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**Attendance Required  
at  
Opening Convocation**

All students are required to attend the Opening Convocation Thursday at 10:30 in the gym. This event is one of the two formal events where attendance is mandatory. Classes will not meet.

President Swanson will introduce the guest speaker, Robert White, Mr. White, a well-respected advisor, is the past president of Kent State University in Ohio.

**Former President  
of Kent State  
Speaking at  
Convocation**



Dr. Robert White

"The Stars Are Brightest" will be the topic of an address by Dr. Robert L. White, former president of Kent State University, at the Opening Convocation of Alma College Thursday (Sept. 21).

The convocation, marking the beginning of Alma's 86th year, will be in the college's Physical Education Center at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. White, distinguished service professor of educational administration at Kent State, served as the university's president from 1963 to 1971.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Chicago in 1929, he began teaching in an elementary school in Thornton, Ill. He was assistant principal of Parker High School in Chicago and later a visiting lecturer in education at the University of Chicago where he received his doctor of philosophy degree in 1945.

Dr. White came to Kent State University the following year as dean of the College of Education. He was appointed to the newly-created post of vice president for academic affairs in 1958 and was named president of Kent State five years later.

Dr. White is past chairman of the board of trustees of the American College Testing program and past Chairman of the Inter-University Council, an organization of presidents of public universities in Ohio.

He has been awarded honorary degrees from five colleges and universities. He received an honorary doctor of letters degree from the University of Akron, an honorary doctor of humanities degree from the University of the Americas in Mexico City, honorary doctor of laws degrees from Sung Kyun Kwan University in Seoul, Korea, and McKendree College, Ill., and an honorary doctor of pedagogy degree from Walsh College in Canton.

**Stud Service**

There is a new publication that will help owners of female dogs, cats, and horses locate stud service. The "Stud Service Directory of Michigan Dogs, Cats, and Horses" will be published four times a year. Anyone owning a male dog, cat, or horse that they would like to use for stud is requested to contact us by mail at Stud Service Directory, P.O. Box 961, Lansing, Michigan 48904, so that their animal can be included in our next issue.

**LETTER TO  
THE EDITOR**

To the editor:

As a member of an organization which is dedicated to providing safe, legal, inexpensive abortions for women who choose them, and as a woman who strongly believes that a woman's right to control her own body is one of her basic human rights, I am writing in response to Fr. Paul Pettiprin's anti-abortion article of May 1.

Although Fr. Paul has a right to his opinion as an individual, he and the Catholic Church do not have a right to force others to live by that opinion. Neither Fr. Paul nor the Catholic Church can morally or philosophically take upon themselves the right to control any woman's body; that right belongs solely to the woman. Forced motherhood may benefit the Church, in terms of increased revenues, but it certainly does not benefit the mother, the child, or the rest of society. Many women do not want to bear children; the myth that every woman, deep down, wants a baby and would automatically love and care for it, is just that - a myth. While it is true that many women do want to bear and raise children, those who don't shouldn't be forced by men such as Fr. Paul to be breeding machines.

The central issue in the abortion controversy is not whether one can prove the existence of a soul, or whether one can make an analogy between a grain of wheat and a rational human being--the central issue is control: who will control the lives of whom, and for what reasons. I believe that women, whose bodies and reproductive and sexual lives are the pawns in this whole controversy, should be able to control their own lives and should be permitted the privacy which the U.S. Constitution guarantees. Neither the state nor the Church has the legal or moral grounds for interfering and tampering with women's personal lives.

Abortion is obviously a necessary option. There is no safe, 100% effective contraceptive available to all women; until there is, many women, no matter how careful they are, will continue to get pregnant against their wishes. It is inhuman and cruel to force a woman to become a mother, and to brand her a criminal or moral leper if her decision about what will happen to her body goes against Church dogma. We of N.F.P.C. have helped many women who choose abortion rather than the heartbreak and trauma of forced motherhood. It is their lives and futures which are affected by unwanted pregnancy, not Fr. Paul's or the Church's.

We also feel that Fr. Paul's mimicking of our advertisement shows not only bad taste but also malicious distortion. We are saddened by the hysteria and lack of compassion toward women shown by a man who says he is trying to live a Christian life.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Glassmyer  
N.F.P.C.

**Former  
Alma College  
Professor Dies**



Dr. Jerry Smith

Alma College lost a former student and faculty member in Jerry Gordon Smith this past summer. Dr. Smith died unexpectedly of a cerebral hemorrhage on the 8th of August.

Smith, who was born in 1942, attended Alma College from 1960 to 1965. In 1963 he served as Alma's first African fellow. He was a biology major.

Smith attended the University of Michigan where he earned a degree in botany. In 1970 he received his Ph.D. He taught biology at Alma for two years from 1969 through 1971.

Dr. Smith completed a post doctoral fellowship at Yale this summer. He had accepted a position with the biology department at Hamline University in St. Paul.

Surviving Smith is his wife Katherine (Bogue), a former Alma College student, and two daughters, Shannon and Katie. The family is planning on moving back to the Alma area.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution can do so through Dr. Kapp's office.

**\$250,000 Grant  
Offered by  
Charles A. Dana  
Foundation**

A \$250,000 challenge grant by the Charles A. Dana Foundation will enable Alma College to establish the Charles A. Dana Professorship Program, according to an announcement made today by Dr. Robert D. Swanson, president of the college.

Alma College will match the \$250,000 grant from the Dana Foundation within three years and, with the income from this fund, will establish and support four Charles A. Dana Professorships at the college.

Alma thus becomes one of 21 colleges benefiting from the Charles A. Dana Supported Professorship Program which was inaugurated in 1966.

The policies of the Dana Foundation reflect the belief that the future of the United States may depend upon the relationship of its people to its institutions. Through its interest in this relationship, the foundation is making its long-range investment in institutions concerned with education, health and welfare.

In selecting grant recipients the Dana Foundation, which has its headquarters at Greenwich, Conn., seeks institutions with a record of stability and quality.

The foundation was established in 1950 by Charles A. Dana, honorary chairman of the Board of Dana Corporation, a major distributor of automobile parts. Mr. Dana became a member of the staff of the District Attorney's Office in New York soon after completing studies at Columbia University and he served three terms in the New York State Legislature. He left his work as a lawyer in New York City in 1918 to become president of Spicer Manufacturing Co., predecessor of the Dana Corporation. In 1966 he became honorary chairman of the Board of the corporation, maintaining his financial interest in the company.

When he organized the Dana Foundation in 1950, Mr. Dana served as its first president and devoted much time to its philanthropic activities and to establishment of the guiding principles of the foundation. Mr. Dana was elected executive vice president in 1966 and honorary chairman in 1971. Mrs. Charles A. Dana is chairman.



**Graduate Record  
Examinations  
To Be Given**

Educational Testing Service announced today that undergraduates and others preparing to go to graduate school may take the Graduate Record Examinations on any of six different test dates during the current academic year.

The first testing date for the GRE is October 28, 1972. Scores from this administration will be reported to the graduate schools around December 4. Students planning to register for the October test date are advised that applications received by ETS after October 3 will incur a \$3.50 late registration fee. After October 10, there is no guarantee that applications for the October test date can be processed.

The other five test dates are December 9, 1972, January 20, February 24, (only the Aptitude Test is administered), April 28, and June 16, 1973. Equivalent late fee and registration deadlines apply to these dates. Choice of test dates should be determined by the requirements of graduate schools or fellowship sponsors to which one is applying. Scores are usually reported to graduate schools five weeks after a test date.

The Graduate Record Examinations include an Aptitude Test of general scholastic ability and Advanced Tests measuring achievement in 19 major fields of study. Full details and registration forms for the GRE are contained in the 1972-73 GRE "Information Bulletin". The "Bulletin" also contains forms and instructions for requesting transcript service on GRE scores already on file with ETS. This booklet is available on most campuses or may be ordered from: Educational Testing Service, Box 955, Princeton, New Jersey 08540; Educational Testing Service, 1947 Center Street, Berkeley, California 94704; Educational Testing Service, 960 Grove Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

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Dr. Robert Smith

**Smith Edits Book of Essays**

CHRIST AND THE MODERN MIND, a volume of 26 essays by authors from throughout the United States and edited by Dr. Robert W. Smith of the Alma College faculty, has been published by Inter-Varsity Press and is now on sale.

Dr. Smith, a member of the Alma staff since 1962, is associate professor of speech at the college. A native of Kokomo, Ind., he holds A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Southern California and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

The purpose of the book CHRIST AND THE MODERN MIND, Dr. Smith says, is to provide a Christian perspective on the liberal arts curriculum in colleges and universities; to raise questions and issues not usually mentioned by professors but concerning which the Christian faith has something to say. It is an ideal book for the undergraduate student, he points out, who is willing to examine alternative viewpoints to the issues he will find in the classroom.

Concerning the book, Dr. Smith says it "does not hold that there is a 'Christian chemistry,' 'Christian sociology,' or what have you, but that the Christian faith and world view does relate to all of knowledge."

Dr. Smith says that the volume grew out of a need that he felt existed for students to understand that learning and education are related directly and ultimately to the God of history and experience. "Or to put it another way," he adds, a faith perspective is something one can neatly divorce from his everyday life only at the expense of a fuller education and his ultimate peril."

The book, a product of more than five years of work, includes writings by individuals whose occupations range from government work to teaching and who live in all parts of the country.

The first printing of 5,000 copies of the books has been sold out, according to the publisher. It is expected that the volume will be available in The Scot Shop on the Alma campus on or about Oct. 1.

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**End the Draft?**

Defense Secretary Laird's announcement in his August 28 press conference marks the near fulfillment of the Administration's efforts to end military conscription. Said Laird, "Every effort will be made to minimize draft calls, if not avoid them entirely, between January and July 1973, when the current induction authority expires."

Since 1968 draft calls have dropped 77 percent. Draft calls peaked in 1968 at 299,000; they were slightly less (289,900) in 1969. In 1970 the draft took 163,500 young men, and in 1971, 98,000. This year 50,000 men (the lowest since 1964) were scheduled to be drafted. For 1973 induction totals may be zero.

The draft wind-down is part of a four year effort to replace the draft with a volunteer army, an attempt based on the 1968 Nixon campaign pledge that if elected he would "work toward ending the military draft and establishing in its place an all volunteer armed force."

Immediately after the 1969 inauguration the President established the Gates Commission to study the draft, the feasibility of an all-volunteer army, and recommended transition measures.

While working to eliminate conscription, the Administration, through the Draft Reform Bill introduced to Congress in May 1969 and Executive Orders, modified the draft system. The local selection process was ended through the adoption of the draft lottery system. The seven year period of vulnerability to the draft, 19 to 26 years of age, was reduced to one.

When in November 1969 the order of call was reversed, so that the youngest men are now the first to be drafted.

The ending of student, occupational and paternal deferments last year curtailed favoritism towards any one group.

A nation-wide system of Youth Advisory Committees with a branch in each of 50 states was set up in June 1969 to advise draft age men of their rights under current draft laws. A national committee meets regularly with the Selective Service Director to discuss enlistment problems.

In their news conferences both the President and Laird stressed the need for the enactment of a series of bills to increase funding for military personnel. This would be provided by two measures currently pending in Congress: one piece of legislation permitting an enlistment bonus for the National Guard and the Reserves and another bill providing additional incentive pay for physicians. The Defense Secretary mentioned that monetary incentive programs have proved successful in Army and Marine Corps projects. These offer a \$1,500 enlistment bonus for men signing up for four year hitches in ground combat units. The army, continued Laird, which was having trouble getting volunteers for infantry, artillery and armored divisions signed up 5,400 men in June--about 400 more than average monthly needs.

To institute an all-volunteer force, the Administration has spent about \$1.9 billion on "transitional" costs--mainly in higher pay scales--and plans to spend about \$2.7 billion in fiscal year 1973. As an incentive for volunteers military pay for enlistees has been increased from \$102.30 a month to \$288 a month, an 182 percent increase. Since 1964 the average annual pay of service men has doubled: from \$4570 to \$9500.

Over half the new defense budget is for personnel, both military and civilian. Between fiscal years 1964 and 1973, payroll and related costs have increased by \$20.8 billion, or nearly doubled during the past decade.

**Union Board Asks for Homecoming Volunteers**

This year's Homecoming promises to be a real wing ding. The theme is (ta da) "The Alma Campus of Yesteryear." It's on the calendar for October 20 and 21, so there isn't much time before the big day arrives. There will be the traditional Homecoming Parade with float and lawn decoration competitions. Here's your big chance to achieve fame and fortune by winning the big Homecoming trophy or Lawn decoration plaque plus the big prize money. If you're not the competitive type, we'd love to have you in our parade anyway--the more the merrier. So, if you're interested (either competing or not competing) come to the meeting in the Union Board office (in Tyler Student Center for the benefit of newcomers) Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. for more info. Freshmen take note: this means you--you get to construct the float for the Homecoming Queen and Court, you lucky dogs. Attendance at this meeting is a must for anyone who wants to compete.

If anyone is interested in volunteering their services on the Homecoming Committee contact Ruth Nisscher at the UB office (ext. 354) or come to the meeting of the Homecoming Committee Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**Karate Demonstration Tuesday**

On Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m., the world's largest midget (also billed as the world's tiniest giant), Bruce Plackowski, will perform various and sundry tricks of that ancient Oriental sport, High Karate, in the all-purpose room of the gym. The ALMANIAN has been informed via Warsaw Newsgathering Intelligence that this able-bodied young man will render three-inch thicknesses of wood into toothpicks with his well-calloused paws. In addition, the Mighty Midget will demonstrate fighting forms intended to ward off even the most ferocious and determined Alma spinsters.

The demonstration is being put on for the purpose of bolstering karate at Alma in the form of a series of grueling, backbreaking, bone-crunching fun workouts (or classes) to begin Sept. 28. The head sensei, or "teacher", Steve Embree, now lives in Alma to facilitate the conducting of these karate classes.

For more information concerning this demonstration and/or classes, contact Bruce in 313 Mitchell. All workouts will be followed by an optional pitcher of beer at the Donlin or any other den of iniquity of your choice.

**Campus Events**

Wednesday, Sept. 20--All-Campus Dance, 8:30-12p.m., Tyler Aud., with "SRC" and "Rumor". Ad. Free

Friday, Sept. 22--Dow Flick "Bonnie & Clyde", 6:45 & 9:00 p.m. 65¢ for students, \$1.00 for non-students--I.D.s Must be shown.

Saturday, Sept. 23--same as Friday, Sept. 22

Wednesday, Sept. 27--Nightclub Flick, 10 p.m., Tyler Aud., "Fatal Glass of Beer" with W.C. Fields "Love Pangs" with Charlie Chaplin and "Our Wife" with Laurel & Hardy. Admission--10¢.

Friday, Sept. 29--Dow Flick "Getting Straight" with Elliott Gould, 6:45 & 9:00 p.m.. 65¢ for students & \$1.00 for non-students. I.D.s Must be shown

Saturday, Sept. 30--Same as Friday, Sept. 29.

Questions? Call Union Board, ext. 354.

**"Matchmaker" Meeting**

Anyone interested in participating in THE MATCHMAKER, the Drama Department's production for this fall, in either an acting or technical position, there will be a meeting on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 PM in Dow Auditorium.

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## MIXED OPINIONS ON SUCCESS OF PRE-TERM

Upperclassmen may have noticed that half of the freshman student body seem to know their way around and don't seem as unsure of themselves as the other freshmen. Early in September 110 freshmen arrived on campus to participate in an innovative teaching experiment, the Freshmen Pre-term Seminars. The purpose of this program was to give the freshmen an opportunity to become acquainted with different class techniques, most importantly, the seminar approach. With a choice of eight different topics in the fields of history, philosophy, religion and others, students could choose which interested them most. The courses are taken on a pass-fail basis and will continue throughout the fall term.

Reactions to the programs are about the same for all students. The academic head start seems to be of secondary importance to the jump the 110 will have socially over the remaining freshmen. One boy said "The class I'm in is way over my head, but it's worth it to come early just to meet all the people." Faculty members are reluctant to judge the success of the program so soon. Dr. Ronald Smelser, instructor of "Ethics in a World of Power," said, "The feedback right now is incomplete. We all need time to think back on it." Other instructors were Drs. Tracy Luke, Ronald Mas-sanari, Ronald Eggleston, Joseph Walser, Paul Wilson, Mr. Wesley Dykstra and Mr. David Lemmen. Another new idea was to let faculty

members and their families live in the dorms with the freshmen so they could learn to know each other better. This, however, did not work as well as expected either. Dr. Ernest Sullivan and his family lived in the South Complex for two nights but "We didn't meet as many students as we thought we would or we would have liked to." Part of this could be due to the fact that the students didn't know the faculty was going to live there, and therefore

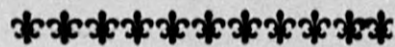
weren't prepared. He feels "Our being there didn't mean that much to the students, and we made no great contribution."

As with all experiments, there were problems and failures. The pre-term had some, but not enough to prevent it from becoming an annual event. As mentioned before, all the repercussions have not yet been gauged, but when they have been, pre-term will be considered a success.



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## "I CAME TO COLLEGE TO GET AWAY FROM MY MOTHER"

Pity the R.A.'s. First they have to battle to get their jobs, then they have to withstand the torture of learning how to be one. Rules and red tape are forever confronting them, not to mention freshmen. "I lost my key. What do I do?" "Where can I put these boxes?" "Is the door open or closed during fire drills?" are among the easier questions to answer. "Why can't we have 24 open dorm?" is a little tougher, especially now.

At last women's hours have gone the way of the dodo. The class of '76 will not be satisfied with that. During the week before regular classes, 110 privileged freshmen lived in the South Complex, a place they otherwise would probably not even see the inside of for a couple years. Frustrated R.A.'s, having no real authority yet, could only suggest that men be out of women's dorms before 2 a.m. How much studying got done during this week is debatable, but the amount of socializing accomplished is obvious. And this is where the problem is.

How are the "old" freshmen going to react to all the regulations put on them now that they are in their own dorms? Surely they will not settle for such bass ackward hours as noon to one a.m. Those who shot down coed housing last spring had better tighten their defenses for a new attack as soon as the class gets organized.

As if this wasn't enough, R.A.'s have to cope with "new" freshmen, those who nervously converged here Saturday. They don't have the advantage of already having friends, so they must try to break into circles already formed by the old-timers. This is where mother hen R.A.'s show their feathers. Dances, parties, even volleyball teams have been suggested as ways to get the guys and girls together. The first thing to consider is how to get them apart.

It appears that ever since high school, if a girl and guy went out once, it was assumed they were going together. The platonic relationships of our grandparents' days no longer exist. Few people can claim friends in both sexes as being equal in closeness. Brother-sister relations are becoming increasingly valuable, but rarely exist. So all the R.A.'s can do is keep planning their dances.

What are the chances brother-sister relations will develop by themselves? Pessimistic R.A.'s say none at all. Supporters of coed dorms agree. All the planned parties cannot equal the spontaneity of swearing or burping in mixed company. R.A.'s, if you want the freshmen to know each other, help them make their week in South a permanent arrangement.

### LSAT Scheduled

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is scheduled for administration on October 21, 1972, December 16, 1972, February 10, 1973, April 14, 1973, and July 28, 1973. Seniors applying for law school should take an early administration of the exam,

preferably in October. Application forms for the test may be picked up at John Agria's office, NOB 118. Deadline for mailing the application in Alma is September 24th. Apply before this date if at all possible to avoid last minute processing delays.

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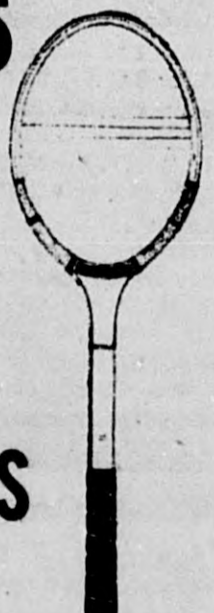


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## Faculty Members Introduced



Left to right: Joan Borland, James Schmidtke, Thomas Fellrath, Constance Britton, Richard Roeper

The appointment of ten new members of the Alma College staff has been announced by Dr. Robert D. Swanson, president of the college.

New full-time staff members at the college are: Joan L. Borland, assistant professor of English; Constance J. Britton, instructor of library science and cataloger; the Rev. Mr. Clifford E. Chaffee, chaplain; Linda V. David, annual giving services coordinator; Thomas J. Fellrath, assistant professor of business administration; Joseph P. Fleischman, director of housing; John W. Knox, director of physical plant; Dr. Richard A. Roeper, assistant professor of biology; Ted C. Rowland, admissions counselor; and Dr. James A. Schmidtke, assistant professor of history.

Mrs. Borland comes to Alma from the staff of Central Michigan University. Previously she had been a member of the faculties of Northwood Institute and of Roeper City and Country School in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Shepherd High School, she holds B.A. and M.A.T. degrees from Wayne State University.

Miss Britton was employed by Wayne State University and Kalamazoo College before joining the Alma library staff. She graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit and holds a B.A. degree from Kalamazoo College and an M.L.S. degree from Western Michigan University.

Rev. Chaffee, a native of Bremerton, Wash., has served for many years as a missionary in Asia with the United Presbyterian Church Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations (COEMAR). His work with COEMAR began in 1944, and from 1949-51 he was at Whitworth College in Spokane. In 1951 he returned to service with COEMAR until coming to Alma College this fall. He has a B.A. degree from the University of Washington; M. Div., Princeton Theological Seminary; and S.T.M., New York Theological Seminary. An article by Rev. Chaffee, "The Chinese Church in Thailand," appeared in China News, published by the national Council of Churches, U.S.A.

Mrs. David, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., and resident of St. Louis, Mich., was a member of the secretarial staff of the Alma College development office before assuming her new duties. A graduate of Plainedge High School at Massapequa, N.Y., she holds a B.A. degree from Alma College.

Fellrath has worked with Arthur Anderson & Co. of Detroit and Roslund, Prestage & Co. of Alma, accountants. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Dearborn and has a B.B.A. degree from the University of Notre Dame and M.B.A. from the University of Michigan.

Fleischman, a part-time staff member at Alma since 1970, was dean of students and an instructor of history at St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn., from 1964-70. A native of Oswego, N.Y., he has a B.S. degree from Lemoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y.; M.A., Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.; and is a candidate for a Ph.D. at Michigan State University.

Knox has been mechanical and electrical superintendent at Central Michigan University since 1968. Previously he was employed by the State of Michigan and by Thompson Products, Inc. A graduate of St. Joseph High School in Cairo, Ill., he now lives in Shepherd, Mich. He has an associate degree from Detroit College of Applied Science and has a certificate in civil engineering.

Dr. Roeper has taught at East Leyden High School, Franklin Park, Ill., and at Niles Community High Schools, Skokie, Ill. A native of Evanston, Ill., he has a B.A. degree from Lawrence University, M.A. from Miami (Ohio) University, and Ph.D. from Oregon State University. Reports of several of his biological research projects have been published.

Rowland has been a faculty member at Breckenridge Public Schools and Clio Area Public Schools. A native of Grand Rapids, he graduated from Royal Oak Kimball High School. He holds a B.A. degree from Alma College and M.A. from Central Michigan University.

Dr. Schmidtke was born in Monett, Mo., and graduated from Central High School, St. Joseph, Mo. He has an A.B. degree from Central Methodist College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University.



## Parking Rules Outlined

The Student Affairs Office reminds students that ALL parking on the Alma College campus is regulated by decal registration with the exception of visitor's to the College.

ANY STUDENT OWNING AND/OR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE (AUTOMOBILE, MOTORCYCLE, TRUCK, ETC.) ON THE CAMPUS IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Students may register their motor vehicles in the Student Affairs Office (1610 Knox Administration Building) beginning Thursday, Sept. 21, 1972. A valid certificate of Public Liability and Property Damage insurance must be presented at the time of registration. A \$1.00 Motor Vehicle Registration fee must also be paid at the Cashier's Window of the Business Office.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 25th, tickets will be issued to all motor vehicles which are not properly registered. The fine for non-registration and failure to display a registration decal is \$25.00.

Students may park on City streets until November 1, 1972 when the City closes streets to parking for purposes of snow removal. From November 1, 1972 until April 1, 1973 the tennis courts behind (south) of Wright Hall will be available for student parking.

Students may park in the lot between Wright Hall and the South Complex on weekdays from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and on weekends from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, to 1:00 a.m. Monday. Other lots open to student parking are designated on the parking regulations information sheet given to each student at the time of vehicle registration. All parking violation fines are \$2.00. Students are warned that motor vehicles parked in unauthorized zones may be towed away at the owner's expense.

## Voter Registration to be Conducted on Campus

Students who are not already registered to vote or who wish to change their registration so they can vote in Alma (rather than absentee) may do so at registration for classes, Wednesday, September 20, from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. The Gratiot County League of Women Voters in cooperation with the Alma city clerk will have a table inside the gym where officially deputized members of the LWV can take your registration. Anyone who will be 18 years of age and will have been a resident of Michigan and the city of Alma for at least 30 days by November 7 may register now. You need supply only the following information: name, address, date and place of birth, previous registration (if any), mother's maiden name, and father's name.

Those already registered in Alma who have changed their on or off campus residence since they registered will be asked to fill out a change of address form. Precinct lines have been redrawn in Alma so that Superior St. is now the western dividing line: those living north of the Church of God on Superior; those living south of Superior (west of State St.) are now in Precinct 1 and will vote at the First Presbyterian Church, Charles Rd.

The punchcard method of voting which has replaced voting machines within the city will also be demonstrated.

If you miss the special registration on September 20 you may still register to vote at the city clerk's office in the city hall any weekday (9 AM-5PM). The last day to register is October 6. For further information on registration or voting, call 463-3231.

## Administration Refutes Low Enrollment Rumors

Contrary to reports recently released in a Detroit Free Press article, and a subsequent article in a Grand Rapids paper, "gloom" does not prevail in the admissions office of this institution, nor is Alma in financial trouble.

The college records reveal a decrease in enrollment from last year, reported by the Free Press as between 8 and 10% (actually about 8%). However, this figure does not indicate that Alma College is in serious financial difficulty or in danger of harmful cutbacks in faculty and projects. One cannot equate under enrollment with financial plight. Quite the contrary. A re-evaluation of facts and figures reveals that the Free Press has prematurely buried Alma College.

Alma's projected enrollment is indeed down from the same period last year. Final figures can not be compiled until after registration day but available information is helpful. Last fall, enrollment was 1328, including all special students. This year estimated enrollment for fall term is 1266. A comparison of the figures shows an actual decrease of about 8%. However, one might find it interesting to note that last fall, all dorms were full to capacity. In some dorms, over enrollment forced students to live for certain periods of time in rooms normally used for study lounges. Others found themselves living in basement rooms. Enrollment was up last year, but crowding was more the case.

With the slight decrease in enrollment, students will benefit from better living conditions. One can find empty beds in the dorms but this does not indicate that Alma College is "the hardest hit" of the small liberal arts colleges.

According to the Free Press, experiencing a growth and revitalization this year is Albion College. The Free Press notes that freshmen admission at that institution is up 7% over the same period last year. However, Albion has also reduced its projection as compared to last year. That institution has enrolled the number of freshmen students desired for this year. Reduced projections enabled them to do so.

Calculations indicate an enrollment of about 1700 at Albion this year, an institution where students have numbered as high as 1800. Other institutions appear to also have reductions in students. Enrollment has been as high as 1600 at Adrian College. They are now down to about 1200. (This writer does not intend to exhibit the same faulty analysis as the Free Press for enough figures are not available to me for a valid analysis.)

Rather than experiencing financial plight, Alma's budget has shown in the black the past several years. It is reported that other MIAA schools have not been able to enjoy such luxury. The new building on campus is not in danger of slow completion because of lack of funds. Budgeting for the upcoming year at this time appears balanced.

Based on available information, Alma College is hardly in serious trouble. The only "gloom" in the Administration building comes from incorrect analysis in journalistic circles not from a lack of funds. Alma seems to be thriving. The college is not beset with the need to scrounge for students to fill its few empty beds. The future may prove different but for the moment, Alma is alive and well.

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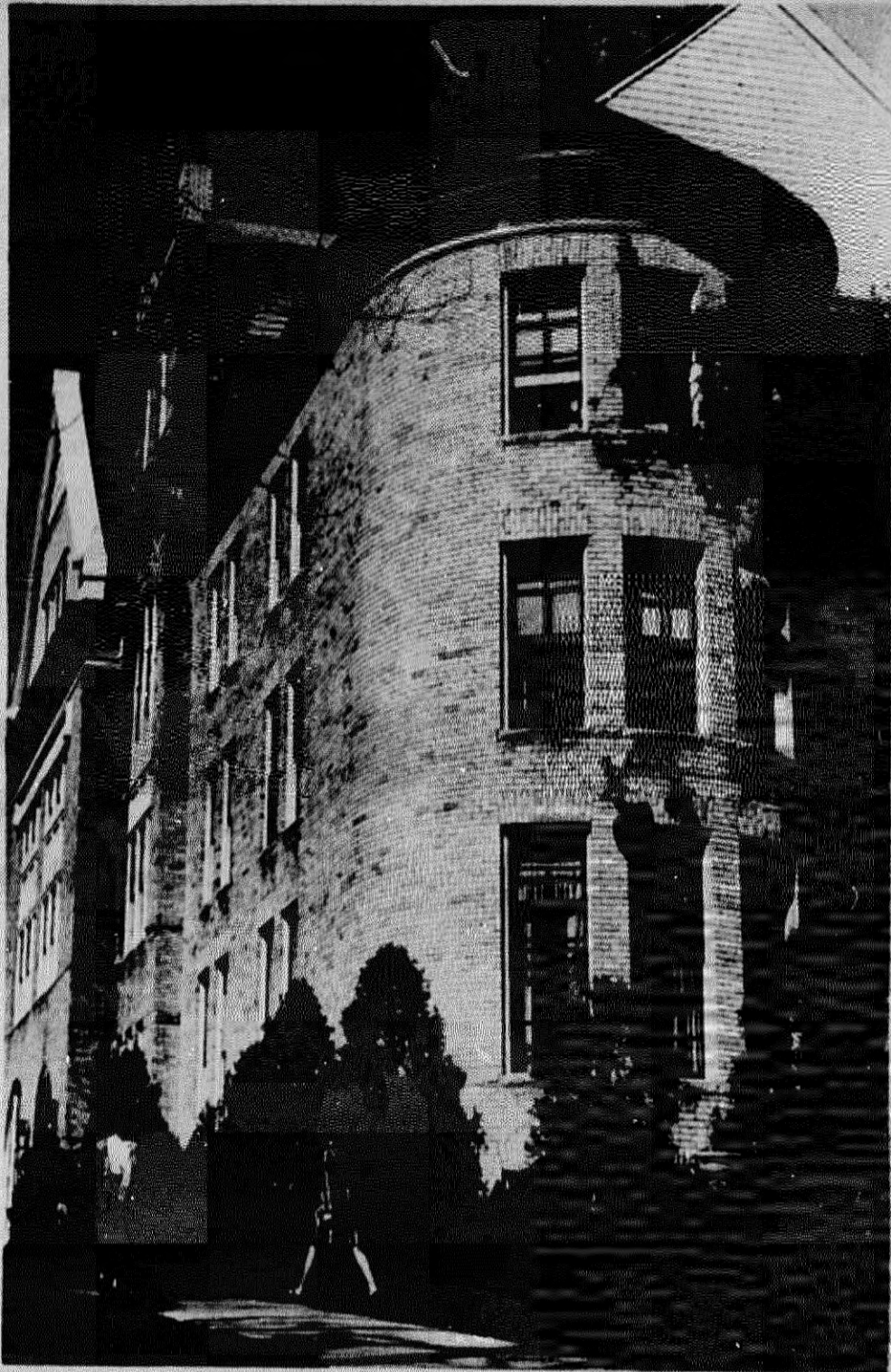
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Old Main, one of the original buildings of the college, was Alma's principal classroom and faculty office building until its loss by fire in 1969.

## HOLE IN THE GROUND IS REALLY NO HOLE

Construction of a four-floor, 74,200-square-foot Academic Center at Alma College began June 19, replacing facilities lost three years ago when the college's Old Main was leveled by fire.

The \$3 million Academic Center, according to Dr. Robert D. Swanson, president of the college, will provide 28 classrooms and 61 faculty offices, two observation-classroom-testing facilities, a computer laboratory center, clerical offices, and three psychology laboratories with adjacent experimentation rooms.

Architect for the new building is Sarvis Associates of Battle Creek, and the general contractor is Granger Brothers, Inc., of Lansing. Sub-contractors include: electrical, Union Electric Co. of Battle Creek; mechanical, Mid-State Plumbing and Heating of Ypsilanti; elevator, Independent Elevator Co. of Ypsilanti.

It is expected that construction of the Academic Center will be the seventeenth major construction project at Alma College during the past two decades, with the last completed in 1974.

Planning for the new building began with the demolition of Old Main on March 10, 1970. The structure, one of the two original college structures, was destroyed in a 10-hour fire when fire broke out in the second floor of the wooden frame, brick building.

The new Academic Center will be located east of the site of Old Main, at the heart of Alma College's existing facilities. A covered walkway will connect the new Academic Center site, across the center of campus, to the Reid-Knox Library. Reid-Knox Administration Center is located to the southwest, Clack Art Center to the northwest, and the Physical Education Center is to the northeast. Superior Street, the main east-west thoroughfare of Alma, borders the Academic Center site on the south.

Facilities on the ground floor of the air-conditioned Academic Center will be devoted entirely to the college's Department of Psychology. Adjacent to the psychology laboratories on this floor will be 52 small experimentation rooms. Also located on the ground floor will be one of the building's two observation-classroom-testing facilities. These rooms-within-rooms, utilizing walls of one-way glass, will enable students to observe group dynamics and to conduct observational testing procedures.

On the first floor will be a 75-seat lecture room with adjacent projection facilities, six of the larger classrooms of the building, the computer complex, community cable television center, office of the college provost, faculty conference room, and a lounge area.

Classrooms and faculty offices of several departments of the college, mostly those of the Humanities and Social Science Divisions, will be located on the second and third floors. Classrooms will be of several sizes and designs to meet the needs of various departments and class sizes. Size of classes to be accommodated in rooms on these floors will range from maximums of 12 to 36 students.

The classrooms are located away from exterior walls of the building to facilitate light control. Faculty offices on the second and third floors are located near classrooms so that professors will be readily available to students for individual counseling.



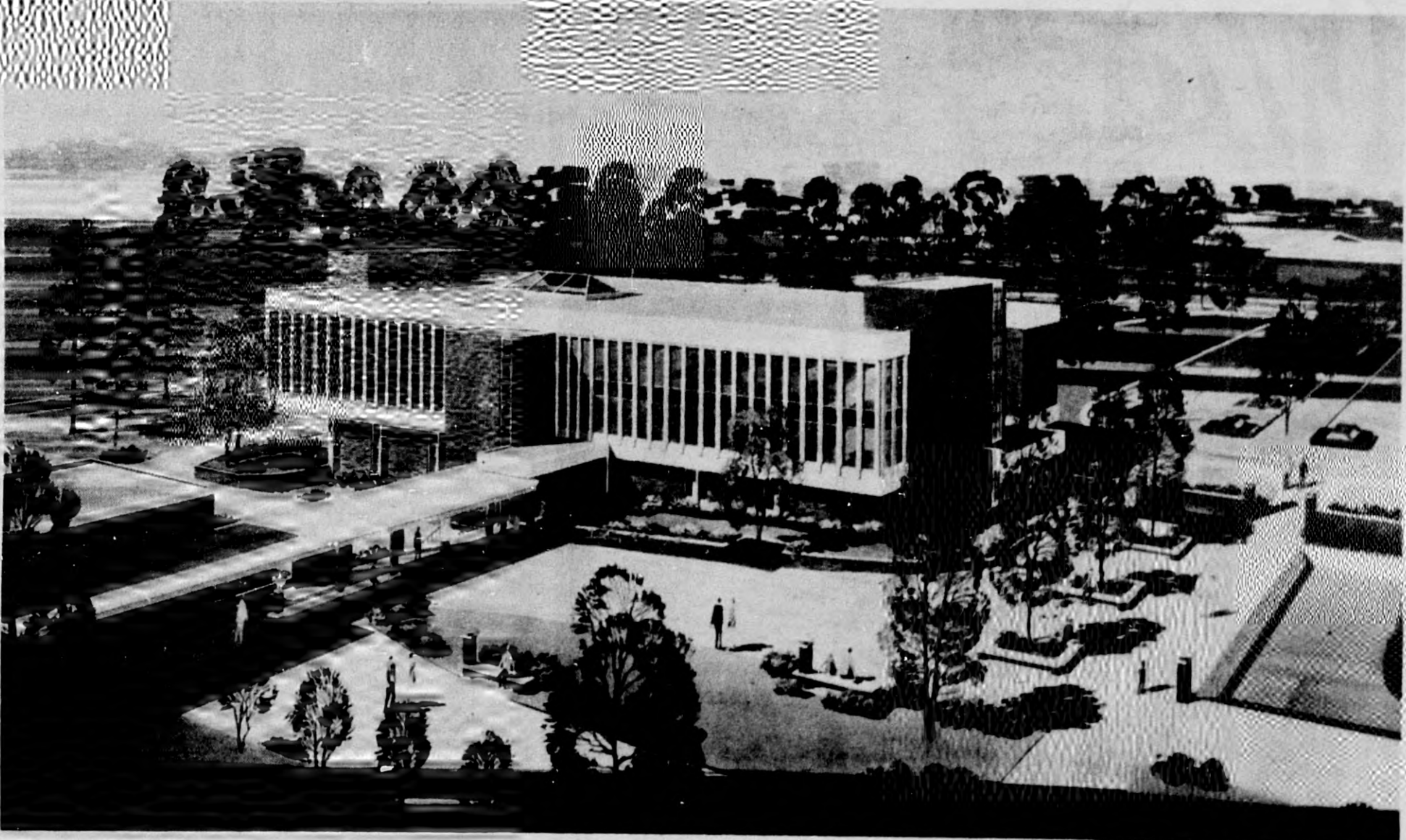
Last June Alma students, faculty and members of the Board of Trustees held a ground breaking ceremony at the Academic Center site. Building in the background is Monteith Library.





Alma students salvaged records and equipment from burning Old Main until firemen prohibited them from reentering the building.

Firemen battled in vain on the morning of March 10, 1969, in an effort to save Old Main. The historic structure was leveled about an hour after fire was discovered in its attic.



Construction of this \$3 million Academic Center at Alma College began June 19, 1969. Architect of the structure is Sarvis Associates of Battle Creek, and the general contractor is Granger Brothers, Inc., of Lansing. At left edge of sketch is a portion of Dow Science Building which will be connected by a covered walkway to the Academic Center.



PEACE HOPES DIMMER

By Jack Anderson

1972 Pulitzer Prize Winner for National Reporting  
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WASHINGTON President Nixon was elected on a promise to end the war and win the peace in Vietnam. He is now trying to keep the war issue under control until after the election. But military intelligence reports from Southeast Asia indicate there may be trouble ahead.

When Henry Kissinger made his celebrated transworld journey for peace just before the Republican convention, many interpreted it as mere political window-dressing. The President, so the theory went, was just trying to dramatize the search for peace with no real hope of achieving it.

But we have learned at the highest level that the President believed the Kissinger mission had a good chance of succeeding. Both Moscow and Peking were urging Hanoi to settle the war.

Nevertheless, the initiative failed and President Nixon responded with some of his most hawkish language in his acceptance speech. Now Kissinger has again taken dispatches abroad, this time to Moscow. Success is considered a longshot this time.

But there is good reason for Kissinger's continued frantic activity. The intelligence reports from the war zone say North Vietnam still packs the punch for one more major offensive. The President is convinced it could come any





**Draft Ceiling  
Set At 95**

The Selective Service System today announced that the draft lottery number ceiling for the last three months of the year will be RSN 95. Men with lottery numbers through RSN 75 are being inducted in August and September. The year-end ceiling of RSN 95 assures almost three-fourths of the men who faced induction during 1972 that they will not be called this year.

Approximately 15,900 men will be inducted during the October-December period, with the majority of inductions taking place in October and November. All available men with RSNs of 95 and below who are classified 1-A or 1-A-0 and are members of the 1972 First Priority Selection Group will receive at least 30 days notice of their induction date. Conscientious objectors, classified 1-0, with RSNs of 95 and below will be selected for alternate service in civilian jobs at the same time. All eligible men with RSNs of 95 and below who become available for induction or alternate service after mid-November when the last induction orders for 1972 will be mailed will be liable for induction or alternate service during the first three months of 1973 should there be calls during that period.

The inductions for the last three months of 1972 will bring the total of men inducted into the Army in 1972 to approximately 50,000, the number which Secretary Laird indicated would be required during 1972. More than 94,000 men were inducted during 1971; 163,500 in 1970.

**A Message From  
Our Brothers At  
The Union Board**

As we begin another round, Union Board would like to inform you of some plans, projects and policies that we have for this year.

Due to Student Council action last year, we are required to charge non-students a higher admission price to our events. This will mean that Alma College I.D. cards must be shown in order to be admitted to a U.B. event at the lower student admission charge.

Smoking in Dow Auditorium is still prohibited by forces beyond our control. Therefore, we will have to enforce the no smoking rule during the Dow flicks. We would appreciate your cooperation with this. It is much more enjoyable to watch the week-end movies in Dow than it is in Tyler, where we will have to show them if smoking continues. (This includes all types of smoking.)

In the hopes of making the Union a more acceptable place, several additions are planned. A pool table and possibly some pin ball machines will be added in the near future. It is hoped that continuous taped music within the Union will be present in the future. A football, frisbee, and several games will be available in the U.B. office from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. weekdays. If anyone wishes to borrow any of these, he or she must present their I.D. card, which we will hold for safekeeping until the article(s) are returned.

The Nightclub is continuously looking for people interested in performing on Campus entertainment night in the Union. If you are such a person, or know someone that might be, please contact U.B. on ext. 354 for more information.

A suggestion/opinion board for comments on U.B. events is located in the Union. If you have trouble writing, or have a pressing question, please call or drop by the office between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. weekdays.

Finally (at last), a comment about publicity. Mr. Storey's term calendar is a great benefit to the campus. But notice must be taken that since it is prepared well in advance, changes and additions may have taken place with U.B. events. This is apparent with the dance featuring "SRC" and "Rumor" Wednesday, the 20th which was excluded and the first Dow Flick being "Bonnie and Clyde," not "Joe." It is therefore wise to double-check with our more recent publicity, which is available in the ALMANIAN, on posters, and in Mr. Storey's weekly calendar.

Thank-you,  
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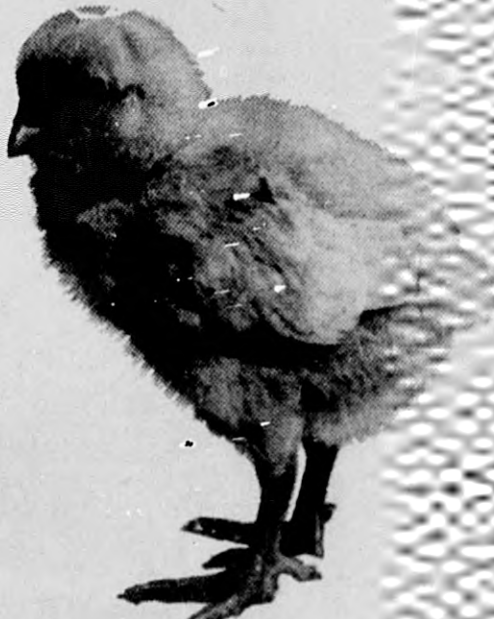


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Keith Froelich (76) and Wally Wilson (69) are just two of seven sophomore defensive starters. Each of these gentlemen played a key role in Alma's 12-9 triumph over Ferris.

## Scots Slip Past Ferris in Opener

by Theodis Karshner

A sophomore-studded defense and a late first half touchdown drive provided the Alma Scots the necessary margin of victory in a 12-9 conflict over Ferris College. It was the second consecutive year that the Scots have slipped past the Bulldogs in the Fordney Club Charity Football Game; last year nipping them 7-6 in the final three minutes. The contest was held at the Arthur Hill Stadium in Saginaw on September 9.

Ferris appeared to be in control of the game throughout the first quarter and half way through the second. The Bulldogs were camped in Alma territory but failed to click on key third down plays.

Alma, however, was first to strike blood. With 8:30 remaining in the first half, sophomore tackle Keith Froelich blocked a Ferris punt and senior Don Shelke gathered in the pigskin and scampered 14 yards untouched for a six pack. The point after attempt was blocked by a host of Bulldogs.

On the next series Ferris went to the air and proceeded to advance the pill. Once again Alma choked a Ferris first down bid and the Bulldogs punted to the Alma four-yard line. With third and four a Ferris lineman jarred the ball loose from QB Jerry Wasen who was in the act of handing off to Bill Smith. Ferris tackle Bill Lubs pounced on the ball at the six-yard line.

In two plays the opponents advanced two yards. With third and goal the stage was set for big Walt Wilson--sophomore flash from Clawson, Michigan. Big Walt, proudly displaying the numerals 6 and 9 on his chest, fired out from his defensive end position and treated Ferris QB Norm Love to a pigskin dinner on the seven-yard line. The Bulldogs happily settled for a 25 yard field goal and evacuated the area trailing 6-3 with only 1:59 left in the second quarter.

Moving from their own 20, the Scots quickly advanced down the turf watching the clock as they went. Bill Smith, the junior fullback from Fowlerville, ate up considerable yardage on the right side of the offensive line. A screen pass to Smith, a hurl up the middle to Kraag Lieberman, and a face mask penalty set the ball on the Ferris 10 yard line with 0:55 showing. Smith busted through twice to put the skin on the half-yard marker. Wasen snuck it in from there with 0:23 on the clock. The extra point attempt fell short and Alma retired to the locker room with a 12-3 half-time advantage.

Ferris grabbed the second half kickoff and scored a six-pointer at the 14:12 mark of the third quarter. Back John Schneider provided the spark with a 12 yard gain and then a 44 yard TD dash. The kick for the extra point failed and the score stagnated, 12-9.

Ferris scored 245 yards offensively to Alma's 230. However, Alma was penalized 45 yards to Ferris's 65. Smith led the Alma ground attack with 79 yards in 22 carries, while Schneider took game honors with 119 yards in 18 attempts. Wasen made good on eight of 14 passes for 89 yards. Lieberman had the most receptions, four for 39 yards. Alma's Rick Johnson had the only pass theft in the contest.

# ADRIAN MIAA PRE-SEASON FAVORITE

Adrian College is the pre-season favorite of Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) football coaches.

The Bulldogs, who have shared the last two championships with Alma, have 23 returning lettermen including five all-MIAA players from a year ago.

Olivet, a team that hasn't won a football championship since 1914, is rated to finish second behind Adrian. Next in the poll is Alma followed by Hope, Kalamazoo and Albion.

Coach Bill Davis guided Adrian to its first back-to-back winning seasons since the early '30's by winning 11 of 18 games during the 1970 and 1971 campaigns. His 88 man squad, which includes 50 freshmen, is Adrian's largest ever.

All-league returnees on the Adrian roster include quarterback Scott Montgomery a senior from Berea, Ohio; defensive end John Zang, a junior from Detroit; linebacker Harry Marok, a senior from Toledo, Ohio and defensive backs Don Stromer, a sophomore from Lambertville, Mich., and Dave Zimmerman, a senior from West Carrollton, Ohio.

Olivet graduated only seven seniors from a team that surprised the league a year ago with a third place finish under new coach Doug Kay. The Comets will be playing on a new field and the third victory of the campaign will be the school's 200th. Heading the list of Comet returnees is all-league linebacker Eric Boucher, a sophomore from Millsburg.

Phil Brooks had a spectacular campaign in his first season as head coach at Alma winning seven of nine games. Alma has been involved in four of the last five championships winning 22 of 25 league contests. All-league returnees on the Scot roster are guard Bob Blanton, a senior from Utica, and center Doug Nikkila, a senior from Royal Oak.

Hope, under coach Ray Smith, established six new school records last fall and with nine offensive starters back the Dutchmen would appear to be ready to move the ball again. Hope is again led on offense by tailback Greg Voss, a junior from Muskegon who twice has had seasons of 1,000 or more rushing yards. Other all-MIAA returnees are guard Jeff Winne, a senior from Kinelon, N.J.; defensive end Ted Albrecht, a senior from Grand Rapids and defensive back Doug Smith, a senior from Grand Rapids.

The Kalamazoo Hornets have offered the wide open "razzle-dazzle" style of offensive play the past few seasons, but coach Ed Baker admits a shortage of experienced personnel may necessitate a return to a more conservative "hardnosed" brand of football. Leading offensive returnees are quarterback Larry Pfaff, a junior from St. Clair Shores, and tackle Dick Nolan, a junior from Muskegon.

Albion ended a rare last year ago and despite the pre-season prediction of the coaches that they are headed there again coach Tom Taylor warns that "the Britons are not dead." The Briton mentor coach quips that he probably is the only college coach in the nation who has "35 starters back."

Adrian and Alma will launch their seasons September 9 while the rest of the league will open a week later. League competition begins October 7.

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## Harriers Looking Forward

by Dave Salvette

The Alma College harriers look forward to what promises to be a highly competitive season in the MIAA this fall, with 15 of the top 16 conference runners returning. Coached by Dr. Charles Gray, Athletic Director, the cross country Scots should push Kalamazoo and Hope for first place. Hope will have all seven starters returning, including the number one MIAA runner, Greg Daniels. Phil Ceeley, an All-Conference selection as a freshman, also will return. Kalamazoo will have its top seven from last year, led by All-MIAA performer Steve Norris.

The Scots have lost only once in their last 17 outings in the MIAA. Co-captains Jim Hare and Clare Kreger (runnerup and fifth in the 1971 conference meet, respectively), will provide the one-two punch to continue this trend for Alma. Freshmen Chuck Hadden from Adrian High School and Doug Mohre, an All-State class C-D distance man from Vandercook Lake, will fight it out for the third and fourth positions on the team. The three remaining spots will most likely be filled by sophomores Dave Patterson, Fritz Yunck and Al Smith. Seniors Rudy Godefroidt, Bill Copland and freshman Randy Stewart will round out the squad to give it some depth.

Workouts began for the Scot thinclads on September 10. The daily training regimen consists of three sessions--four to five miles in the morning, eight to twelve miles in the afternoon, and 30-35 minutes of jogging in the evening. This marathon schedule will promote strong legs which will be needed for the new course setup. All MIAA contests will be extended from four to five miles beginning this fall.

A second phase of workouts will commence when classes begin. Phase two will consist of more speed at shorter distances to improve the heart and lungs.

A third phase of cross country training will power racing--one of the most important aspects in long distance races.

The first competitive encounter for the Scot harriers will be the Hope Invitational at Holland, which will primarily allow the men a good training exercise and will help the runners adjust to the longer course.

Hare's fearless prediction finds Kalamazoo in first place, followed by Hope, Alma, Albion, Calvin, Adrian, and Oliver. If Alma stays healthy, corners the market on breaks, and the freshmen come through with flying colors, the hopes for a third championship in four years could become reality.



Members of the 1972 cross country team are as follows: Dave Patterson, Rudy Godefroidt, Clare Kreger, Jim Hare, Doug Mohre, Chuck Hadden, and Fritz Yunck.

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 29	at Defiance, Ohio	2:00
Sept. 30	GRAND VALLEY	2:00
Oct. 7	ADRIAN	2:00
Oct. 14	at Kalamazoo	1:30
Oct. 21	ALBION	2:15
Oct. 28	at Hope	2:00
Nov. 4	OLIVET	1:30

## CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 26	at Hope Invitational	4:00
Sept. 30	OLIVET	Halftime
Oct. 7	ADRIAN	Halftime
Oct. 14	at Kalamazoo	Halftime
Oct. 18	at Calvin	4:00
Oct. 21	ALBION	Halftime
Oct. 28	at Hope	11:00
Nov. 4	NAA at Spring Arbor	11:00
Nov. 8	MIAA at Calvin	2:00
Nov. 11	NCAA at Wheaton, Ill.	11:00



1972 Alma Scot tri-captains are Rick Johnson, Jerry Wasen, and Bob Blanton

## Scots Squeeze By Indiana

by Dave Salvette

Indiana narrowed the Alma margin to two points late in the third stanza when Roger Seminick gobbled up a blocked punt and rumbled 34 yards for a six-pointer.

After the opponents traded punts during the fourth quarter, Central drove to the Alma 34-yard line and called time-out with only four seconds remaining on the clock. A long pass play fell incomplete, but interference was called on the Scot 17-yard line with no time left. The game couldn't end on a penalty, so the Greyhounds had time for a field goal. The attempt was fortunately blown wide of the uprights by a stiff crosswind, enabling Alma to go home in a festive mood.

Smith was the offensive hero for the Scots in grinding out 194 yards in 32 attempts. Senior quarterback Gerald Wasen had a fine day, picking up 37 yards on nine carries, and also completing nine of 17 tosses for 90 yards. Eads connected for nine of 16 for 123 yards.

Alma rushed for a total of 255 yards against only 137 yards for the Greyhounds. The Scots tallied 20 first downs against 18 for LC.

This Saturday the Alma football team travels to Defiance, Ohio to take on a formidable unit that pummeled MIAA favorite Adrian last week, 22-0.

Too close for comfort!

That phrase aptly describes Alma's triumph over Indiana Central last Saturday as the Scots escaped Indianapolis with a 15-13 decision under their belts. It was the second consecutive non-league win of the season for the football squad.

Junior fullback Bill Smith opened the scoring for Alma with a one-yard plunge midway through the second quarter. Rick Johnson kicked the extra point.

The Greyhounds evened the contest when quarterback Pat Eads scored from three yards out on a keeper.

The second Alma touchdown was set up by a pass interception on the Indiana 40-yard line. Smith again scored, this time slashing 17 yards to pay dirt. Johnson's kick failed and the score stood 13-7.

The key play of the game was made by Scot defensive end Jim Cole in the third quarter. Eads went back to pass from his own 30. Cole, who primarily played defensive back last year, stalked the rapidly retreating quarterback all the way into the end zone before leveling the helpless enemy for a safety.

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