

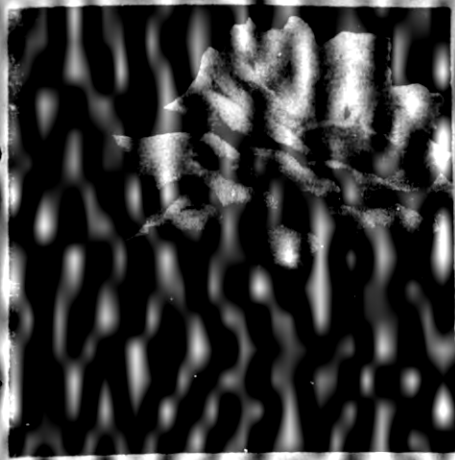
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MY HEART IS A FLOWER

My heart is a flower
Your love is the rain.
A flower withers without the rain
My heart withers without the hope of your love.

My heart is a flower
Your smile is the sun.
A flower needs the warmth of the sun
My heart needs the warmth of your smile.

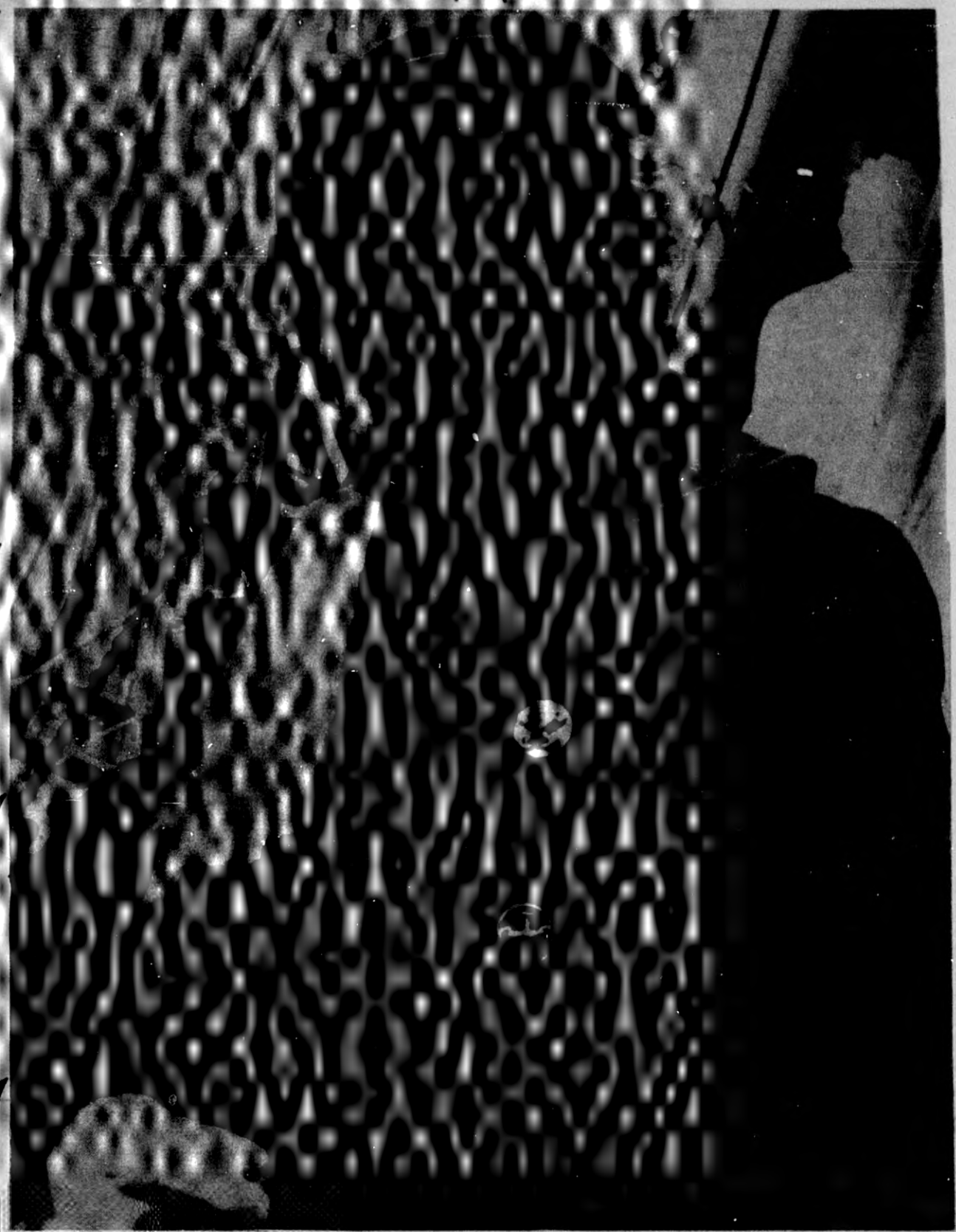
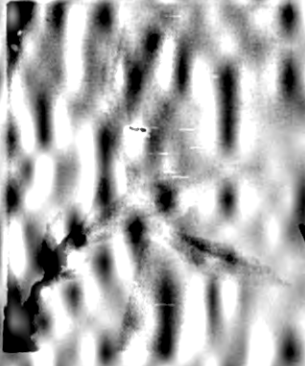
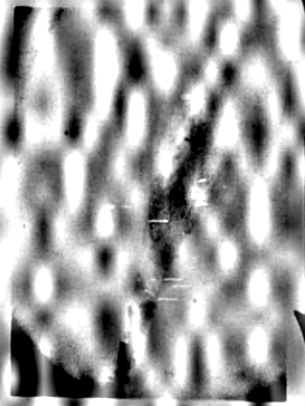
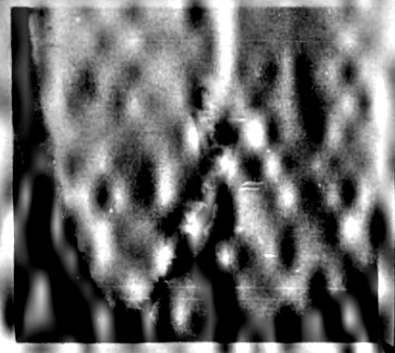
My heart is a flower
You are like the sweet honey.
A flower holds the sweetness of the honey
My heart holds the sweetness of you.

My heart is a flower
You are the spring.
As spring brings beauty to a flower
The thought of you brings beauty to me.

Anonymous



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Kiltie Band

Pops Concert

This Saturday

On Saturday, November 4, the Kiltie Band will present its final home football appearance at the Olivet football game. That Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m., the band will present its Fall Pops Concert in Tyler Auditorium. For this occasion all Kiltie Band parents have been invited and over 150 parents and relatives will be in attendance. The program will feature highlights from the past football season and also include other special novelties such as "Amparito Roca," highlights from "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Buglers Holiday" with trumpeters Tim Seaton, Pat Cook and Nancy Ely. Also included, highlights from "Hello Dolly" and "Troubadours Trombone" with the entire trombone section. Also on the program is a percussion feature.

The program is free and the public and student body are cordially invited.

From League of Women Voters

VOTING INFO AVAILABLE

by Greg Turner

If you are planning to vote in the coming election (and hopefully all of you are) then there is some information available to you about the candidates and ballot proceedings put out by the League of Women Voters. The "Voter's Guide" to the general election to be held November 7 is available at all of the front desks in the dormitories, in Monteith Library, and in the Reid-Knox Administration Building. This guide provides comprehensive information concerning the various offices which are being contested besides the U.S. presidency, such as: U.S. Senator, State Board of Education officers (2), and Michigan Supreme Court Justices (2), plus several other offices. In addition, the guide contains no bias, for it is a standing policy of the League to "never support or oppose any political candidate or party."

The League also has available at the aforesaid locations a pamphlet entitled "Pick a President" which, rather than weighing the pros and cons of each Presidential candidate's stand on various issues, provides a useful guide to the voter in analyzing the implications of voting for either candidate. Summaries are provided of both Democratic and Republican stands on the major campaign issues. At the back of this pamphlet are additional sources of information to which the prospective voter may write.

A map outlining the different precincts is also available in the Monteith Library and at Reid-Knox. The portion of campus south of Superior Street is in Precinct #1. All voters in this precinct who are registered in Alma may vote at the First United Presbyterian Church. The section of campus north of Superior Street is in Precinct #2; all voters in this area may go to the Church of God (across from Walt's Chick-a-Joy) to cast their ballot. Persons who have not procured an absentee ballot may

Jack Aranson Starring in 'Moby Dick'

'Moby Dick'

On Stage

This

Wednesday

Herman Melville's epic novel "Moby Dick" comes to life on the stage through the talents of Jack Aranson, a renowned performer of stage, screen, and television. Portraying twelve characters in sixteen scenes, he masterfully recounts the tale of a Yankee sea captain's obsessive search for the great white whale. Hailed as "an incredible triumph", the entire performance, with the exception of a few sound effects and varying degrees of light staging, consists of the characterization by Aranson. Scheduled for 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 1 in Dow Auditorium, this one-man show promises to be a rare Theatrical creation.

still do so by filling out an application for an absentee ballot, available on the circulation desk in Monteith Library at the end of the counter closest to Mr. Babcock's office. Absentee pollsters may then find out from the League the address of their home office by calling 463-1386, and then mail their application to this address. Once the ballot is received, it must be notarized, and this may be done by either the financial aids or Business Offices in Reid-Knox (or at any of the local banks free of charge).

The November 1st issue of the DAILY RECORD-LEADER will publish information concerning the offices of U.S. House Representative for the 10th District and Michigan House Representative for the Michigan 89th District (in which Alma is located). Any other information desired concerning local candidates, state candidates, or ballot proposals may be obtained by calling the League of Women Voters at 463-1386.

Ballot proposals include: (A) a proposal to change Michigan to Daylight Saving Time, (B) a proposal to allow abortion under certain conditions, (C) a proposal to limit property tax for school, county, and township purposes, (D) a proposal to remove the constitutional ban (in the state of Michigan) against graduated income tax, and (E) a proposal to allow the State to borrow \$255,000,000 for tuition payments and bonuses to Vietnam and other veterans.



CAMPUS EVENTS

Black Perspective

Communication Gap

Halloween Flickes

- Tuesday--"Experiment in Terror and Forbidden Planet," Tyler, 10:00-1:00; 10¢.
- Wednesday--"Return of Draw Egan" and "Keystone Hotel," Tyler, 10:00, 10¢.
- Thursday--Cartoons, Tyler, 10:00, 10¢.
- Friday & Saturday--"I Love My Wife," Dow, 6:45 & 9:00, 50¢ with ID, \$1.00 without.
- Sunday--"Faith, False Piety, and Idolatry: A Lesson From the Old Testament Prophet," Dr. Tracy Luke, Dunning Memorial Chapel, 11:00.

The following speech was given by a Black Alma College student, Bill McCoy. This speech is a result of an effort to understand a problem. Bill is convinced that there is a communication problem between white and Black students. The communication gap is a result of misconceptions, conservatism, and middle class values. There are many barriers in the communicative process.

Having conquered the problem of identity once, I find myself in the midst of another identity crisis. Having at last tentatively formulated my personal concept of myself and my philosophies concerning myself as a Black man, I find myself in the midst of another problem of identity. Being a Black student on a predominately white campus means being "accepted" as a member of the academic community and a neglected member of the social structure.

As I view it, the problem of communication lies in various areas. Among which are the misconceptions that white people have of Black people, the prejudiced attitudes that many white people possess either consciously or unconsciously pertaining to Black students.

White people are guilty, on the whole, of having misconceptions which are a part of white people Black mentality often cause barriers in the language process. White students, faculty, administrators as a result of their misconceptions of Black people, many times make communicative advances towards Black students, which more often than not are awkward, inappropriate and offensive to Black students. It usually results in the Black student involved tuning out whomever he or she is conversing with. Such statements as "you people", "those people", "you guys" are typical of the offensive statements that cause a Black student to tune white students out.

The question now is how do you as white students, administrators, and faculty approach a Black student? My reply is respectfully, objectively, and honestly. Respectably because a Black student with a deep sense of Black pride and consciousness hates more than anything to be disrespected. Phrases such as "you guys, you people," and others that I mentioned are a direct show of disrespect and it is often times interpreted as repressed hatred and/or prejudice. Objectively because you, as white people have no way of relating to the experiences that have molded the character of the Black student or students and you have to be able to accept and deal with his/her philosophies, concepts, and attitudes. Honestly, because if there is one thing that a Black person can recognize it is a dishonest white person. After all we've been cheated, exploited, and oppressed for 400 years and that's a lot of experience.

Philosophies, attitudes, and concepts, must not change; but, rather a change in the way that you receive and approach Black students must over come. Conservatism, which is inconsistent with the philosophy of Black people, is also a barrier. It in itself cannot be wholly conquered; but, it can be curbed to a certain point. It is with the "placing aside" of conservatism in your approach and reception that the ideal of free, uninhibited communication between Black and white student can become a reality. So, let us come together and explore each others philosophies, concepts, and ideals and see what the deal is. Power and Peace.



Dr. Smith emphasized that while courses such as Speech III (Fundamentals of Speech) offered at Alma are also offered at CMU, a student may not pursue the equivalent course at CMU. "The college must not undermine its own curriculum," he explained. "It makes no sense to go to Central and take the same course when we have that very course right here at Alma." Dr. Smith explained that the department had desired to obtain a man in speech therapy, but for financial reasons the proposal had been tabled.

The liaison program in Speech and Theater will allow the student who elects to pursue a master's degree in Speech Therapy to obtain this advanced degree approximately one-half year sooner than normal. From the undergraduate level at CMU to a master's in speech therapy is normally a one-year process because of greater diversity of courses; the normal interval after graduation from Alma is two years. Nancy Wilson Carey, a senior this year, is currently attending Central Michigan as the first student from Alma College to participate in the program.

Dr. Smith is hopeful that this program will be the beginning of several such liaison programs at Alma in various departments, "building on Alma's own strengths" but supplementing its curriculum with more-specialized courses offered at other schools (possible again CMU).



Dr. Robert Smith

Speech Department

Coordinating Program

With CMU

By Greg Turner

Dr. Robert Smith, chairman of the Speech and Theater department, disclosed last Friday that his department had recently coordinated a liaison program in speech therapy and pathology with Central Michigan University in an effort to supplement the speech courses currently offered at Alma College. The program, instituted in June under the coordinating efforts of Dr. Smith and Dr. Ronald O. Kapp, Provost, with CMU officials, is designed to add depth to the speech department in this area.

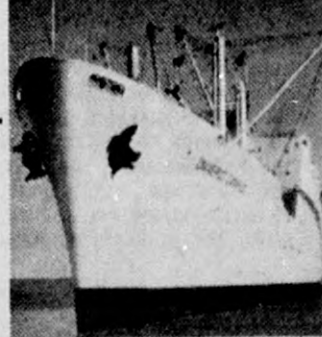
"The program began when a number of students expressed interest in speech therapy," explained Dr. Smith. "We have lost students who transferred to other schools because of our departments inability to meet their needs in this area." Under the liaison program, students may take as many as 16 semester-hours at Central Michigan in the following courses: Audiology, Phonetics, Anatomy & Physiology of Speech and Hearing, Clinical Procedures, Speech Pathology, and Clinical Experience. All of these courses must be at least begun by the first term of the senior year and are applicable toward a degree in Speech and Theater here at Alma. Students may elect to attend Central Michigan full-time while pursuing any of these courses as guest students, or commute while attending classes both at Alma and at CMU.

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Translator's note: Captain Cocaine of the Royal Bavarian Ozone Patrol was the commander of the Psychic Ship Interprise, a large commune of dedicated derelicts whose mission was to explore the vast reaches of inner space. While recovering at the St. Francis of Assi Home for Wayard Otters and Dope Fiends, Capt. Cocaine wrote a series of lyric poems, which, aside from occasionally biting a nurse, was his only communication with the outside world for six months. Here is a modest sample of work from his collected verse, published in 1967 as, "Der Songst der Dopenarbiter und Ozonebahner" and published in an English Version as "Captain Cocaine's Collected Crud"....w.b.

THE ALL NIGHT HIGH OF CAPTAIN COCAINE
Listen my children and hear the refrain...
of the all night high of Capt. Cocaine

It began in a manner quite simple enough
with a single drag from a joint.....just a puff
But twasn't an ordinary commonplace joint
His feeble cortex with which he'd begun to anoint
Twas a superhet item, industrial grade
Ingredients hand picked, and carefully made

Contained dope of the finest type--weed from Jamaica
just a touch of peyote, and hashish to make a
joint that would wlk the finest of minds
take and remold it into something so fine
and so different from anything known before
it would take him to the edge....and then open the door

his mind soon took off and began quickly to soar
out his left ear, in his right, but he had to have more
So he snorted a Spoonful and yet he knew still
He'd go down to the Crossroads to get himself swilled.
"What I need now, to really get lost
is a snort of cocaine, and belly full of sauce"

He harnessed his toads his four-door flying Nash
yelled, "On Donlin, On Elwell, On PeeKay, On Gratiot
and into the sky he flew with a rush
came to the ground with a brain-adding crush
landed on an old lady and turned her to msn
he turned to the gathering crowd and said, "Was
I right to assume the rumor is true?
That the Wizard of Ozone is living with you?"
"And that Youngstown, Ohio is the place one should be,
if looking for Buckeye Beer and Good T.H.C.?"

But I can see from your faces with cold, hostile looks
that you're dangerous rednecks who hate hippies and gooks
Then he reached in his bag on his back and pulled outta
thing that looked a lot like a giant enchilada

A cylinder filled with mescaline gas
with the psycadelic power of four tons of grass
The people of Youngstown were high for a week
of that fateful night they rarely speak.
They just stand in the new Howard Johnson's on Main
And wait for the return of Captain Cocaine

Dutchmen Breeze

by Harriers

— Title Hopes

Still Alive

by Dave Salvette

Clare Kreger clipped 39 seconds off Stuart Scholl's course record of 25:43 at Holland Saturday, but Kreger's feat wasn't enough to stop a strong Hope team as the Flying Dutchmen flew past the Scots, 22-36.

Hope runners Phil Ceeley, Scholl, and Randy Powers followed Kreger. Jim Hare turned in a fine 26:06 for fifth place. Hare was plagued by a cold earlier in the season, and recently suffered a spike wound in the calf that required eight stitches to close. Brian Claxton and Randy Lawrence rounded out the Hope top five by finishing sixth and seventh, respectively.

Doug Mohre, usually found running alongside Hare, went out too fast and had to settle for ninth. Dave Patterson and Paul Kriekard nailed down the tenth and eleventh positions.

Seniors Kreger, Hare, and Rudy Godefroidt have played a major role in cross country while at Alma, evidenced by a four year MIAA record of 20-4-1. Jeff Arbour, although not competing this year, was another reason the harriers were able to achieve this outstanding achievement.

Going into the conference meet at Calvin on November 8, Kalamazoo leads the league with a 6-0 mark. Hope follows with a 5-1 record, and Alma is third with a 4-2 standing. These three teams still have a shot at the MIAA crown.

ALBION

CAPTURES

GOLF TITLE

By Dave Salvette

Albion College, led by MIAA MVP Dennis Wahr, captured the league crown in golf this fall. Wahr was medalist in the MIAA conference meet at the Lenawee County Club in Adrian last Monday and Tuesday by shooting 152 for 36-holes.

Harry Raifsnider led the Scots in the MIAA finale by scoring 82-78. He was followed by Bob Miller (85-80), Jim Orłowski (88-78), Dan Stewart (82-86), and Mike Clark (90-81). The Scot total stroke count was 830, good enough for a fourth in the meet. Calvin, by virtue of coping a sixth in the league contest, was forced to settle for a tie with Alma for fourth place.

Last year's MIAA medalist Rich Barno of Kalamazoo was charged with a 17-stroke penalty in his first round in the MIAA match. Barno lost a ball, and went back to his original hitting area to play another. After hitting a second ball, Barno found the original and played it, which is contrary to the rules of golf. The penalty should have meant disqualification for the entire Kalamazoo squad, but a compromise was reached where Barno was to take the highest score of any golfer for that nine on which the penalty occurred, and add two strokes. Instead of repeating as medalist and leading his team to a co-championship, Barno was forced to accept a 91 for the first round, yet came back with a 77 for a respectable 168 total. Kalamazoo still managed to finish second in the meet.

FINAL STANDINGS - GOLF

	W	L
1. Albion	6	0
2. Kalamazoo	5	1
3. Olivet	4	2
4. ALMA	2	4
4. Calvin	4	2
6. Hope	2	4
7. Adrian	0	6

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Football Standings

Volleyball Schedule

I.M. FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Schedule

"A" League

	W	L
WRIGHT	8	0
DGT	7	1
ZS	6	2
OX	5	3
MITCHELL	3	5
TKE	2	6
BRUSKE	1	7

Wednesday - November 1 - B League - 7 p.m.

AZT vs. Newberry
Gelston 2nd West vs. Gelston 1st West
Gelston vs. KI

Wednesday - V November 1 - A League - 8 p.m.

Newberry vs. Gelston 1st East
KI vs. AZT
Bruske vs. AO

"B" League

	W	L
MITCHELL	8	0
DGT	6	2
TKE	5	3
ZS	5	3
NEW DORMS	4	4
WRIGHT	3	5
BRUSKE	1	7
OX	0	8

Thursday - November 2 - B League - 7 p.m.

AZT vs. Gelston 1st West
Gelston 2nd West vs. AO
Newberry vs. KI

Thursday - November 2 - A LEAGUE - 8 p.m.

Newberry vs. Bruske
KI vs. Gelston 1st East
AZT vs. AO

IM Player

Of The Week

The "A" League player of the week is Dewey McCoy of Wright Hall. McCoy quarterbacked his team to their seventh and eighth victories without a loss last week.

The "B" League player of the week is Bruce Moss of Mitchell Hall. Moss lifted his teammates by scoring the winning touchdown against the New Dorms on Tuesday. He also played excellent defense and offense in a romp over ZS on Thursday.

Volleyball Standings

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL

A League

	W	L
AO	6	0
AZT	4	2
KI	4	2
Newberry	2	4
Gelston 1st East	2	4
Bruske	0	6

B League

	W	L
Gelston 2nd West	5	0
Newberry	4	2
Gelston 1st West	3	1
Gelston	3	2
KI	2	3
AO	1	5
AZT	0	5

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The following poems were taken from *Shrieks at Midnight*, appropriate for Halloween.

My son Augustus, in the street, one day,
Was feeling quite exceptionally merry.
A stranger asked him: "Can you show me, pray,
The quickest way to Brompton Cemetery?"
"The quickest way? You bet I can!" says Gus,
And pushed the fellow underneath a bus.

Whatever people say about my son,
He does enjoy his little bit of fun.

Ask not for whom the bells toll.
Don't get yourself in a stew.
As long as you can hear the clang,
Relax; they're not for you.

Little Willie, once in ire
Threw his sister in the fire.
His mother said, above her screams,
"He's really nicer than he seems."

The Great Auk's ghost rose on one leg,
Sighed thrice and three times winkt,
And turned and poached a phantom egg
And muttered, "I'm extinct."

Beneath this plain pine board is lying
The body of Joshua Hight,
"Cheer up," the parson told him, dying,
"Your future's very bright."

Slowly the sick man raised his head,
His weeping friends amazing.
"Parson, it's most too bright," he said,
"For I can see it blazing!"

Razors pain you;
Rivers are damp;
Acids stain you;
And drugs cause cramp.
Guns aren't lawful;
Nooses give;
Gas smells awful;
You might as well live.

I put my hat upon my head
And walk'd into the Strand;
And there I met another man
Whose hat was in his hand

The only trouble with the man
Whom I had met was that,
As he walked swinging both his arms,
His head was in his hat.

Here lies the body of Cassie O'Lang!
She tried to kill her husband with a boomerang.

A skeleton once in Khartoum
Asked a spirit up into his room;
They spent the whole night
In the erriest fight
As to which should be frightened of whom.

Here he lies moulding;
His dying was hard--
They shot him for folding
An IBM card.

Late last night I slew my wife,
Stretched her on the parquet flooring;
I was loath to take her life,
But I had to stop her snoring.

It isn't the cough
That carries you off,
It's the coffin
They carry you off in.

Jonathan Moulton lost his wife--
Neighbors said he took her life
Did he poison or strangle or smother?
Howsoever, he married another.
A shy and unsuspecting thing,
She wore his first wife's wedding ring.

Asleep she lay where the first wife's head
Had pillowed itself on the fateful bed,
But she woke at midnight shivering;
A cold hand plucked at her marriage ring,
And a voice at her ear had a graveyard tone:
"Give the dead her own!"

Jonathan woke at his young bride's scream.
Up he sprang and brought in candles,
But ghostly wives have elfin sandals,
He swore to his bride it was just a dream,
He lifted her hand in the candle gleam.
"I'll wager my all that it's still on."
But--Lord ha'e mercy!--the ring was gone!

Brickley Pushes Proposal, Pans Politics

Only 25 people came to the chapel last Tuesday to hear Lieutenant Governor James Brickley speak. Half of his speech was concerned with criticism of the present structure of government and the other half in explaining and urging support of Proposal C.

"Politics is a lower esteem than ever before," he said. "We are in a period of cynicism of the political process. It's one of the most dangerous things facing us." The reasons he gives for this is that the art of political rhetoric is terrible and below the dignity of the public.

This disrespect of the system came about because "too much emphasis is put on the personality of a candidate." He claims government is an archaic institution, and there is no issue as important as the reform government. To improve government it may be necessary to centralize or eliminate units, because "it is not true that the more people we elect, the more democracy we have."

Proposal C is designed "to limit property tax for school, county, and township purposes and to provide that the legislature shall establish a state tax program for support of schools." The Lt.

Governor spent a long time discussing this proposal and the importance of having it passed. "Next to national defense, we spend more on education and we finance it with the worst tax we have, the property tax." With the cost of education increasing \$110 million a year, the system of financing must be changed. The way to do this is with an income tax. This way, tax money comes to the state, which distributes the money, instead of each school district receiving property taxes to pay the costs. Sixty percent of the school districts will benefit from this new arrangement, and the others will get the same as they are getting now. Property taxes, which will be cut in half if Proposal C is passed, would still be used for capital improvements and other secondary costs.

The reason Brickley spent so much time on this proposal is because 20 to 30 percent of the voters won't vote on any questions on the ballot because they don't see them. Passage of this proposal would help remedy the problem of government unresponsiveness, too. He wants to make sure voters are aware of the existence and the importance of passing Proposal C.

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Two Dancers Win Medals

Kiltie Lassies Nancy Nowak and Barb Miller won five medals in the United States Highland Dancing Association District 4 competition held in Warren last Sunday.

Nancy won a first in her age group in the Shean Triubhas and Barb in the Sword and Highland.

Last year in Warren Nancy won third in the Sword and at Highland Festival in Alma this year she placed third in the Tribhas. These were the first medals for Barb.

About 200 dancers competed this year at Warren.

Placement Interviews

The University of Michigan, Office of Graduate Minority Affairs, will be interviewing on the Alma College campus on Friday, November 3. Any students interested in interviewing with their representative should sign up very soon in the Placement Office Sign UP room located in the Faculty Office Building.

Men Needed

Men wanted to sing in the Chapel Choir. There are lots of young women but very few MEN! Come to the rehearsal this Wednesday at 6:15 - 7:30, in the Chapel basement Room 4. Mary Chaffee, the Director, has lots of interesting numbers planned.

A QUESTION OF BALANCE

by Lynn Coddington

(Credit for the following must in part be given to the Moody Blues for writing a song of the same name.)

In awakening, one sees a brick-block wall, the distant flat ceiling. Coming down, the eyes focus on white bed-sheets, sprinkled and belying warmth. A crumpled pillow, or two. The bed-womb offers warmth, a numbing security and the drowsy enticing enjoyment prior to moving away from the bed into the day. The day, whether promising or belligerent, beckons nevertheless, inevitably it dawns and presents itself, awaiting our footsteps, demanding passage through its time.

Most often, here, its easier to stay in the bed-womb. The day's path leads to classes, to bothersome work, on to rigor, sometimes twisting through to thought. But thought is farthest down the line, we meet work first, it occupies our mind first and we usually become mired in it's mundane-ness. The bed-womb is usually warmer, to get to thought takes a more arduous trail, takes more thought. Inevitably, we return to the bed-womb before reaching the farthest possibilities of the day. We pass in and out of day and take with us only the minimum needed to validate our existence. Afterwards, we return creeping to the ceilings, the wall, our beds.

But occasionally for some the day does not end. Before the lights are doused, the outer goal is reached, thought blossoms in brilliantly intense prisms of feeling, cascading over the discoverer. An entirely new vista of sight breaks the cover of its shawl to tantalize the searcher. It is a discovery when one leaves the womb with increasing assurance and experiences a renaissance of awareness. The fetters of mind and body, imposed externally and internally, crumble before the pressures of experience and the mind is freed. Not perfectly at once nor immediately but with passage of time, increasing freedom. From this renaissance comes Balance.

With Balance comes understanding. And understanding fosters humility. So what.

So what you ask of me, demand to know, what does all this idle chatter of humility do for me? What of this balance, understanding, humility?

Balance is a highly personal state. Balance occurs after the weighted scales have been allowed their swing, equilibrium exists when the proper formula is discovered. Difficult to achieve perfect balance nevertheless, I think it is attainable, the goal is always there. When each

trys for balance, however, there comes an understanding of others. Though balance is highly personal and individualized, the state of mind does not exclude others in a condensing way. The word is humilty. For those of you lost by this discussion, let me bring it all home.

There are persons within the administration for whom the theory of legalizing alcohol in the dorms represents a threat to the academic community, either through disruption of studies, encroachment of others rights, perhaps even possible destruction of campus property which effects us all. Further, there are involved immense legal and administrative problems which make alteration of existing policy difficult. These arguments are considered by the person of balance and weighed with the final result of rejection. The reason for rejection stems from a different approach to the problem, a different philosophy, the philosophy of the individual and liberty.

Ultimately, the individual must have the LIBERTY to decide personally whether another can dictate his life of whether he himself is able to do so. It is acknowledged that there are basic guidelines within which we must function or our system could digress into anarchy, the ultimate of individual freedom. There still exists, however, personal freedom and decision. The example used here is realistic because the sanction on it is presently almost an anachronism. With the passage of the 18 year old vote, the majority of those present at this campus are legal adults, legally able to decide for themselves. But we are out of balance because we are not allowed the right to think for ourselves, to pursue thought. The necessary growing experience of the right-to-fail, to choose incorrectly but to know that one had the liberty to do so, is denied. I know I would not be able to argue intelligently with these administrators because our points of reference are quite different. Whether or not I want to drink, I want the right to decide for myself, not be told I can't.

On a more day-to-day basis, one finds great imbalance with-in the college community from those unable to comprehend with humility the uniqueness of each individual, who fail to get beyond the skin and into the gut of a person. With some this is impossible for there isn't anything beyond the skin. But from others who could offer something, only tantalizing bits are revealed, otherwise the shroud of secrecy remains. For some reason afraid to communicate, misunderstanding continues. For too many, the pendulum swings wildly never slowing, never thinking enough to come to peace with oneself. Always caught up in useless labels, simple affiliations, some never seem to want to understand, be humbled.

So for those two or three of you who I may have reached, don't retreat to the womb, let the walls stifle, the ceiling cover. You've glimpsed the better way. Experiencing both good and bad, growing in individualism, with greater awareness, take from life as much as you can. Attempt to help others to thrill as you did to the cascade of refreshing freedom. If those out of balance swing and bruise you, don't retreat, for you have understanding and are humble. You can even accept them.

It is a question of balance.

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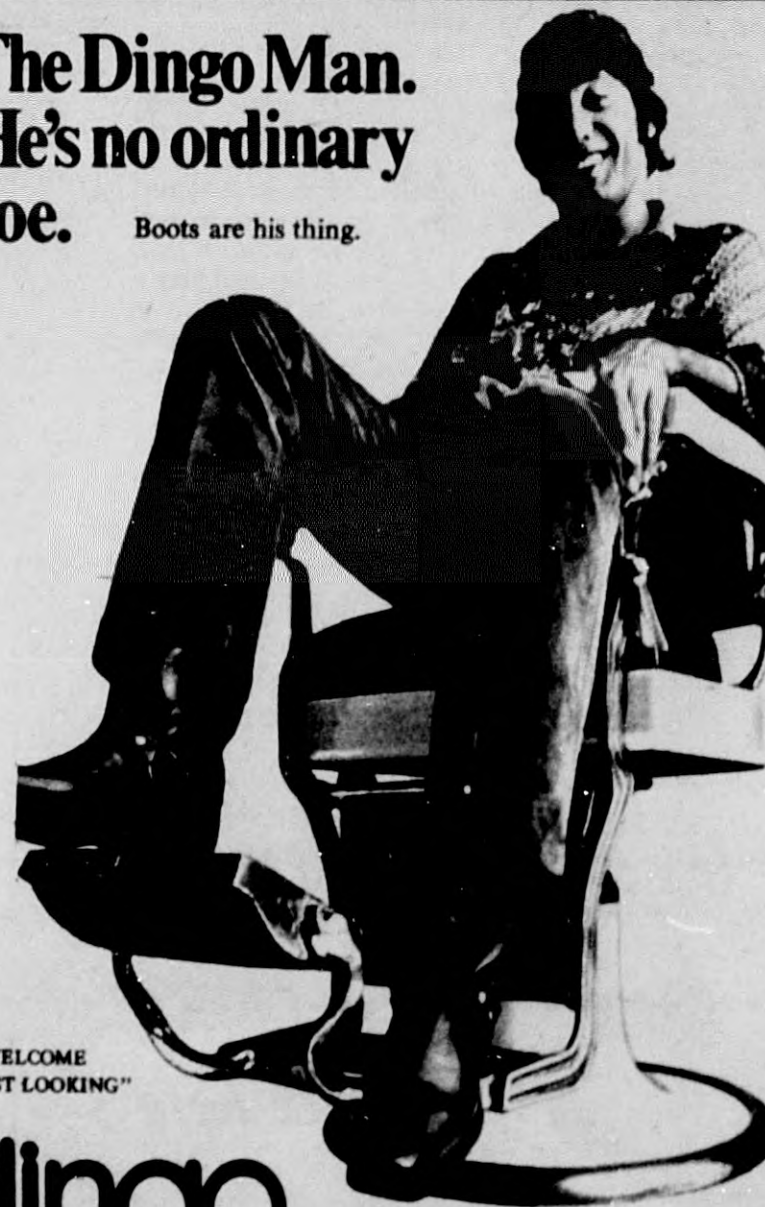
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AS I SMELL IT".

b) Theodis Karshner

Kiked. That's riKnt, kiked. It's the best term I could find in summing up Saturday afternoon's disaster.

Being born and nurtured in a predominately Jewish area near Detroit, the word kike is familiar to me. Kike is a derogatory word referring to a rich, snobbish Jew. It was a term which until recently I dared not use. But, within the past year kike has taken on a new connotation, at least at Alma College. It means cheated, jipped, screwed, shafted. It has replaced the old cheer, "Nuts and bolts, nuts and bolts, we got screwed."

After Alma suffered it's first defeat in eleven games, a sad 14-12 count to Hope, kike was the main term in the vocalwaries within earshot. "We kiked." "Hope kiked us." "1110 refs kiked us." The word was even used in relation to several players on the Alma squad. There was truth in everything said: Alma did blow it, Hope did just larely beat us, and the refs did just make a few questionable calls.

The weekend began typically for those of us who witnessed the encounter. We took the champagne cruise to M.S.U. Friday night in Buck's '66 Caddy. After a night of merriment and frivolity in East Lansing, we were anxious to catch the Scots sew up the MIAA crown and retain their third place national ranking.