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SCOTTISH POWER

Even now, several days later, I can hear bagpipes and see kilts and little dancing shoes hopping around a sword. There are so many sights in my memory from Saturday's Highland Festival that I'll never be able to sort them out. There were crowds of spectators, crowds of dancers, crowds of pipers and drummers. Everywhere were tartans of all colors and styles. There were smiling politicians and disappointed dancers on the verge of tears. There were old men pipers and little boy drummers. Most of all, there was sun.

The winners of the athletic events, and competitions in dancing, piping, and drumming mean nothing to a person going to the Festival for the first time. All I cared about were the 19 dancers from Alma. I was not disappointed, Cathy McCargar and Nancy Nowak, both from Alma College, won second and third place, respectively, in the novice Seann Truibhas. Their excitement far surpassed any the pros might have felt, who accepted their medals and money with almost an air of indifference.

The Dancer of the Day seemed so impressed with her accomplishment because she received the same title last year.

To an onlooker, the competitors are unfamiliar unless he has a son or daughter in the festivities. However, it is impossible to go to the Festival without seeing someone you know. While the whole world wasn't in Alma this weekend, it was crowded enough. As there should be in any sport, there was great rapport among the competitors. When you're dancing with the same group of girls all day as we were, you can't help but make new friends. The bands were the same way. During the massed band performance, there was such fraternization among the pipers that their many tartans looked like a patchwork kilt.

The mini-ceilidh Friday night presented Miss Highland Festival and her court. Terry Miller of Alma College was the first runner up. There was a little dancing and a little more drinking. But the big bash was Saturday night. After being

out to the San Juan bar, the alcohol worked a little faster, especially for those who didn't have time to eat. To get the party warmed up a Scottish singer and the fiddler with a beautiful voice entertained, answering the question, "What does a Scottish man make his kilt?" with "My skeep and socks and my skean dubh." A skean dubh is a small dagger carried in the knee sock, used for opening letters, cutting vegetables or settling an argument. A swatzy dance troupe from Canada danced around to recorded accordion music. There was a little Scottish dancing, but a lot more later on when people were more willing to get on the floor and participate in the eightsome reel, which is like perpendicular gatoring. Dancing and singing soloists lost their embarrassment. It was fun listening to the Scottish Canadians argue good naturedly with Americans about the merits of the two countries. Some band members staggered off to the bars. Imagine the scene at the San Donlin when dozens of drunk men in

kilts stagger in singing "Oh, Campbelltown Loch, I wish you were whisky, I would drink you dry!"

There was a twinge of sadness when the bands left Bahlke field for the last time. After having constant company with bagpipes for the whole day, the place was strangely quiet. Going into the bleachers Sunday I envisioned the place as it had been the day before. Display booths of carnival food like cotton candy and hot dogs, and Scottish goods and souvenirs materialized again. Although the tents and trailers of visitors are gone now, they haven't left for me. The festivities are over, but the pipes drone insistently in my head. The sound will keep returning hauntingly until next year.

Story by
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THREE HONORARY DEGREES TO BE GIVEN

The executive vice president of the National Association of Life Underwriters (NALU) and Presbyterian pastors from Michigan and Texas will receive honorary degrees at Alma College's 85th year Commencement on Saturday, June 10.

A Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred upon C. Carney Smith of Alexandria, Va., NALU executive vice president. The Rev. Mr. Paul Markham, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Mich., will receive a Doctor of Divinity Degree; and the Rev. Mr. Frederick G. Klerekoper, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of Plainview, Tex., will be presented a Doctor of Letters degree.

As announced earlier by the college the Commencement speaker, University of Notre Dame President Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, D. S. C., will receive a Doctor of Laws degree.

Alma will confer a Doctor of Letters degree upon Dr. Marvin Felheim, professor of English and director of the Program in American Culture of the University of Michigan, at the College's May 31 Honors Convocation.

A native of Benton Harbor, Mich., Rev. Klerekoper has been pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of Plainview, Texas, for the past two and a half years. He is a graduate of Alma College and holds Th.B. and Th.M. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Rev. Klerekoper previously was pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Houston, Tex., and First Presbyterian Church of Artesia, N. M., and was assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, N. M. He also served churches at Barrow, Alaska, and at Tabriz and Tehran, Iran.



Rev. Mr. Klerekoper

Active in both church and civic affairs, he has written for religion publications and for national wire services.

Rev. Markham has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Monroe since 1959. A native of Batavia, N. Y., he graduated from High School in Leonard, Tex., and holds a B. A. degree from Trinity Presbyterian University at Waxahachie, Tex.

After graduation from Mc Cormick Theological Seminary in 1942, Rev. Markham served for three years as pastor of Fairgrove Presbyterian Church. From 1945 to 1959 he was pastor of Fairgrove Presbyterian Church. From 1945 to 1959 he was pastor of North Park Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids.



Rev. Mr. Paul Markham

Smith, who was head of the Alma College Department of Speech and coach of its debate teams in the late 1930's, is a native of Kalamazoo. He is one of 29 recipients of the John Newton Russell Memorial Award, an honor that he received at the 1970 NALU convention. He also was the recipient of the Man of the Year Award of Insurance Field.

A graduate of Western Michigan University, he holds an M. A. degree from the University of Michigan. Before joining the Alma faculty in 1938, he was a social worker in Kalamazoo and a teacher at Northern High School in Flint.

In 1942 he was appointed assistant to the director of Junior Red Cross and later became regional director for the eastern area of the American



C. Carney Smith

National Red Cross. In 1945 he was director of disaster and rehabilitation for the Ohio Valley flood.

He joined the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. as an agent in Newark, N. J., in 1946, and in 1947 he became a management training candidate in the company's home office. In 1948 he was named sales manager in Washington, D. C., and the following year he became general agent of the company's agency in Washington, D. C., a post that he held until assuming his present position.

He has held several offices in life insurance organizations and has been active in civic and community affairs.



CLARINETIST GIVES SENIOR RECITAL ON THURSDAY

On Thursday evening, June 1st, Jean Nethery will present a Senior Recital at 8:00 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel. A pupil of Jack Bowman, Jean will be accompanied by Sue Ellen Matthews, pianist, with assisting artists Judy Hanna - clarinet, and Debbie Hook - French horn. A member of the Kiltie Band and Alma Symphony for four years, she has also played in the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra. She is a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, Women Band Directors' Association, and the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. She is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. William H. Nethery of Allegan, Michigan. Her program will include "Concerto in A Major for Clarinet" by Mozart, "Suite for Clarinet in Bb and piano" by Ernst Krenek, "Overture in D for two Clarinets and Corno di caccia" by G. F. Handel, and "Sonata in F Minor for Clarinet and Piano", op. 120, No. 1 by Johannes Brahms.



Jean Nethery

SPEECH CONTEST THURSDAY

Thursday, June 1, 7:30 pm in Dow 100 will see the finals of the Sixth Annual Preston Bradley Speaking Contest.

This annual event, sponsored by the Department of Speech and Theater, is open to all students currently enrolled in the College. To enter one must select a controversial topic, submit a full-sentence outline of it with bibliography, and appear before a screening committee. Those satisfactorily performing at the initial screening may enter the finals at the above date. Deadline for contacting

RADIO & TV COMMITTEE BEING FORMED

Notice: If you wish to serve on (1) the Radio and Television Committee or (2) the Program of Emphasis Committee for the academic year 1972-73, please submit your name and the name of the committee you are interested in to the Student Council office no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, May 31, (just slip it under the door).

Anyone may apply for the Radio and Television Committee but you must be a Senior next year to apply for the Program of Emphasis Committee which is--by the way--a paid position. If there are any questions, please feel free to call the Council office (ext. 247).

the Department and arranging for the preliminary hearing is Tuesday, May 30, 5:00 pm.

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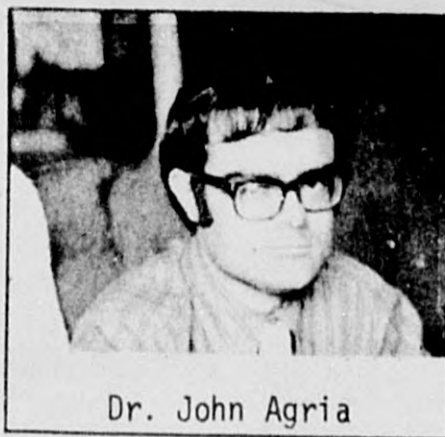
POLITICIAN TALKS ABOUT HIS DUTIES

I have served as one of Alma's five city commissioners for 180 days, or 4 months of my 4 year term. In this brief time, I have attended 21 meetings averaging about 2-1/2 hours each and two conferences. This does not include time spent in preparation for meetings. Serving as a city commissioner is more time consuming than I had anticipated and it would take even more time if, before meetings, I tried to become thoroughly familiar with the issues before the commission. One problem the city commission faces and I face as a member of that commission is the expertise of the city manager. It is difficult given limited time and limited knowledge to appraise carefully recommendations of the city manager who is engaged full time in operating the city and thinking through appropriate policies. Many of the matters before the city are highly technical involving specialized knowledge of engineering, planning, finances and the like. Sifting out items of political consequence from mere technical details is not always easy. For example, I had to read a very extensive engineering report on the city's new sewer treatment plant. Much of it I could put aside as technical details, but hidden in this pile of information was a key political issue: how should the expanded facilities be financed? Should there be additional taxes or should there be an increase in the rates for usage? These are the questions that a city commissioner must zero in on and pick out from the pile of engineering detail.

Not only are the options open to city commission limited by the extent of its knowledge, but also by the legal position of the city within the state. There are many constitutional and legal limits on what a city may or may not do. Changing the pattern of traffic signals at Wright Avenue and Superior Street seems simple. But because a state highway is involved the matter must be referred to the state highway department.

As a political scientist, I am well aware of the role of government in society in the management of conflict. But it's one thing to know about it and something else to be one of the managers of conflict. There is nothing more uncomfortable than to be faced by irate citizens denied something they value and there is not much comfort, since commendations are few, in knowing that other segments of the community have received something that benefited them in some way. Even apparently simple decisions put a city commissioner in a dilemma. For example, a majority of citizens on a given street desire to have curbs and gutters installed. It seems like an easy matter to grant such a request and to assess property owners along the street for these improvements. However, an elderly couple, residents of the street, comes forward for whom the cost of these improvements would be prohibitive, forcing them, perhaps, to sell their home. Now the decision is no longer simple. The interests of the majority must be weighed against the minority.

Or take the matter of zoning. There is pressure in this community to zone additional land multiple family because this is the primary way land developers can get an attractive return on their investment and there is growing demand for multiple dwelling housing. In facing a request for rezoning from single-family residential to multiple-family residential, immediately you're confronted with a con-



Dr. John Agria

flict. On the one hand, the developer seeks rezoning to make it profitable for him to develop the land. On the other hand, you have the people who live in the surrounding single-family area who wish to preserve the single family nature of the neighborhood. Again your decision is one which grants something valued to some and denies something valued to others. You find out very quickly even in four months that you cannot please all the people all the time. If you like to be liked, don't be a city commissioner. There is no "right" decision in the sense that there is no decision which some people will not consider to be wrong.

There is also a conflict between that which is "politic" and that which is technically correct. Take, for example, the traffic light at the corner of Republic and Michigan Avenue, the road that goes between Alma and St. Louis. On the basis of traffic engineering data, the light should be removed. There is insufficient pedestrian and automobile flow to warrant it. The technically right decision would be to remove it. But the light is there and an attempt to remove the light met with opposition from irate mothers, petition in hand, concerned about the safety of their children. It obviously would be politic to leave the light there and avoid further confrontation, but technically the light should go. To boot, soon after the women petitioned us to keep the light, some employees of an industrial plant nearby petitioned us to remove the light. As it turned out, we left the light alone, but I'm sure the matter is not yet settled.

Another problem is created by trying to plan for the long run while making decisions in the short run. Alma is a growing community. It is growing to the north along Wright Avenue-Alger Road and it looks like it may begin to grow to the west. There is a push for annexation and land development right now. There is land on the Pine River which may be sold soon and developed. The problem is viewing all these short run changes within a broader perspective of planned growth--directing the future development of Alma, surrounding townships, and county. The development of such plans, their approval and general acceptance takes time. But meanwhile, short-run decisions must be made that significantly shape future growth. In effect, the short run becomes the long run as short-run decisions are piled upon short-run decisions all of which take time to make and leave little time for planning the long run.

I'm sure many new politicians go into office with a great desire to serve the people--to do what the people want them to do. Of course, what you quickly learn is that it is indeed difficult, if not impossible, to find out what

the people want. For that matter, it is not clear that the people know what they want or have an opinion on many of the things that the city is involved in. So you quickly find that you must rely on your own judgment in making decisions. And your own judgments are limited, as I have already indicated, by lack of expertise, lack of time and limitations of state law and constitution.

A candidate who makes idealistic promises to the people and then gets himself elected to office undergoes a period of adjustment in which he scales down his promises to the realities of practical politics, financial stringencies, etc. Adjustment may not be the right word, perhaps the right word is cooptation. You quickly feel yourself becoming a member of the so-called "establishment." Perhaps this is a learning process in which you scale down your sights to the possible and work within these limits to do the best possible job you can. But it could also be viewed as copping out, that is, accepting the limits rather than testing them and trying to move them in one direction or another. It is unfortunately easy to accept the argument made by others that this or that isn't possible or that you cannot do something in a particular way or that there is not enough money for a particular program. To accept such limitations makes the job of deciding easier as the range of alternatives is simplified.

I guess ideally what is involved is a matter of accommodation. You come to understand some of the real limits in which city policy must be constructed and at the same time you try to educate the other commissioners, the city manager, and city employees to the possibilities of change they may have overlooked.

In conclusion, let me say that I'm learning a great deal about local government and politics. I believe this experience enables me to improve my teaching. There is nothing as relevant as an example that I can bring back from the city hall to illustrate some general principle of political behavior. There's nothing as real as discussing with students the dilemmas I myself get caught up in trying to do a good job as a city commissioner. Might I suggest that you attend commission meetings regularly (2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and learn with me. I'll see to it you get a chair up front.

Finally, let me point out that being a city commissioner is not all a matter of trying to make difficult decisions of who's going to get what, when, and how. Recently I have been faced with the problem of deciding what do you wear under a kilt? Ask me after the weekend of the Highland Festival.

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SPANISH PLAY PRESENTED THURSDAY

The Spanish version of "El retablo, de las maravillas" an entremes by Miguel de Cervantes directed by Nancy Stodola and Joe Sobel, in conjunction with Dr. Gunda Kaiser, and the Spanish department will be presented Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Dow Auditorium.

It's the first time this type of thing has been attempted at Alma. It posed problems in finding a cast because actors had to be able to speak Spanish. We're pleased with the good job everyone is doing, especially the students with little Spanish background or acting experience.

The cast consists of Bill Spencer, Margaret Steward, Jim Marvin, Gerry Landers, Terry Lee, Denise Rutledge, Jean Cooper, Karen West, Steve Peterson, Kathy Kupsky, Chris Frodey, and Beckie Good.

In the play, Cervantes pokes rather acerbic fun at Spain's obsession with racial purity. As in the tale of Emperor's nightclothes, a community is trapped into a conspiracy of silence. Only those whose blood is untainted with bastardly or Jewish ancestry will be able to see the miraculous puppet show. There is no puppet show, of course, for it exists only in the imagination of the swindlers who narrate what is supposed to be happening. But the show is induced into the imagination of the spectators, each of whom thinks he sees nothing only because of some lapse on the part of his forebears, and no one is willing to admit publicly that he sees nothing. When a quartermaster arrives to arrange lodging for his troops, he stumbles on the scene

without the proper Pavlovian conditioning: he sees no puppets and is not afraid to say it. The whole village turns on him savagely to mock him and denounce him as a non-Aryan.

Even though the play will be presented in Spanish, a synopsis will appear in the script and it is very easy to follow, so we urge even non-Spanish speakers to come.



Joe Sobel
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Because of the magnitude of this consumer problem, a bill which would regulate the use of rental security deposits has been introduced into the House of Representatives. Representative Earl E. Nelson, chairman of the Special Committee on Rental Deposits and main sponsor of the bill, states, "after studying the problems surrounding rental security deposits for nearly one year and conducting public hearings throughout the state, we have come to the conclusions that

legislative action must be taken due to the unscrupulous activities of both landlords and tenants.

"Many landlords have been deducting from security deposits for imaginary damages while tenants have not been paying their last month's rent for fear of not regaining their security deposits," Nelson adds.

House Bill 5978, now in the House Committee on Urban Affairs, states that checklists regarding the condition of the rental unit at both the beginning and termination of the tenancy must be used and that the landlord has to return the full security deposit to the tenants or initiate court action within 30 days or double the returned deposit.

The Consumers Council, which testified during legislative hearings on behalf of such changes, advises dissatisfied tenants to file a complaint with a consumer protection agency or appeal their case to a small claims court where grievances for under \$300 are heard without an attorney.

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I, Harold M. Kruse, as Business Manager of the 1971-72 ALMANIAN, am pleased to announce that despite an increase of over 100% in the size of the paper from one year ago, we should have a substantial sum (in the neighborhood of \$1,500) to transfer to next year's staff.

Revenue from advertising and subscriptions totaled over \$5,500 this year, an 80% increase over last year. This term alone, advertising revenue amounted to over \$200 per issue, a more than 100% increase from spring term a year ago.

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Resolution Prohibiting Sex Discrimination Passed In The House

The House Thursday overwhelmingly approved a resolution introduced by Majority Floor Leader Marvin R. Stempien (D-Livonia/Northville) to ratify a proposed amendment to the U. S. Constitution which would prohibit discrimination because of sex.

The House vote was 90 to 18. The resolution has now been sent to the Senate for ratification there.

Stempien hailed the House action as "a strong expression of the Legislature's belief that women are fully equal citizens in today's society."

Earlier in the session, Stempien sponsored a resolution calling on Congress to approve the equal rights amendment and submit it to the states for ratification, which Congress did earlier this year. It must be approved by at least 38 states before the amendment becomes the probable 27th amendment to the federal Constitution. As of today 17 other states have ratified it.

"I am pleased that Michigan is on its way to becoming one of the ratifying states," Stempien said.

"The nationwide trend toward ratification is clear. Michigan has always been in the forefront in legislation which guarantees equal rights to all citizens. I am hopeful that the Senate will take prompt action on the ratification resolution."

The proposed amendment reads: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."

"This amendment has been a long time coming," Stempien said. "It does nothing more than guarantee to half of the population of this country that they have the constitutional right to the most fundamental feature of citizenship in this nation--equality."

Stempien has led the fight for early ratification of the amendment by the Michigan Legislature and has spoken out strongly for it at a recent public hearing in the House Chambers.

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TOPIC 9 COURSE FUTURE-ORIENTED

by Paul H. Harasim

Earlier I criticized the Topic 9 course "Women In Society" for not talking about solutions to the problem of sexism in American society. As it has turned out, my judgment on the course was too hasty. In recent weeks speakers brought to the Alma campus and students in the course have engaged in lengthy give and take on how to correct a society that has ill-treated human beings that happen to be female.

My only defense of my earlier position is that I honestly wanted the course to be something more than wind-bag rhetoric on how miserable a plight women have in the United States. Having done a good share of reading in the field, I was impatient--simply tired of looking at the present. Somehow the future, working to get the social ailments corrected, was more inviting. Much to my satisfaction and to the students' benefit, the instructors of the course, Dr. Irene Linder and Dr. Audrey Rentz, did not lose faith with the future and live only to gripe about the present status quo.

Not receiving any compensation for instructing the course (either monetarily or in lessening of course load), both Dr. Linder and Dr. Rentz thought the course should be offered, among other reasons, "to help students become aware of the changing role of women in American society." Alma is one of four schools in Michigan to offer such a course--there are over 600 schools that offer a comparable course in the nation.

Because of the popularity of the course and the instructors' belief that there is a definite need for it,



Dr. Irene Linder



Dr. Audrey Rentz

They did not lose faith with the future and live only to gripe about the status quo

Topic 9 will be offered again next year--hopefully with more men.

What follows are a sampling of students' reactions to the course:

A good course. Well organized and well run.

Necessary for women to become enlightened to today's situation. Has definitely had a change on my personal attitude.

The interdepartmental topic 9 should

as an academic credit be included next year not only one term but all three. The academic program at Alma College should employ more courses of this type. It will help the college community and also the surrounding areas. This class has caught the interest of all members of the academic community.

As a personal experience I am sincerely glad that I took this class because it has enabled me to see exactly how women have been discriminated

against in America. It has enabled me to realize that women are important to the labor force.

Topic 9 is probably more of a real awakening and learning experience than many other academic courses. The subject matter is life itself - my life and the lives of those around me today and tomorrow. It is the consideration of a whole new kind of world.

Topic 9 has given me the opportunity to read many works which I might not have read otherwise. It was not an awakening but rather continued to confirm my thoughts and beliefs.

Topic 9 was sometimes repetitive, but contained a great deal of material. Perhaps more men in the class would have been beneficial as well as more radical viewpoints.

Topic 9 produced a number of changes within me. I am no longer ignorant of the plight of women nor do I see male-female relationships in a rosy glow as in the past.

Giving credit may encourage women - and hopefully men - to pursue the subject when they otherwise might not bother to inform themselves and become aware of the situation of women in our society.

The most relevant thing I've ever become aware of. It's made me far more aware of my real self and my situation as an American woman, giving me a deep understanding of what I am and what I do.

SENIOR INTERVIEW

What follows is a senior interview with Kay Consolatti, contender for the Barlow Trophy



Kay Consolatti

WHY DO YOU THINK YOU DESERVE THE BARLOW TROPHY?

I don't believe I deserve the Barlow Trophy any more than anyone else in our class. The fact that Craig and I were nominated out of the tenpercent eligible is indeed a great honor and very flattering, at least I find it so. But that a group of persons, looking over my past record have concluded

that I fulfill the necessary criteria of scholarship, leadership and character--does not necessarily reveal my interpretation of the same. I guess I don't really know the answer to that question--maybe you're asking the wrong person.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE WORTH OF THE BARLOW TROPHY IS?

That seems to me to be entirely up to the individual--determining the worth of anything, that is. My particular opinion is no more valid than any other person's--the whole thing is very relative. The founder of the Barlow Trophy Award obviously values those characteristics I mentioned before and wishes to honor those students who meet the criteria. Alma College and the greater part of society value similar qualities and present similar awards. The worth of the Barlow Trophy, and similar awards, lies in the reinforcement it provides for those characteristics. As long as people value "scholarship, leadership and character," then I guess the Barlow Trophy and all other awards like it are worthwhile.

ARE YOU IN SYMPATHY WITH WOMEN'S LIBERATION?

To a certain extent, yes. I believe society should be flexible enough to allow women, as well as other groups, into areas where they were perhaps discouraged from going into before. Times have or are changing--and society needs to catch up--or at least adjust. Occupation-wise, then--I am

in sympathy with the liberation movement--in so far as it is helping people pursue whatever kind of career they wish to pursue--regardless of race, sex, creed, etc. On a more abstract level, I value the women's liberation movement--in that it is rerealizing the kind of conditioning that goes on in society, in all realms--as to roles, expectations, abilities, etc. Regardless of all that, or perhaps I should say in conjunction with, if a woman chooses to dedicate her entire life to her family, she should be able to do that too, without being attacked by the fringe elements of the liberation movement. And I perceive women's lib as moving in this more inclusive direction.

DO YOU THINK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST HERE?

No, definitely not. I've always done what I wanted to do, and have been treated justly. If I had been discriminated against, someone would have heard about it. If you're referring to hours--I really don't consider that discrimination, in the true sense of the word. It's a stipulation that no longer has too much validity, but I don't perceive it as discrimination.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'VE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SCHOOL?

I didn't come to Alma to contribute to the school; I came for Alma to leave its mark on me, to contribute to or enlarge my life. The only thing I have offered the school, perhaps, is minor construc-

tive criticism and suggestion for improving, based on my limited experiences.

IF YOU WERE TO CHOOSE AN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL AGAIN, WOULD YOU STILL CHOOSE ALMA?

I would never choose to repeat the same experience twice. My answer would have to be a combined yes and no. Alma is no worse nor any better than any other college. And I believe that you get out of any experience what you put into it. So, yes--I would still choose Alma of taking more undergraduate courses. But I would have to admit that the lure of a new experience, different people, setting and atmosphere would probably win out.

WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR?

Maybe that's already obvious. I'm an English major, as well as a Spanish major.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR?

That's hard to answer, seeing as I enjoy reading most authors even if I hate what or how they're writing. That makes it more exciting. I have a great love for the Russian authors--Dostoevsky and Tolstoy. Probably the book and author which has left a more recent impression on me is THE FOUNTAINHEAD, by Ann Rynd.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

Hopefully, I'll be teaching come next September in Detroit, Battle Creek or elsewhere. If not, VISTA, Indian Education or the Federal Government are the other job opportunities I'm interested in and eligible for.



Lynn Coddington
Managing Editor

SMALLNESS OF COLLEGE INTENSIFIES PERSONAL CONTACT

by Lynn Coddington

time to understand anything. They buy things all ready made at the shops. But there is no shop anywhere where one can buy friendship...

Our friendships weren't expressed by monetary wealth. Instead, it was a wealth of experiences, some happy, some sad, but all shared. Through those experiences, we grew together and because of those experiences we will always remember; classes shared, arguments over an exemplary Saga dinner, bicycle rides and Clyde-rides over to Conservation Park or through a peaceful sleepy, supper-time suburb. Mutual tears of both joy and hurt, or frustration. To have one stand silently beside may be the strongest support when your whole life appears to be a mess. It's that silent presence which can't be defined or denied.

On a sunburn, breezy, beautiful day like today, it is easy to recall just the good times. Through eyebrow-shaded eyes, I spy an ant, like those so many other ants which walked across our picnic blanket last year. Or our grasser blanket last night. The dandelion reminds me of dandelion wine, a close cousin of the Pink Chablis we shared on a replica of today just about a year ago. I raise my head from this tablet and sight people who will soon disappear from my life. Too many faces without bodies because I didn't take the time to tame them.

And then one passes who is tamed and the realization hits home once again that soon they'll be gone. I can not help but think that though this college may crimp the style of some people on campus, its smallness intensifies personal contact. The spot on the paper titled friendship burns even hotter under the magnifying glass called Alma.

So we come back once again to the little prince and the fox.

"To you, I am nothing more than a fox like a hundred thousand other foxes. But if you tame me, then we shall need each other. To me, you will be unique in all the world. To you, I shall be unique in all the world..."

"But if you tamed me, it will be as if the sun came to shine in my life. And then look: you see the grain-fields down yonder? Wheat is of no use to me. The wheat fields have nothing to say to me. And that is sad. But you have hair that is the color of gold. The grain, which is also golden, will bring back the thought of you. And I shall love to listen to the wind in the wheat..."

And when the hour of departure drew near --

"Ah, I shall cry," said the fox.

"It is your own fault. I never wished you any harm; but you wanted me to tame you..."

"Yes, that is so," said the fox.

"But now you are going to cry!"

"Yes that is so."

"Then it has done you no good at all!"

"It has done me good," said the fox,

"because of the color of the wheat fields."

"I am a fox."
"Come and play with me," proposed the little prince. "I am so unhappy."

"I cannot play with you," the fox said. "I am not tamed."

"I am looking for friends," said the little prince. "What does that mean--'tame'?"

"It is an act too often neglected," said the fox. "It means to establish ties."

The end is but a few weeks off. We hardly realize that as we madly try to complete those papers that were due the first of the term, cram in all the readings long-since overdue and rediscover the art of prayer. It is difficult to realize the implications of graduation, the departure of friends tamed through the years of college life. Soon to leave Alma for good, no matter what you say, our lives will not be quite the same without their presence.

Who can deny that those of us who remain will miss the discovery-days long ago when, like the little prince and the fox, we first dared to become friends. Yes, one must dare because to become a friend is to reveal oneself to another. To trust another enough is oftentimes too threatening for people. Therefore, the fox and the little prince remain an incomprehensible story. But for those of us who dared, the discovery-days grew into good times shared amongst friends.

"One only understands the things that one tames," said the fox. "Men have no more

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Petitions Only Course Open To Achieve Property Tax Relief And Educational Financing Reform

During this past month, the people of the state of Michigan had another opportunity, through Democratic initiative, to get the questions of property tax relief and educational financing reform on the ballot through legislative action. Once again, as happened last summer, Senate Republicans blocked this action. Now, the only course open is through the arduous petition route to achieve what might so easily have been accomplished in the Legislature.

People of the State are now faced with two petition drives--one sponsored by the MEA and the Governor, the other by the Democratic Party. Superficially, both drives seem to be the same, except that the MEA has divided its drive into two petitions--one to achieve property tax relief and to put school funding on a statewide basis, the other to remove the ban on a graduated income tax. The Democratic proposal combines all three of these items into one petition.

It is well for the people of this state to take more than a superficial

look at these competing petitions, however. Careful examination reveals that they are far from the same in their potential effects on the average taxpayer. The MEA proposal contains some basic flaws which can be costly both to the taxpayer and to the future of education in the state.

By separating the questions of property tax relief and educational funding from the matter of a graduated income tax, the MEA proposals threaten the basic goals of both petition drives--giving overall tax relief to the majority of Michigan taxpayers, while at the same time establishing an adequate and stable source of funding for schools. If the first part of the MEA proposal passes, while the graduated income tax proposal fails, both the schools and the taxpayers will be the losers.

With local property taxes removed as a source for school funding, some other source must be found--almost certainly this will be the income tax. Now, the problem with a flat rate income tax is the same as that with

property taxes--both fall heaviest on persons of lower or fixed incomes. The present state income tax is 3.9%. The Governor suggests that this tax must be raised to 6.2% to meet needs of the coming fiscal year, if property tax relief is effected. Every realistic observer in the state knows that at least a 7% flat rate income tax will be required to meet these needs.

If the MEA's graduated tax proposal fails, the people of the state will be faced with a dilemma--either high taxes or underfunded schools. The taxpayers will be unwilling to accept a 7% flat rate tax--as a matter of fact, no one believes a tax of this magnitude would stand a chance of passing through the Legislature. Thus, school funding as well as a number of other state services would be severely curtailed.

Meanwhile, the Democratic proposal provides a specific table of graduation which is so designed that for a family of four, for example, the graduation provides a break for

everyone with a gross income under \$21,000. Compared to a 6.2% flat rate tax, the Democratic graduated tax will save \$143 in taxes for a family of four earning \$10,000 a year. Savings would be much greater if compared to a 7% flat rate tax. Both the flat rate and the graduated taxes raise the same amount of money. The Democratic proposal simply distributes the burden more equitably, providing savings for over 80% of the taxpayers in the state.

The MEA-Milliken proposal, on the other hand, provides no specific formula of graduation--voters will therefore be more likely to vote against it, not knowing what they are voting for. There are other defects in the MEA plan--such as no guarantees for local school control, no assurances of funding for various special kinds of education, and so on. I would like to discuss these defects in a later column. The people of Michigan have a right to know what they are voting on before they vote, especially when it comes to taxes and school funding.

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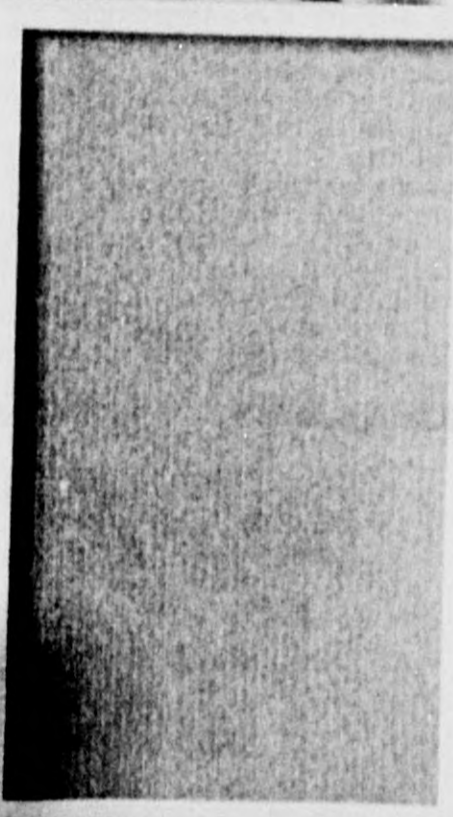
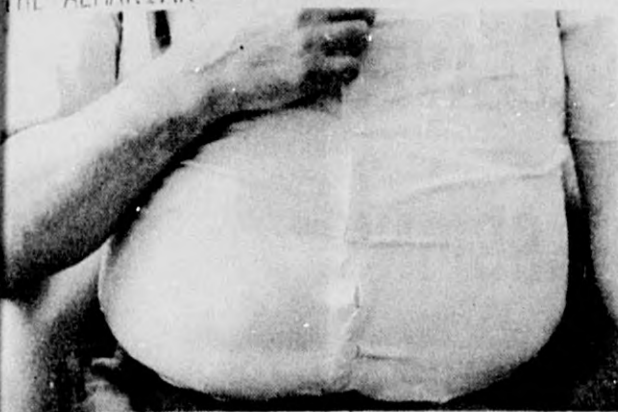
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Participating in the performance will be William Hartwell, bass-baritone; Tim Sievert, candelabra; John Payne and Gerry Landers, percussion; Dennis Hunt, baritone; Jeff Johnson, piano; Mel Eddy, garden hose; Jon Steimel and Dick Lenz, organ

and piano; Rick Townsend, piano; Tom Kyser, tenor; Cliff Book, baritone.

Phi Mu Alpha is a national music fraternity whose purpose is to promote the performance of all types of music. The Alma chapter was organized in April of this year, with a membership of 20.

There will be an informal reception immediately following in the lounge at the 300.

BEAUCHAMP LEAVES ALMA'S ADMISSIONS OFFICE



William Beauchamp

Still another administrator departs. This time the admissions department will have to make adjustments. Assistant Director of Admissions William Beauchamp is off to become the Clarence Darrow of the '70's.

After being at Alma for six years, he is going to law school at Notre Dame. "I've been interested in law since I got my bachelor degree, but had to put it aside for financial reasons," he says. Now he is ready to switch from administrator to student and from income earner to income spender. "I've done a lot of career changing, but this is the most dramatic."

Before becoming a member of the admissions team, he served three years as teacher of business administration. With a bachelor degree in accounting, he was swayed by Dr. Plachta, who at that time was not at Alma, to teach here.

When he graduates from law school Mr. Beauchamp hopes to work for a small law firm, handling estates, taxes, and trusts, with an opportunity to go into criminal law. Since going into law is what he "would really like to do," he decided now is the time and Notre Dame is the place to begin his new career.

He is the thirteenth to leave the employ of Alma College.

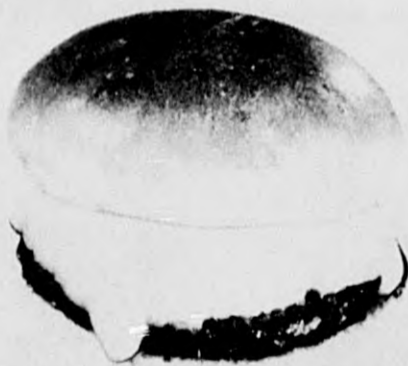
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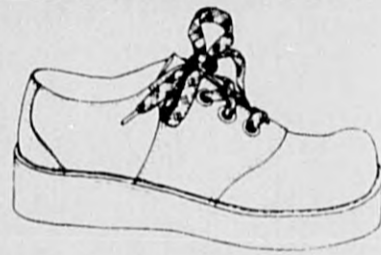
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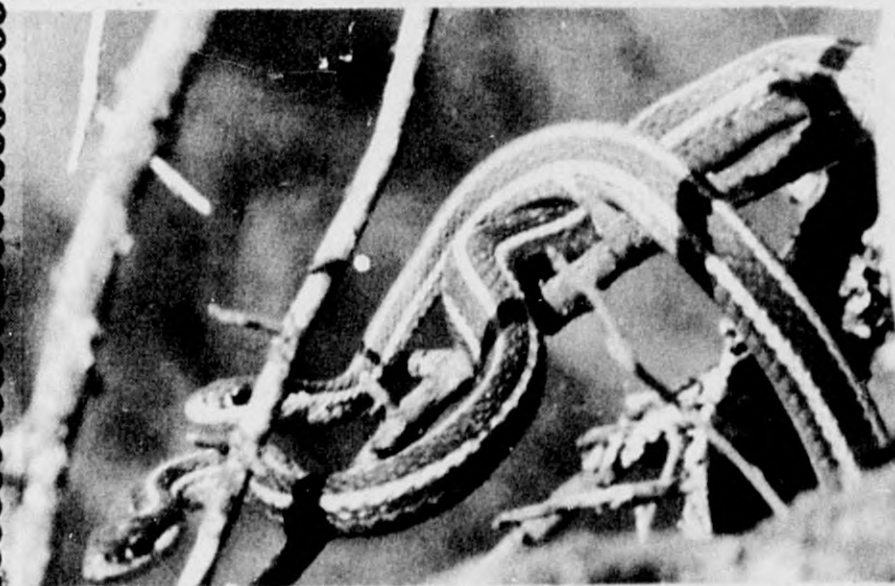
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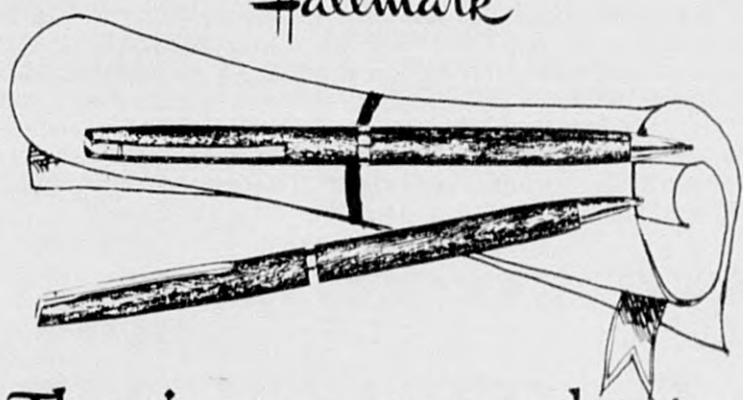
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To The Highways For Nothing, Almost

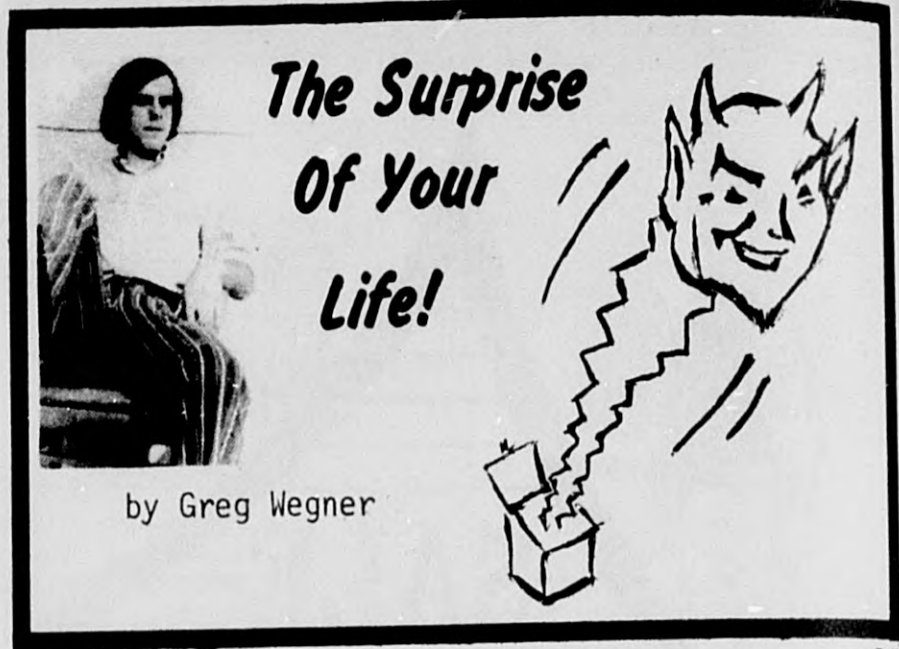
There is a wandering urge that besets us all at one time or other, a sudden pressing need to get away from these walls, away from whatever context is enclosing us--the feeling that we need to get out, to assert our freedom, to sit back and breathe awhile. Too many times it occurs when we're least able to respond--when there are papers to be written and studying to be done plus the important meeting and Saga job and evening appointment and no, there's no possible way to get out this weekend. None at all.

Other times there is nothing barring your way. With a summer vacation before you and job opportunities dubious you can take to the roads with your motorcycle or your M.G. Or better yet, with your pack on your back and your sign in hand you can take to the highways for nothing, almost. Here is the wandering urge in its best, most inspired expression. Who can say in a sentence or paragraph what it means to be standing by this road, 1500 or 2000 miles from anywhere or anyone you know? It's yourself that brought you here, the sheer force of your own will. The wandering urge is your traveling ticket; you show it with your eyes to every car that comes past. You have the sign too, of course. And the pack leaned against the road post, and you've combed your hair and shaved as best you can in cold water and without a mirror so you don't look too much like a goddam hippie to the passers by--but its the eyes that finally get you the ride.

You learn to spot a "yes" in a driver's eyes even before seeing the color of his hair. It's something in the features, the expression which even at 200 feet and even at 45 miles per hour you come to recognize in a face. He pulls off just beyond you, the wheels sizzling onto the shoulder, and you're running with your pack in your hand, to peer in his window and ask, "How far are you going?"

Other eyes aren't worth appealing to--the big, scowling, sunglassed eyes behind the flashing chrome glaremobles, their windows rolled up, their curtains drawn, shades pulled. There's no hope for these kinds. The eyes are simply part of the machine, tuned exclusively to their own frequency, listening to their own F.M. stereo in their own air conditioning, their own world, intact and immune. You can be drowning in desert sweat, and still they're unaffected. When car after air conditioned car breezes past and you're standing for an hour or two or an afternoon or day--then you come to hate these insolent isolationists. A ride, gentlemen, if you please! Ah, America, what compassion you show amongst your citizens! The crucified patriot, you're standing nailed to the road sign, society's outcast, abused, woebegotten, heeded by no one. A savior's voice choked by noisy exhaust fumes, to die by the highway and be resurr...

But someone always does stop eventually. These are the people that stick in your mind. Long after the details of scenery and roadside waiting start to fade and blur, the people I rode with remain vivid as crisp black flies in a cream dish. Nothing is so concentrated, so intense as this encounter with another person during a ride. In that short span of time you set your whole life in its most concise, vivid terms before someone you've never seen before and will never see again. Each driver is like an oral examiner testing some aspect of yourself, a test not of learning but of what is most natural and alive in you. You'll find yourself speaking with authority and conviction about things you didn't know even concerned you. Anything from atomic bombs to little league baseball is subject matter. The driver prompts you with elements of his own life (it works



both ways) and you respond with your own. What you deliver are the unretouched trivialities and profundities of your own self, right there, issuing directly from what is most completely, most unequivocally you.

There are the bad times too, the rides which half a minute after taking you're regretting already because your driver is drunk and arrogant and out to prove his motor-car masculinity, and he's bearing down his brew-leaded foot to 95 and 100 and his '56 wagon shaking as if to fall apart at the seams; and you're clutching the door handle as he weaves across the yellow line asking yourself over and over again why, why did I have to take this ride?

That must have been one of my thoughts even afterward, when he let me out along the highway. For a long while I stood just watching the tail lights fade in the night. It was as if I had to watch them, had to see that deathbound car go on without me in it, to prove to myself once more that it didn't end there, that we didn't plunge over the ravine and down, my life ended in the cause of a beer can. The stars were gleaming pinholes in the desert sky. There were no lights anywhere. I was shaken up and dirty and tired--incredibly tired following that ride. It would be 120 degrees tomorrow, easy. There wasn't much water left, and I had no idea how long it would take to get a ride, or whether there would even be a ride on this road. But happy? Standing there in the middle of nowhere that night, it was one of the happiest moments of my life.

Again and again you meet people who remind you of someone else. How many Alma College students did I see mimicked in the face of drivers, sometimes two or three traits from as many acquaintances combined into a single stranger? All of these qualities I've known in different contexts get rearranged, regrouped, transmogrified into this new package, this new personality before my eyes, this stranger at the steering wheel. The resemblance is maddening sometimes, tantalizing with every glimpse you catch, because he looks and acts SO much like whoever it is you know that you expect him to complete the resemblance and actually turn into that person.

But he doesn't. He remains stubbornly himself, unique, a new individual defiant of any simple classification or pre-existing pattern. You have only to acknowledge it: that's the whole joy of long distance hitch hiking. It pries at your awareness, forcing you to a broader perspective, making you see things in different contexts, from different angles. Never, never can this do anyone harm. I love hitch hiking for this reason. Nothing is predisposed or planned out for you, nothing is certain. Each new person becomes a jolt to your inertia, every situation a challenge to your awareness, every moment the surprise of your life.

MITCHELL HALL WINS IM TRACK MEET





Theodis Karshner
Editor of Sports

AS I SMELL IT

KAZOO HAS INDIAN SIGN ON ALMA

It was mighty obvious before the spring sports campaign started that Kalamazoo College would run away with the all-sports trophy. With the aid of the MIAA swimming crown the Hornets led all competition at spring break by four points. They were defending champs in tennis and golf so the outcome was inevitable.

Upon first impression, the Kalamazoo athletic program disappointed me. Their football and basketball teams came to mind. Kazoo finished next to last in football and dead bottom in basketball. Since these are the two largest spectator sports, I thought it unfair for them to deserve the award.

But, if you check Kalamazoo's record against our own Alma Scots, you would think Kalamazoo was professional. The Hornets had the Indian sign on Alma all year. They were an embarrassing pain in the derriere.

It all began back in October when Alma hosted Kazoo in the annual "meeting" at Alma. The Scots were unbeaten in MIAA action and seemingly on their way to another grid title. Around 5500 human beings assembled to see the contest.

The second time Alma had the ball they were stopped cold on the one-yard line. This set the precedent for the game as Alma had five drives blocked within easy reaching distance. Kalamazoo was down 10-7 with six minutes left in the game. Quarterback Pfaff moved the Hornets down the field but just the way. At 1:28 remaining he connected with Pete Peterson for a 64-yard touchdown.

The 19-10 homecoming loss was humiliating, to say the least. For years, Alma dominated and recorded a share with Adrian for the MIAA championship. This year was Kalamazoo who spoiled Alma's bid for the title.

At the 1972 homecoming, meanwhile, edged out the Scots by one point.

finished second in dual meets with a 4-1-1 slate. Kalamazoo copped second in the league meet and as a result of the tie, the title-defending Scots had to settle for third best behind Kalamazoo.

Alma beat Kalamazoo in the first hardcourt confrontation. Kazoo had little to show in the way of hoop talent. They were the doormat of the MIAA. As the season neared a climax, the Scots were battling for the second or third slot. Kalamazoo was breezing along with an 0-10 record. So, what happens? Kazoo's John Weurding steps to the foul line with three seconds on the clock and swishes two tosses. Kalamazoo 61, Alma 59. The Scots settled for a third place tie with Albion.

Kalamazoo dominated swimming, tennis, and golf. Alma's swim team had four members, but at least they finished the season. The tennis team copped second; their only losses were to Kalamazoo. The golf team rested in third. In track, Kazoo beat Alma in the final dual meet of the year to earn a share for third place with the Scots.

Baseball is not another story either. The Scots were outshined along at a 7-0 clip when they faced league-leader Albion a double defeat. Albion was assisted of a 2-11 game of 8-4, while Alma was 6-4. The stage was set for Alma to win the title for a piece of the title.

Things looked well in the final game. Larry Bourgeois was hitting well and Alma's bats were connected 10 hits. The score was 9-4 in Alma's favor. Up to the dazzling game, Kalamazoo started a soft-throwing pitcher. Everyone was waiting for Alma to explode for a million runs. But, slow curves and change of pace left Scots' bats willing. Alma managed only three hits and lost 1-0. They fell back into a second place tie with Albion.

At the 1972 homecoming, Alma to beat next year, I wonder who it should be.

ALL SPORTS TROPHY WON BY KALAMAZOO

Kalamazoo College has captured the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) all-sports trophy for 1971-72.

The all-sports honor is based on a cumulative finish in all of the league's 10 sports.

The Hornets, with three Championship teams (swimming, tennis and golf), claimed their first all-sports honor since 1962-63 with 72 points. Next was defending all-sports champ Albion with 64, Alma and Calvin with 62 each, Hope 57, Adrian 45 and Olivet 39.

Every MIAA member won or shared a championship during 71-72. Adrian and Alma shared the football title, Albion took the baseball crown, Calvin was the soccer champion, Hope claimed firsts in both cross country and track and Olivet was the winner of the basketball and wrestling trophies.

The all-sports award was created in 1934-35. Albion is the alltime leader with 11 all-sports trophies followed by Kalamazoo with 9, Hope 8, Alma 5, and Calvin 1.

CROSS COUNTRY

1. Hope
2. Kalamazoo
3. Alma
4. Albion
5. Adrian
6. Calvin
7. Olivet

FOOTBALL

1. Adrian
1. Alma
3. Olivet
4. Hope
4. Kalamazoo
6. Albion
- DNC Calvin

SOCCER

1. Calvin
2. Albion
3. Hope
4. Kalamazoo
- DNC Adrian
- DNC Alma
- DNC Olivet

BASKETBALL

1. Olivet
2. Calvin
3. Albion
4. Alma
4. Hope
6. Adrian
7. Kalamazoo

WRESTLING

1. Olivet
2. Adrian
3. Kalamazoo
4. Hope
5. Albion
6. Calvin
7. Alma

SWIMMING

1. Kalamazoo
2. Albion
3. Adrian
4. Calvin
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- DNC Hope
- DNC Olivet

BASEBALL

1. Albion
2. Alma
2. Calvin
4. Kalamazoo
4. Olivet
6. Adrian
6. Hope

TRACK

1. Hope
2. Calvin
3. Alma
3. Kalamazoo
5. Adrian
6. Olivet
7. Albion

GOLF

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5. Adrian
6. Hope
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SPORTS BANQUET

The 2nd annual Women's Varsity Awards banquet was held May 25 in the faculty dining room. Participants from all five varsities were recognized. Special recognition went to Carolyn Sachs for the remarkable achievement of scoring 20 goals in two years of field hockey. Mary Lou Fortmiller received the senior award for outstanding performance in four varsities each year for all four of her college years.

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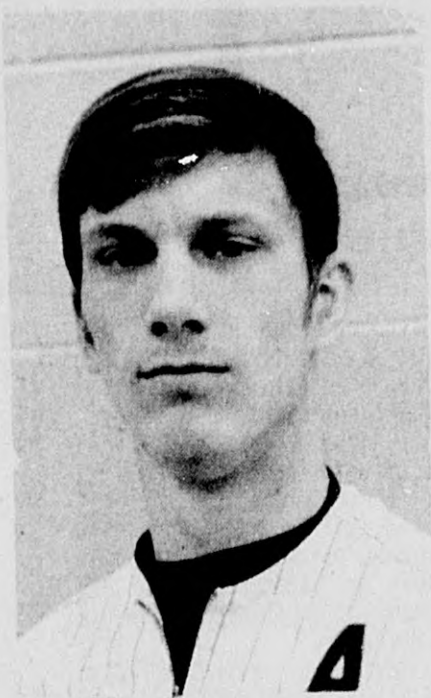
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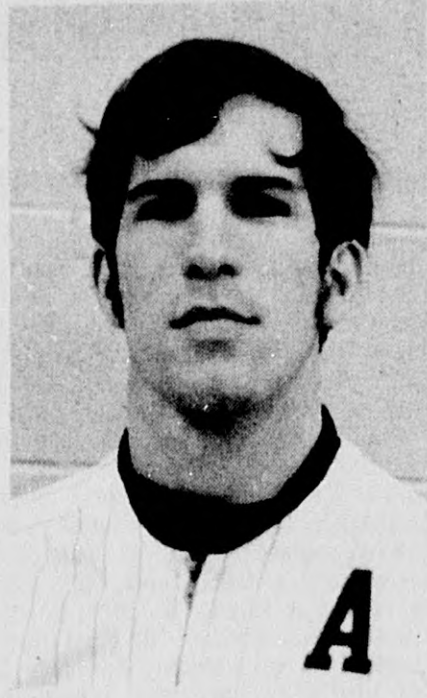
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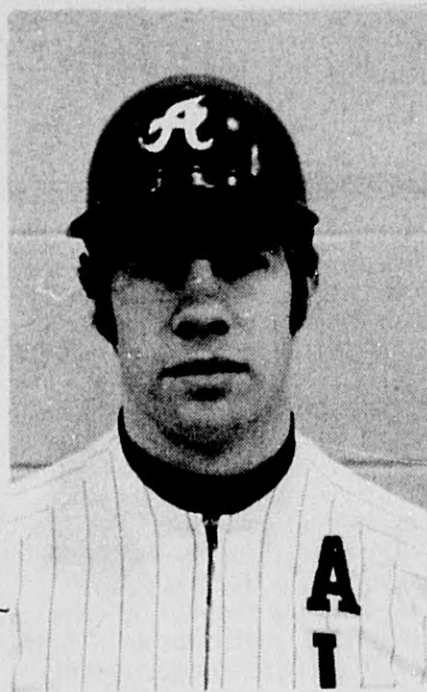
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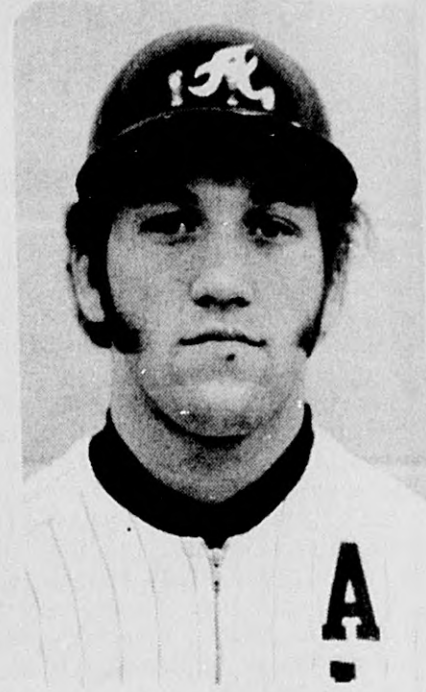
JIM PARKER
First team
Second base
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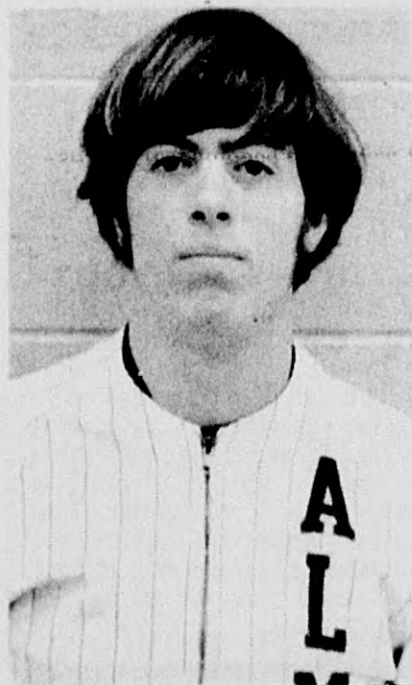
DOUG FILLMORE
First team
Outfield
.345



LARRY HOURTIENNE
Second team
Pitcher
4-3 record
2.08 earn/run



JOHN DUKES
Second team
Catcher
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DEWEY MCCOY
Honorable mention
Pitcher
3-1 record

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ON WOMEN'S ATHLETIC PROGRAM



Jean Reilly

After two successful years of teaching, coaching and advising responsibilities at Alma College, Jean Ann Reilly articulates her views on such topics as women's changing role, the Physical Education Department and the varsity sports. Ms. Reilly has done much to aid professionals in the field of Physical Education through teaching responsibilities and advising. In the realm of Women's Varsity Sports, Ms. Reilly has greatly contributed to the promotion and recognition of the team sports.

ALMANIAN: How would you evaluate your contributions to Alma College during the past two years?

REILLY: I'd like to think that I've been able to positively influence those students with whom I've come in contact with during these past two years.

With the addition of a new staff member, we've been able to expand our activity and major course offerings while concentrating on our own individual areas of interest.

Women's sports have gained a greater degree of recognition. Each of my co-workers has been able to reduce her coaching responsibilities and thus extend herself further within the realm of her individual speciality with mine lying in team sports.

ALMANIAN: How do you feel about the current program of Physical Education at Alma College?

REILLY: There has been a redirection of emphasis from concentrative skill orientation towards a combination of skill execution with analysis, understanding and interpretation. We are moving away from the in-depth "mirror image" execution to developing a deeper ability to perceive a student's problem or difficulty and help him or her find a solution.

Right now, we are in the process of restructuring our program, moving towards a more diversified number of options within our profession. We hope within the next year or two to implement a program that will better meet the aspirations of the students and the job opportunities on the market of the 70's as well as providing each with an opportunity for practical experiences within the community. Changes have been made as the needs have demanded. I think that the work of our staff in developing this new program presents a very positive future for Physical Education.

ALMANIAN: Do you think there is much discrimination against women specifically at Alma College and also generally speaking?

REILLY: I don't think you can title it discrimination, but rather an evasion of, or failure to recognize the changing woman. In the past, women were seen as being passive, more sedentary, and running second to men, especially in the area of sports and competition. Some individuals can only perceive women as they were, not as they are today. The conflict comes when they fail to recognize or accept the changing role in accordance with the changing needs of women.

ALMANIAN: Can you claim discrimination as can be seen in the male-female ratio of professors and administrators on this campus?

REILLY: In the past, the needs of our men's program have always been greater due to more varsities, a larger number of participants, scouting and recruiting burdens coupled with their major responsibilities of teaching and advising. As a result, women have been kept to a minimum. They are by far over-taxed. On the other hand, an increase in the intensity of our women's program and an increase in team teaching has also created an overtaxation for them.

Coaching is a form of specialized, intensive teaching which requires hours upon hours of preparation, implementation, effort and evaluation. Therefore, each staff member is actually carrying a double or triple teaching load. Is there a solution? We may need to move to forming an Athletic Department separate from the Physical Education Department as to have some who can spend the time to recruit and coach and others who can solely devote their time to teaching. Having more staff members offers a form of relief as professors won't have to spread themselves so thin with multi-activity involvement.

I feel we need additional men on our staff to lighten some of the pressures and work loads. But at the same time, an increase in the number of women within our major and varsity programs creates the need for supplementary female staff members. You can't, for example, expect two women to coach five varsities. It's inhuman. The only consolation for next year is that they're trying to get a part-time team sports coach. Unfortunately, this creates a gap in the need of a player-coach relationship in this area which can only be had by having that person around to relate to.

If you want to pinpoint what I see as the largest single differential factor in male vs. female responsibilities, it would have to be the amount of time spent on scouting and recruiting. According to conference rules, as I understand it, women are not permitted to recruit. Therefore, it gives us a lot more time to devote to teaching than the men would be able to do.

ALMANIAN: Then it's also the MIAA rulings which restrict much of the women's varsity program from developing.

REILLY: Yes. We are not permitted to begin training for one sport while another is in progress. For example, basketball doesn't start until January due to a three week volleyball varsity after field hockey ends in the beginning of November. This gives us only two weeks to train before our season begins. What we need is a longer period for training and conditioning purposes. Hopefully, within the next year or two the rules will be less restrictive allowing us to train and compete on a higher level. Unfortunately, we need money to do this. We don't for example, have the

funds to bring our hockey players in earlier to re-condition and train them. And with the economic problems existing now, the probability of expanding the program is very slim. ALMANIAN: Many women involved on the varsity teams are upset that the regular season record doesn't count for any league standing or a recognition of 1st place. Would you explain why this is so?

REILLY: In time the women will go to standings within the various levels of competition. Now in tennis and archery, invitationals are held for two days and they come out with a number one and two etc. that there is team and individual recognition although their regular season doesn't count. In basketball, however, we only have a one-day invitational in which all teams play two games. The physical demand of that is so great that by the time the second game comes, the women don't have the needed energy that's required to get through another full game. Our season isn't long enough to train people for such an invitational. Nor would you expect a men's team to play two games in one day. I think a change will come about in the future when we can have invitationals which run two or three days. The reason we don't have that right now is because budget resources are very low. The traditional view of women's sports is that we play for fun. It didn't matter what the level of the participants were or how it's gone about; the main objective was to have a good time. We've changed. We now play to improve our skill, to work as a team, to play better strategy, to outplay the other team, to win in the long run. Maybe winning isn't emphasized as much, but women are just as competitive as men are. The reason why win-loss records aren't important is because there aren't any awards, nothing like a first place trophy; but if we had that, you'd see a different kind of woman out there. Unfortunately, I feel that there are many women coaches who are afraid of this and don't know if they can handle such pressures. They don't want women to become that aggressive and competitive. Why? Because of the time it takes to train them. There are a lot of women in the area of sports who have families and their time is very much divided. These are the people who are holding us back from being more competitive.

ALMANIAN: Generally, how would you evaluate the skill level of the women here at Alma College?

REILLY: The range of ability on the teams is so much wider than the men's. The reason why is that first, we don't recruit and secondly, we don't have a good feeder program within the available school systems from which we can draw our players. We primarily get women who are inexperienced in team sports and so the training begins from scratch at the college level.

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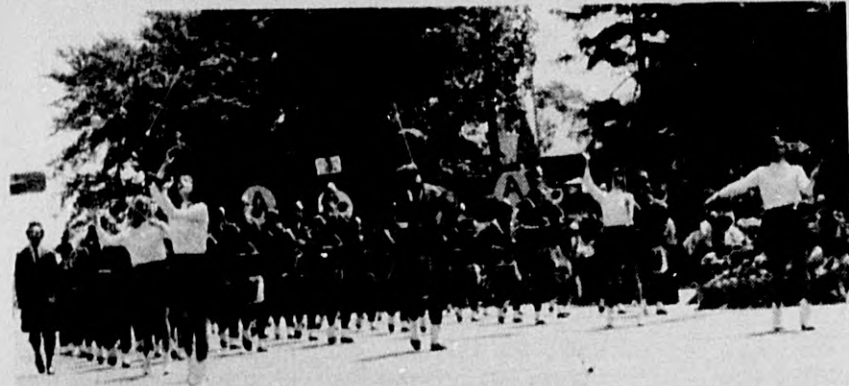
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