



"I thought it was time someone said something" - Salchert

by Karen Magnuson

A student's letter sent to Richard Anderson, director of Alma's Saga Food Service, has caused a lot of talk on campus. The letter which was addressed to Anderson was copied and sent to President Swanson.

Mark Salchert, who sent the letter, complained about the quality of Saga food.

"I knew that if I sent the letter to Dick Anderson that there was a good chance that nothing would happen. So I sent a carbon copy to President Swanson. I knew if I sent it to Swanson that something would be done," he said.

Salchert thought that the quality of Saga's food is good 60 to 70 percent of the time, but the service is bad "a good share of the time." Complaints in the letter included dirty silverware, dirty glasses, empty salad bowls, empty fruitbowls at breakfast, no milk and bad soda pop.

"There were a number of small things that bothered me. They all built up and I finally decided to have something done," he said. "I got sick and tired of people complaining about the food and the service but not doing anything about it. I thought it was time that someone said something."

According to Salchert, soon after the letter was sent he received a call from Sal Sanchez, of Saga Food Service. Sanchez said President Swanson would like to have a meeting with Salchert to discuss the complaints of the letter.

The next morning (Jan. 22)



Mark Salchert

Salchert was in President Swanson's office talking with Dick Anderson and President Swanson. "The meeting was very informal and open. There were no hard feelings. Dick Anderson was a little jumpy, but very cooperative," he said.

Salchert said that several of his complaints were discussed during the meeting. He said he brought a dirty knife to the meeting as evidence for his complaint about dirty silverware. "Dr. Swanson seemed surprised that I brought a dirty knife to the meeting, and Dick Anderson started to explain that it was a consequence of the dishwashers being broken down for the past few weeks. But I told him that I've been seeing the dirty silverware since last

September," he said.

The meeting concluded with Swanson's recommendation that Salchert report to Dick Anderson at least once a week about any progress on his suggested changes and to offer any other complaints. "I will be working together with Dick Anderson until the service is what it should be," said Salchert.

Anderson said he would talk to his head waiters and employees about improving the service, according to Salchert. He also recommended that Salchert get involved with the Food Service Committee.

"I'm going to get involved with the Food Service committee as much as I can," Salchert said. "President Swanson said it would be a personal favor if I would bring up the quality of the food at the next committee meeting."

"You know, I was uptight before that meeting with President Swanson. I didn't know what would happen. But I'm glad things turned out this way. I hope the students will be behind me now so we can improve the food service," he said.

"I think [there] will be a big change in the service now. But whether or not it will stay that way its hard to say," he added.

Dick Anderson of Saga Food Service said he was not aware of the problems that Salchert stated. "If the Food Service Committee had been aware of his complaints they probably would have been able to solve 90 percent of them," he said.

"A lot of students approach me in the commons with their problems and I can take care of them on cont. on page 2

Bi-cent. film series to start

The film schedule is as follows:

by Joyce Mahan

The Humanities Division, Audio-Visual Department, and Monteith Library have combined their resources to present a Bicentennial Film Series to help the campus and the community celebrate the 200th birthday of the United States.

Monteith Library will have a special collection of books, which go with the movies, in a separate section of the library.

Dr. Gunda Kaiser, chairperson of the Humanities Division, indicated a desire for everyone interested to attend the free films.

The film series will begin on Tuesday, January 27, 1976 at 7:15 in AC 109 with two films on the American Revolution, "The Cause of Liberty" and "The Impossible War."

Both of these films are based on the actual correspondence between Henry Laurens, a South Carolina patriot who later became the President of the First Continental Congress, and his son, John a student in London who came home to serve as an officer in the Continental Army.

The five part series "America: A Personal History of the United States," by Alistair Cooke, will be shown February 10- March 16.

Other films planned deal with such areas as the American Indian, American folk art, slavery and the events leading to the Civil War, Williamsburg Virginia, and Colonial archaeology.

The Cause of Liberty and "The impossible War"

Tuesday February 3

"Colonial Naturalist"

Re-enacts the story of Mark Catesby, English naturalist and artist who visited the American colonies in the 18th century. Filmed in Williamsburg, with period music and Virginia animal and plant life.

"The American Indian Speaks" Examines the history, current conditions and problems of the North American Indian. Focus on the Muskogee Creek, the Nasqualli Tribes, and the Rosebud Sioux.

Tuesday February 10

"America: A Personal History of the U.S." By Alistair Cooke

"The New Found Land"

Explains how the white man came to North America and what he was seeking.

Tuesday February 17

"Making of a Revolution"

Study of events that led to national independence. Provides insight into personalities, views, roles, and achievements of founding fathers.

Tuesday February 24

"A Fireball in the Night"

Slavery and events leading to the Civil War. Sums up conflicts which are still mostly unresolved.

Tuesday March 9

"The Huddled Masses"

Photographs and drawings reveal

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Academic Standards committee establishes temporary admissions holding

by Scot Covert

If we're to believe administration enrollment projections, next year's freshman class should be one of the largest ever here at Alma. According to Dr. Ronald Kapp, Provost, and Steve Bushouse of Admissions, applications for entrance are up to 369 as of December 30, an increase of 60 per cent over the same time last year. These figures were revealed at last Monday night's faculty meeting, and the expansion has initiated change, and a possible problem:

-Next year's target number of total students has had to be enlarged for budget purposes.

-Academic Standards Committee, chaired by Dr. Joe Sutfin, has decided to change admissions procedures by the initiation of a "hold" pool for applicants meeting only one of the college's two acceptance requirements.

-Housing shortages will face Alma's administration once again, especially if Wright Hall is to remain closed, or is torn down.

These issues confronted faculty and administrators both as Steve Bushouse presented new enrollment projections for the '76-'77 school year, after admissions office received 369 applications for admission compared to 231 the same time last year. Carrying out three different statistical projections, predicted sizes for fall's freshman enrollment ranged from 352 to 608. The figure settled

on for budget purposes is now 410, which would be a 17 per cent increase in frosh enrollment over this year. The new total enrollment target figure is 1,131, increased over an October projection of 1,092.

The increase in applications for next year also prompted the Academic Standards Committee to adopt new admissions procedure, which began last Tuesday. Dr. Joe Sutfin, chairman of the ASC presented a three point policy change:

-To reduce admission by "exception" to a minimum. "Exceptions" are students who meet none of the two out of three acceptance criteria: a 2.75 high school GPA, a 22 ACT or 1000 SAT score. According to Bushouse, exceptions have traditionally numbered about 10 per cent of each class; mostly foreign students who have no comparable United States GPA, nor were able to take either admission test.

-To establish a "hold" pool of applicants who meet only one requirement for acceptance. Students who do meet both criteria are automatically accepted. In addition, the Admissions office, as in the past, will present cases to the ASC of those thought to be outstanding in one of the two criteria for acceptance.

-The policy changes outlined above will be reviewed for effectiveness in one month's time (Feb. 14) by the ASC.

Sutfin described the changes as a "necessity", because of "the reality of budget and the reality of

housing."

In the past, Admissions had used a cutoff date around March for applications, instead of the "hold" cont. on pg. 7

by Bob Schultz

The Student Budget and Finance committee has finalized the budget figures for student organizations receiving monies from the student tax for the 1976-1977 school year. The committee, which has been meeting since October, presented the 1976-1977 budget to the Student Council last Wednesday night. The council approved the SBFC recommendation of \$55,693.81 for

1976-1977. The final step for finalizing this budget figure is the student election on February 5.

According to Jim Waske, Vice-President of Student Council and chairperson of SBFC, the projected enrollment which he was told to base the student budget on is estimated at 1,090. This figure was supplied to Waske by Dr. Stephan Meyer, Vice-President for Financial Affairs. According to Waske, the college will base its budget on the same figure. Next cont. pg. 5



Willie Dawkins and his family are shown here receiving the game ball from Coach Klink as a momento of his thousandth point scored in his college basketball career. Pic by Keller

NEWS IN BRIEF

New gun legislation to be signed

Legislation ordering mandatory, two-year prison terms for persons carrying guns while committing felonies in Michigan was approved Thursday by the state Senate. About 60 per cent of persons convicted of felonies involving firearms in Michigan receive probation or suspended sentences, according to William Cahalan, prosecutor for Wayne County.

The bill passed by a vote of 28-7 and Gov. William Miliken, who has supported it, is expected to sign the measure this week.

Ford to be in Michigan

President Ford and Vice-President Rockefeller will be in Dearborn Jan. 30 and 31 to speak at a Midwest Republican Leadership Conference.

Ford's VP choices

Elliot Richardson, the future Commerce Secretary and Senators Edward Brooke, Howard Baker and William Brock are four of the leading contenders for the 1976 vice-presidential ticket according to President Gerald Ford in an interview with New Hampshire reporters Thursday. He emphasized, however, that he was considering a long list of possibilities but was reluctant to put forth any other names.

Film series to focus on the past

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European conditions which sent thousands to America. Describes processing at Ellis Island and contrasts of immigrants plight and tycoons who became rich at their expense.

Tuesday March 16
"The More Abundant Life"

Summary of our nation's present status and prospects for future. Contrasts the American Dream with reality of life in the U.S.A. pot-pourri of impressions.

Tuesday March 23
"Williamsburg Sampler"

The viewer visits formal gardens, studies the architecture and enjoys the furnishings and furniture of this historically restored landmark.

"Doorway To the Past"
An introduction to Colonial archaeology, artifacts enable reconstruction of early American colonial life.

Tuesday March 30
"The Heritage"

A brief historical overview of the westward movement of the North American farmers, photographs of old Sturbridge Village, Living History Farms and History Park. Scenes of life in rural America in the 17 and 1800's before the advent of technology.

"American Folk Art"

Smithsonian's collection of 18th and 19th century American folk art. Traces development, discusses themes and techniques and includes samples of carousel figures, weather vanes, needle work, portraits, etc.

Tuesday April 6
"The Legend of Jimmy Blue Eyes"

The song and poem converts Faust to folklore, underlining the Black contributions to U.S. and world music. Musician makes pact with devil for one last triumph.

"To Hear Your Banjo Play"
Pete Seeger presides over picnic

and square dance; historical survey and demonstration of evolution of folk music.

"Susan B. Anthony"
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**Saga reacts
to letter**

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the spot. Student's problems do not upset me, I am glad for the feedback but is better if they go through the committee. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings," he said.

Anderson said that many students would like to change the menu. He explained that the menu is specifically made up by dieticians in California so it has a balance of variety and nutrition. If the menu was changed it might cause an imbalance.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

SAGA FOOD MENU

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

10:30 am. Ballet Class, Dance Studio
 7:00 Alumnus of the Month: Dr. Richard Douglass, "68, "Alternatives to Medicine." Dow 100
 7:00 Zeta Sinma Smoker
 7:00 Women's Basketball: Kalamazoo
 7:15 Bicentennial Film: The American Revolution: The Cause of Liberty, The Impossible War AC 109
 10:00 U.B. Nightclub

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

3:00 Long Range Planning Symposium AC1T
 7:00 Sigma Beta Smoker
 7:30 Swimming: Calvin-there
 7:30 Wrestling: Olivet-here
 8:00 Synchronized Swim Show-P.E. Center
 8:30 Mandatory meeting, Sorority rushees-Dow 100
 9:30 U.B.: Clark Gable, Mutiny on the Bounty -Dow

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

10:-0 am. Ballet Class, Dance Studio
 7:00 Theta Chi Smoker
 8:00 Synchronized Swim Show-P.E. Center
 10:00 U.B. Nightclub-Dow

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Spring Term Registration Ends
 7:00 Women's Basketball: Adrian-here
 6:45 &
 9:00 Dow Flick: A Touch of Class

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

10:00 am. Fraternity Runouts-P.E. Center
 2:00 Swimming: Kalamazoo-there
 2:00 Wrestling: Hope-here
 8:00 Varsity Basketball: Albion-there
 8:00 Dow Flick: A Touch of Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Ski Association Skiing at Schuss
 11:00 am. Worship Service - Chapel
 7:00 Bible Study-Bruske Lounge
 8:00 Dow Flick: A Touch of Class
 8:00 Student Council meeting AC 113

WEDNESDAY-2 *4-76: Breakfast-french waffles, scrambled eggs, Lunch- potato salad, marinated garden salad, b.b.q. beef sandwich on bun, cheese lasagne, mixed fruit salad, cowboy cookies, fresh fruit, strawberry crunch, chocolate pudding-Dinner-relish plate, banana-nut salad, grilled chopped steak, knockwurst w/sauerkraut, turkey delicacy, spice cake, purple plums, yogurt.
 THURSDAY-1-29-76: Breakfast-French Toast, Soft boiled eggs-Lunch-Cole Slaw, Relish Plate, Hamburgers, Baked Macaroni & Cheese, Cottage cheese & gelatin cold plate, pineapple nut cookies, pear slices, chocolate fudge pudding-Dinner-Cottage cheese Italian gr. bean salad, deviled egg halves, scallapini w/buttered noodles (Veal), spaghetti, oven broiled fish, goopy board.
 FRIDAY-1-30-76: Breakfast-

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OUR PHILOSOPHY

Salchert's Saga rap should have gone through system

Mark Salchert's actions of last week are strangely paradoxical. Salchert has shown everyone on this campus that it is possible to make their opinions known and that it is possible to get involved. But while doing this, Salchert has shown us the worst way to achieve change on an open campus.

If every student sent his frustrations to the top, then the northwestern corner of Reid Knox would become a mere complaint center. It is for that very reason that we have several committees on campus which serve to link the clientele and the service. The Library Input Board, the Food Service Committee, the Health Service Liaison Committee and the Student Council all serve the purpose of resolving student complaints and finding answers to problems.

These are not all the committees which presently serve this function, and neither are all the possible committees which could be formed to increase communication between colleges services and students exist. Specifically we are thinking about a physical plant liason committee to help answer questions about heating, snow removal and parking.

It is the duties of the heads of these committees to make their specific services known. The meeting times of the committees could also be better publicized.

While Salchert's actions reveal the direct accessibility of the president's office to the student, Salchert's actions simultaneously reveal his lack of understanding of the Alma system.

We applaud his motives but his attempt at problem-solving was crude.

Parking problem solution is simple: Walk to Grant St. lot

"You almost hate to leave...when you come back your space will be gone..."
"There are no parking spaces to be found..."
"It's ridiculous to park down by the Theta Chi house..."

It is? Have the students of Alma grown so lazy that they can't even walk across campus to park a car? Maybe the college should be expected to provide a shuttle-service to the AC.

All the clamor about the lack of parking is due to one thing: laziness. The majority of Alma students spend four years without the benefit of Detroit's 'gift' to modern civilization. It seems as if as soon as one brings a car to campus his stamina goes down 150%.

Once students get over being lazy, the parking 'problem' will be solved. The Grant Street lot is no further than a five-minute walk from any point on campus. With some planning and perhaps subtle institutional changes (such as restricted upperclass parking areas near the dorms or the establishment of a priority system) the parking solution could be given permanence.

Another thing which should be seriously considered about winter parking is the posting of regular plowing hours. The threat of having one's car towed away if parked in a lot during a specified plowing time could be sufficient incentive for cooperation.

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LETTERS

your feedback is welcome

Writer claims IFC muffs winter rush

Dear Editor,

Maybe you can develop this into some kind of a story. But that is up to you and your staff. I am an upperclass fraternity member who has received a substantial number of complaints directed at IFC.

First it seems that the freshmen this year were not made fully aware of when to sign the rush list. Surely the students are responsible for obtaining this information, but I believe IFC could have put forth more effort. Why couldn't they have run off some-thing to put on cafeteria tables

or made posters for instance?

Secondly, why is the rush list open only when it is? One complainant in particular had only 20 minutes during the entire 8 hours to sign up. His 20 minutes went by before he realized he had no more time. Couldn't the rush list be opened, even on an experimental basis, during a morning and/or evening in addition to the afternoon?

Finally, why didn't IFC publish for the rushees the booklet as has been the past practice of IFC? Some of those who signed don't know most of the rules.

Do not mistake my intentions. I

offer this criticism in a constructive manner. An explanation is not important --- I would rather see IFC use the time to work out these problems for future rushes.

Sincerely
(name withheld upon request)

Art prof exchange

The Art Departments of Alma College and Central Michigan University (C.M.U.) are participating in an "instructor exchange" during term 190 (winter term). Central Michigan University is sending two instructors to conduct classes with Alma College students. In return, interested students at C.M.U. are taking art courses from an Alma College professor.

Mr. Edward Jacomo, instructor of art at Alma College, is teaching Art Education this term at Central Michigan University. Two professors of art from C.M.U., Mr. Jay Shurtliff, and his associate, Mr. Lawrence Philp, are directing Alma College students enrolled in Art 323 (ceramics) and Art 324 (drawing), respectively. The three instructors are conducting these classes as part of their regular course load.

According to Mr. Kest Kirk, Alma College Art Department chairman, the purpose of this exchange is to obtain different viewpoints on certain aspects of art, specifically art education, ceramics, and drawing.

UB positions open

Job applications for the 1976-1977 Union Board staff are still being accepted for the following positions: President (at least one year experience on UB staff necessary), Major-Events Chairperson, Nightclub and Concert Manager, Technical Supervisor, and Publicity Director. Information on each job can be obtained at the Union Board Office in Tyler Center (ext. 354). Applications are on the office door, always available. The deadline for applying is Friday, February 6th. Interviews will be held the week of February 15-20th. All interested are encouraged to apply.

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Proposed 1976-1977 Activities Budget

Ballots will be in four categories:

- *Maintain - 51% in this column means the item has passed.
- *Increase - 51% in this column means that the organization should receive a significant increase in their budget.
- *Decrease - 51% in this column means that the organization should receive a significant decrease in their budget.
- *Delete - No funds should be allotted.

	Proposed Budget	Increase from 75 - 76	% of budget	Approximate tax per Student
African Fellow	\$1,412.00	0	2.5%	\$1.28
ALMANIAN	\$13,325.00	\$1,096.00	24.0%	\$12.26
FACEFINDER	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 318.00	4.0%	\$ 2.04
SCOTSMAN	\$14,106.81	\$1,978.81	25.3%	\$12.93
Student Council	\$ 2,100.00	0	3.7%	\$.96
Union Board	\$22,450.00	\$ 951.00	40.5%	\$20.70
Totals	\$55,693.81	\$4,343.81	100.0%	\$51.10

Letter attacks Saga service

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"Our goal is trying to cater to the majority of food preferences without forgetting our concern with the minority," Anderson added.

According to Anderson, the Food Service is told by the college what to do. "If the college wants a 21 meal program, we give a 21 meal program. There is a contract negotiated between my superiors and the college, he said.

"College is not home. The students who expect to have a hostess greet them at the door, while they sit down with only a

few people and pass the plates around," he continues. "We cannot take the place of home. But we try to give the students a balanced and nutritional diet. We also try to have new items that students may have never gotten at home."

Jeanne Gibson, Head of the Food Service Committee, said she was aware that Salchert was going to have a meeting with President Swanson. "Mark stopped in to see me before he went to the meeting to let me know what he was going to do. I saw him later at lunch and he told me what he thought were specific problems," she said.

Mrs. Gibson said she thought some of the problems could be taken care of and that Dick Anderson will primarily be checking with his head waiter and staff to correct services.

Student Council votes

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After nearly 45 minutes of debate, Council was called upon to vote on the entire budget for all of the organizations. If a "yes" majority was reached, plans should be made for the February majority was reached, plans could be made for the February student vote. If a "no" (disapproval) vote was cast, the budget would go back to SBFC for re-drafting. A roll-call vote was cast; the final vote was ten approved, three disapproved, and one abstained. The final budget of \$55,693.81 will go before the students on February 5.

"The Food Service Committee is a source of communication between the student body and the food service," said Ms. Gibson. "The students should pay more attention to the minutes of the meetings. They are typed and usually placed on tables in the commons, but no one seems interested enough to read them." Food Service Committee meeting will be held sometime next week, but an official date is not yet known. The food service representatives will post the date of the meeting in forms so students will be able to attend.

Increased enrollment may cause problems

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pool innovation. Dr. Kapp spoke in support of the changes: "In theory, the 'hold' pool will be better than having some cutoff date in the spring for acceptance. We want to avoid rejecting students eligible for automatic acceptance after admitting too many of those who meet only one of the acceptance criteria."

In discussion, Dr. Slater expressed concern that the procedural changes should not, and could not violate the admissions requirements as verbalized in the college catalogue. Dr. Kapp agreed that implementation of the plan could be touchy in that respect, but pointed out that there was no violation in fact. "We do not want to go

out of this meeting with the news that Alma College is raising its admission requirements," added Kapp. "Rather, we want to point out that we have only decided on a different way to handle our applicants using the same admissions criteria we've been using all along."

Last fall's housing crunch that resulted in temporary pandemonium in the dorms and occupancy of Wright Hall by freshman women also elicited faculty concern.

According to Dr. Kapp, "Last year, projections for this year's enrollment were too conservative for a number of reasons, and actual enrollment was higher than expected."

Yet Steve Bushouse said that the Admissions Office had attempted to warn the rest of the administration that housing the freshman class could be trouble. "I don't know what happened to those memos we sent over there," stated Bushouse. "But this year, everybody's listening to us." Jeff Southern, Assistant to the Provost for Student Affairs, was unavailable this week for comment.

Without wanting to commit himself, Bushouse said he expected more people would be allowed to move off campus next year, and felt the return of small housing units was not an impossibility.

ACCD plans

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students. "The program will be a guide to the student as the career preparation advisor helps the student analyze his own characteristics, and various work roles he may be interested in. The advisor will keep a record of the student's progress toward these goals," he said.

"The four-year program is to help students to arrive at various career alternatives related to college preparations," he added.

There will also be four Career Days each year to expose students to opportunities. One of the Career Days will be held on February 25. Nine very influential, important, business persons will be visiting Alma campus. They will speak about fields such as finance, accounting, manufacturing, sales and marketing, research and development and engineering. A conference will be held in the afternoon for the faculty and the businessmen. A question and answer open panel will be presented to the campus in the evening.

The whole program is important for students to understand themselves so they can make educated choices for job planning and decision making," Behring said.

"The Career Preparation Program strengthens and supports the traditional characteristics of a liberal arts education. A liberal arts college can best develop expanded career options while at the same time enrich students' lives," he concluded.

Admission applications up 60% this year

by Mary Ellen Liske

The number of admission applications are up 59% over last year according to Steve Bushouse, Director of Admissions. Bushouse believes that there are several factors contributing to this rise in applications.

Among the reasons for the increase have given: Several successful mass mailings to incoming Freshmen in the past few months and the addition of two fall admissions counselors. "Also, the coaches, band and music directors, and other faculty members have been effective in gaining added visibility for Alma College," said Bushouse.

The initiation of a regional consultant program involving 250 alumni and parents, has been another reason for the surge in applications.

The Admissions Office plans to admit 450 new students for next fall, 40 transfer students and 410 freshmen. Applicants who meet Alma's standards of admission have been accepted.

To be admitted to Alma, one must be in the upper 50% of his graduating class, have a 2.75 grade point average, and/or an ACT composite of 22 and/or 1000 combined in the SAT.

Applicants who do not meet the above criteria but are close will have their applications reviewed by the Academic Standards Committee after his 7th semester



Steven Bushouse

grades have been received by the college.

As of now, it is hard to say what the effect of this increase will be on the present Alma students. It could mean a change in housing policy, a change in staff or in financial aids. But for now, all that can be said is this increase is amazing.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

One gun doesn't stop show

Ted Nugent was in the middle of performing "Motorcity Madness" at Spokane Coliseum when a person in the audience pushed to the foot of the stage with a loaded .44 Magnum. Nugent's backup band quickly retreated behind the amps, but Nugent kept right on playing, not noticing what was going on. "It really didn't sink home," he said later. Others in the audience quickly disarmed the man and security people hustled him away. The back-up band was back before the end of the song.

EJ's lyricist solos

Elton John's lyricist, Bernie Taupin, is at work on his own solo album. Taupin, who has written many memorable songs, among the best of which are "Sixty Years On", "Goodbye Norma Jean", and "Your Song", has lately taken to turning out lyrics blasted by critic after critic.

Springsteen, Dylan lead list

Rolling Stone magazine has named Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan "Artists of the Year". Earth, Wind, and Fire were named "R & B Artists of the Year", and the Country Artist of the Year was Willie Nelson.

Will '76 be another dull '75 on vinyl?

by Tim Wright

The past year was a strange but exciting year for music. Unexpected styles emerged during the year, not the least of which was "Disco" music. As discoteques made a huge comeback the AM airwaves were flooded with a wide range of artists, from K.C. and the Sunshine Band to Frankie Valli, all trying to produce the hot-selling funk-disco sound. Successes were many, but really only to those who bought 45 RPM records. But beyond singles, the sound of 1975 brought only criticism. To those turned off by AM programming, the disco-flavor of so many songs made them all sound the same. As one listener put it, "The radio has never sounded so dull, except maybe for the Bubblegum craze of the late '60's."

Regardless of feelings, the "disco sound" was big in 1975, and so were several stars at their peaks. To name a few: Kiss, Linda Ronstadt, The Eagles, Led Zeppelin, and Elton John (despite his inferior work). These are the performers the public demanded and they of course had big years because of that demand.

Last year also saw the breakthrough of several new names and some genuine excitement about many of those new faces. This excitement is bound to carry over into the new year. Such artists as Peter Frampton, Gary Wright, Ace, The New Fleetwood Mac, The Outlaws, The Tubes, and Bruce Springsteen have started to enjoy the success which surely will continue.

What exactly will 1976 bring? It's a little hard to tell, but some things look very likely. First, disco music will unfortunately continue, at least halfway through the year, until the listening public becomes bored. Second, new faces will continue to appear as the public searches for new musical heroes. Other fairly new performers will hit it big in 1976 who had initial success in 1975. On the other hand, stars of the past will continue to decline, as their work becomes more and more stale.

You can expect good albums later in the year from Peter Frampton, Dan Fogelberg, Jefferson Starship, Linda Ronstadt, and hope for a new Moody Blues album DAYS OF FUTURE PASSED, PART II, reportedly in the works.

You can expect albums early in the year from Elton John, The Eagles, Bruce Springsteen, Fleetwood Mac, Jackson Browne, Led Zeppelin, Kiki Dee, Steely Dan, James Taylor, The Sweet, and Aerosmith. All should be very good, especially if Elton John can get rid of Bernie Taupin. I still think that "E.J." has at least one really good album left, but it's not going to happen unless he gets some lyrics to work with.

Questionables include John Denver; the ex-Beatles--John, Paul, Ringo, and George; The Beach Boys; Yes, and even Kiss. Denver raises questions because of his reluctance to use the electric guitar. He was much better in his "Rocky Mountain High" days, when his material sounded a little distinctive. None of the Beatles has individually produced anything of any real merit (except for McCartney's BAND ON THE RUN, now two years old), and there are no indications that anything substantial will come out in 1976.

The Beach Boys are finally releasing a new studio album this year, but the question lies in their popularity. Do people want to hear 1970's Beach Boys' music, or is it the 1960's that made them what they are?

Yes is in a strange position. Composed of four of the finest individual musicians on their individual instruments, and formerly one of the best bands in the world, the group has been recently plagued with a lack of a sense of direction.

Finally, Kiss may now be one of the top heavy-metal bands, but staying there requires a certain amount of innovation, or the same three or four chords begin to sound like the same three or four chords. I seriously doubt if Kiss is willing or able to adapt. If they don't, somebody new will be the "hottest band in the land."

Keep an ear out for some new names: Henry Gross, Angel, The Dudes, Gary Stewart, Patti Smith, The Outlaws, Michael Stanley, and Eric Carmen. This is by no means a complete list, but I have a feeling that by the end of the year, these performers will have made some airwaves.

Let's all hope that 1976 is as exciting as it promises to be, at least musically.



Dan Fogelberg

EDITORS NOTE: Ford Auditorium was the setting for Dan Fogelberg's January 18th concert in Detroit. This is the second national tour Fogelberg has made as a solo artist, and his first appearance in Detroit. With three highly acclaimed country rock albums under his belt, Fogelberg entered the self-proclaimed soul music capital of the world, and showed the capacity crowd that this country boy had some soul of his own.

Bob Bageris, head promoter for Bamboo Productions was worried. "We advertized this concert two weeks ago, and here it is the 18th and we still haven't sold out". Bageris, a man in his mid-twenties, has worked with Bamboo for several years and still gets "the butterflies" before one of his clients' concerts.

"You always worry about bringing this type of talent into the Detroit area. I mean it's not the typical type of music people listen to around here."

However, Bageris' fears were short-lived as hundreds of determined concert goers attacked Ford Auditorium in a last minute scramble for tickets.

"Unique is the best way, perhaps, to describe Fogelberg's voice"

Fogelberg's back-up band "Fools Gold", opened the show with a short 30 minute set. The members of "Fools Gold" who are incidently receiving their big promotion push from Glenn Frey of the Eagles, quickly displayed their capabilities to the audience. However "Fool's Gold" suffered

Review

Dan Fogelberg In Concert

by Mark T. Harasim
ALMANIAN Feature Editor

the same fate as most front bands—that being impatience of their audience for the main attraction.

When the 6 foot, 5 inch Fogelberg took the stage, the audience grew pensive, and anxiously awaited his lyrical message. Fogelberg proceeded to run through a wide and varied assortment of acoustical numbers stopping momentarily to speak to the crowd, or take a hit of Heinekin beer.

"Fogelberg proved to be a master of both the piano and the guitar as he switched to each instrument intermittenly"

As the set continued, it became evident that this was not the typical concert crowd that was familiar with one or two of Fogelberg's compositions. It appeared to be more of a small cult of loyal devotees. With each song Fogelberg began, applause would erupt from the audience expressing their familiarity and approval. Even songs from Fogelberg's first LP, "Home Free" were recognized. Although this is possibly Fogelberg's best work, it is certainly his most obscure.

Songs such as "To the Morning", "Stars", "Wysteria", "Song From Half Mountain", "Crow", "Old Tennessee" and "The Last Nail" were included in his first solo acoustical set. Fogelberg proved to be a master of both the guitar and piano, switching to each intermittenly.

Most impressive, though are Fogelberg's lyrics. He sings of lost or unrequited love in a manner that everyone can relate with. Unique is the best way

perhaps, to describe Fogelberg's voice which has an airy, yet smooth, gentle quality to it, that can project to a perfect falsetto range at anytime.

The audience was left spell-bound as Fogelberg exorcised himself for the ten minute intermission between sets. So spellbound, in fact, Fogelberg had a hard time arousing the crowd from their stupor. "Fools Gold" had joined Fogelberg on stage for what he called "a little bluegrass music."

Slowly but surely, a wildness began to sweep through the crowd. Hand clapping, foot stomping, and a occasional war-whoop was heard piercing through the auditorium.

Songs such as "Morning Sky", "Anyway, I Love You", "Below the Surface", "Next Time", "Comes and Goes", and "Part of the Plan" brought the audience to their feet. Through out much of the set, Fogelberg played lead guitar and displayed his quick picking talents and smooth octave runs.

The crowd called the group back for a double encore and Fogelberg eagerly complied with "These Days" and "As The Raven Flies". Fogelberg closed the show with "Theres a Place in the World For a Gambler". It was the perfect song, as Fogelberg had the whole crowd singing it with him. A tremendous roar went up as Fogelberg graciously accepted the applause and stood alone on the stage momentarily staring at the audience as if he had something to say. Instead, he nodded to the crowd, and made his exit offstage.

Outside, the Citizens Bank temperature sign read -14 degrees. But a capacity crowd, inspired by the warmth of a man, walked out of Ford Auditorium, undaunted by the cold.



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SPORTS

Ferris swims by Alma at a first dual meet of season

by Tim Sutherland

The Alma Swim Team started off the dual meet portion of their schedule last week by losing to Ferris State 59-54 Wednesday.

Alma was a definite underdog in their meet against Ferris, but with an "excellent first meet performance," according to Coach Roger Filip, came within one event - the last - of winning the meet. It was the eighth meet

of the year for the experienced Ferris swimmers.

The Scots had many fine individual performances led by Chuck Taylor who set a school record in the 200 yard breaststroke. In the 200 yard breast stroke with a time of 2:33.2, but still finished only second.

First place finishes for Alma included Kevin Cuny in the 1000 yard freestyle; Al Nicolette in the 50 yard freestyle; Brian Stork and

Jim Davis finishing 1-2 in the meter diving, with reverse order in the 3 meter diving; and finally Mike Shovan with a first in the 500 yard freestyle.

Coach Filip was very pleased with his team's performance in their very first dual meet of the year especially considering that there were nine freshmen swimming in their first college meet ever.

Divers break record;

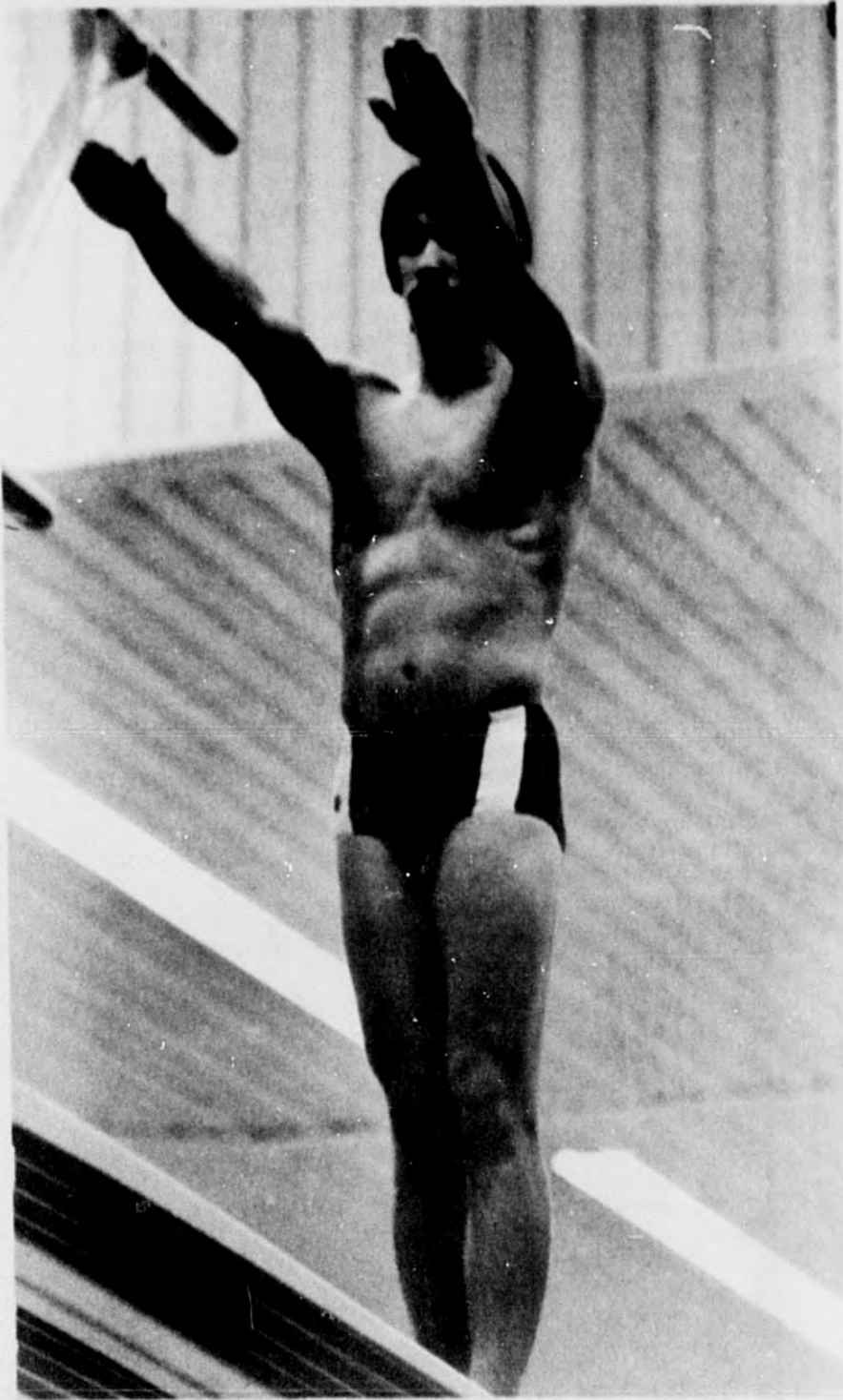
Adrian drowns

by Tim Sutherland

A diving record was broken twice by Alma divers at Saturday's swimming meet. Jim Davis who held the three meter diving record broke his own mark Saturday. But Davis' record smasher won't be the one recorded since Davis' co-diver Brian Stork broke Davis' original mark by 15 points.

Alma crushed a weak Adrian team 89-23, which was hurt by interim term which caused many of their swimmers to miss the meet. The Scots took firsts in all but one event, but were paced by a one-two-three finish in the breast stroke led by Chuck Taylor who again broke the record with a clocking of 2:32.8.

The Scots have one of their biggest meets of the year this Wednesday at Calvin and follow that up with a dual at Kalamazoo Saturday.



Brian Stork prepares his record-breaking dive made at Saturday's swim meet Pic by Huyck



Stork finishes the dive from the three meter board Pic by Huyck

Female cagers defeat Montcalm 56-35

by Val Hanson

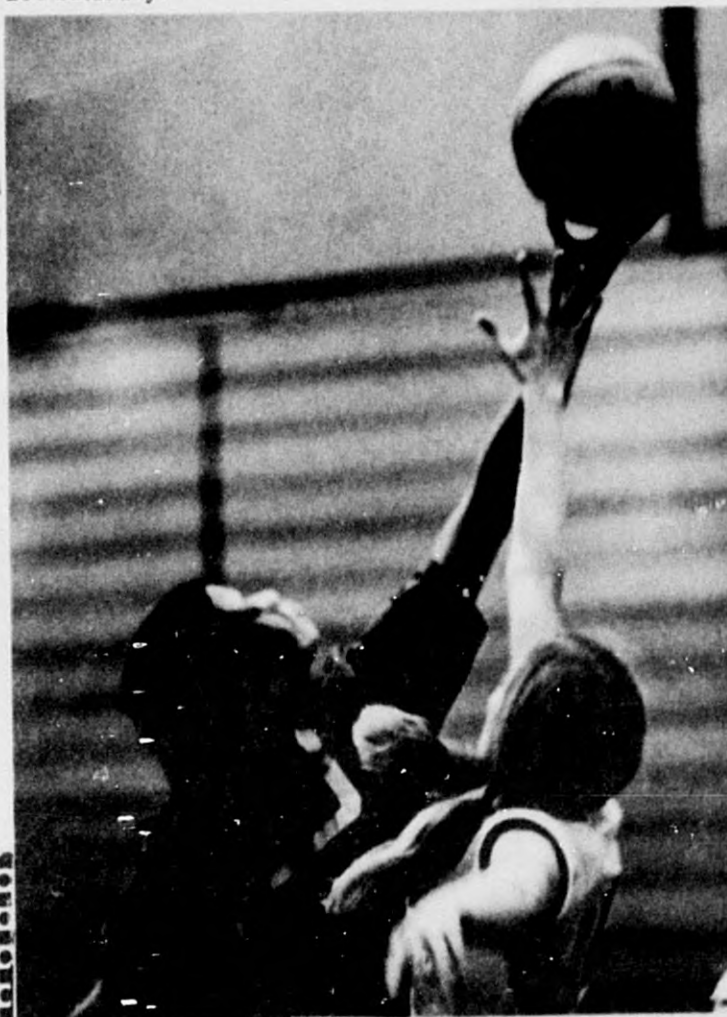
Tuesday night Alma's women cagers defeated Montcalm Community College 56-35. The victory was Alma's second over Montcalm after defeating them last Friday 73-27.

Alma jumped to a 10-2 lead early in the first period, with buckets by Welsh, Ponder, and Cunningham. Despite Montcalm's efforts to regain even standing, the Scot cagers continued to overwhelm Montcalm using even team work and distributed ballhandling.

The Scot's finished the first period with a 14 point lead,

30-16. The second half Alma completely dominated the board, Montcalm failed to penetrate the Scot defense. Welsh and Hameister held the Scot offense together-evenly distributing play action.

Alma finished the game with a 21 point margin, 56-35. Sharon Welsh was high scorer with 16 points. Veda Ponder was also in double figures with 12. Cunningham had 6, and Sylvester, Heck, Goff, and Kreiner each contributed 4 points. Mapes, Carpester, and Hameister added 2 each.



Veda Ponder lifts the ball from her opponent's reach in the Saginaw Valley Invitational last weekend. Pic by Moses

Lady Scots take second place in Saginaw Valley Invitational

Ponder, Welsh make all star team

by Val Hanson

This past weekend the Alma Scots traveled to Saginaw Valley to compete in their first tournament of the season. Four schools were entered in the tournament of action: Alma, Aquinas, Saginaw Valley, and Schoolcraft.

Friday night Alma played Aquinas and defeated them 59-57, in a very even battle. Alma pulled through the game, as the score changed hands, by using controlled playing and team work.

Veda Ponder was credited with

17 rebounds to help Alma's victory. Sharon Welsh was high scorer with 18. Ponder, Heck, and Kreiner tallied 8 points each.

Saturday evening Alma played and lost to Saginaw Valley, 66-40. Alma's offense and defense was hindered with repeated turnovers as Saginaw Valley handed the Scots their first season loss.

Once again Ponder pulled down 11 rebounds and was high scorer with 8 points. Sally Fetch and Sharon Welsh each added 7 points

and PJ Heck had 6. Alma's record is now 3-1.

Alma received a second place trophy for the tournament. Sharon Welsh and Veda Ponder were also given trophies for the tournament all-star team.

Alma has two home games this week. The Lady Scots play Tuesday versus Kalamazoo and Friday against Adrian. Both games begin at 7 pm.

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JVs win two in a row

by Connie Church

Wednesday night the Alma J.V. basketball team travelled to Adrian College where they squeezed by Adrian for a 83-81 victory. The Scots played exceptional "come back" ball, for early in the game they were down by 17 points. This continued through the first half, however, about mid-way through the last half, Alma began to close the gap and went on to defeat a disappointed Adrian team.

Three of Alma's players contributed their best efforts in the game Wednesday night. Jamie Knapp was the high scorer with his finest offensive game of the year, as he pumped in 36 points. Mark Bennett was next with 16 points. He was the playmaker of the game while also adding a solid defensive performance. Chuck Larkins was the rebound expert the second half as he hauled in 8. He also contributed 8 points to the Scot's score.

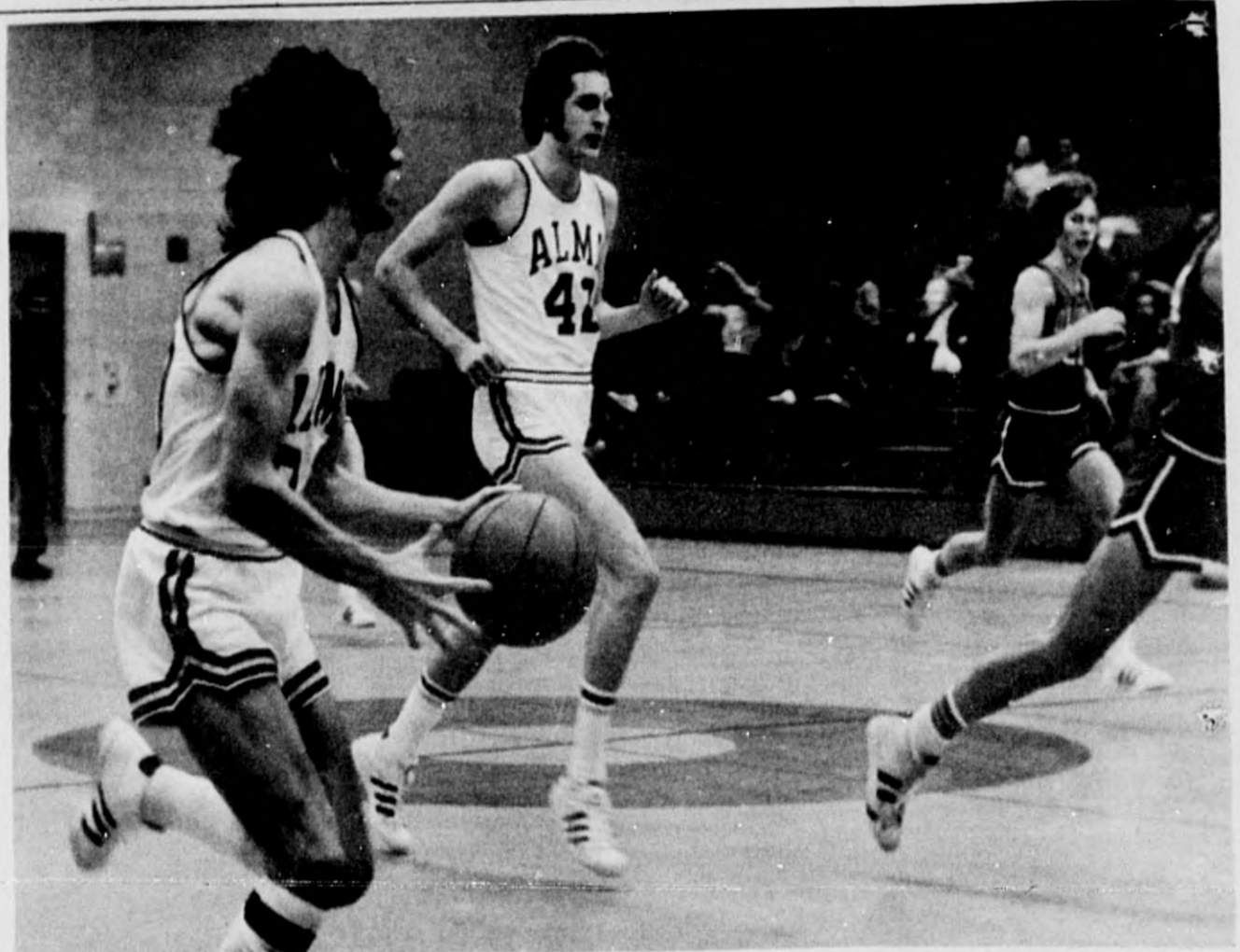
The Scot J.V. cagers boosted their league record to two wins and one loss, Saturday, when they walked over the Olivet Comets, 64-53.

The scoring stayed close for most of the first half. Jamie Knapp and Mitch Coffman played

outstanding offense, sharing the majority of the scoring. With four minutes until intermission the score was tied 26-26, however the Scots finished the half playing very strong defense as they held Olivet to 26 points while adding three field goals of their own. John Leeples was dynamic on the defensive boards against the tall Comet team.

Shortly after the second half, Olivet applied a full court press and with ten minutes left, they had narrowed the gap to 41-37. Jim Barbrett, replacing Mark Bennett when he twisted an ankle, stole the ball and went in for a quick lay-up. This was the turning point in the game, for after this, the Scots dominated the Comets.

Jamie Knapp was once again high point man for Alma with 22 points; 8 field goals and 6 free throws. Mitch Coffman was also in double figures at 19 points. He put in a superb effort defensively, as he held Jackson, Olivet's high point man, to only 19 points. Freshman Mike Fox played one of his best defensive games of the year, grabbing many rebounds and blocking several shots. He also contributed 8 points for the Scots. Leeples contributed five points, Barbrett and Bennett had four apiece.



Tim Mohre and George Herrington charge down the floor to help Alma to victory over Olivet. Pic by Huyck

Alma wins, Dawkins with 1,006

by Doug Davis

When Charles Hudson scored the first of his record 1,761 points for Alma College as a Scot cager, Willie Dawkins was only 12 years old. But Dawkins, star junior forward for Alma the past two seasons, joined Hudson as the second Scot to score 1,000 or more points in an Alma basketball career. Willie poured in 21 points to surpass the 1,000 point barrier in an 84-73 Alma victory over league foe Olivet College.

A second half splurge by Dawkins not only put him in the Scot record books but also put away Olivet. Dawkins missed on only 3 of 10 shots and scored 17 points

in the last 20 minutes of play. His strong performance, supported by a cast of versatile teammates, scaled the Comet's late mid way through the second half.

Aclose 38-35 Alma lead at half-time gradually grew to 10 points in the final half. Scot George Herrington popped in 10 points in the final half. His total of 14 points for the game was a career high for Herrington as a Scot.

Tim Mohre and Jim Davidson were not only important in the victory but also in Willie's record. son 10 points; but they also fed Dawkins assist after assist on the Alma's fast break. Willie rammed in 10 of his points on lay-ups.

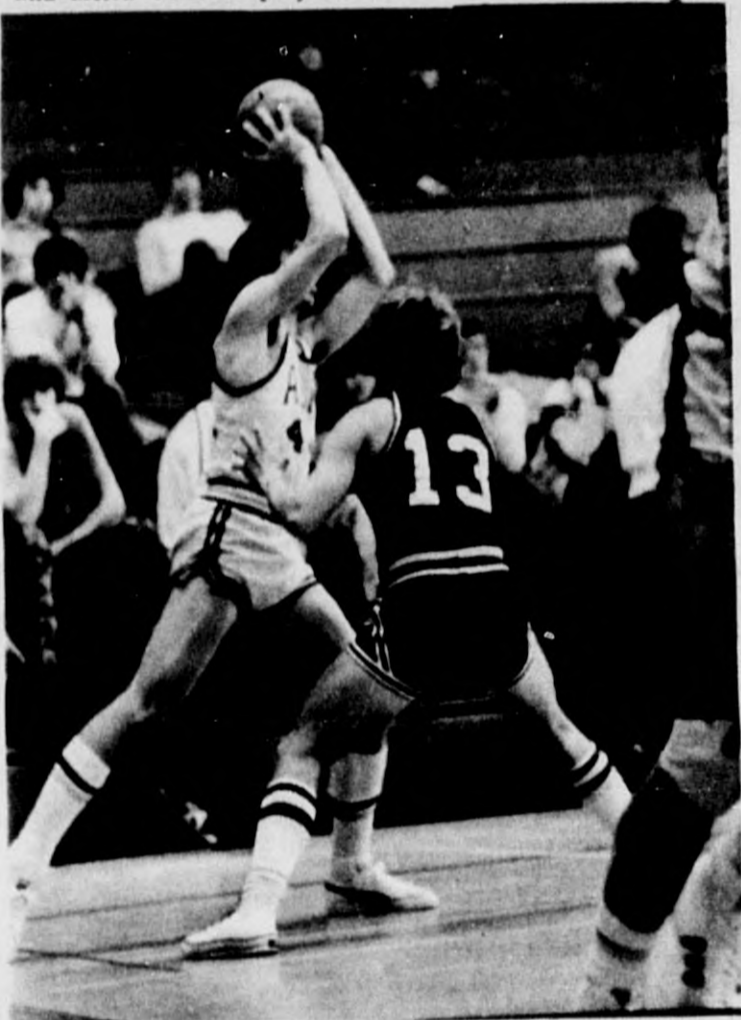
After scoring his 1,000th point on a free throw, Alma Athletic

Director, Dr. Charles Gray, announced the achievement to an Alma crowd of 1,500 fans. Willie's immediate family was recognized at mid-court to a standing ovation. Head basketball coach Bill Klink presented him with the game ball.

Just as important as his 21 points, Dawkins cleared 15 rebounds.

Alma is now 2-2 in the MIAA. Olivet has yet to win a game in the league. The Scots travel to Albion College Saturday for an 8 p.m. encounter with the Britons.

Dawkins finished with 1,006 points Saturday against Olivet. He needs to average 377 points this season and next to catch Hudson and his record. Willie has averaged 408.5 points per season in his first two years on the Alma court.



Bill Romsek searches the area for someplace to pass the ball in Saturday's game. Pic by Huyck

Adrian hands Alma defeat 81-67

Upstart Adrian college handed Alma College a 81-67 defeat in MIAA basketball action last Wednesday. The Bulldogs, picked to finish last in the conference this year under second year coach Tony Archibald.

The Bulldogs held Alma's Willie Dawkins to 13 points as Alma absorbed their second league loss, double figures, but the high scoring punch wasn't there. Bill Romsek hit for 12 points, and Tim Mohre had 10 points. Stu TenHoor led all Scot scorers with 16 points.

The rest of the Scot players accounted for just 16 points.

Adrian's Mark Thompson took game scoring honors with 22 points; 19 of them in the first half. Fred

Davis contributed 14 on the Bulldog's behalf. Doug Meyer and Dave Campbell both had 11 points for Adrian.

The game was similar to the Scot's earlier league loss to Kalamazoo. Alma got into team foul trouble again. Albion had twice as many free throw attempts as Alma, 30-15. Foul shots accounted for 21 of Adrian's points. The Scot's connected on 11 of 15 attempts.

Dawkins, who has now scored 1006 points for the Scots, tips one in for Alma. Pic by Huyck



Grapplers defeat Hillsdale

by Brad LaVictor

On Wednesday, January 21 the Alma Wrestling squad defeated an undermanned Hillsdale team. On that night there were only 5 matches wrestled with Alma winning two, losing two and drawing one. The match was won mainly on the strength of four forfeits which accounted for 24 of Alma's 38 points. Hillsdale ended with 8 points.

There wasn't a match wrestled until the 150 pound class. Dave Vibber, Mike Sutherland and Jim Persing all won by forfeit. Skip Quaderer then opened the wrestling with a pin at the 5:55 mark. Skip was ahead in the match 23 to 5 when he pinned his man. H thoroughly dominated the match in running his record to 11 and 0.

In the 158 class Tim Crosby gained a draw by receiving a riding time point that tied his match at 6 all. The tie moved Tim's record to a respectable 8-4-1.

Chuck Abraham followed at 167 with a win by forfeit. Apin by Scott Whitford at the 1:10 mark in the 177 class was the last hurrah for the Scot's squad. Scott had little trouble in this match in improving his record to 4 and 3.

The final two matches of the evening were both won by Hillsdale by decisions. Dennis Towers was defeated 10 to 6 at 190 and Gary Goetzinger was beaten 4 to 3 at heavyweight. The losses dropped

their records to 0 and 1 and 3 and 2 respectively. The win pushed Alma's record on the season to 3 and 2. The defeat was the first for Hillsdale in as many duel meets.

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ARBA chief looks

at 1976

Editor's Note: The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) was created by the United States Congress to coordinate and stimulate participation in the Bicentennial commemoration. John W. Warner, ARBA Administrator, has visited over 40 states so far in fulfilling the role assigned him by the Congress and the President. On the eve of the Bicentennial Year, Mr. Warner assessed the status of the Bicentennial around the nation with the following comments:

The Bicentennial Year has begun. It is both a solemn and festive occasion for the world's oldest surviving democratic republic, and the American people are determined that it shall be so. During the year just ended, I have had the privilege of witnessing—as few observers have—the phenomenal growth of a Bicentennial America that is as proud of its origins and accomplishments as it is concerned with its future. This is no ordinary red, white and blue festival.

Americans are looking at their past with reverence, their present with inquiry, and their future with hope. Apart from differences of opinion and actions that are normal to any society as diversified and as free as ours, a balanced view of the nation shows more seriousness than frivolity.

Americans, young and old, are scrutinizing their origins, their history and the basic documents of the land in a manner that was once the unchallenged province of specialists. They are looking at all the institutions, public and private, which affect their lives. Not the least of their concerns is the erosion of old values and virtues in the wake of expanding technology.

75 to attend smokers

Run out Saturday

Seventy-five Alma College men signed the rush lists last Tuesday and Wednesday. The total number of men rushing this year is down 34 men from last year's total.

Don Dunlap, the president of the Interfraternity Council, attributes the deduction to the segregated housing.

"Most of fraternity rushing is done on a day to day basis," Dunlap said. "This year, because Bruske and Mitchell are mainly freshmen dorms and the upperclassmen stay in the other dorms, there hasn't been nearly as much interaction between the fraternity men and the freshmen."

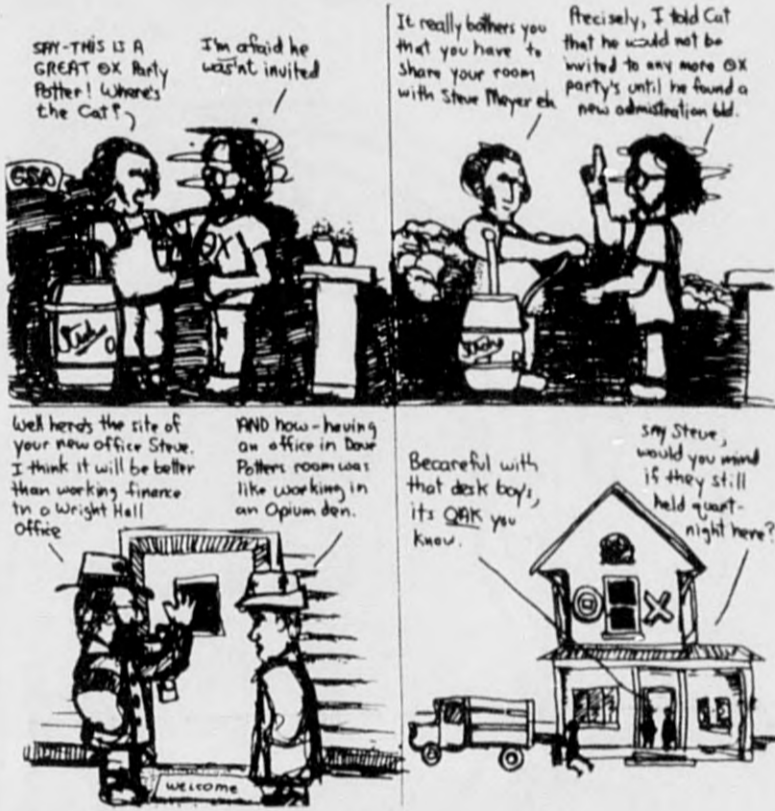
Thus, Dunlap was pleased with the total of 74 rushees.

Freshmen have varied attitudes toward joining a fraternity. Several rushees said that they were rushing so they can get to know the guys in the fraternities and to see if they would fit into Greek life.

Reasons for not rushing range from the belief that it is too expensive, to not being able to devote the amount of time necessary to a fraternity.

The smokers are being held throughout the week.

Runouts will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 31st of January in the Gym at the P.E. Center.



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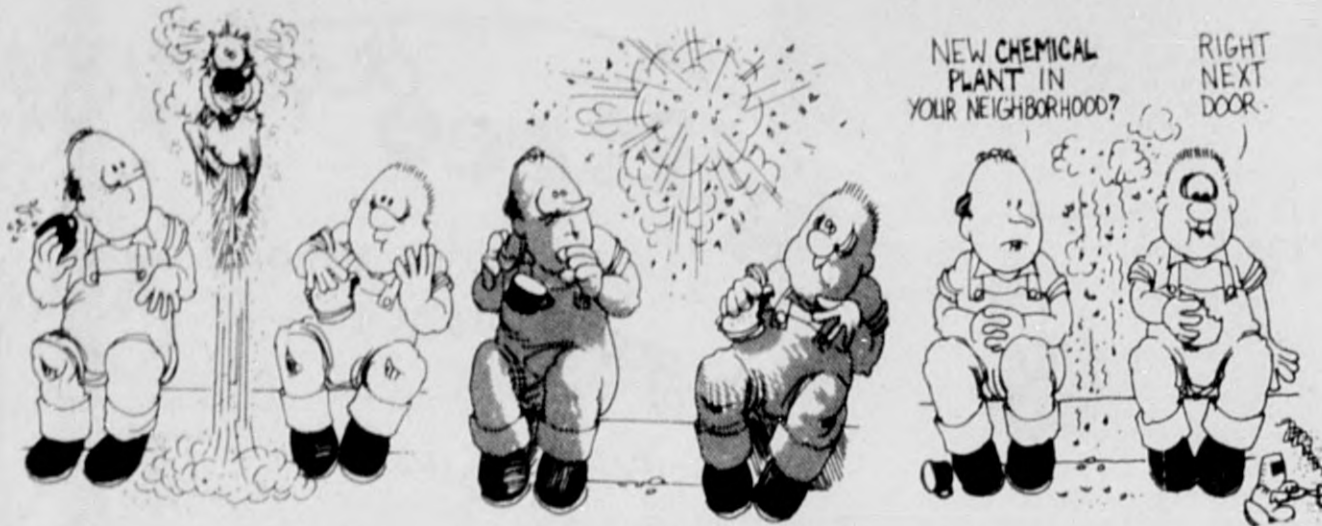
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Dance marathon to be held

by Wade Keas

The dance marathon this Friday at Tyler Auditorium is being held to raise money for a scholarship fund in memory of Mrs. Swanson.

The contest is being held by the Union Board and will start at 8:00. Couples may register up to the time the dance starts and the dance will last until there is only one couple left standing.

There will be a \$1 registration fee for all couples entering and the spectators will be charged 25¢.

All the money that is left after the prizes are paid for will be put in the scholarship fund, so Union Board is hoping for a large turnout of faculty and staff.

The prizes are:
FIRST PLACE a romantic dinner for two at the Embers and tickets to the film of your choice at the cinema in Mt. Pleasant.
SECOND PLACE a less glamorous dinner for two at the Harvest table and tickets to a Dow flick.

THIRD PLACE a quiet informal dinner for two at McDonalds and tickets to a Nightclub movie.

There will also be a prize for the dancers with the best style. Tina Caston said, "We (the Union Board) hope that a lot of people will come to participate and watch. We think that everyone will have fun and the money is going to a worthwhile cause."

Phagg Davis is the D.J. and there will be a variety of music played.

Right now the Union Board is looking for "oldies" songs. Any one that is interested in lending "oldies" records for the night, please contact the Union Board.

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