



## Plans for the next decade

# Seven task forces to report on goals for student affairs

by Joyce Mahan

Members of the seven task forces of the Student Affairs sub-committee of the Long Range Planning Committee have been busy meeting to prepare final reports for the January 15 meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Long Range Planning Advisory Committee subdivided its task of setting specific program goals and establishing long range plans into sub-categories.

One of these sub-committees, the Student Affairs Subcommittees, whose members include Dr. Ronald Kapp, Patricia Walcott, Tim Good, Dr. Linder, and Dr. Walser, established seven task forces.

These task forces are: 1) Housing, chaired by Dr. Walser; 2) Fraternities and Sororities, chaired by Sue Seaburg; 3) Campus Center (Student Union), chaired by Jeff Southern; 4) Co-Curricular, chaired by Dr. Cornelius; 5) Food Service, chaired by Jeanne Gibson; 6) Campus Communications, chaired by Tim Good; and 7) Governance, chaired by Dr. Agria.

According to Dr. Kapp these task forces were to prepare "a statement of goals to be achieved during the next decade" and "a projection of program plans during the next decade perhaps most specific for the next five years, as well as estimates of budgetary implications (costs) to the extent that they can be provided. None of the task-forces have finalized their proposals, which are all in the discussion stages still. The Housing Task Force first re-

viewed the assumptions of the Long Range Planning Committee.

These include the presupptions that enrollment will be maintained at the present level although many institutions expect future enrollment to drop and that Alma will remain a residence college.

Various ways of diversifying and/or adding to facilities were also discussed. One idea which came from these discussions was that of building an apartment style facility which could be utilized by married students, faculty, and summer residents.

The possibility of special interest corridors was considered as well. This would allow a corridor to emphasize a certain trait, such as quiet. It would be considered a vast breach of conduct to make excessive noise there.

Determining housing assignments according to major departments was considered. In this way people in the same major department would be rooming in the same general area.

The Fraternity and Sorority Task Force discussed ideas about the state of Greek life at Alma in 5-10 years, the relevance or need for service organizations, housing problems, and the role of Greek organizations on the Alma campus.

According to Chairman Jeff Southern, the Campus Center (Student Union) Task Force looked at: the present Tyler Union program and staff, past recommendations and

proposals for a new or expanded union, program needs for the future, and present needs which are not being met.

The task force plans to propose that a new or expanded Campus Center facility be opened as soon as possible. It is hoped that all major campus organizations will have offices in the Campus Center as well as conference rooms and general offices.

Ideas for the formation of a Campus Center Pub, a multi-purpose area which could be split up and used for a variety of activities, and ways to furnish the center so that it can offer attractive and comfortable surroundings were discussed as well.

"One is only limited by one's imagination," said Southern. "We'd like the Campus Center to be a hub for out of class activities."

The concept of continuing a student board to form the Union program was viewed favorably, but a suggestion was made to hire a Center Manager.

This manager would be a full time building manager and would work with the Union Board on administrative matters. He would coordinate and schedule events, form leadership seminars, orient, train, and recruit new staff.

The first task for the Co-Curricular Affairs Task Force, which consists of Drs. Bowman, Storey, Linder, and Walser, and

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Doug Shrewsbury (left) and Tom Spurgat (right) sample the Coors beer which was featured at the Sigma Beta party last weekend. The beer was brought from Texas. Pic by Huyck.

## Summit of private college student leaders in planning stages

When the leaders of the world have problems that are common to their nations, they have summit meetings to work out their common problems. A proposal to have a summit meeting of student leaders of Michigan's private colleges, to compare and exchange ideas has been formulated by Alma's Student Council's executive board.

If the response is favorable to preliminary sounding letters which were sent to schools in the Michigan Colleges Goundation, and organization of private church related schools, Alma College will host the summit meeting of student leaders, accord-

ing to Tim Good, chairman and organizer.

The purpose of the summit is to exchange, and compare ideas about improving student government organizations, campus media, and campus activities.

Tim Good is acting as chairman and organizer of the meeting. Doug Davis will act as communications director and Jann Ropp will be the Secretary for the two day summit.

The administration has given its backing in getting the potentially beneficial summit from the planning stage to reality. The proposed date for the summit is March 12 and 13.

## Union Board applications available

The Union Board is now accepting applications for staff positions for the 1976--77 Union Board. Applications may be picked up at the Union Board office any time after January 12. The present Union Board urges all those who are interested in working with the board to

apply. Applications will be accepted for anyone interested in working as an office secretary, a projectionist, or a technical helper for major UB productions.

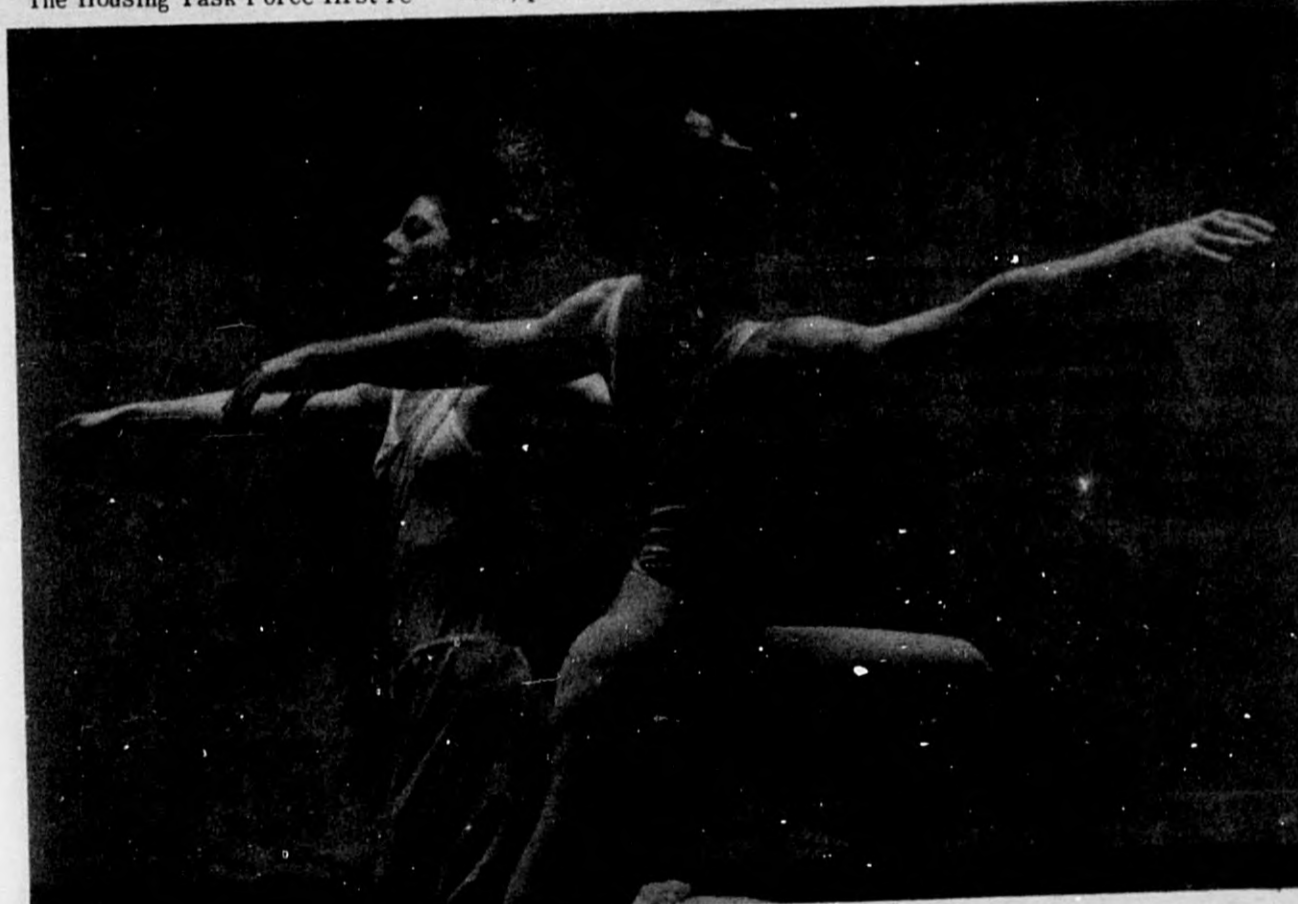
There are five positions open next year: president/business manager; major events manager; nightclub and concert manager; technical su-

pervisor; publicity director.

The president is in charge of overseeing the entire operation of the Board and coordinating its program (both development and implementation). Applicants must have at least one year of experience working on the board. Jeff Day, the present Union Board president is available for more information at ext. 354 or 419.

The major events chairperson is responsible for organizing all aspects of all "special events" such as Homecoming, Barlety Fest, Scottish Pub, and the Dinner Theatre. Tina Caston is available for more

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Dancers of Harbinger perform "Solstice" choreographed by Lisa Nowak.

## Detroit dance troupe to lead master classes; concert Thursday

Harbinger, the Detroit Community Music School's resident dance troupe which has attracted many enthusiastic admirers in southeastern Michigan, will bring its talent to the center of the state in January for a two-day residency at Alma College.

Highlights of the group's stay in Alma will be a lecture-demonstration tomorrow, Wednesday Jan. 14, and a master class and concert on Thursday, Jan. 15. All three events are open to the public without charge.

Both the lecture-demonstration at 2 pm Wednesday, and the master class, at 2 pm Thursday, will be presented in the dance

studio of Alma College's Physical Education Center. Persons who wish to attend the master class should make reservations in advance by contacting Mrs. Barbara Gladding in the Physical Education building (ext. 394). The concert by the Detroit dancers will be at 8:00 pm Thursday in Dow Auditorium.

Harbinger, Detroit's first contemporary dance company, was formed in 1970 and has given concerts, lecture-demonstrations and environmental performances throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. It has appeared with the Detroit and Grosse Pointe symphonies and has done several performances for public television.

In 1972 the troupe, supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts, toured Detroit high schools. In 1974 it was featured in the Detroit Institute of Arts Youth Theatre's "Summer Stravaganza." Harbinger now appears under the auspices of "Young Audiences Inc.," a national network of musical and performing groups which provide programs for school children.

As a performing company of the National Association for regional Ballet, Harbinger has performed in festivals at Kansas City and Minneapolis. It recently appeared in Canton, Ohio, as guest of the Canton Civic Ballet.

## Inside today...

The ALMANIAN starts off the new year with a chance for students to earn money for their newstips. Details on page 6.

The EPC has been looking at new innovative graduation requirements. See what may be in store for the future on page 3.

**Auditions  
for musical  
revue slated**

On January 20 and 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Dow Auditorium tryouts will be held for the musical revue JACQUES BRELE IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS. A musical revue is simply a series of songs with no story behind them.

This revue was very popular about five years ago in New York City where it ran for about five years. The music displays a wide range of feelings consisting of ballads, serious and farcical and ensemble numbers of a vaudeville hat-and-cane nature.

People wishing to try out should bring a song to sing. An accompanist will be provided if desired. Those people trying out will also have to sing a song from the show. Copies of the music will NOT be on reserve.

Performance dates are tentatively set for April 1, 2, and 3. Anyone having questions should see or call Dr. Griffiths (AC 327, ext. 369).

**Coors source  
revealed**

The Sigma Beta all-campus party at the CSA Hall Friday featured an unusual refreshment--Coors Beer.

According to President Mark Turner, Doug Shrewsbury, a member of the fraternity, picked up the beer while visiting relatives in Dallas, Texas.

Doug's father arranged the purchase so as to avoid any problems about buying such a large amount of the beverage at one place. 125 cases, equivalent to 16-17 kegs, of Coors were purchased at the price of approximately \$800.

"We don't expect to breakeven" said Turner. "This is just a way to let people know we're here. It'll offer an opportunity for people to ask us what Sigma Beta's about."

Shrewsbury, who brought the beer back to Alma in a rented U Haul trailer, didn't report any particular trouble in getting the beer. The reason for a party with Coors? "Well, nobody's ever done it, although everybody talks about it and seems to like the idea," said Turner.

**Union Board  
applications  
available**

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information about this position at ext. 354 or 257.

The Night-club and concert manager is in charge of implementing the "live" nightclub program, finding talent, and making all arrangements for the performance; and in charge of making all arrangements for concerts, designing a concert program. No experience is required. Contact Doug Davis for more information at est. 354 or 257.

Technical Supervisor is in charge of all technical equipment and technical arrangements for all UB events. Applicants must have practical knowledge of sound and lighting. For more information contact Greg Kloos at 354 or 27.

Publicity Director - in charge of publicizing all UB events (including weekly and special events) both on campus and at times off campus. Any interested applicants should prepare a sample publicity for a UB Event and submit it to the staff. Materials may be picked up in the UB office in Tyler. For more information contact Heather Moffatt at 354.

All applications must be received by the board no later than Friday, February 6 at 5:00 pm. Interviews will be held the week of February 15-20.

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prexy to lead  
chapel service



Dr. James I. McCord

Dr. James I. McCord, President of Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, will be the Chapel Speaker on Sunday, January 18, at 11 a.m. His topic will be "Waiting for the Barbarians". The A Cappella Choir will sing at the service as well.

Dr. McCord was educated in Austin College, Texas, Union of the University of Edinburgh. He has served as a pastor, Instructor of Philosophy at the University of Texas, Dean and Professor of Systematic Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin Texas. Since 1959 he has been President of Princeton Theological Seminary. Faith and Order of the World

Dr. McCord serves the Church in its national and international organizations. He has been a member of the executive committee of the world Alliance of Reformed Churches since 1954. He is a member of the Commission on Council of Churches.

Dr. McCord is Chairman of the Editorial Council of THEOLOGY TODAY and co-editor of a number of books.

Clinic promises to help  
kick the habit in 5 days

by Joyce Mahan

After requests from the Health Liason Committee and various members of the administration, the Wilcox Medical Center has decided to hold its third smoking withdrawal clinic.

This clinic, taking place from January 19-23, offers "a less painful means to quit smoking, without many side effects, in five days," according to Nurse Evelyn Sears. "But the person must WANT to quit!"

Drs. Racine and Johnson, from the College Health Service, will head the clinic which will include films, talks and question periods.

Why would someone want to quit smoking? While she stressed that the clinic doesn't use "scare tactics", Nurse Sears provided some reasons in the form of certain facts about smoking and smokers.

For example: At least 60% of the smoke you inhale is gas, including acrolein, cyanide, nitric oxide, acetone, ammonia, and carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide replaces oxygen in the blood thereby reducing your

oxygen supply. At the same time, nicotine increases the heart rate which requires more oxygen.

Cigarette smokers have up to ten times as much carbon monoxide in their blood as nonsmokers.

Nicotine, found only in tobacco, acts on the heart and nervous system. It is also used as a weed killer.

The tar in the smoke contains hundreds of known chemicals, many of which can cause cancer.

A pack-a-day smoker pours a cup of tar into his lungs each year. And, at the same time, the tobacco smoke is fouling up the cleaning mechanism of his lungs.

It paralyzes the cilia, tiny hairs in the bronchial tubes which sweep out dirt, bacteria, and other matter from the lungs.

About 90% of lung cancer cases every year are smokers.

The death rate for coronary heart disease is 1-1/2 to 2 times higher for smokers.

The death rate for women who smoke is more than 20% higher

than for women who don't.

Men who smoke less than 1/2 pack a day have a death rate about 60% higher than that of non-smokers; a pack to 2 packs a day, about 90% higher; and 2 or more packs 120% above normal.

Right away, as soon as you quit, your body starts repairing itself. If you quit and stay quit, in most cases, it can be as if you never smoked.

You have better wind for swimming, cycling, basketball and dancing.

Food tastes better. Everything smells better—food, flowers, perfume, you.

You'll have more money, and not just what you save on cigarettes; at least one insurance company has cheaper rates for drivers who do not smoke.

If you're interested in "Kicking the Habit" you're invited to come to AC 109 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and AC 113 on Wednesday, Friday from 7-9 p.m. There will be no charge for the clinic.

EPC studying innovative  
graduation requirements

by Mary Ellen Liike

During the past four months, The Education Policies Committee (EPC), has been informally discussing several areas in which they believe an Alma graduate should be competent and how to assure that graduates would possess competency in these areas.

The EPC is one of the major standing committees of Alma's community government. The committee includes the chairmen of each of the three academic divisions, other faculty members, the librarian, the Dean of Academic Affairs, the registrar and five students.

The affairs under this committee's jurisdiction include nearly anything that has to do with educational policies.

The exploration of the areas of competency grew out of a feeling that the current distributive requirements may not assure an Alma student of a liberal arts education

The committee has been discussing whether a senior that graduates without having various experiences is competent in those various areas.

The committee believes that perhaps it would be in the students' interest to shift from the present set of requirements to one that would require students to be competent in approximately ten areas.

Several tentative ways of accomplishing this goal have been discussed. One of these would be a program in which a student would become competent in some of these areas through a program of self-motivated study.

Another suggestion is for each graduate to have produced an original piece of work before they graduate. This original piece of work could be a story, a piece of music or of art, a technique that could be used in research,

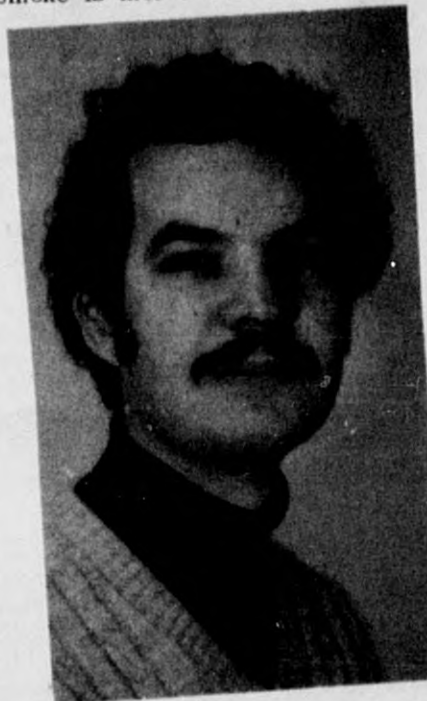
or a piece of research that would be publishable.

One of the reasons for the emphasis placed on mastering these areas is to integrate the liberal arts curriculum.

The committee believes that better integration of this curriculum would lead to a degree that would stand for more than a group of unrelated courses taken solely for the purpose of getting the degree.

The EPC has drawn up a tentative list of areas in which the students would be required to be competent. This list is now in the hands of the academic division for review.

Dr. Tracy Luke, chairman of the committee, stated that these proposals are tentative and any enactment of these proposals is not to be expected in the immediate future.



Fred S. Polazzo

New prof  
in business  
department

Fred S. Polazzo, a faculty member at Christopher Newport College in Newport News, Va., for the past two years, have been appointed an assistant professor of business administration at Alma College. In announcing the appointment, Alma Provost Ronald O. Kapp indicated that Polazzo's primary teaching responsibility will be in the field of accounting. The new Alma faculty member has also taught at Belmont Technical College in St. Clairsville, Ohio, and in New York City Schools.

He has had experiences in business as a junior auditor with Arthur Andersen and Company, New York; internal auditor for Blue Cross of Central Ohio; consultant with James Riley, C.P.A., Bridgeport, Ohio; and assistant controller of Management Horizons Data Systems, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. Polazzo holds a B.A. degree in accounting from Queens College, New York, and an M.B.A. in accounting from the University of Michigan. He is a certified public accountant in Ohio and is a member of several professional associations. He assumes his position on the Alma staff at the start of the college's winter term on January 5.



Dr. Joseph Sutfin

Sutfin  
to head  
Cranbrook  
writers guild

Dr. Joseph Sutfin professor and chairman of the English Department, has been named director of the Cranbrook Writers Conference by the Board of Trustees of the Cranbrook Writer's Guild.

The conference founded in 1967 provides talented college students further encouragement in the art of writing. It is a nonprofit project supported by private funds. More than 300 scholarships have been granted to men and women at Michigan's 34 four-year colleges and universities.

The tenth Cranbrook Writers' Conference will be held in August at the Cranbrook Education Institutions.

Dr. Sutfin has taught literature, writing and pantomime for 25 years. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Southern Illinois University and his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He was named a Danforth Fellow in 1959 and reappointed in 1962. He was also a Fellow of the Southeastern Institute of Renaissance and Medieval Studies, 1966.



Pat Shirey, captain of the cheerleading squad, leads the cheerleaders through exciting chants during Saturday's first league match with Kalamazoo College. Alma four male cheerleaders made their debut at Saturday's game. Pic by Huyck.

# CAMPUS UPDATE

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

10:30 am Ballet class - PE Dance Studio  
 10:00 pm Union Board (UB) Nightclub with Bill Greenman in Dow Auditorium

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Harbinger Dance Company residency  
 2:00 pm Dance lecture-demonstration in the PE Center Dance Studio  
 5:30 pm Volunteer Friendship meeting in Van Dusen Lounge  
 10:00 pm UB flick: "The Graduate"

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Harbinger Dance Company residency  
 10:30 am Ballet class - PE Dance Studio  
 2:00 pm Harbinger Dance Company: Dance master class - PE Dance Studio  
 7:00 pm Art 140 in Dow 100 showing "Birth of a Nation."  
 8:00 pm Harbinger Dance Company concert in Dow Auditorium  
 10:00 pm UB Nightclub - Dow Auditorium

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Skiing at Nub's Nob for details).  
 \*Last day to order commencement announcements for seniors  
 6:15 pm Women's basketball against Montcalm Community College - away.  
 6:45 & 9:00 pm Dow flick--"The Three Musketeers."

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Skiing at Nub's Nob  
 5:55 pm J-V basketball against Hope - away.  
 8:00 pm Varsity basketball against Hope-away.  
 8:00 pm Wrestling: Big "O" Tournament at Olivet  
 8:00 pm Dow flick: "The Three Musketeers."

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Skiing at Nub's Nob  
 11:00 am Worship Service: Dr. James McCord, President of Princeton Theological Seminary - Dunning Chapel  
 8:00 pm Dow flick: "The Three Musketeers."

## MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Last day to add a class.  
 7:00 pm Faculty Meeting, AC 113  
 7:00-9:00 pm Five Day Stop Smoking Plan-AC 109

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 pm Women's Basketball against Montcalm Community College, here.  
 7:00-9:00 pm Five Day Stop Smoking Plan-AC 109  
 7:00 pm Art 140 in Dow 100 Showing "Battleship Potemkin."  
 10:00 pm U. B. Nightclub in Dow-"Mr. Zodiac"

## Sears grant given to Alma

Alma College is among the more than 850 private schools throughout the country which are sharing in more than \$1,270,000 in contributions from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation during the 1975-76 academic year.

Grants totaling more than \$26,500 are being distributed to 27 privately-supported colleges and universities in Michigan this week. Alma will receive a \$900 grant. The grants are unrestricted.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation in 1975 invested more than \$850,000 in a variety of other educational activities. The budgeted education expenditures of the foundation in 1975 were more than \$2.1 million.

## Ballet classes to be held weekly

Beginning Tuesday, January 13 ballet classes will be offered at Alma College. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the P.E. building dance studio. Everyone, men and women, are welcome to attend regardless of your prior level of experience. There is no charge for the class and no credit is offered. Ballet shoes and clothes which allow free, unrestricted movement are recommended. If you have any questions concerning the class please contact Patti Saxton, 121 Carey, ext. 415.

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**Nobs Nob trip slated**

On the weekend of January 16, 17, and 18 there will be a ski trip to Nobs Nob. Lodging will be at the North Arm Resort on Walloon Lake (cottages with a kitchenette). Included in the \$36 cost are two nights lodging, two days skiing, all meals and transportation and parties with draft beer and wine. The trip is limited to only 28, so it will be a first-come, first-served policy. For more information, contact Terri Hovey in 149 Nisbet.

**RAs announced**

New RA's this term are Robert Jones--Gelston Hall; Felix DiCamilo, Al Edwards, Willis Baker and Mike Miron--Mitchell Hall; Elizabeth Williamson--Newberry Hall and Ken Laday--Brazell Hall. In addition, Dan Stewart has been appointed to a senior staff position in the South Complex.

**Seniors should order announcements**

Seniors - Last day to order commencement announcements is Friday, January 16th. Come by or call the Alumni office in the Hood Building. (ext. 351).

**January alumnus program scheduled**

Dr. Richard Douglass, '68, will be the January participant in the "Alumnus of the month" program. Douglass is a professor at the University of Michigan School of Social Work. The subject of the program will be "Alternatives to Medicine." The program will be held on Tuesday, January 27.

**Smoking clinic to be held**

A smoking withdrawal clinic, sponsored by the Wilcox Medical Center, will take place on the Alma campus January 19-23. Drs. Racine and Johnson, of the Health Center, will lead the clinic which will be from 7-9pm AC 109 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and AC 113 on Wednesday, and Friday. There will be no charge for the clinic.

**McCloskey elected**

Reverend Charles McCloskey, Director of Church Relations at Alma College, was elected chairperson for the Division of Budget and Finance in the Presbytery of Detroit. Elections which were held late last year, are only for one year.

**Women's swim meeting**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 14, at 3:15 pm at the swimming pool for all women interested in competitive swimming. Plans are being made for competition with other MIAA schools. No experience is necessary. If interested and unable to attend, please call Coach Phillip, ext. 396.

**Chess club to meet**

The Chess Club is once again meeting every Sunday night at 8 P.M. in the A-C Lounge. Beginners and experienced players are invited to bring a chess set and get in a few games.

**Michigan economic crunch causes scholarship cutbacks**

by Scot Covert

Nearly half of Alma College students are once again feeling an economic pinch on their pocketbooks induced by Michigan's gigantic fiscal deficit. In addition to the soaring costs of books and paper, tuition, room, and food price increases, some 475 Michigan scholarship and tuition grant recipients have just been notified of cutbacks in their awards. Financial Aid officer Robert Marble revealed Thursday that 250 state scholarship winners will have their checks pared by \$50.00, and 225 tuition grant recipients will lose \$40.00 each, a cumulative decrease of \$21,500.00 in educational aid to Alma College students. Students will have to foot the difference themselves. Although Marble indicated that many of those affected held maximum awards of \$600.00 per term, the cutback left it no more palatable to most. Recipients were reportedly notified shortly before Christmas of State Educational Fund intentions. All scholarship and grant winners throughout the state became economic statistics by virtue of an emergency budget cut originated by Governor Milliken and the state's Appropriations Committee, according to Marble. Beyond Education, many of the state's budgets have been cut because of a statewide \$300 million expenditure deficit in an energetic thrift drive.

**Task forces**

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students Rick Wheeler, Jamie Kneen, Jeff Day, and Cheri Addington was to select tentative students to serve on the Athletic, Cultural, and Chapel Affairs Task Forces.

It was decided that the entire Chapel Affairs Committee would serve as the Chapel Affairs Task Force, and finally, Shance Longoria, Jennifer McCleson, and Ed Kain were chosen to serve on the Cultural Affairs Task Force, while Julie Wegner, Doug Mast, and Beth Alwin were chosen to serve on the Athletic Affairs Task Force.

In keeping with the Student Council amendment which called for one member of each Community Government Committee to serve as an ex-officio member of the Student Council, committee member Cheri Addington was chosen as the Co-Curricular committee's delegate to Student Council.

The committee felt that one member of the committee should become an ex-officio member of each representative task force, to further strengthen communitive ties between the two bodies. Therefore Dr. Bowman volunteered to sit on the Cultural Affairs Task Force; Dr. Linder on Chapel Affairs; and Dr. Roeper on Athletic Affairs.

Similarly, each chairman of the respective task forces also becomes a member of the Co-Curricular Affairs Committee.

The Food Service Task Force has been discussing a number of different meal plans.

One of these is a 15 meal per week plan. This plan would save a student \$33 per year. The only saving afforded by this plan is the cost of food. The student will still help pay for equipment and staff.

An alternate idea offered was for a 20 meal per week plan. Under this plan, Sunday dinner would be eliminated, a longer Sunday breakfast would be offered, and Sunday lunch would be served later.

It is hoped that the adoption of one of these plans may keep board costs from rising next year.

The task force has also discussed the purpose of the Food Service Committee and is trying to determine its specific duties.

A long range possibility examined by the task force is that of the entire campus eating in Hamilton Commons, utilizing both the present dining area upstairs and



**Monteith Library Corner**

**"Who's on first" A reference sampler**

"I want the complete text of the famous Abbot and Costello routine, 'Who's on First'." A quick check in the author and subject card catalogs tells me we have no collections of their works, or full length biographies. We did learn from the FILM ENCYCLOPEDIA that the routine appeared first in the 1945 movie, 'Naughty Nineties.' A search in the periodical indexes of that time brings zilch. In the subject card catalog a check under HUMOR says to bring WIT & HUMOR, I do, and find Tidwell's TREASURY OF AMERICAN WIT & HUMOR (among others). Its index takes me right to it - in its entirety.

"Why did the American League change from horsehide to cowhide covered baseballs?" It is because it wanted to save money. Cowhide is more available, and therefore less expensive than horsehide. No, neither the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SPORTS nor the BASEBALL ENCYCLOPEDIA gave us the answer. There wasn't anything in the periodical indexes either. Then I remembered a tip I got years ago: "When all else fails, check the NEW YORK TIMES Index." So I did. And there it was.

"How many divorces were there in the U.S. last year?" I remember an old reference law: "The answers to 95% of your spot reference questions can be found in one of three places: an unabridged dictionary, the New York City telephone directory, or the WORLD ALMANAC." Since the question doesn't deal with a "meaning" and since we don't have a N.Y. City telephone directory, I try the current WORLD ALMANAC. There it is found through the index under "Divorce - Number, rate."

"I'm looking for something on the use of drugs in high school athletics." Using any number of possible subject headings in the Subject Card Catalog, we still don't find anything. We then check the READER'S GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE under DRUGS. It has a number of sub-heads, but nothing that rings a bell. But look, there under "See Also" - "Doping in sports." There it is, like it or leave it!

The Music Department calls and wants the birth date of Matthias Bamert, a contemporary American composer; it's for the printed program of a student recital. All the obvious biographical sources (musical and otherwise) in the library are checked - zilch, again. I DO find in the 1974 FACULTY DIRECTORY a Susan Bamert, in the Department of Flute, Cleveland Institute of Music; but no Matthias. Now, I think, "Bamert" just isn't too common a name; might Susan possibly be married to another musician, one whose specialization (composition) isn't always as regularly fruitful when it comes to daily bread. It's worth a try. I call Cleveland Information for the Bamert home phone number. Soon Susan Bamert and I are chatting. Yes, indeed, Matthias IS her husband. "He was born on July 5, 1942, and can you send us a copy of the program. We like to keep such things."

The Monteith Library doesn't have a New York City telephone directory - yet, anyway; the telephone information service is some consolation, though.

the unused area in the basement.

The Communications Task Force has been studying the different media on campus. Three themes for discussion and possible action were chosen by the committee: having a possible center for coordinating information among the different campus media; modifying the existing media; and the addition of new media.

The Communications Task Force polled the various departments and the existing media to evaluate the quality of communication on Alma's campus.

The task force has identified several problems existing on campus: there is an awkward scheduling of events, and tests; some departments are discontent with existing campus media or even possibly ignorant of the various campus media; it has become almost impossible for the student media to accurately make projections for budgets; the campus seems isolated from world concerns; the campus mail system is slow and inefficient; there is a lack of adequate campus print facilities; there are problems with censorship, and there is much misinformation.

The Communications Task Force has yet to make final proposals to the Student Life Subcommittee. The members of the Communications Task Force are Dave Lemmon, Dr. Eugene Pattison, Tim Good, Rick Wheeler, Pat Cairns, and Bob Schultz.

The Student Governance Task Force discussed the scope, purposes, problems, achievements, and future of students participation in student and community government.

Student governance presently includes student participation in Student Council, Community Government, Living Unit Organizations, Class Organizations, societies, boards, and student publications.

The purposes of student governance were determined to be: as a learning experience, offering an opportunity to develop and exercise leadership and to foster

communications skills; to facilitate the organization and direction of campus community affairs; to provide student voice in college policies; and to provide personal satisfaction.

The original community government called for student representation on almost all committees but there were not enough incentives for action and informed student participation. In addition, Student Council was by-passed or confronted with near final decisions.

In the revised Community Government, student representation was increased by nine positions and better visibility was obtained through simplification of structure.

Unfortunately, incentives for participation remain a problem as pay is inadequate for salaried positions, there is little recognition or other non-pecuniary awards, student interests lie elsewhere, and many academic policies only apply to entering students, thus student incentive for decision making in these areas is low.

Possible remedies for these problems are: higher pay for existing paid positions, new salaried positions, academic credit for leadership positions tied into practice, training sessions for leaders, recruitment of students interested in governance, making the impact of student participation more evident, and expanding opportunities for student governance through participation at the departmental program development level, more student participation in decisions regarding faculty status, and a broadened base of student participation.

It must be remembered that these task forces have merely been discussing various ideas. Nothing final has been proposed or determined. The task forces will turn in their finalized proposals to the Long Range Planning Committee on January 15, 1976.

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# Our Philosophy

## Exec board actions wise

Last term on December 19 the Student Council executive board and the administration met to discuss several concerns. The decision to carry these several concerns enumerated in the Executive Council's letter was a wise one. There were four areas of concern which the officers of the student council brought before the administration: the radio station, the sacrificial meal, a student summit, and student concerns in general.

This year's attempt at a radio station makes the upteenth time that this idea has become a campus issue at Alma. In the past, student inefficiency has killed any chance of getting any action on a radio station going beyond the planning stages. The executive councils move to involve the administration in this area is a step which past student councils have never considered. The members of the council should be praised for their action. There are many questions which need to be answered about the possible introduction of radio to Alma's campus and hopefully these questions will begin to be answered now that the administration is involved.

The same things can be said about last year's aborted attempt at a sacrificial meal. With the administration alerted to the idea, maybe this year's attempt will not fail.



## Newstip program begins immediately

The ALMANIAN now has an innovative way of involving students with the student newspaper---by rewarding cash prizes for news tips.

Starting this month, The ALMANIAN will give \$5.00 to the news tip that proves to be the most useful in that month. Judgment will be made by the editorial board.

Either call the Office (ext. 234) or write your tip on a piece of paper and drop it in campus mail in care of The ALMANIAN, Newberry Basement.

# LETTERS

your feedback is welcome

## Administrators, Exec board meet

Dear Alma College Students:

On December 19, 1975 the Student Council Executive Board met with President Swanson and his Administrative Cabinet to review and discuss the following matters: 1) All campus radio station 2) sacrificial meal 3) Michigan Student Summit at Alma College 4) Student concerns, in general. Reports on each issue may be obtained at the Student Council Office--Tyler Union, College Policy and possible programs for each issue were thoroughly examined and a mutual understanding was reached in every area.

The issue of immediate concern is the Radio Station. As presented, the Administration recognized this as a college concern and agreed to assist in further developments. Since the meeting, the Administration has directed both the Educational Policy Committee and the Communication Committee to convene "for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations regarding the proposed establishment of a radio station. Their specific task is "to discover whether or not: 1) it is desirable for us to have a radio station; 2) if it is feasible to implement such a program as

early as next fall.

As always, your opinion will have substantial weight when reasonably voiced. If you are so inclined--please submit your written comments to any member of the Executive Board. Remember the essence and safeguard of a free community is participation in the public arena.

Student Council meetings are open to all, meetings are held every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in AC 106 beginning January 14.

Respectfully yours,  
Council Executive Board

## Caps, gowns should be ordered

Dear Seniors:

If you have not been measured for cap and gown, see John David in the Scot Shop soon. If this is not done, you will not have a cap and gown for graduation in April.

Announcements can still be or-

dered in Linda David's office (second floor Hood). This must be done quickly since the order will soon be going out.

Our year is almost coming to an end. We still have many things to do as a class, however. Several committees need to be es-

tablished. Please watch future ALMANIANS for further information.

Thank-you, and have a good term.

Ed Kain  
President, class of '76

## Pot bill sponsorer asks for support from students

Dear Editor:

As Chair of the House Civil Rights Committee, I want to inform you that House Bill 5627 (Remove jail penalties for use and possession of small amounts of marijuana) was sent by the Civil Rights Committee to the full House with a recommendation for passage.

Your readers should be aware that the Michigan House of Representatives will vote on this bill in the near future. People who are concerned about state marijuana policy should write their local State Representative immediately if they want to influence the vote on this issue.

House Bill 5627 removes jail penalties for the use, possession, or distribution (not for sale) of up to 3.5 ounces of marijuana and sets a maximum fine for these offenses of \$100. People arrested would receive a 'traffic-ticket'

type citation from the arresting officer, rather than being arrested, booked and locked up. In addition, there would be no criminal record for these offenses.

Possession of larger amounts of marijuana would be subject to a maximum 90 days jail and/or \$100 fine unless intent to delivery is proved. Penalties for delivery (sale) and possession with intent to deliver remains unchanged at up to four years imprisonment.

This bill is vitally important to your readers. A recent national poll reveals that 30% of high school age youth and 61% of the college students have tried marijuana. University of Michigan researchers' figures were even higher.

Young persons are the ones primarily arrested under current Michigan law. Over 87% of all drug arrests involve persons age

24 or less, while 30% involve those age 17 or less. Furthermore, total marijuana arrests in Michigan are sky rocketing: from 2,823 in 1967 to 19,851 in 1974.

In order for this bill to become law, all concerned citizens should promptly notify their local State Representative and State Senator of their feelings on H.B. 5627 by writing them at the following address:

Representative (or Senator),  
Michigan State Capitol, Lansing,  
Michigan 48901.

Thank you for your help in getting this needed information passed on to students concerned with public policy on this issue.

Sincerely yours,  
Perry Bullard, Chair, House  
Civil Rights Committee

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# Hornets sting Scots, Alma now 3-6 overall

Despite controlling the first 30 minutes of their opening league cage encounter against Kalamazoo College Saturday afternoon, Alma became the Hornet's eighth victim. Kalamazoo handed Alma a 78-75 setback.

From the first half tip-off, the Scots had Kalamazoo playing catch up. Alma lead the whole first half mainly due to the consistent shooting of forward Bill Romsek. Romsek popped in 18 points for Alma in the game. He was one of four Alma cagers who finished the game with double figures.

Alma's first half lead varied from one to four points. Romsek had 12 points in the first 20 minutes of play to lead all scorers. Point guard, Tim Mohre trikked the twine for 10 points in the same half. Mohre gunned in a 22 footer with 13 seconds to go in the half. His bucket gave Alma a 42-36 lead at halftime.

Both the offensive and defensive boards were tormented by Alma's Willie Dawkin in the half. Dawkins erased 10 rebounds in the first half alone.

During the second half Alma appeared to be holding on to their six point edge. But with a little more than ten minutes to go in the game, Kzoo's Duke Garner got a hot hand and began eroding the Alma advantage.

The Hornets managed to go ahead when Ruben Billings carved a turn-around jump shot from the free throw line to give Kzoo their 51st point and a one-point margin.

The lead changed hands for the next couple of minutes of play. Then Garner went to work again, hitting back-to-back baskets that Alma didn't answer. Kzoo now held a 57-52 advantage.

But Alma's Stu TenHoor accounted for five points in a 40 second time lapse to tie the game at 59-59. The two squads traded ten points apiece until the 3:12 mark. With the score knotted at 69-69, Hornet Jerry Kessenick swished two buckets and created a 73-69 margin Alma would

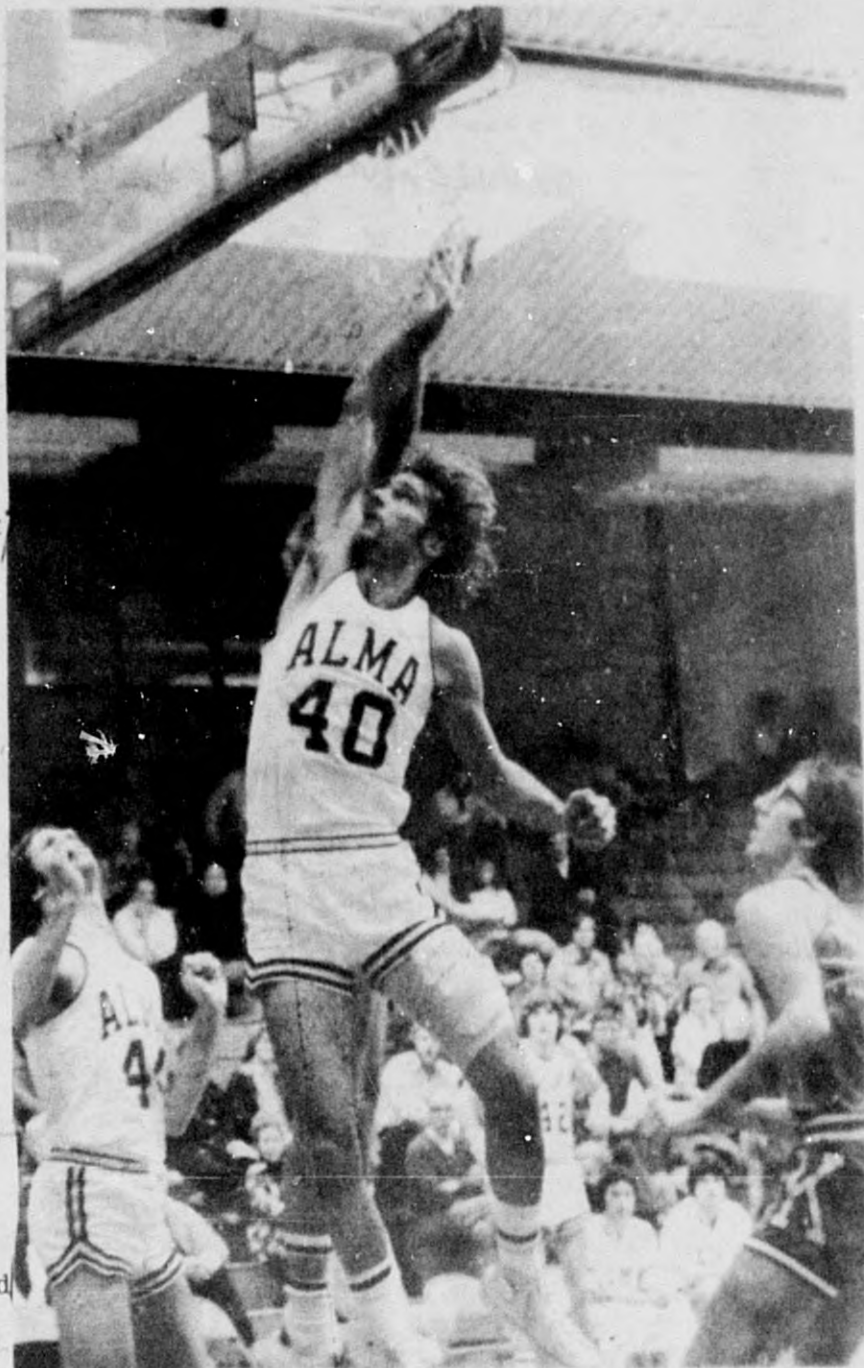
never overcome.

Alma's other double-figure scorers were Stu TenHoor with 17 points and Willie Dawkins and Tim Mohre with 12 points apiece. Kessenick led all scorers with 25

points.

Kzoo is 6-2 overall and 1-0 in the MIAA. Alma's record slid to 3-6 overall and 0-1 in the conference.

Alma faces Hope College next Saturday in an away contest beginning at 8:00 pm.



"Steaming" Stu Ten Hoor puts up another two points for the Alma Scots at Saturday's game. Pic by Huyck.

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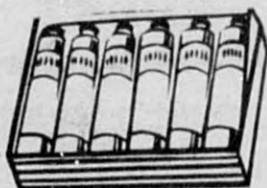
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## Women's IM b-ball to begin

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There will be sign up sheets in all three dorms.

Games will be scheduled for 8:15 and 9:15 on Tuesday and Thursdays. If any team has problems with the scheduling times, see a dorm representative before Wednesday, January 14. They are: P.J. Heck - 156 Gelston; Val Hanson - 204 Bruske; Karen Tottis - 113 Newberry; and Nancy Sylvester - 158 Nisbet.

The paddleball tournament

which started before Christmas will resume tomorrow, Wednesday, January 14. Participants will be contacted.

Future winter activities for the women include a ping pong tournament, a free throw contest and possibly a swim meet scheduled some time in February or March. If there are any questions contact P.J. Heck, 156 Gelston.



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## K-zoo

by Connie Church

The Scot J.V. basketball team started their league play out right as they rolled over the Kalamazoo Hornets, 80-73, Saturday afternoon on Alma's court.

Alma jumped to an early lead when Jamie Knapp hit four out of five baskets in the first five minutes of play. Good board control by the Scots, combined with poor shooting by the K-Zoo team, led Alma to a commanding 18-11 lead midway through the first half.

Kalamazoo surged briefly to close the gap 24-22 with five minutes remaining on the clock until halftime. However, Freshman Mitch Coffman, playing an excellent floor game, aided by many assists from teammate Mark Bennett, kept the Scots in control of the Hornets. Intermission found Alma in a decisive 41-35 lead; Knapp and Coffman both in double figure scoring with 14 apiece.

The second half brought a new K-Zoo team on the court. They began hitting and within 5 minutes the 6-point Scot lead was narrowed down to a slim one point. Kalamazoo continued hitting, and this together with a suddenly weak Alma defense enabled the Hornets to take over the lead, 49-52 with 14 minutes left on the clock.

Once again, Coffman was the drive for the team. He scored two quick baskets and then for the next several minutes the lead changed hands many times as the two teams traded baskets. However, Coach Mike Sweeny called a time-out, and when the Scots took the court, they slowly but surely took away any hope the Hornets had for a victory.

Coffman led Alma, and everyone, with 29 points and 15 rebounds. When asked for a comment on his fine performance, Coffman said, "It felt good to be scoring, but I could never have done it without the excellent passes from my teammates."

Knapp, fighting the flu, was also very impressive both offensively and defensively, as he pumped in 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Mike Fox was a main man on the boards as he hauled in 13 rebounds - he also contributed 7 points. John Teeples, Thad Nowak and Rob McAndrew each added 6 points to the Scot's score. Kalamazoo had four men in double figures; Wilson had 18, Baker and Oemarr 16 apiece, and Benger 15.

Coach Sweeny was highly pleased with his team, and hopes for a repeated performance next Saturday when the Scots travel to Hope to take on the Flying Dutchmen.



John Decker

# New wrestling coach appointed

The appointment of John Decker as wrestling coach at Alma College has been announced by Dr. Charles A. Gray, director of athletics at Alma. Decker succeeds Jim Sikorski as Scot mat mentor.

Decker is a member of the Central Michigan University instructional staff and continues in his assignment there. A 1970 graduate of The Defiance (Ohio) College, he was a three-sport standout in football, wrestling and track. In his senior year on the gridiron, Decker was a small college all-American at defensive back.

The new grappling coach is no stranger to Alma College. During his four years of football at Defiance, Decker played four games against the Scot football squads of

1967-70.

Decker began his wrestling experience in high school where he was an all-state selection and had

a 35-4 record.

He received a master of arts degree in physical education from Central Michigan in 1974.

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