN: If you were to try to categorize yourself as a writer, which would you be--a naturalist, an impressionist, or a realist? Why would you?

DR. WEGNER: I can't think of myself in a category. By other critics I've been placed in the camp of the black humorists, and just recently I've been identified as a neo-romantic. It's good to know these things. It prevents me from getting confused during the course of any one day. Should anyone ask me who I am, I have an answer.

ALMANIAN: In your writing, would you say that you are a spokesman for man rather than against him?

DR. WEGNER: Always for man, even in my most vitriolic diatribes against him--so long as I can sense him as illimitable.

ALMANIAN: How does the sickness of our society (war, racism, poverty, etc.) affect your writing? Or doesn't it?

DR. WEGNER: It does. Even in the critical book on E.E. Cummings I am not able to refrain from lashing at human stupidity. But then I was angry--and I am always least effective when I am angry. Irony is not one of my strengths--because I feel things too directly, I guess. You can always count on me to lose my cool, as they say. So I counter through satiric humor as in a story titled "How Lightning Shot Out of the Rat's Ass," or through nostalgia as in the recently anthologized "I'm Going Down to Watch the Horses Come Alive."

ALMANIAN: Do you find yourself searching for sanity in the face of insanity, for faith and commitment in a world that makes faith impossible and absurd? Why? How?

DR. WEGNER: Salvation--and the search is continuous. For all I know, schizoids are the only sane ones in an insane world, particularly as they knowingly create a world where the dignity of being a man is allowable. I don't know about faith or commitment--except to the unknown. To commit yourself to anything known is inevitably to prescribe, hence to confine. These abstractions, you know, are not truly within the realm of an interview. I sound absurd to myself. I have no hand pocket-reference answers.

ALMANIAN: Do you have a central theme to your work?

DR. WEGNER: Yes. Loss and failure. Over and over again I write about loss and failure, they are such crucial missing ingredients in the mental makeup of America. But that is not why everything I write is tinged with the sense of loss or the realization of failure. These themes are apparently crucial to whoever I am or want to be as a writer. It's hard to say: but I am continually aware of the necessity of psychic loss and failure. I say necessity because without the knowledge of humility I don't think salvation is possible. I think of Lear. I think of Browning's "Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came."

ALMANIAN: How difficult is it to get a novel published?

DR. WEGNER: For me, difficult--apparently. I've written three novels and am now in the process of revising and rewriting them. I'm not sure that I'm improving them. You can imagine with what glee success-oriented, commerial-minded New York editors embrace works that run counter to the whole Horatio Alger myth upon which this country postulates all its hopes and fears.

ALMANIAN: How impressive do you think the literary credentials are of those in the publishing houses that say "yes" or "no" to a novel?

DR. WEGNER: The literary credentials of a publishing house editor are irrelevant. Most have none. Some, however, are superb as editors, very capable at spotting what Frank Luther Mott over twenty years ago in a book titled GOLDEN MULTITUDES listed as the major appeals to the mass reading market. Sensationalism (sex and violence), high idealism (religion), and self-improvement (economic). These are the success recipes. Put them all together and you come up with something like: THE INTIMATE WOMEN IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST: HOW THEY CAME TO GLORY. Makes a good package. Sure to sell.

ALMANIAN: What do you think is most characteristic of a good piece of fiction?

DR. WEGNER: Gripping relevance. Authenticity. Words. I could explain only by taking up one piece of fiction at a time. One after another.

ALMANIAN: Do you think classes in creative writing are really of any use?

DR. WEGNER: Sure, for those who live and breathe being a writer. You coach writing; you don't teach it. For the novice writer, to be in the presence of a coach whom he can respect can be tremendous. It can also be instructive. But beware of the instruction, lest you begin to sound-look-act like your instructor. I opt for coaching. A writer is no one if not himself. It was James Cain, I think, who said that writing was like having a baby. You can't do it by looking over someone else's shoulder.

ALMANIAN: What changes would you like to see at Alma College? In the U.S.? The world?

DR. WEGNER: I have no programs. Give me men and women of good will. The only vital program that exists is the process of fashioning a program that upon completion is immediately obsolete. I hope that statement makes sense. It does to me. We're back to the necessity of failure again, you see?

ALMANIAN: How did you pay your way through college? What made you decide to teach, to get a Ph.D. in English?

DR. WEGNER: I worked in factories, on



Dr. Robert Wegner

construction gangs, in restaurants washing dishes, with a crew selling encyclopedias. I worked in a mailroom, trimmed trees, shoveled sand and gravel ten hours a day in a cement mixer. All good stuff. My friend De Snodgrass, the poet, says his image of me is with a gang of men working for a character by the name of Max Yocum in Iowa City. I once saw a man who while shadow boxing literally disappeared before my eyes. We were in the process of ripping apart an old barn, and in bouncing a step or two backwards this guy--his name was Red--stepped into the shaft opening down which grain and fodder must have been tossed. Funny? God, we laughed. This is the kind of thing a writer stores away....Let's see. You want to know why I teach? It's a job I am capable of doing. I love literature. And I am concerned about young people, not as I teach but as they learn for themselves.

ALMANIAN: When you're not writing, or handling academic matters, what do you most enjoy?

DR. WEGNER: Being alone. Being convivial with other persons.

ALMANIAN: What is your purpose in living?

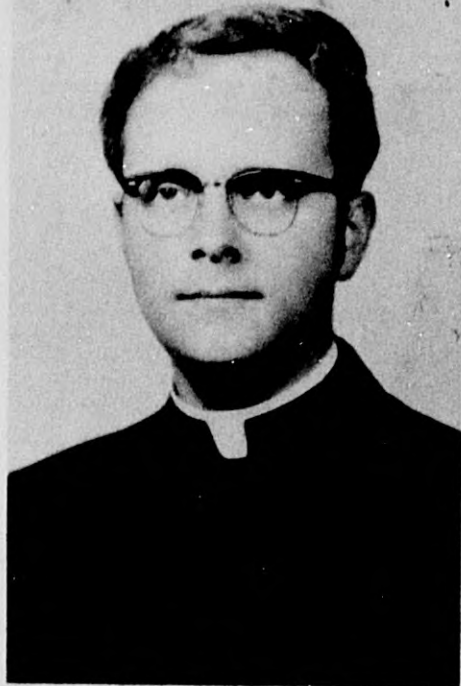
DR. WEGNER: Discovery--of myself. Intrigue with the unknown and unpredictable.

ALMANIAN: You have bought some land--how do you use it?

DR. WEGNER: Lately by planting tree seedlings. I sit in a small travel trailer out there and write. Solace.

ALMANIAN: What are your ambitions?

DR. WEGNER: I'm realizing them, now. Right now. They do not exist for another time or place. Now is the only time to create the timeless. Isn't it true that when we are most alive, we are not conscious of time--timeless? Absorbed in the reading of a short story, are you aware of time? Now, then.



FR. PAUL PETIPRIN
Alma's Priest On Campus

PRIEST AGAINST ABORTION

by Fr. Paul Petiprin

selfishness, many decisions made by him can be far less than correct or even desirable. Most of nature, according to God's plan, lacks this free will. A tree simply must be a tree. It must live according to the laws of nature whether it be the law of phototropism (ever see a tree with its leaves firmly planted in the ground) or photosynthesis. A tree always does exactly what a tree is supposed to do, unless it is interfered with. It seems consistent therefore that if we want to take a good look at what life is all about that nature can be at least a reliable source.

It can be said that "where there is life, there is growth." The converse is also true, "where there is growth, there is life." It is with this second statement that I now wish to deal. A grain of wheat, once given the proper conditions, begins its own determined life cycle. Life is evidenced by its sprouting and growth into a healthy plant. The process of photosynthesis goes on, causing growth until the plant has achieved its full stature and purpose. When this has been achieved, life processes stop and the plant dies, having achieved during its life cycle its full and total purpose of existence. It is precisely when all has been achieved that the "growing" stops and death sets in. This can also be applied to man. When growth ceases on any level of human existence, death becomes imminent. This can occur separately on any human level, cultural, intellectual, social, spiritual, or collectively. Growth then, can be said to be synonymous with life. Once the growth process ceases then so does the life process. Also, and more important to my presentation, once the growth process begins, so does the life process.

We must now return to the philosophical question of "potency." The philosophical discipline of ontology (metaphysics) tells us that all living beings in their initial moment of existence, contain in their essence the ability (potency) to perfectly become, that is, to fulfill their existence, to accomplish their essence. Naturally speaking, the grain of wheat contains within itself all the determinisms, all the necessities to fulfill itself and become a mature plant, producing in abundance its fruits. The acorn has in essence the potential the tree begins, and unhindered, will achieve its natural goal. The determining factor then is whether or not the proper conditions are present for life to begin; nutrients, moisture, warmth, etc. The acorn is then always and at all times, in potency, an oak tree. Once the growing process begins, the potency is diminished and the tree begins the process of actualization. At the time of natural death, the potency of the acorn is exhausted and the oak tree has reached its full potential or actualization.

In man, the sperm and ovum, from the standpoint of human genetics, contain the full potential of becoming a full human being. They, taken separately, do not contain the full human potential. Once joined a new potential comes into being. Growth begins. One cell becomes two cells. This first new cell, formed by the union of the sperm and ovum contains within itself, as the acorn, the full potential to be a full human being. Because of the growth factor it is stupid to perport that life does not exist. Some question as to what kind of life? Obviously the joining of sperm and ovum are not going to produce an oak tree, or a dog or cat, but a human being. Therefore, it is evident that this is human life. In its initial cell it is true that it is at a point of full potency. The question then becomes important at what degree of potency we wish to recognize this person as a human being. Some would argue that this can be an arbitrary decision.

Following their example let us place it at the age of two years. This would mean that thirty-three months post conception enough potency would have been actualized to determine this living matter as a human being. Children supposedly reach the age of reason at about seven years. If this is to be our criterion then any child under the age of seven can be destroyed at the whim of the parent. And then, there is you. You who are a sprouting pre-med student, a doctor in potency. You, too, are not yet fully human. If you flunk out let us have a meeting and decide that we don't want you to go any further in your actualization and that it is now time to abort. As we are in potential, not yet fully human, so this single cell is in potential, although at a different stage of fulfillment.

We can then say that the fertilized ovum is growing and therefore living. It, in its essence of becoming a fully human being, is the same as you or I. It is then a living, human being.

At this point I think that it may be significant to point out the temperament of the present generation. The issues of the day all point to threats to the dignity and fulfillment of the human person. Ecology, mechanism, depersonalization, an increasing lack of individuality and the cultural condition of conformity all present challenges to man to improve the world in which he lives. Now, as never before, we are becoming aware of the value of each individual and his innate right to be. The task of man is now seen on a global scope... to build the earth. All of these aspirations are good and hopeful signs for our future.

As we strive to become fully human beings, and as Christians necessarily concerned with the betterment of life for all men, it seems highly inconsistent to strike down the rights of any man whether he be old, disabled in some way, or simply newly conceived. Why cop out here brave new world? Because it is inconvenient to be bothered with a child. Inconvenience is not shunned when it comes to working for peace corps, or for racial causes or with the retarded or aged. Then why the strange cop-out here? Let us be consistent in our respect for human life. One accepted compromise can lead and will lead to others and eventually to the collapse of our whole moral, ethical systems of principles.

Only one question then remains. DO WE AS MEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE AT WILL OR TERMINATE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER?

Our answer and the Catholic Church's position on abortion is simply a biblical and natural one: THOU SHALT NOT KILL!

Submitted by Fr. Paul Petiprin, Catholic Chaplain, Alma College.

In recent days it has become increasingly evident that some confusion exists as regards the official position of the Catholic Church on the issue of abortion. Misunderstandings and lack of information often lead to misinterpretations and misrepresentations of such a basic teaching of the Church. It is therefore to clearly state and intelligently explain the Church's official stand on the issue of abortion that this paper is presented.

To understand any stand by the Church it is first important to take a look at the values involved. The human dignity of man and the value of life itself are the issues at stake. As a primary premise these values must first be affirmed. We believe that man, of his very nature, possesses the highest form of known life. We believe that this position has been verified by the incarnation (enfleshment) of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Science tells us that man is presently in the initial stages of his total becoming and that much of man's total goal still lies in potential. On a smaller scale we see that each and every one of us, constantly in our process of becoming, fulfill day by day the potential which was with us from the very beginning of our existence. In one sense, I am a priest, now, today. In a still greater and more hopeful sense, I am becoming a follower of Christ, day by day, as I grow and strive in earnest for those goals which I consider essential to the total vocation of Christianity. Since these actualities are still in potential their determination remains in the future exercise of my free will. Does this mean that I am not a good priest at present? If I ever can be then the truth of the matter must rest in this that in essence all these good qualities, human values, are present, now, however resting or dormant, that is, in potency. Let us say that you are presently in a pre-med curriculum. You are not a doctor. It would be simply foolish to believe that today you could perform a heart transplant. It would also be foolish to dismiss you from school today because you cannot. Your ability to be a great doctor rests in potency. Whether or not you will be remains to be answered by you as your free will shall determine whether you will be or will not be. We can then say that you, as a human being with free will, not only have value, but have an even greater value, at least in potency.

The Catholic Church's position on abortion rises from the natural law. Nature itself can always be a safe criterion of truth. Man, sometimes regrettably, has the gift of free will. This means that man has the ability to pick and choose, to think or try to, to be correct or to error. Because of man's essential weakness and innate tendency toward

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"CONFESSIONS OF NAT TURNER" WINS FALSE HONORS

by LYNN CODDINGTON

"An All-Time Best Seller" proclaims the book cover. "A Triumph"--The New York Times. "The Finest American Novel Published in Many Years," Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. "William Styron has written the true American tragedy," The Wall Street Journal.

Such an impressive array of exaltations by these widely read and well-known papers and personages is attributed to William Styron's novel, THE CONFESSIONS OF NAT TURNER. The historical fiction work achieved the utmost honor in 1968 in being awarded the Pulitzer Prize for literature. Surely such honors indicate the value and worthiness for the general reading public. The falsity must be revealed, however, for THE CONFESSIONS is little more than a shabby attempt by a white writer to place himself inside a black revolutionary and relate to the reader his true feelings. Styron fails miserably.

Styron's book is invaluable to me, however, not for the distorted picture of Nat Turner but for the distortion itself. In reading the CONFESSIONS and a subsequent book of criticisms, I suddenly realized that Styron's book must be indicative of the kind of white-washing perpetrated upon blacks by white liberals--one who "sees" both sides of the picture and shies away from extremism. No wonder then that blacks discredit white concern for black well-being when a white liberal does such injustice to a black hero. Unfortunately, this book

probably received such acclaim because a white public is much more willing and able to accept a stumbling black Sambo Nat Turner who desires to be white than a Nat Turner, proud of his blackness and called by God to lead an insurrection.

My literary and historical values were affronted by Styron's shallow attempt. The literary license he allows himself with facts is too inexcusable to be overlooked. Styron refuses to mention the fact that Nat had a black wife while emphasizing the unfounded desire Nat supposedly had for white women. This simple historical fact is one which a good writer can not omit in order to make a book more interesting. But the facts like this are ignored throughout the book. Styron also must provide his fictionalized Nat with a reason for revolt. The truth which Styron serves to ignore is that Nat's very existence as a slave is the sole reason needed for revolt. Any man, no matter what color, if oppressed as a slave, will do whatever necessary to free himself from his bonds. That is reason enough. However, it is not Styron's destruction of the black hero Nat Turner's personality which disgusts me. What disgusts and even frightens me is the acclaim this book has received when it is so grossly misrepresentative.

It is accepted fact that literary acclaims influence the reading public. Best seller lists and their prize-winning books are usually

judged as well-written and worthy of reading. From the opening paragraph of this article, one can see that Styron's book received the highest sort of applause. The New York Times heralds the novel as does the Wall Street Journal. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., a notable in both government and the field of history calls the Confessions "the finest." Seeing such glowing reports, the average reader would probably read the novel with full acceptance of Styron's characterization of Nat Turner.

Imagine the number of people, black and white, reading this highly acclaimed novel and receiving the impression that Nat Turner was an apologetic homosexual (yes Styron even goes so far as to introduce that degradation into his book). I wonder to what extent people believe Styron. However, I am quite fearful that most read quite innocently, completely accepting the hoax perpetrated upon them. I've been taught to be critical of the sources of materials and this work impresses me even more so with that fact. A white liberal living one hundred years later can not possibly hope to capture the mind of a black revolutionary. What shocks and frightens me even more is the vast amount of grossly misinterpreted, prejudiced material which much abound on book shelves. How much have I read in blind ignorance? The importance of a novel such as Styron's is not it's Pulitzer Prize but the falsities it reveals.

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LAWLESSNESS AMONG THE POWERFUL & RICH

The major threat to American society, during the past decade, has been from the poor and the black. Behind most political utterances about "law and order" has been this image. The skill-less, jobless urban black youth whose unbearable boredom provokes entanglement with drugs, and the equally skill-less, jobless and resentful poor whites are still with us. But a far greater menace has arisen in a more vital spot, a flagrant evasion of the law which in its total effect is a pernicious form of lawlessness among the powerful and the rich. Outbreaks in high circles have come pell-mell in recent months:

THE PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD bankruptcy, involving the diversion of the corporation's assets for speculative investments by its highest officials, shocked the financial world in '70, action which, if performed by a mere Penn Central accountant on his own, would have quickly landed him in jail. Because some of the biggest names and institutions of Wall Street are involved, the case is being handled with much caution so no one will fall over a trip-wire that would bring down the whole fragile structure of the railroad's finances.

THE ITT-GOP SCANDAL, known to many through much of '71, came next. The efforts to squash the case by both the White House and the ITT present enough circumstantial evidence to hang any black if rape or murder were involved. When some aggrieved or disillusioned employee slipped Mrs. Dita Beard's letter to columnist Jack Anderson about the \$400,000 deal between the GOP and the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice, the first move by the panicked GOP-ITT fixers was to get ITT's lady lobbyist "lost" and unavailable till "something could be worked out." The first sordid tactic, that Mrs. Beard was at times an irresponsible incoherent alcoholic, fell apart when her capable grown children and many friends expressed eagerness to testify otherwise. The claim was then finally made that her letter was a forgery, but only after all other evidence had been "shredded" by ITT's officials.

If the letter were a forgery, why hide her, why wait three weeks? If no deal had been made, why all the alibis, and why the shredding? Perjury certainly lurks here.

Then there was the emotionally charged admission by the former chief U.S. anti-trust officer, Richard W. McLaren, that pressure from the White House caused him to drop plans to take the ITT case to the Supreme Court. (Wall St. Journal, March 9, '72). Also the illegal action by top ITT insiders who quickly sold their stock when word came ITT would have to divest itself of the Hartford Insurance Co. investments, leaving the uninformed to take the loss. (N.Y. Times, March 16, '72).

● LIFE magazine's detailed and documented accusations of March 24 came on top of the ITT case — that "the Nixon Administration had seriously tampered with justice in San Diego to protect highly placed campaign contributors and personal friends of President Nixon from criminal prosecution for tax evasion over the past two years." **Before the White House or John Mitchell could make denials, two former Federal investigators vouched for the accuracy of Life's charges.** Richard Huffman, former assistant U.S. attorney and now a district attorney in San Diego County, and David Stutz, former Internal Revenue agent, told the AP (March 21) that in several instances the Administration frustrated its own law enforcement officials by squelching investigations, delaying and finally sidetracking prosecutions.

EQUAL LIABILITY under the law is a tenet of our legal system. Yet consider this: While the San Diego tax evaders were getting White House protection and the ITT deal was on, a U.S. District Court convicted the United Mine Workers boss, W. A. Boyle, under the Corrupt Practices Act of 1924 which bars contributions by unions and corporations to political campaigns for Federal office, a statute which has rarely been enforced and

which certainly applied to the San Diego and ITT cases. But since Boyle is unpopular in and out of his union, it was politically profitable to prosecute him with penalties of up to 32 years in jail and \$120,000 in fines. *But no one has suggested that the head of ITT, Harold Geneen, or Nixon's millionaire cronies in San Diego be fined and sent to jail, though the evidence of lawbreaking is equally damning in those instances. Thus legal justice is being used as a political tool for election purposes by the Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell troika while they talk law and order.*

● THE FEDERAL HOUSING FRAUD which hit the headlines March 30 has been going on for many months as complaints of cheating on FHA mortgages by leading banks, building and loan associations and construction corporations were reported in New York City, Detroit, Chicago and elsewhere. Then a New York Federal Grand Jury finally named the great financial house of Dun and Bradstreet and nine other banking corporations and 40 individuals, including a high official of the FHA, in indictments for multimillion dollar frauds.

False credit records were set up and deliberately exaggerated appraisals made which were then used to obtain FHA insurance for unduly high mortgages on run-down, overpriced one-to-four-family houses. These were then sold to low-income families who were soon unable to keep up their payments and maintain the properties as rapid deterioration set in. The low-income families, most of them Negroes, were easily manipulated by glib real estate speculators and brokers while lawyers from reputable firms bribed FHA employees to put the deals over, according to the 500-count indictment. The New York Grand Jury continues to dig up evidence after 11 months.

Although the New York Times reported this in full (March 30), most of the press gave little space to it, apparently in deference to the accused.

A CAMPAIGN ISSUE? Why don't the Democrats make a stem-winding campaign issue of all this big-government-big-business corruption, no doubt the most flagrant of any period in our history? (Don't forget the recent GOP-Dairy scandal which still curdles. — See Wicker, N.Y. Times, April 9.) McGovern is trying to but he can't go far, for he, Muskie and the others will still need sizable contributions and don't dare offend wealthy supporters. Moreover ITT has also contributed to the Democrats and there's that unpaid phone bill of \$1.5 million left over from the '68 Democratic campaign. And as related by our own release, there is a whole series, in both Republican and Democratic ranks, of such records clear back to 1934 when the GOP wound up the Harding Administration with a Teapot on its Dome!

CONGLOMERATES VS. FREE ENTERPRISE

THERE are questions about conglomerates more important than who's elected in November. Public sentiment will likely demand that the conglomerates be put to the test of our anti-trust laws — whether or not they are monopolistic and whether their domination over prices, marketing and resources is not a threat to free enterprise. Anti-trust laws exist because it is generally accepted that monopolies stifle competition and initiative, that monopoly price fixing ignores the natural responses of a free market.

THE EVIDENCE is overwhelming that conglomerates do the same — and more, for conglomerates are giant mixed monopolies. They stifle initiative and incentive through buying up and absorbing small companies. They can and do fix prices — even more extensively than single industry monopolies, one company's earnings being used to hold the line against competition facing another unit. Most important of all — conglomerates put a premium on profits through stock and investment manipulation rather than the production of better goods at lower prices at a fair profit which is the aim and criterion of the free market. This financial juggling has frequently been the process by which the conglomerate promoters outmaneuver and cheat smaller investors, even the owners of small industries whose holdings they have taken

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over. That there has been much of this is commonly known. **Conglomerates therefore are even more parasitical than old style monopolies.**

See Wall Street Jungle by Richard Ney (Grove Press); Wall Street Security Risk by Hurd Baruch (Acropolis); Fleeing The Lambs by Christopher Elias (Henry Regnery).

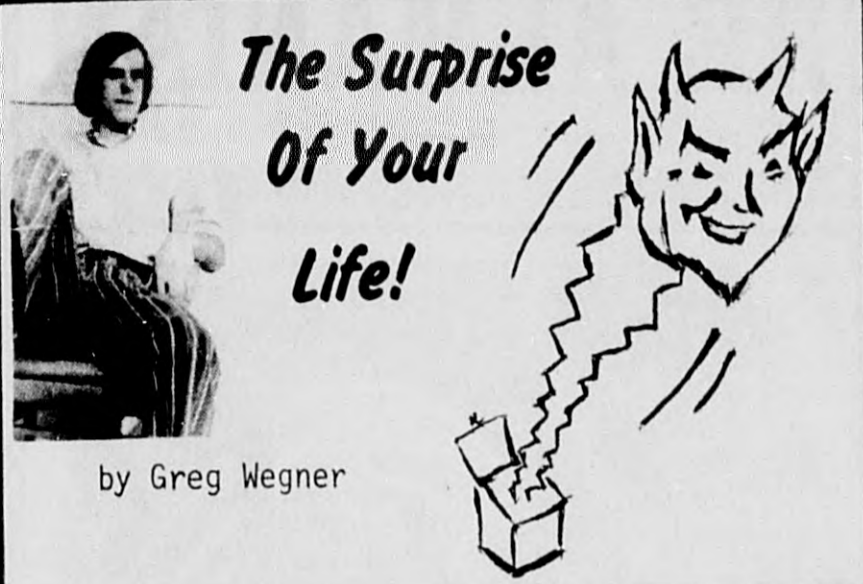
STATISM will be the inevitable result of the continued growth of conglomerates. In any severe national economic crisis a take-over by the state would be infinitely more likely with giant conglomerates than with a myriad of independent industries. In fact the giant conglomerates are already entwined about the vitals of the state. U.S. foreign policy is strongly influenced by the efforts of ITT to push our Government into a military intervention in Chile when the Marxist, Dr. Salvador Allende, was elected. (To the everlasting credit of President Nixon, this effort failed.) The oil conglomerates have long manipulated governments in Saudi Arabia, Libya, Iran, Indonesia, Peru, Bolivia, etc., while they sought to dictate policy in Washington.

CONGLOMERATE TYCOONS — the U.S. oil companies, ITT, IBM and others from over the globe — met in Versailles, France, recently to discuss policies that will affect the political and economic affairs of more than 100 nations. Many conglomerates have greater resources than most states. ITT alone for instance has acquired more than 100 corporations in 67 countries. It operates a worldwide foreign policy unit, foreign intelligence and espionage services, a communications network and an airline fleet. (Washington Post, April 3.)

LABOR AND CONGLOMERATES

ANOTHER reason conglomerates will have to be brought under control is that the power of labor unions must be controlled and one can't be accomplished without the other. When George Meany blasted off at President Nixon about prices going up while wages are held down at the time the labor boss led the walkout from the Pay Board, Meany had his eyes on millions of housewives who are furious over fast rising prices and whose husbands' paychecks are again being overrun by the inflation. This means a whole new wave of wage demands — and strikes if the increases aren't forthcoming. The California longshoremen's strike with a 19 per cent wage increase is a sample of what's in the air. When the Pay Board cut the gains to about 11 per cent, still twice the 5 per cent limit the Administration seeks, three of the labor members of the Pay Board walked out, leaving only the teamsters with whom Nixon has obviously made a deal involving the recent release of Jimmy Hoffa from prison.

LABOR PUBLICATIONS are running such headlines as Stop Compulsory Arbitration Now! (AFL-CIO Weekly, March 18), headlines that reflect the drive in Congress for legislation to prevent crippling strikes. Just as the American economy cannot survive with freedom unless the lawless grabbing is controlled at the top, likewise crippling strikes cannot be tolerated anywhere at the base of our economy. Compulsory arbitration by impartial judiciaries — or Courts of Industrial Arbitration in some form — has now become a necessity as we have frequently forecast. This modern reform should have come already but neither the President nor Congress has been willing to tackle it since both labor and management oppose compulsory arbitration — labor because it would take away the strike weapon from the union leaders and business because it would require them to show their books.



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by Greg Wegner

Unemployment as a State of Mind

On any day of the week down on Center Street you can see the cars in a long line, looking like a drive-in movie, or a funeral procession. Most of them are nice cars, one or two years old, glinting in the sun if it's sunny or shooting white exhaust in winter. This is the scene in front of the Michigan Employment Security Commission every morning. The wives may be sitting in the front seat while inside another line forms, the source of which makes possible every car and wife and child in this line: for inside they're issuing unemployment checks.

What does all this mean to you or me, the college student about to embark upon the "world?" When I walk or pedal past this spot and see always the nice cars financed by all for the benefit of the few, is there some part of me that turns sour? Do I find myself asking what I'm doing going to school or, for that matter, working at all when the unemployment booth stands ready to stuff the mouths and pocketbooks of all who don't? Yes, I do. I'll shoot dark glances as I go past, playing the game of "if looks could kill" and feeling genuine disappointment when they don't.

But those are rash moments and not worthy of much concern. Here, by the cool objective light of a study desk, I can see that the unemployment line in itself isn't what bothers me so much. I know that plenty of people would work if they could, and that production shifts and cutbacks resulting in layoffs make unemployment inevitable in an industrial society.

What isn't inevitable, though, is the haughty arrogance exhibited by various individuals, both in the unemployment line and elsewhere, who think somehow that society owes them a living. Simply because they are who they are, these people think themselves entitled to ease, though they've done nothing their life long to deserve it. I see this presumptuousness operating everywhere, on all levels. A few of those standing on the unemployment line display it; those who are content to stand there forever, collecting benefits from a society to which they contribute nothing, happy to sit at home or in a bar guzzling beer and condemning hippies and niggers and anyone else who threatens their parasitic laziness.

What bothers me even more, though, are the parasites I see right here at Alma College. I'm talking about those students who remain willfully unemployed, in every sense of the word. They are the ones who view college as a four year weekend, to whom the library is a social plaza and writing papers merely a matter of consulting fraternity files or the new-grown term paper industry. Look at these people. They live on the same corridor as you, right next door. They stand in the same dinner line and eat the same food, always willing to take, but having nothing at all to return. I think I have less respect even for these types than for the heaviest beer belly on the unemployment line.

As one who's trying to retain a little optimism, I wish someone could tell me what to do with these willfully unemployed, leeches of society. How long would this attitude be tolerated in an Indian or Eskimo or animal society? How long would those who are dedicated to doing nothing survive? About as long as it takes to starve, I'd say. We live in a society which will withstand a few parasites, but what happens when the parasites outnumber the producers? I shudder to think of it: the day when society and the environment informs us once and for all that our account is overdrawn.

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ODE TO A POT

by Marie
Alexanderson

Last April
Peter gave me
this pot,
holding
it
in his long
blond hands,
hands that had
coaxed the
rounded shape
out of
a mass of wet
clay.

Shiny finished
pot,
I felt your
birth
in Peter's eyes,
in my own hands:
the whirring
wheel
strewn with
clay abortions,
the
shrieking fire,
and now,
the shelf.

Round pot,
the voice
of earth
moans
within your
hollowness,
your mouth
gapes
in
wonder.
You gulp
at the empty
air.

I choke you
with
eternal water
and dying plants;
tears
roll over
your dry sheen
in powerful
silence.



A BLUE BOY

by Dave Vegter

I am a blue boy in a small white world,
a happy off-color,
imprecise as a wedge of Swiss cheese
or dividing by zero.

My pigment, rooted deep as whales,
is an inimical traitor.
In a sea of scholars
imprecision proliferates a tinted vulgarity.

How I long for a blue girl
who understands origins better than words:
One blue girl who believes that, somehow,
the holes in Swiss cheese may prove us all equal.

That I take offense at their white world,
as they at my blue one,
is a lost emotion.

No one agrees that blue is a feeling,
that the proper way to express blue
is not with words
but with other sounds.

WHERE IS THE MOON? (PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS)

by Kerry Thomas

The day was brown. The day was nearly bronze
At its vanishing and the sun rattled
Down with the copper noise of cornstalks.

Today there is a fragrance of cold earth,
An odor of barrenness resembling
The face of a naked philosopher.

Frozen, the pond has buried an image
Of summer: asleep in the blue mud,
The toad draws his brown skin over his shoulders.

The rock is not cold. The rock is not brown
Waiting to be green. The rock is not
More, not less, not silent. The rock is complete.

An old blackbird sleeps in the green motion
Of juniper and wind, dreaming of a blue sun
Falling through a yellow afternoon.

And the farmer's wife dreams of a yellow moon
Somewhere in China, vast snowy mountains,
Mongol invaders and long slender hands.

Where is the moon? Ask me in January
When a milky shadow gazes blankly
From every window into the distant white.

In January listen to January,
Do not imagine April and otherness,
Do not search the windows, the moon is not there.

The day was brown. The day was nearly bronze
At its rising and the moon passed from the sky
Unseen, with the copper silence of cornstalks.

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COMPETITIVENESS CHARACTERIZES MARY LOU FORTMILLER

by Bev Palmreuter



Mary Lou Fortmiller

She has led Alma to a 5-1 season so far. Only Kalamazoo got the best of Alma's sisters.

Consistency and competitiveness are attributes which characterize Mary Lou Fortmiller. Mel, who is a senior majoring in Physical Education and minoring in Biology, leads the field in Archery this year. Mel, along with her archery teammates are shooting for their second straight WMIAA title. Last year, Alma's women archers dominated the league, out-shooting the other six WMIAA schools with Mel winning the Joe Dunn award for outstanding sportsmanship and marksmanship voted on by the players at the tournament.

Never touching a bow and arrow until her sophomore year, Mel outscored everyone on the Alma team at her first match in what was to be the start of a prosperous and rewarding career. Since her first match, Mel has compiled impressive statistics, rated 5th in the league her sophomore year, 2nd her junior year and thus far ranked number 1 this year. Mel shot an all-time high and a school record against Adrian a few weeks ago with a 582 score out of a possible 648. Her season's average is a remarkable 534. Archery isn't the only sport Mel has participated in for 3 years; she has also been active in field hockey, volleyball and basketball for all four years.

However, none of the matches count in the regular season, only the tournament at the end of the season counts for the title: "I think it's ridiculous there are no standings and the season matches won't matter. I would like to see schools ranked according to their win-loss record and trophies going to the best schools."

Mel is a native of Rochester, New York

coming to Alma because: "There are no small schools in New York and the state schools are so hard to get into because they have become so competitive. I heard of Alma from friends and an admissions counselor from the college."

Mel, who is planning to teach on the high school level and also going on to graduate school speaks out on the subject of the Physical Education department: "For as small of a department as we have, it's doing a good job, but there's much to be desired. There's a lot of things that could be covered better and a lot that isn't offered such as adaptive physical education and more science-related courses."

Noting the absence of spectators at the home matches Mel explains: "I think it's too bad not more people come to our matches. Perhaps it is because there's no action in archery except between an archer and her bow. You don't know who's winning or losing until the very end when all the scores are added up." Mel goes on to say: "I think the women's varsity program has come a long way since my freshman year but it's still no where near to the men's program in terms of budget and recognition. Part of the reason is because people have been accustomed to paying to watch men play. Also, the guys take the bus a lot more and they eat at places other than MacDonald's."

Alma's next archery match and last home match is Tuesday, May 2nd, vs. Albion. Come out and watch the best archer in the league and the best team in the league.

WOMEN NETTERS CONTINUE UNBEATEN STRING , WHIP KALAMAZOO 5-4

Ulcers abounded as the Womens Tennis Team had to await the outcome of the final match before acquiring their seventh win in as many starts last Thursday at Kalamazoo. The score tied at four wins apiece, the result of the match rested on the number one doubles match, pitting Jones and Coddington of Alma against Downing and Yocum of Kalamazoo. The Alma duo lost the first set in a tie-breaker, 6-7. The second set was won on a tie-break, 7-6. The third set was all Alma as the women won 6-3, clinching the total match by the final score of 5-4.

Earlier in the week the women handily beat the Olivet team 9-0 for its sixth win of the season. Kalamazoo proved to be a tougher test as numbers one and two single from Alma lost in three sets. Alma also lost number four singles, previously

undefeated Ellen Miller losing to her Kalamazoo opponent in two sets. The number two doubles from Alma also lost in two sets. Winners for the Alma team included number three singles, Janet Worth defeating her opponent in two sets and both number five and six singles, Nancy Stodola, still undefeated, winning in two and Marge Eldridge winning in two sets, one a tie-break. Marge and Nancy then teamed together to win their number three doubles.

Tuesday is the last match at home, before the women are off to the WMIAA Tennis Tournament in Kalamazoo, in which the final standings for the season are decided. The seasons wins account for nothing as far as tournament standings for the individual teams. The women will first have a difficult time with the Albion team on Tuesday for their

number one singles player, Carol Jones, will not be playing and her position will automatically be defaulted. Carol will be in Indianapolis for a Virginia Slims Tournament, one of many tournaments hosting the likes of Billie Jean King and Chris Evert. Albion also beat Kalamazoo by the score, 5-4 so Tuesday's match will prove to be a tough one.

Following are the individual scores for the Olivet-Alma and the Kalamazoo-Alma matches.

Alma vs. Olivet

Singles

Jones (A) d. Olivet, 6-1, 6-1.
Coddington (A) d. Olivet, 6-3, 6-3.
Worth (A) d. Olivet, 6-1, 6-2.
Miller (A) d. Olivet, 6-3, 6-1.
Stodola (A) d. Olivet, 6-1, 6-1.
Eldridge (A) d. Olivet, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

Jones-Coddington (A) d. Olivet, 6-3,

6-2.

Miller-Worth (A) d. Olivet, 6-0, 6-0.
Stodola-Eldridge (A) d. Olivet, 6-1, 6-1.

Final Score Alma d. Olivet, 9-0.
Alma vs. Kalamazoo

Singles

Kalamazoo d. Jones (A), 7-5, 6-7, 2-6.

Kalamazoo d. Coddington (A), 6-2, 3-6, 4-6.

Worth (A) d. Kalamazoo, 7-5, 6-2.
Kalamazoo d. Miller (A), 6-2, 6-2.

Stodola (A) d. Kalamazoo, 6-1, 6-0.
Eldridge (A) d. Kalamazoo, 7-6, 6-4.

Doubles

Jones-Coddington (A) d. Kalamazoo, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2.

Kalamazoo d. Worth-Miller (A), 6-4, 6-0.

Stodola-Eldridge (A) d. Kalamazoo, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Final Score Alma d. Kalamazoo, 5-4.

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Scots Split

Alma's baseball squad split another MIAA doubleheader last Saturday against Hope College. The Scots dropped the opener 7-5. Larry Hourtienne was tagged with the loss despite contributing a home run and a single.

Freshman Dewey McCoy hurled the nightcap and posted a 7-6 victory. The big blow in the game was a grand slam in the third inning off the bat of another freshman, Steve Schleicher.

The Scots will be playing the remainder of the season without number two starter Gary Dorrien. Coach Butch Cantrell announced that Gary's arm was not in shape to pitch. "He has had considerable pain in his elbow and he's not been able to throw his curve ball which is his most effective pitch."

The Scots are 2-2 in league contests. Wednesday Alma will entertain Grand Valley and Saturday they will travel to Olivet.



Steve Schleicher



Songfesters Christie McLeod, Ann Schiessler, and Nancy Nowak cook for the crowd.

SPORTS FALLOUT FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Activity	Opponent	Location	Time
Mon.	Track	N.A.I.A.	at Grand Rapids	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Tennis	Central Mich. University	at Mt. Pleasant	3:00 p.m.
Wed.	Baseball	Olivet College		
Wed.	Baseball	Grand Valley College	ALMA	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Baseball	Olivet College	at Olivet	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Golf	Olivet College	ALMA	9:30 a.m.
Sat.	Tennis	Olivet College	at Olivet	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Track	Olivet College	ALMA	2:00 p.m.

The Alma College men's tennis team chalked up two more victories this past week to post an overall 4-0 clip. The netters shutout Adrian 9-0 and Saturday they defeated Hope 7-2.

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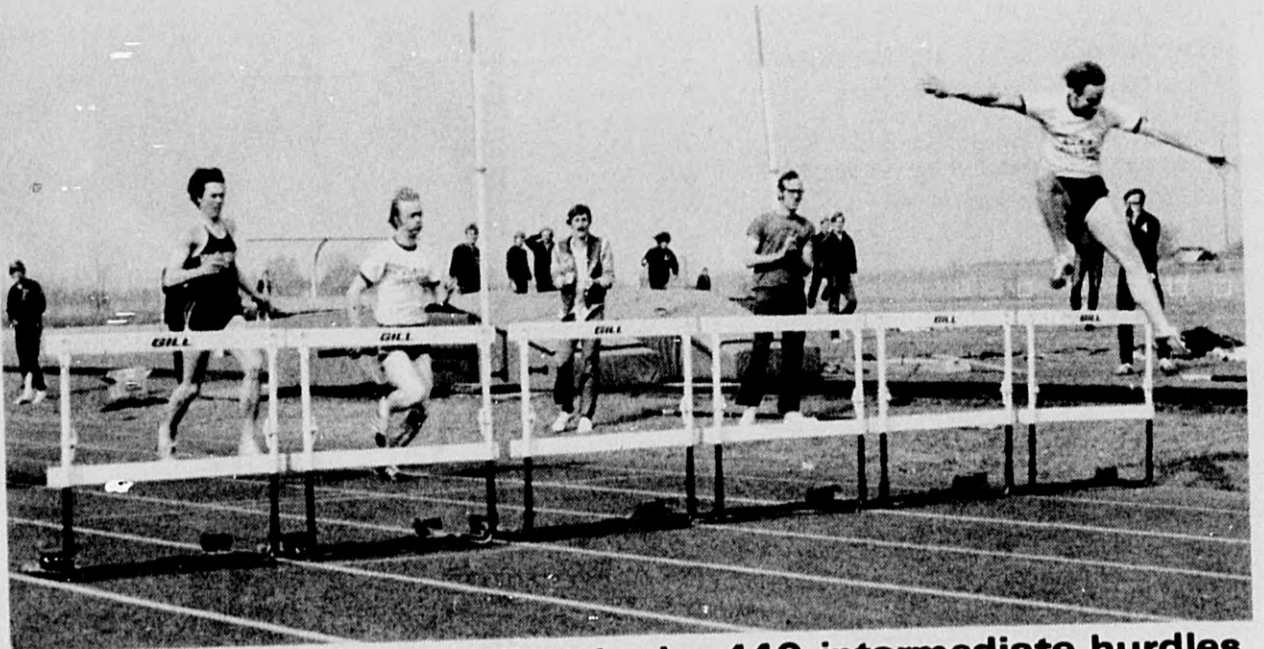


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Jeff Arbour....

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Jeff Arbour cops a first in the 440 intermediate hurdles as teammate Gus Bishop finishes second.

On April 29, 1969 Calvin beat Alma in a duel track meet. On April 29, 1972 Hope defeated Alma in a duel meet by a 75-70 count. Within that span there was 19 consecutive victories.



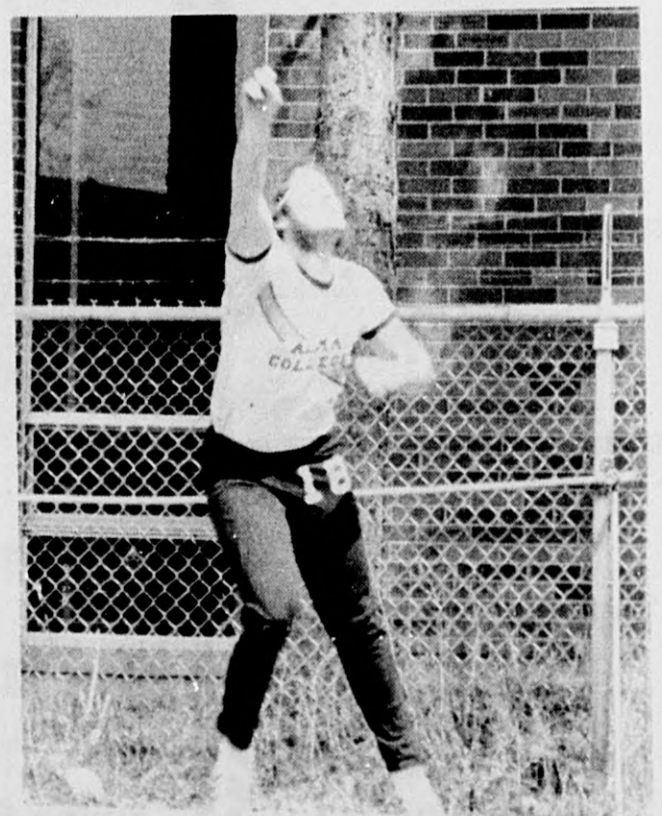
Ike Neiring, 1st in high jump.



Bill Copland, 1st in pole vault.



Bill Williams, 3rd in discuss.



Mark Wangberg, 1st in shot putt.