



Faculty, students surveyed on Greeks; mixed sentiments revealed on system

by Bob Schultz

A large group of both faculty and students who were recently surveyed on their attitudes on the Greek system at Alma agreed that the college should not try to phase out Greek organizations. Forty-four percent of the 61 faculty who responded to the survey and seventy-one percent of the 576 students who responded agreed that Alma should continue with the Greek system.

The survey which was recently distributed was created by a group of faculty members who wanted to file a minority report to the report of the Fraternity and Sororities Task Force to the Student Affairs Subcommittee of the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees. This group of faculty felt that the report was one-sided. The faculty who felt that way were ready to file a minority report until President Swanson challenged the group of faculty to survey the true attitudes of faculty towards the Greek system. Before this time no one could honestly say what the faculty's opinion was. As an afterthought, the students were given the same survey through their dorm councils.

The results of the survey will be attached as an appendix to the report dealing with the section on the Greek system for the Board of Trustees.

Forty-two percent of the faculty and fifty-five percent of the students did not agree with the statement that philosophically the Greek social system is antithetical to the general academic endeavors on an undergraduate campus.

Forty-nine percent of the faculty and sixty-four percent of the students agreed that the advantages of the Greek system are likely to outweigh the disadvantages of the system in the near future.

On four questions, the bulk of students and faculty opinion went the opposite ways.

While forty-three percent of the students felt that fraternities and sororities provide non-members with useful personal experiences, fifty-four percent of the faculty surveyed did not believe that the Greek system provides non-members with useful personal experiences that are "ancillary and supportive to the intellectual life of the campus."

Imagining a liberal arts college

without a Greek system was quite easy for the bulk of the faculty. In contrast, thirty-seven percent of the students surveyed felt that a liberal arts college could not achieve its goals without a Greek system.

The faculty felt that there are organizations other than fraternities which provide the same educational opportunities at Alma. Fifty percent of the faculty who responded to the questionnaire felt that way. Forty-nine percent of the students felt that there aren't any other groups at Alma that provide the same things which the Greek system offers.

Seventy percent of the faculty state that Alma should assume responsibility in providing a social and cultural climate at Alma. Thirty-five percent of the students felt that Alma should not assume responsibility for framing the socio-cultural atmosphere at Alma.

The results of the survey will be attached to the report on the next decade of Alma College which will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.



Lisa DiCamillo

Jeff Weenink

Weenink, DiCamillo elected;

Weenink stresses cooperation

by Rick Cramblet

Next year's Student Council officers were elected Wednesday the 17th in a flurry of campaigning that Alma College had not seen for several years.

The number of voters increased by 20% over last year as 53% of the campus participated in the voting for the four Student Council positions.

Whereas last year only 5 of 14 offices in the election were contested, all Student Council offices being among the unopposed, this year there were 4 candidates for both President and Vice-President and although the 2 Representative at Large candidates were unopposed on the ballot, there was a last minute flurry of write-in candidates for the slots.

The President elect, Jeff Weenink, said of the campaign, "I was really pleased with the election results and the number of candidates running. I'd like to see the kind of involvement in student government that I saw in the past campaign."

One of Jeff's next tasks is to fill out the Executive Council with his appointments of Treasurer and Secretary. "I haven't chosen them yet," said Jeff, "but most likely I'll have them chosen by the first week of April."

Jeff stated his optimism about next year. "This year," he said, "was the first time in 20 years that the administration board met with the executive board of the Student Council, and we had a great exchange." "The administration is made up of great people that really listen," said Jeff, "and this year, in my estimation, we have worked closer than ever before." Said Weenink, "Next year I'd really like to take the ball and run but I have to know what the students and administration want. I'd want to make the Student Council a bridge between the students and the administration."

"My goal," said Jeff, "is to show what the campus government has to offer."

Areas that Jeff considers in need of improvement are:

"The Union Board-Student Council working situation: 'The Union Board has done a fantastic job this year' he said, "but if we could just harness the independent energies of the groups into one course..."

"The proposed radio station: 'I'd like to see the campus have a viable means of communication...but not with the students' cont to 2

Blood drive scheduled for Thursday and Friday

by Bob Schultz

The Red Cross is coming to Alma College! On Thursday, March 25 and Friday, March 26 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the PE Center multi-purpose room the Red Cross will be ready to receive a projected goal of 400 pints of blood.

Students who are 17 years old will need parental consent forms in order to give blood. The only other major restriction

is that girls who have had their ears pierced within the last six months may not give.

As a means to involve the campus and encourage participation, a plaque has been created to rotate among the dorms and fraternities, and sororities. Since Bruske Hall was the dorm that won on the basis of percentage last fall, their name will be the first inscribed on the plaque.

WHAT'S INSIDE THIS WEEK'S ALMANIAN...

The High School Student Advisory Board takes a look at Alma College and provides some input to officials. Story on page 2.

A novelist is among us! A senior writer is working on her fourth novel. One of her novels are being considered by a publisher. Story on page 3.

Dance, jazz, and theatre are all reviewed on page 9 of this week's paper. Praise is given to all of the groups which performed on campus last week.

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The procedure for housing sign up is outlined on page 11. Clip this for your information.

RAs are announced on page 11 for the next year.



The TKE's hope to take away Bruske's blood drive participation award held by Marcia Ward (center) and have their names engraved on the plaque held by Dan Bauman. Chris Hanson is also pictured. Pic by Mahan

A new series Presidential Candidates to be examined

by Joyce Mahan

In 1973 the age of majority in a number of states was lowered from 21 to 18. Advocates of this measure assured doubters that the 18-21 year old age group would keep informed and not show the apathy which was, and is, all too evident among American voters.

However, it seems that members of this age group have, despite earlier good intentions, fallen into the same trap which has held down so many other voters.

Although an individual may be concerned about the turn of

governmental affairs and genuinely interested in political activities, the everyday problems and intricacies of life take up the time which was set aside to be spent on "being involved" in the political system.

The voting statistics of the last few years give ample proof of this.

It is particularly easy to become detached from world affairs on a small college campus like Alma where academics and

"college" life occupy most of one's time.

In an attempt to inform the students of Alma about the policies and political stands of the major presidential candidates, the ALMANIAN will begin a series of articles dealing with the candidates and the issues next week.

We urge members of the student body to read the articles, study the issues, become involved, and vote! Above all we urge the students to become more than mere concerned observers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Patty declared guilty

Patricia Hearst was found guilty of willingly taking part in a terrorist bank robbery. The surprise verdict was released Saturday night as the jury found her guilty on two charges: armed robbery and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

The verdict climaxed what some have called the "Trial of the Century."

USSR continues to back Angola

Soviets are still shipping military equipment, including outdated Jet fighters, to Angola despite American diplomatic warnings, intelligence reports claimed Thursday. U.S. officials said there has been no apparent slackening of the Soviet supply of military supplies to the victorious Soviet-backed faction in Angola.

Wilson resignation stuns England

Harold Wilson announced to a stunned nation Tuesday that he will resign after serving a total eight years as prime minister and 13 as Labor Party leader. Wilson, who turned 60 last Thursday, cited age as the reason. Speculation on Wilson's successor centered on 63-year old Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, and bookmakers were giving him 5-4 odds to get the job.

Mechanics protest new act

Hundreds of wreckers, vans, pickup trucks, and cars clogged the streets surrounding the state Capitol Thursday in a massive protest by Michigan auto mechanics opposed to the new Auto Repair Act. The law will require all mechanics to submit a state licensing test. It also required written estimates of repair work over \$20 and forbids repair shops to exceed the estimate by more than 10 percent without contacting car owners. An estimated 2,500 repairmen came from all parts of the state, standing shoulder to shoulder in the first floor of the Capitol and spilling out over the front lawn.

Carter released on bail

The Supreme Court of North Carolina released Rubin "Hurricane" Carter and his partner on bail late Saturday.

Carter who was railroaded into prison by an all white jury has become a cause by several entertainers, most notably Bob Dylan and Isaac Hayes. Carter's bail came from a defense fund set up by the entertainers.

Cut-up contends cut-outs legal

Wayne County Medical Examiner Dr. Werner U. Spitz Wednesday defended on legal and medical grounds his practice of sending certain parts from autopsied bodies to research organizations. Spitz and his attorneys contend that permission to permanently remove body parts is assumed under the medical examiner's legal right to conduct autopsies.

Callaway seeks to clear name

President Ford's campaign manager, Howard (Bo) Callaway, is resisting White House efforts to get him to resign voluntarily, Knight newspapers learned Thursday. Callaway has hired a lawyer and is seeking time in an effort to clear his name of charges of inpropriety involving a ski resort he owns in Colorado.

Red light turns legitimate

Beginning on March 31, right turns on red lights and left turns onto one-way streets will be legal in Michigan.

Elected Student Council members speak out

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funding it," said Jeff. "The students should be aware," said Jeff, "that we're not having all these wonderful ideas so that they can pay for them."

*Parking problems: I don't want to see any more pavement he said, "we should explore the various alternatives we have now."

*Advisory Committee to the Student Council: "Through this," he said, "perhaps we could have better relations between the students and the student council."

*Reevaluation of student representation and Student Council structure: Said Jeff, "Now we do not have equal representation between dorms."

Lisa DiCamillo, the Vice-President elect, voiced her opinion on

the reason for the new interest in campaigning. "I think," she said, "there was increased involvement because we have had a more active Student Council." Now comes the time for one of Lisa's biggest responsibilities, selection of the Student Budget and Finance Committee. Said Lisa, "I have to pick 3 members of the student body for the committee and in the next few weeks I hope to come to my decision." "Also," she said, "I plan to talk with the current Vice-President and just discuss the job in general."

Lisa foresees no problems in cooperation in the newly elected body. "I am quite sure," she said, "that I could have worked with whoever was elected." As for the President she said, "I hope

that we can become of one .by this I don't mean to imply that I won't have my own input."

Brian Stork, a freshman and one of the two newly elected Representatives at Large was unavailable as he was attending a diving competition but John Provost, the other new Representative had several views on the election and its results.

"I think," said John, "there was good input at the upper levels, but at every other level there was inadequate input...the number of write-ins didn't necessarily show a lack of concern but they showed a lack of publicity." "I didn't like the ballots," he said, "because people were voting in the wrong classes because they had a friend running in that class."

Student Advisory Board approves ideas

by Mary Ellen Liike

Workshops to make freshmen aware of available occupations, increasing distributive requirements to 48 credits instead of 36 and the creation of a campus pub, are all ideas that this year's Student Advisory Board approved.

Last Saturday, 25 high school Seniors, arriving from various parts of the state, met with some Alma faculty and students to discuss long-range plans for Alma College. The discussions were centered on three main topics: academic programs, student life and career planning and placement. The results of these discussions will be used to help the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee (LRPAC) to prepare their report that will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

The first of the groups concentrated on academic programs. Specifically, they discussed several aspects of the present graduation requirements.

They felt that the present requirements were posed in a satisfactory way in the catalog. However, they would not object to increasing distributive requirements from 36 credits (3 courses in each group) to 48 credits (4 courses in each group). They did not feel that the requirements should be any more specific than they are now (e.g. requiring one course in math, one in physical science, one in biological science, etc.,). These seniors felt that the English proficiency requirement was very important and that freshmen should be required to take English 100 if they were not proficient.

These students also supported a need for proficiency in oral communication. But rather than having all students take a required course, the committee felt that each professor should emphasize the need for oral communication in their subject area. If a student was found to be inept in this area, they would be required to take a basic course in oral communication.

When posed a similar question about quantitative skills, the response was the same. Each graduate should have a basic understanding of simple mathematical concepts. If they were to be inept, they would be referred back to the math department.

Another stand that these students took was that there should be an alternative to taking classes. If a student demonstrates proficiency in a specific area through comprehensive exams, or who read extensively on his own, he would be able to meet requirements in this way.

The second of these committees discussed student life on Alma's campus. They focused on housing, dining and the idea of a campus center. They took a variety of stands on several different issues.

Firstly, this committee felt that the idea of a "residential college" is attractive to college applicants. Since the aim of a residential college is to meet more people and to grow both socially and academically, they believe that dorm living is essential for freshmen and sophomores. But, juniors and seniors should have the option of living on or off campus. These students also feel that the concept of "new dorms," a place where underclassmen can not live, is very important.

This committee believes that the best way of developing social and leadership skills is through sororities, fraternities and student government. Nothing could really be done to improve this.

They favored non-smoking corridors but were against "interest" and quiet corridors.

They also thought that single rooms should be made available to more students even though there is a greater expense. The rooms should be made available according to seniority.

As far as dining is concerned, they prefer "mass cafeteria" style dining but, thought that perhaps one formal dinner a week might be a change of pace.

A campus center was of primary importance to this group of students. They felt that part of a student center should be for students only and another part for both students and faculty. It should be able to house both small and large groups. The addition of a coffee house or pub would expand campus life.

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Applications must be returned before March 24th.



Diane Carey smiles amid her tools for her trade.

Diane Carey; student novelist

by Ruth Perlberg

A novelist in our midst? Impossible, you might say. However, in spite of the prevalent feeling that anyone going to Alma College would never have the time to finish their homework, much less write a book, one young woman has managed to write, not one, but, four novels during her college career.

Diana Carey, a diminutive, outspoken senior, has completed her first two books, and is currently working on two more. A war buff by her own admission, three of the books are historically based.

Her first, dealing with present day Northern Ireland, is now in the hands of John Blair Publishing in North Carolina. The second is also a historical novel based around the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion in Scotland, while her third is in her words just "a novel, novel...no historical background whatsoever." The fourth, the only nonfiction book of the quadripartite, deals with the Persian insurrections between 1914 and 1918.

Sitting among piles of books and stacks of paper neatly arranged on her beds, Ms Carey spoke candidly about her writing, theorized on publishers' temperament, and philosophized on her political beliefs.

"My first novel," she exclaimed, "began when I became rather insulted by the attitude of the American public about Northern Ireland. I heard once too often people saying they were

sick of the Irish fighting over religion...which is asinine...that is not what they are fighting over, it's just a convenient political label.

"So, I just got into it, and got into it, and got into it, and it became my little pet," she continued.

Meticulous in detail, in her life as well as in her books, she said, "I started writing in my poli sci class in January of my freshman year. Cause I was bored," she added with a grin.

A theatre/literature major with a history minor, Carey has been writing since high school, although she claims only to have "muddled through short stories then."

Most of Carey's information for her books was gathered on a secondary basis. That is, she has never been to the places she writes about, but instead, does intensive research from books others have written. Her last novel, however, will focus on information given to her by relatives who actually experienced the early 20th century insurrections in Persia.

"It's terribly fascinating," she said excitedly. "I have pictures, quotations from these people, and I can sit there and write what they actually felt, as they remember it."

"In the first and second books, though, I had to at least understand the politics and be able to

make correct political references," she emphasized enunciating each word distinctly. "I have a pretty darn good understanding about the Irish problem right now. It's something I'm very, very touchy about."

That statement soon proved true as she launched into a fiery summary of the political turmoil in Northern Ireland. "One side isn't right. In my book I have tried to deal with both sides, and as a result, I realize that both sides have their rights and wrongs. The problem is totally insolvable... you'll never be able to satisfy everyone."

"There's a resentment that is so old in Northern Ireland. The Irish are not what you'd call the world's most sensitive people individually." With a noticeable penchant for the superlative, she solemnly went on. "Some are very, very great. But some are awfully touchy, awfully emotional, and they hate very easily."

It is this book, dealing with Ireland that is being considered for publication, although Carey admits that it's chances are not very good.

"I've heard from the publisher and he says they'll probably not be able to buy the book because they (the publishing house) do primarily region; American stuff.

"I'm fascinated with what he has to say though," she "because he studied in Northern Ireland and he's helping me on a personal basis."

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"Seventeen-out" art display begins Friday

The annual Alma College Senior Art Exhibit will be on display March 27 - April 17 in the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery of Clack Art Center on the Alma campus.

Seventeen Alma art majors will be participating in this year's show entitled "Seventeen-Out". Various forms of student art will be shown including ceramics, textile design, drawing, photography, painting and printmaking.

The show will be open to the public free of charge. The gallery is open from 8:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 pm weekends. The last day of the show, April

17, it will be open from 8:30 am to 2 pm.

Exhibitors include: Beth Alwin, St. Louis Park, Minn.; Julie Blackburn, Saginaw; Julia Byron, Saginaw; Sam Cornelius, Alma; Michael Coyer, Kawkawlin; Carolyn Drummond, Elmira, New York; Debra Durrant, Portland; Mrs. Lynn Gareau, Alma; Jeffrey Huyck, Carson City; Thomas Marshall, North Star; Ellen MacLaren, Farmington; Heather Moffat, Detroit; Marijane Olson, Wheaton, Illinois; Russel Rock, Benton Harbor; Anne Rudorf, Flushing; Linda Sackrider, Battle Creek; and Laurie Walters, Hemlock.

Students could be banned from Elwell in near future

by Karen Magnuson

— It's happened again. Because of the destructive tendencies of a "very small minority" of Alma College students, the Elwell Lounge may be closed to students in the near future, according to

Sophie Nelson, owner of the lounge.

Alma students have done the most damage in the men's bathroom. Three mirrors have been smashed in the urinals, the ceiling tile has been ripped down, and several light bulbs have been stolen. On one occasion, Mrs. Nelson cited that one of the bathroom doors was torn off the hinges.

"The damage usually occurs on a Monday night. I always come in on a Tuesday morning expecting something else to be damaged," Mrs. Nelson said. "Most of the students seem to have a good time here, and I would be glad to give them three nights. There has been damage in the past, and I haven't banned the students -- yet."

Mrs. Nelson said the profit she makes from the students covers the damage costs, but she does not like her other customers to see the damage before it is fixed. "I have luncheons and dinners here during the week, and I don't like them to leave with a bad impression. I can keep replacing the stuff, and they can keep tearing it down. But it's not doing me any good," she said.

According to Mrs. Nelson, no one has been "caught in the act." But she wryly said, "I would have

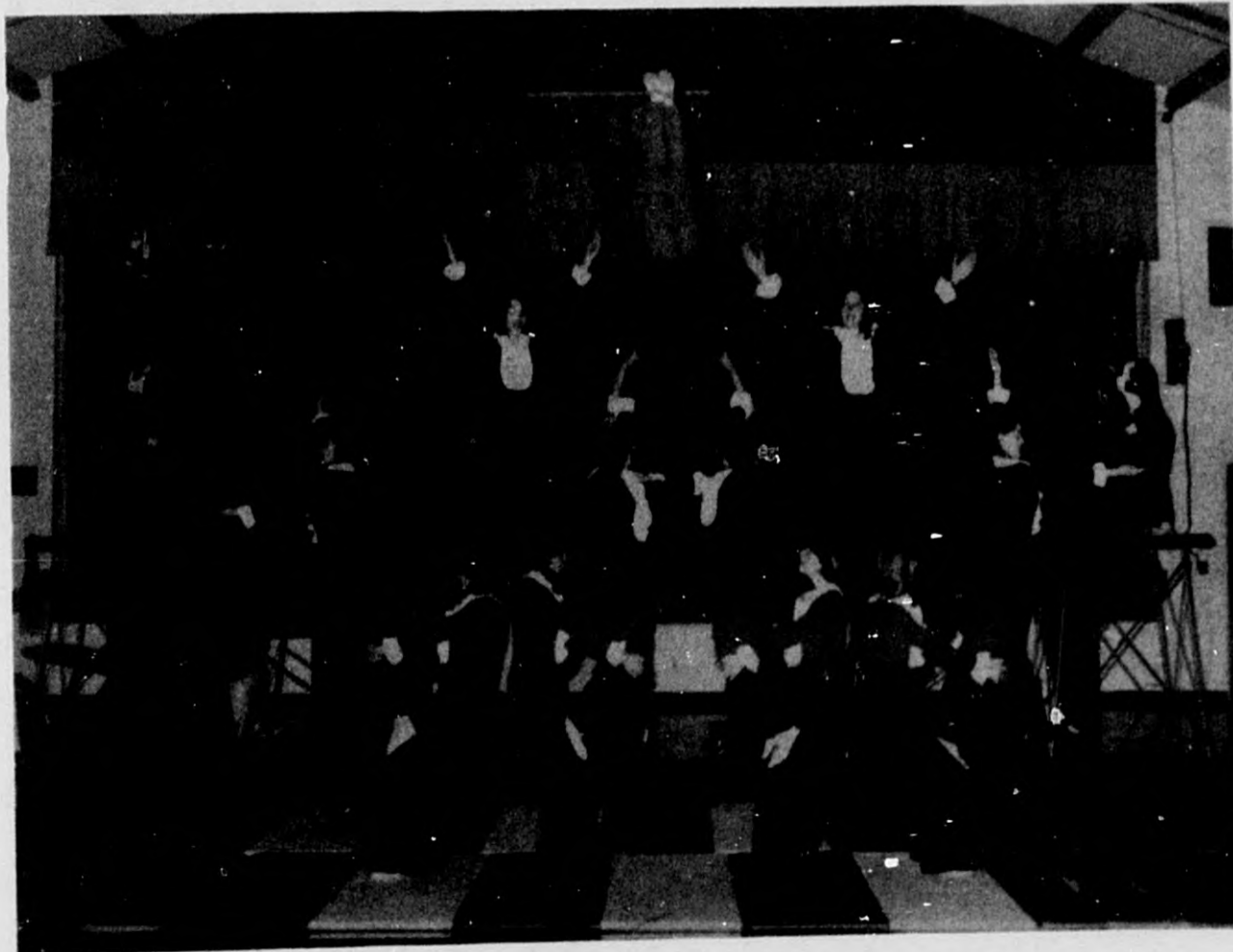
to sit in the mens room to do that."

"If I have to pay more people to come in, and have someone extra to watch the students, I am losing money. If some of the students damages something, they don't even have to tell me about it. But they better take care of it themselves," said Nelson.

A small number of students have been banned from the lounge because they brought their own liquor into the lounge with them. "I could lose my license for that. It's not worth it if the students gave me \$500.00 a night. I'd be shut down if I was caught," she said.

It is Mrs. Nelson hope that the students will elect two or three representatives to be responsible for any damages occurring Monday and Wednesday nights (pitcher nights) at the lounge. "We had three seniors last year who kind of watched the students and it worked out great. If anything happened, they came right back with a solution."

"I'm not really warning or threatening, I just don't want any more damage done. We welcome the students here, but if they don't stop being destructive, then they are not going to be welcome," she concluded.



Ceder Lake Gymnastics team amazes the audience. They will be performing here at Alma on Wednesday night.

CAMPUS CLAMOR

Run-off elections

Karen Bell and Bob Gryebet tied for secretary-treasurer of next years junior class in last weeks elections. The run-off election will be held on Wednesday, March 24, in Hamilton and Van Dusen Commons during the lunch and dinner meals.

Drop and add ends soon

The spring term drop and add period will be April 5-9.

Hot L video to be shown

On Wednesday night March 24 at 8:00 the video-tape of Hot L Baltimore will be shown to all those interested in seeing it in AC 110.

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The last of these three groups discussed career planning and development. They felt very strongly that career preparation should be a concern to the liberal arts concept of education.

As the chairman said, "The purpose of college is to prepare us for the career and business world. Students need to be exposed to a variety of jobs and need to know about such things as placement and availability of jobs."

This committee also said that career planning should begin as freshmen.

They are in favor of workshops on available occupations open to all freshmen. Perhaps this program would force early major declarations and this group felt that early declarations would be good. They felt that freshmen need to get more major and career oriented earlier.

The most important functions a program of career planning should provide would be placement, spring term courses related to career preparation, communication skills workshops, and career orientation programs for new students. Also high on the list were programs of emphasis (POE), utilization of upperclassmen as consultants, an inquiry letter program and providing a close relationship with practicum advisors.

The most important thing for the students to achieve would be to improve awareness of personal and vocational abilities, values, interests, strengths and weaknesses. Gaining knowledge of career alternatives and realistic expectations about the character of the work world was also important.

Because of the limited time these groups had to meet, they were able to just touch each of these topics. However, this committee provided the feedback that the LRPAC needed and perhaps some of these students will see some of their suggestions implemented on the campus in the next few years.



MONTIETH LIBRARY CORNER

OCLC helps

Monteith catalog books

If you have noticed a little different style catalog card in the catalogs, it is because Monteith Library has joined the computer world through membership in the Ohio College Library Center. OCLC is a not-for-profit corporation with a membership of about 700 libraries from all across the country, including the CIA's and public libraries. The OCLC system is an on-line bibliographic data base containing over 2,000,000 records. It might be considered a partial card catalog for all the member libraries and the Library of Congress.

At the present time the OCLC terminal in the library is used primarily for cataloging. As a new book comes into the library the catalog department searches the title in the data base. When a record matching the book is found, it is checked to insure that all the information is correct, making any changes necessary, and cards are ordered. That night, in Columbus, catalog cards are printed according to the specifications of Monteith Library and sent to us, already arranged for filing. Through this system we are able to catalog a book much faster than through the system formerly used, which might take 3 to 6 months before all the cards would be filed in the catalog.

If a bibliographic record for the book is not found we can catalog the book and input the information into the data base, thus making it instantly available for other libraries to use.

An additional benefit of the system is the inter-library loan assistance it provides. With each book cataloged by a library a three letter code is added to the displayed record, indicating that the library owns the book. Thus, when we are trying to locate a book which we don't own, we can examine the holding symbols attached to the record and direct the inter-library loan request to a library which owns the book. We may find that the book is in the Central Michigan University Library or some other near-by library.

thereby saving the requestor valuable time by locating a possible lender quickly.

The OCLC system is growing by leaps and bounds. It is planned that eventually inter-library loan transactions will be carried on between libraries via the terminals, without having to use the mail to communicate. Thus, needed material could be sent out the same day it is requested. Other systems projected for OCLC users include an acquisitions system which would automatically place book orders with publishers and keep track of monies spent. A circulation system which would automate the circulation records and provide up-to-the minute information about books which are checked out, overdue, lost, or in any other condition is anticipated for the future.

Perhaps the most exciting subsystem and the one which will affect the users most is subject access to the data base. At the present time searching for bibliographic records can be done only with author and/or title information. Thus, the capability of finding all the books on a particular subject, as you can with a subject card catalog, is not yet available. However, it is expected that subject access will be implemented at some time in the near future. What this implies is that the libraries of the future will no longer have cumbersome, inaccurate card catalogs. They will be replaced by computer terminals which will be able to provide, within seconds, not only the holdings for all the libraries in the system. This day may not be as far off as one might think - to celebrate the Bicentennial, Ohio State University has said that it will close its card catalog on July 4, 1976. So, when you return as alumni as some time in the future, and visit Monteith Library to experience a bit of nostalgia, don't be surprised if the student's are sitting at typewriter keyboards and staring at television screens. They will be only using the "card catalog."

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Red Cross blood drive needs support

Gratiot County was the net importer of blood last year. The last time the college had a blood drive, the Red Cross received over 200 pints of blood from the students. Bruske Hall had the highest percentage of participation among the various campus groups.

The question that the campus is faced with now is whether we can double the response.

No longer can one sell his blood according to Michigan State law. The only way that hospitals receive blood is from donations.

Right now there is a pressing need for O-type negative blood.

The Red Cross has created a rotating plaque, given to the group which has the highest amount of participation. The Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity (TKE) is challenging Bruske Hall, and Bruske is taking on all challengers from the entire campus in an effort to increase the amount of participation.

The Blood Drive will be on March 25 and March 26 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Participate!

'Apathy' dead

The results of last week's Student Council elections have signaled the death of the proverbial scapegoat of recent years called 'apathy.'

The wealth of candidates in the top two positions was a shock for most of the campus. This new interest is due in part to the leadership this past year of Student Council, and to the additional publicity that the Council has received.

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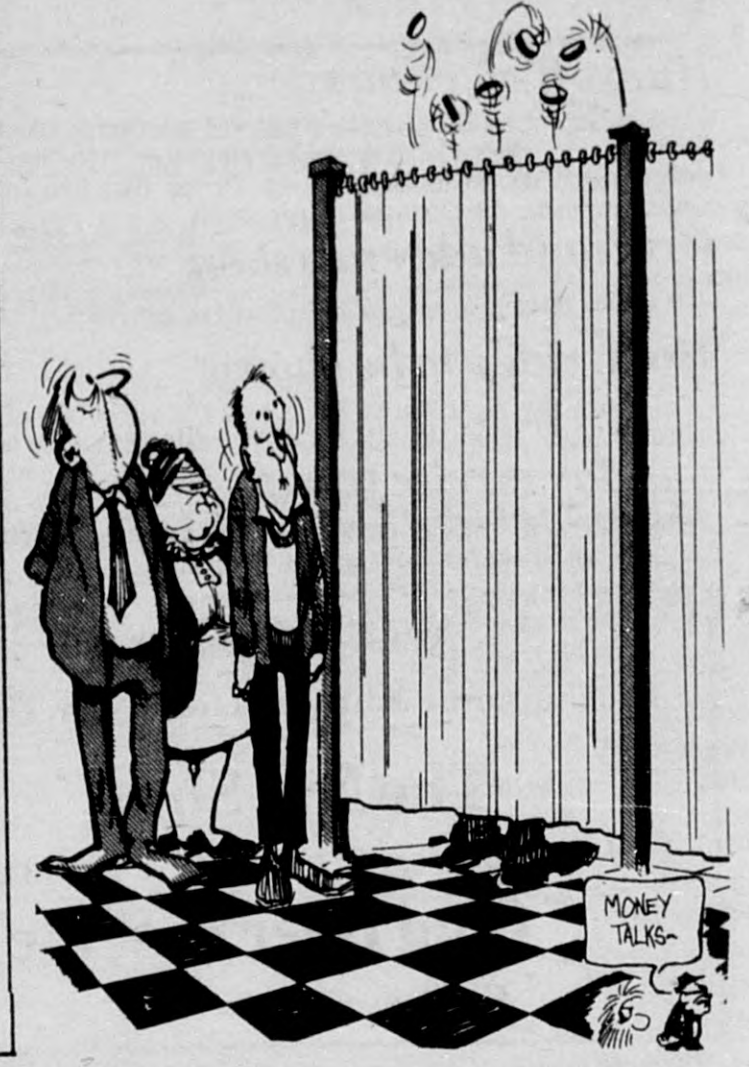
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LETTERS

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Senior questions answered

Fellow seniors and Friends:

Last fall I said it would happen...and it did. The year is almost gone and I'm not quite sure where all the time went. We'll be graduate in less than four weeks! Before that time I'm sure that there are a lot of questions and concerns. Through the ALMANIAN I'll attempt to answer a few. Please feel free to contact me (ext. 464) if you think of any other questions you may have concerning our last few weeks here at Alma.

First of all, commencement announcements are now in. If you ordered them, they may be picked up at Linda David's

office on the second floor Hood. (You may pay for them when you pick them up.) Please do this as soon as possible. If you did not order any announcements and wish to do so, Linda has a few extra available.

Last week our class voted on outstanding senior men and women as well as outstanding faculty for the year. This week all seniors will vote in the commons on the top Male and Female from among the five in each category chosen in the balloting last week. The final decisions will be announced at Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 6.

Tickets will not be issued

to seniors for graduation. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. In the past, commencement has been very crowded, so please let your family know that they must come early to get a comfortable seat.

Enjoy your last days at Alma. Savor the friendships you've established here. We'll be walking across the front of Cappaert soon, and then four years of our lives will become memory.

Peace,

Ed Kain, President
Class of 1976

Buhl reiterates his ideas

Dear Editor:

Your criticism of my efforts in the March 16th edition of the ALMANIAN was, to say the least, poor. Not only did you base your criticisms on unverified facts, but you overlooked our basic objectives.

To sum it up nicely your faults were: 1) you stated that we did not examine campus organizations closely enough - wrong people. We did examine Circle K and studied its history and present state of being inactive. 2) You stated that we did not examine the Greek system closely

enough - sorry, wrong again. Ninety-five percent of those interested wanted to be a member of the Greek system. However, most of them had not obtained either smoker invitations or bids from the fraternity that they desired. The mere fact of wanting to be a Greek was just one more reason against joining Circle K, or any other campus organization that doesn't offer what Greeks do.

At this point I would like to suggest that the next time that you decide to attack a

member of this campus for his actions, you should: 1) Make direct contact with the person in question. 2) Present your views (you showed no interest in us, why should we in you?) 3) Listen to their views. 4) Form an opinion, based on fact, not rumor. 5) Make your opinion.

With this in mind, may you use the power of the press to your best ability.

Thank you,
Dave Buhl

GSS: overlooked sorority again

Dear Editor:

As a sister of the Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority, I would like to take this opportunity to declare that we exist. In reading your recent editorial on Greek housing, I was dismayed to find this comment: "This would also be a good time for the college to give support to the sorority

system by letting the two sororities either share a house..." Clearly GSS is being overlooked again. This is not the first time it has happened, and I could not let it pass by without protest.

GSS is a national service sorority that has been in existence at Alma College since 1969. We are a vital, grow-

ing organization, presently with 25 active members, 2 honoraries, and a pledge class of 10. GSS is not unknown on campus and I find it difficult to understand why so many are not willing to offer us equal status with the two social sororities. Perhaps it is

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The editorials on this page do not reflect the views and/or policies of Alma College. We welcome your comments. We will print all letters as long as they are signed. In the event of a group letter only the first name will be printed. We reserve the right to edit or censor all material. Names will be withheld on request.

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GSS overlooked

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 because we are committed to service, rather than being more socially oriented. I do not deny that we differ from the social sororities in several aspects, but feel that this is not sufficient to cause us to refuse us status as one of the Greek organizations on campus.

Just a reminder then - there are three, not two, sororities at Alma College, and in the future, I hope that GSS will not be passed over again.

Sincerely,
 Jean Fox
 GSS sorority



by Mark T. Harasim
 ALMANIAN Feature Editor

Alma College

Student priorities mixed in 'Paper Chase'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Upon talking to, and observing students, one can not help but notice their priorities in life during their college years. What causes a student to lose touch with the important aspects of life - that of dealing well with others? It is indeed strange how the college "Paper Chase" affects an individual.

Though undetected to the naked eye, it seems a large, glass bubble encases the campus, creating a convenient "mini-world" of its own. Within this, Presbyterian-Garden of Eden, the student soon becomes acquainted with a highly structured lifestyle where all needs and wants are easily fulfilled. We are not talking academics here. Rather, we speak of the seldom taught education of co-existence.

Because of this simplistic lifestyle, the student soon loses touch with many important drives in life. The key word here is "initiative" — initiative to seek out people, friends and faculty and share individual philosophies of life with them. Only the initiative to make grades and money remain.

It is indeed strange how college seems to stress the two. For without good grades, employment is doubtful and so is worthwhile pay.

I'll be the first to admit that, indeed, grades are very important. In essence, they show a student's individual ability to perform and assimilate in later life. However, not all facets of life are based on a graded criteria. If they are, we made it that way.

Rather than forming an idealistic attitude and taking pleasure in my education over the years, I have struck a vein of blatant pessimism that disturbs me immensely.

So many of us are tightly bound in the same web of discontent. Must graduation be the only route to emancipation? I can not help but to think these college years will be perhaps the most influential, if not the most comfortable ones in life.

We as students can only reassert our priorities in life and refine them. I was told that an education enriches your life and supposedly, the people around you. Perhaps I speak as one of the "blinded," for I see that an education enriches nothing more than one's billfold and certainly, the ego; that is, if you let it. The day will arrive when we all eventually depart from this "mini-world" and hit the streets. Surely, we will find that it isn't what we grasp from the "philosophy of sight" that will make us happy, but rather what we derive from our own individual "insight" into life, and people.

Fast for Development starts week's activities

The campus-wide fast for Development is quickly shaping into what may be one of the most intensive, involving events to hit Alma since the '60's.

The group of core students organized by Student Council president-elect Jeff Weenink has blossomed to a startlingly large group of students from virtually every facet of campus life, organizing what they believe will be the most important gathering of students to take place for years. Their goal: a thirty-hour fast sponsored by community merchants, faculty, family, and friends to raise money for CROP, a world-wide hunger-relief organization.

Last week, the organizing group met with Dave Bower, a CROP representative, who outlined the basic program and explained how the money would be utilized in the various help-regions. Then, in a campus-wide meeting, it was decided that the money raised would be used in Gratiot County through the Salvation Army, and in India through a self-help for food program. Because CROP is a worldwide hunger program, they must allocate their money in proportion to world hunger, not just U.S. hunger. Therefore, twenty-five percent of the money will stay in Gratiot County, while seventy-five percent will go to India, because proportionately, India has more starving people than the U.S.

The fast itself will be the focal point of a week of fund-raising, beginning with a special Service Sunday, March 28 in Dunning Chapel, and continuing on with a huge Tyler nightclub on Tuesday night. The small cover for the evening's diverse entertainment will go towards CROP, as all of the acts are playing free of charge. Then, starting at noon Friday,

there will be the Fast for Development, at which time all fasters will gather in the P.E. Center gym and register for the thirty-hour vigil. At the center there will be music, poetry readings, and speakers for the fasters to listen to. Areas for sleep and study will be set up, and it is the hope of the organizers that everyone will stay together for the duration of the fast. "It's a way to ward off temptation for one thing, but more importantly, it's a spiritual commitment and experience which is just as important as the money we raise," Weenink commented at the meeting. "If a student cannot stay for the duration of the fast, we will have an individual honor system, but we are stressing the sense of community which we hope will come about in the thirty hours. It's something we could do with little more around here," he said.

And, apparently, more and more students are feeling the same way. One professor commented, "I've not seen such commitment and contagion around here since the Viet Nam demonstration of the '60's. Total participation would be great, especially after the Sacrificial Meal last year." Indeed, the Sacrificial Meal of last year, with ninety-seven percent of the students willing to give up a meal for hunger, weighs heavily on the minds of all involved. "If we could get that same kind of response again, it would be a major campus event," said one organizer.

As of now, all systems are go, but much work still needs to be done, and more manpower is needed to make the service, nightclub, and fast go as well as possible. If you are interested in helping with anything, contact Jeff Weenink, Albert Edwards, Steve Burkhardt, or Jack Quirk.

For a fleeting moment, examine your lifestyle as it currently stands as a student at Alma College. Then, if you dare, ask yourself if you are happy and content in such a framework.

Upon first coming to Alma, we were told many things about this institution and college in general that rang true. Education we were told, is the single most important thing in life. Without the "sacred parchment" in our hand, our future would be analogous to that of a blind man. With every fear-trodden step we would take, the risk of encountering an immovable barrier would constantly prevail. Learned men in society beckoned us to their abodes and conveyed the philosophy of "sight" to us — education could remove these barriers or at least allow one to put up a noble struggle.

And so, like sheep to a slaughter, we answered the call of these people. Many of us flocked to the large universities and became lost amidst the shuffle. The rest of us, having been enlightened to the benefits of the small liberal arts college, came to schools like Alma. Here, we were told, a student could grow from within, and reap the benefits of personalized instruction in a structured environment. Surely a student from a small college would gain more, and be able to apply it better in the outside world proceeding graduation.

Sounds good, doesn't it? For the first few years at Alma, I too, was captivated by this utopian ideal. Now, I constantly find myself questioning the validity of these statements dealing with "happily ever after."

A close examination and comparison of Alma College life and society in general illustrates the disturbing conflicts between the two. If unbiased honesty prevails, it is relatively easy to surmise that Alma College life does not deal with the true realities of life. Admittedly so, Alma College is not an isolated case. Many small institutions suffer the same fate.

Government regulation: a modern fairy tale

by Doug Davis

Once upon a time there was a little red hen who scratched about the barnyard until she uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her neighbors and said, "If we planted this wheat, we shall have bread to eat. Who will help me plant it?"

"I didn't even apply for it," commented the Alma senior, "it was just offered. I've applied to one other grad school, but I'm almost positive I'll take this one."

Kain hopes to get his doctorate in sociology and plans to eventually teach sociological theory at the college level.

"I'm very excited," Kain said. "I'm looking forward to working with the professors there. Some, Gerhard Lenski for example, wrote the books used in the Sociology classes at Alma."

"Not I," said the pig.
 "Not I," said the duck.
 "Not I," said the cow.
 "Not I," said the goose.
 "Then I will," said the little red hen.
 And she did. The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain.

"Who will help me reap my wheat?" asked the little red hen.
 "Not I," said the duck.
 "That's not my responsibility," said the pig.
 "I'd lose my seniority," said the cow.
 "I'd lose my unemployment compensation," said the goose.
 "Then I will," said the little red hen. And she did.

At last came the time to bake the bread. "Who will help me make the bread," she asked.
 "That would be overtime for me," said the duck.

"I'm a dropout and never learned how," said the pig.
 "If I'm to be the only helper, that's discrimination," said the goose.
 "Then I will," said the little red hen.

First in a series

She baked five loaves, and her neighbors wanted some. In fact, they demanded a share. But the little red hen said, "No, these loaves are the result of hard work. Each of you had the opportunity to earn a share and you turned it down."

"Excess profits!" cried the goose.
 "Capitalist leech!" screamed the duck.

"I demand equal rights," yelled the cow.
 And the pig said, "I'll report you."

When the government agent arrived, he said to the little red hen, "You need not be greedy."
 "But I earned the bread," said the little red hen.

"Exactly," said the agent. "That is the wonder of the free enterprise system. Anyone in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants. But under our modern government regulations, the productive workers must divide their products with the idle."

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Ed Kain receives traineeship offer from UNC

by Ruth Perlberg

Ed Kain can now add another item to his long list of honors and achievements. The University of North Carolina has named him first alternate for a traineeship within the National Institute of Mental Health at the University.

Included in this offer is tuition and fees plus a \$2,925 stipend from the school. No practical work is involved, and the person receiving the traineeship would be a full-time student.

In the event that the top choice for the traineeship is accepted, two additional offers

have been extended to Kain. The first is a teaching assistantship whereby he would teach 150 hours per term, while the second is a graduate assistantship. In the latter, Kain would work for three undergraduate professors, also for 150 hours. This would entail helping with study sessions rather than actually teaching.

In both assistantships, the university would pay Kain \$3,400 for the year, but would require him to pay tuition — \$464.

Dr. Sidney E. Mead to be Lindley lecturer; will give talk Wednesday

"Religion and the Continuing American Revolution" will be the topic of the 1976 Lindley Lecture at Alma College to be presented by Dr. Sidney E. Mead at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in Dunning Memorial Chapel on the Alma campus.

A noted church historian, Dr. Mead will remain at the college on Thursday, April 1, for further discussions with Alma students.

The Lindley Lectureship was established at Alma College in 1958 by Adelbert H. Lindley, a member of the class of 1911, in memory of his wife, Ellen Baker Lindley. Recent Lindley lecturers have included Dr. Joseph J. Spengler, professor of economics at Duke University; Dr. Lawrence M. Gould, polar explorer and professor of geology at the University of Arizona; Julian Bond, Georgia legislator; and Dr. Rene DuBos, bacteriologist and professor emeritus at Rockefeller University.

The 1976 lecture by Dr. Mead is open to the public without charge.

Dr. Mead began his teaching career in 1941 at the University of Chicago and in 1956 he was named president of Meadville Theological School in Chicago. In 1960 he joined the staff of Southern California School of Theology as a professor of American church history, and in 1964 he was appointed professor of religion in American history at the University of Iowa.

He reached Iowa's mandatory retirement age in 1972 and since that time has taught at the University of Montana; University of North Carolina; University of California, Santa Barbara; and Ball State University. During his teaching career he has also served as visiting professor at McCormick Seminary, Maywood; and Iliff School of Theology, Denver.

Dr. Mead has presented many lectures, the most recent being at a Bicentennial symposium at Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, in February. Next fall he will serve as the Surdna Distinguished Visiting Professor at Rider College in Trenton, N.J.



Dr. Sidney Mead



Janine Salchert

Janine Salchert to give senior recital

On March 29, at 8:00 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel, Janine Salchert will present her senior recital. The program will include Sonata I in B minor by J.S. Bach, Syrinx by C. Debussy, Sonata by Paul Hindemith, Chorus No 2 by Villa-Lobos, and Duo by Szlozowski. Miss Salchert will be assisted by Jeanne Flegal, pianist, from Ithaca, and David Bruce, clarinetist, from Alma College. This recital is in partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Music degree.

Before coming to Alma College

as a sophomore, Miss Salchert attended Western Michigan University and performed in the Western Michigan Symphony Band. At Alma College she has performed with the Kiltie Band as a flutist and percussionist, and is presently a student director of the organization. She has also played with the Alma Symphony.

Miss Salchert, a resident of Clare, Michigan, is a member of the Alpha Theta Sorority and Gamma Delta Alpha honors sorority.

Assorted acts compete in Variety Fest 76

This year's Variety Fest 1976 are really looking good according to the 1976 Variety Fest Committee. There are a varied amount of performers ranging anywhere from "Doc and the Delmonts", a 50's group, to "Best of the Brazells". This year's Variety Fest will prove what a versatile and talented college student body Alma has.

Variety Fest '76 will be held at 7:00 pm in Tyler Auditorium on March 26, 1976. Admission is free and entertainment is live. All the competitive acts will be performing in the first half, and voting by ballot will be done by the audience during intermission. Prizes are \$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third.

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The plot of TWELFTH NIGHT thickens as Maria lays open her devious plans. Pic by Huyck.

National Players performance rated high

by Gary Sundell

The National Players returned to Alma College after a two year absence. The wait was well worth it, for the Players turned in a very good performance of Shakespeare's TWELFTH NIGHT. The play is considered by many to be one of Shakespeare's best comedies.

The plot concerns Viola and Sebastian, twins who are separated and believe each other to be dead. Viola disguises herself as a eunuch and enters the

service of Orsino, the Duke of Illyria. Viola is used to carry messages to Olivia, Orsino's beloved. Olivia however falls in love with the disguised Viola. Another plot line in the play deals with Sir Toby, Belch, Sir Andrew Augecheek and Maria, Olivia's serving woman, playing a trick on Malvolio, Olivia's steward.

The parts were all well played, however the players portraying Sir Andrew Augecheek, Malvolio,

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New England Jazz Quartet highlights week

by Bob Schultz

Although basketball, and the Orchestras concert were the evening's entertainment for many Alma students, Thursday's night's performance of the New England Jazz Quartet was the highlight of Union Board's programming last week for about 50 students.

The quartet composed of Gil Graham, drums; Mike Scott, tenor saxophone and flute; Tim Wells, basses; and Steve Merriman, piano played three sets before small enthusiastic audience.

The Quartet began the evening with a cool styled reading of the traditional "Kansas City Blues". Although their performance of that traditional tune dispelled fears of another one of these fusion Mahavishnu-cloned groups or one of those discojazz groups, their next song was the ironically funk inspired "Move with the Blues". Percussionist Graham did not succumb to the temptation of playing a jazz-funk beat. His "cool-bop" styled drumming steered clear of the cliché ridden licks one comes to expect from such numbers. Throughout the jam the rhythmic unit was kept in the high-hat.

The Quartet was tight. Original compositions and jazz classics were mixed equally and played professionally. Miles Davis' "So What" was one such performance.

The Quartet stayed within the perimeters of cool jazz with an occasional bop feel. This didn't prevent hints of classical, rock, and blues from slipping through.

Although the crowd quickly singled out Merriman's synthesized piano style as an object of admiration, Scott's tenor work and Wells' bass were both note worthy. "The Happiest" which started out with an extended unaccompanied bass solo was marred only by some inconsiderate students who were watching the Michigan basketball game in the lobby of Tyler. The overly loud sound of the television set competed with sonorous sounds of the bass.

The Quartet's weakest link was exposed in Graham's percussion

work. Although drawing on a large tradition of trap drumming for most of the evening, Graham's almost "rockish" repetitiveness in his

high hat accomplishment to almost all of Wells' bass rides became

boring as the evening wore on.

Merriman's piano stylings were a synthesis of classical piano, rock, and jazz. Often humoring the audience by interpolating familiar folk tunes while soloing, cont. to 12



An emotion filled moment from the Cox and Keys recital.

Cox and Keys to present recital

Glynis Cox and Andrew Keys, senior theatre majors, will present a recital Tuesday and Thursday, March 23 and 25 at 8:00 p.m. in Dow Auditorium. The theme of the recital is male-female relations. The selections to be per-

formed, monologues, dialogues, and songs, range from the classics to the contemporary. This recital marks the final Alma stage appearance by these two fine performers. Admission is free.



A scene from "Anthropod Fantasy: A Fairy Tale."

Melange: exciting and moving

by Gary Sundell

On Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19, Orchestras presented Melange, their spring concert for 1976. The concert proved one thing, Orchestras has not suffered from its change in instructors. Mr. Tom Morrell is an excellent replacement for Miss Maxirie Hayden, who left at the end of last term.

All of the numbers were excellently executed by the talented group of dancers. Of the seven numbers performed all but two were choreographed by Mr. Morrell. The remaining two were choreographed by Linda Sackrider and Cindy Thompson.

The outstanding number was "Anthropod Fantasy: A Fairy Tale" which depicted life and death in the insect world. Special mention must also be made of the lighting which was excellent.

Melange was, in short, a very exciting and moving experience. Hopefully, Morrell will stay at Alma College for he is not only a fine choreographer, but an excellent dancer.



Laurie Balsky and Tom Morrell play with balloons.

SPORTS

Track team kicks off season, one win under belt

"Electrifying, fantastic, and exciting," was the way Alma College Track Coach Dr. Charles Gray described yesterday's triangular meet with Spring Arbor and Albion. The Scot performers scored an impressive victory, finishing with 73 1/2 points to runnerup Spring Arbor 59, and Albion's 50 1/2.

The highlight of the day's action had to be Jim Lothrop's record breaking performance in the shot put. Jim broke the school record that had stood for eight years by whipping the shot an amazing 48 feet 3 1/4 inches.

In another exhilarating achievement the Scots had four high jumps who did at least 6-2 and two, George Herrinton and John Hitchens who both cleared 6-6. Herrington and Hitchens finished 1-2, George winning on fewer misses, but incredibly for so early in the year they both narrowly missed 6-8.

There were many more excellent individual performances including a 1-2 finish in the 50 yard dash by Willie Dawkins and Art Sigsworth; a double first by Bob Smith in the 300 yard dash and the triple jump; Dan Nelson with a first in the

intermediate hurdles and a photo finish second in the high hurdles; Chuck Hadden with a 51.7 in the 440 yard dash, good for first place and an impressive time for so early in the year; and finally a first place in the mile relay with a fast 3:32.6. In addition, Andy Kovac went 2:01.6 in the 880.

The reason for Coach Gray's excitement is apparent as he put it, "For this stage of the season our development is incredible. We've got hard workers and talent that I never dreamed we had."

Women's sports, tennis archery warm-up

Alma women's tennis and archery teams have begun their seasonal practices. For the tennis team, coach Barbara Southward stated that ladder challenges would begin this week and continue until April 4, two days prior to their first match. During the course of the season there will be open challenges, where one player may challenge another as long as it is more than 48 hours before the next match.

The Scots welcome back senior

captain Deb Mapes, sophomore, Karen Tottis, senior Andrea Goff, and sophomore, Janis Roberts and Sally Fetch.

This year there are four new freshmen trying out for the squad, Louise Couture, Patti Krimball, Jane Mack and Lyn Thorpe.

Women's tennis opens their season with two home matches on April 6th and April 8th versus Albion and CMU, respectively.

Women's archery welcomes a

new coach Sandy Nyeshuis, who is replacing Maxine Hayden. The Scots have three returning letterpersons, junior Karen Dosson, D. J. Logan, and sophomore Karen Stockwell. They have two new players, sophomore Mary Beth Hatton, and freshman Judy Vasselou.

All the archery matches will run during the tennis matches. They also open their season April 6th against Albion and April 10th against Hope and Calvin.



Larry Clontz warms up for this year's baseball season as he pitches a ball to an unidentified batter while Doug Davis looks on from behind. Pic by Hyuck

MIAA ALL SPORTS RACE

MIAA ALL-SPORTS RACE
(through winter sports)

- 1. Kalamazoo 51
- 2. Albion 44
- 3. Hope 43
- 4. Alma 42
- 4. Calvin 42
- 6. Olivet 28
- 7. Adrian 23

(Based on 12-10-8-6-4-2-0 finish formula)

GOLF

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

FOOTBALL

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

BASKETBALL

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

SOCCER

- 1. Calvin
- 1. Kalamazoo
- 3. Albion
- 4. Hope
- 5. Olivet

SWIMMING

- 1. Kalamazoo
- 2. Calvin
- 3. Albion
- 4. Alma
- 5. Adrian

CROSS COUNTRY

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

WRESTLING

- 1. Olivet
- 2. Kalamazoo
- 3. Alma
- 4. Adrian
- 4. Hope

SPORTS SHORTS

Veenstra makes MIAA history

Scoring champion Mark Veenstra of Calvin is only the third player in MIAA history to lead the league in scoring three seasons. No player has ever done it four times. Previous triple scoring champions were Henry Hughes of Adrian (53-54, 54-55, 56-57) and Jim Vander-Hill of Hope (60-61, 61-62, 62-63).

May break record

Veenstra's 350 points this season was the fourth highest single season total. He now has 922 career MIAA points and would appear to be a genuine threat to the alltime career scoring record of 1,170 points by Floyd Brady of Hope from 1964-1968.

MIAA year good

MIAA basketball teams finished with a 46-25 record against non-league opponents this season, the best mark in several years. Champion Calvin was 8-2 against non-league foes while Albion and Kalamazoo were both 8-3, Hope 7-3, Adrian 6-4, Olivet 5-5, and Alma 4-5.

Olivet, K-zoo hold on

Olivet and Kalamazoo successfully defended their respective wrestling and swimming championships for the fifth season straight. Kalamazoo will enter the 76-77 season with a string of 35 straight league dual meet swimming victories while Olivet will begin with 31 consecutive league wrestling wins.

Watch for our Lampoon issue next week featuring copy



we didn't dare print

Rules for 1976-1977 Residence Hall sign up announced

Rules and procedures explained

The Student Affairs Office last week announced the 1976-1977 rules for Residence Hall useage:

During the coming year, the Alma College residence halls will be utilized to accommodate students in the following manner -- for Bruske, Gelston, Mitchell and Newberry Halls.

These halls will be open to students in all classes (freshmen, sopomores, juniors and seniors). A limited number of spaces, yet to be determined, will be reserved on each corridor for entering freshmen in order to distribute these students as evenly as possible within these facilities.

One third floor corridor in Mitchell and Newberry, the third floor or Gelston, and one quad on the third floor of both north and south Bruske will be designated as "low-noise" corridors.

One additional corridor in Mitchell and Newberry, as well as one quad in both north and south Bruske will also be designated as "non-smoking" corridors. There will not be any "non-smoking" corridors in Gelston Hall.

For Bonbright, Brazell, Carey and Nisbet Halls. These halls will again be open to students who are currently members of the sopomore and junior

classes. Class standing will be determined from the IBM class listing distributed by the Registrar's Office.

There will not be any "non-smoking" of "low-noise" corridors established in the South Complex Dorms. For Small Housing Units.

There will be a total of four small housing units available to students, on a class seniority basis, during the coming year. Three of these units will be designated for women, while the fourth will be open to male students who are not members of a fraternity which offers housing.

Before being allowed to reserve a room for the coming year, the students must 1) Be pre-registered for the fall term, 2) Pay a \$25 reservation deposit at the Cashier's window in the Business Office, and 3) Bring with him/her a room reservation card with the left-hand side completed and signed.

Class standing (freshmen, sopomore, junior) will be determined from the IBM class listing distributed by the Registrar's Office.

Proxies may be used by people who are unable to attend. The person being represented must also comply with points 1, 2 and 3 listed above.

When participating in a lottery, a student is expected to keep the lot-

tery number which has been selected until it is his/her turn to reserve a room. The same number must them be returned to the person in charge. Lottery numbers cannot be traded. Any violations of the above will result in the loss of any priority in the sign-up process.

Roommates may reserve a room at the same time during a lottery, so long as they are in the same class. For example, the pair would use the lowest lottery number they draw. Other students wishing to room together may do so, so long as one of them has already reserved a room for the coming year.

Changes in room assignments will not be considered by the Student Affairs Office until April 12, 1976.

If a student has any questions concerning any of the above material, he should ask his head resident or see Jeff Southern in the Student Affairs Office in the Reid-Knox Building.

Room reservation schedule

DATE	TIME	PLACE	ROOM RESERVATIONS
March 29	7:00	Present Hall	All current juniors interested in retaining their present room. Students presently in South Dorms assignments must obtain clearance from their head residents.
	7:30	Present Hall	All current sopomores interested in retaining their present room. Students presently in South Dorms assignments must obtain clearance from their head resident.
	8:00	Present Hall	All current freshmen interested in retaining their present room. Students presently in South Dorms assignments must obtain clearance from their head residents.
March 30	7:00	Present Hall	Students who are displaced due to the reservation of a limited number of spaces for freshmen, or due to the establishment of a different room within their present hall. By lottery.
	8:00	Present Hall	Other students who are interested in a different room assignment within their present hall. By lottery.
March 31	7:00	Dow 100 Women	Current juniors interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
	8:00	Dow 100 Women	Current sopomores interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
	9:00	Dow 100 Women	Current freshmen interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
April 1	7:00	Dow 100 Men	Current juniors interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
	8:00	Dow 100 Men	Current sopomores interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
	9:00	Dow 100 Men	Current freshmen interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.

RA announcements made

The Student Affairs Office is pleased to announce the following Residence Hall Staff appointments for the 1976-1977 academic year:

In the South Dorm complex, the R. A.s next year will be: Laurie Bartkowski, Cathy Carnaby, Kimberley Cornell, Sally Taylor, Jerry Ellsworth, Dave Houck, Lee Warnaar, and Mark Zook.

In Gelston Hall, the R. A.s will be: Peggy Jo Howard, Patricia Patterson, Rita Peterson, Robert Jones, James Kneen, Jack Rasmussen, Wim Weed.

In Newberry Hall, the R. A. staff next year will consist of Margery Gildner, Judy Hopkins, Angie

Leaver, Terri McGahey, Peggy Rex, Janis Roberts, Sally Rodibaugh, Darcy Smith, Patty Walcott.

The staff of Mitchell Hall includes Willis Baker, Steve Burkhart, Felix DiCamillo, Al Edwards, Dave McLario, Mike Miron, John Teeplies, Gary Thompson, and Tom Whittaker.

The Bruske Hall Staff includes Robin Lewis, Jennifer McLaren, Rosemary Salem, Steve Crisman, Robert Gerhardt and Don Klopoc.

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Government over-regulation affects

all people

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And they lived happily ever after, including the little red hen, who smiled and clucked, "I am grateful, I am grateful."

But her neighbors wondered why she never again baked any more bread.

Government regulation. Have you thought much about it lately? Or don't you really care one way or the other about it? United States Representative Marjorie S. Holt of Maryland was interested enough to print this version of the little red hen in the "CONGRESSIONAL RECORD"

Government regulation. Most of us have to admit, we're neither interested or concerned with the topic.

Why aren't we interested in government regulation? Because our life style doesn't evolve from

government. The majority of the actual benefits of life in the United States have nothing to do with government. The lifestyle of the Alma College student is the direct result of Superior Pharmacy, Alma Hardware, MacDonald's, and the Nut Shop. The American lifestyle results from the efforts of private citizens, who produce and trade in the free market.

The freedom of Americans to produce and trade is becoming oppressed. This is due to the fact that government in 1976 has grown so mammoth it is limiting the property of Americans by taking steps to remove the free enterprise system. Over half of everything you and I produce is now taken by the government - in one way or another.

In the new story of the little red hen, she is plucked by government regulation. Regulation is also "hen-packing" the American consumer. Regulating business through taxation really involves taxing the consumer. Taxes are just another cost of doing business. Regulating businesses raises costs. Regulation lowers efficiency. Regulation prevents competition. Regulation raises unemployment.

What can be done? The first step is to realize the American lifestyle is beginning to change. Governor Edmund Brown of California realizes it. Relates Governor Brown, "America has been on a binge for 20 years and is just waking up from it."

Next week, watch for part two.

Student-writer Carey talks

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This author who has a personal aversion to naming her characters for publication, nevertheless has the bearing of an individual who is not afraid to voice her opinion, and publishers are no exception to her scrutiny.

Her theory on publishers is that they're slow. You really have to accommodate them, you don't antagonize them, you give them plenty of time and then you write to them and say, (as her voice changes into a falsetto) 'May I please have my book back?'

"You're very meek in front of publishers," she notes, "because if they don't like the way you sign your name, they're just as liable to send your book back. The hardest part is getting used to your rejection slips."

National Players

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Viola, and Olivia were especially memorable.

The only disturbing element in the production was that Viola and Sebastian, who are supposedly identical twins and often mistaken for one another had a height difference of several inches. This is only a minor criticism against an otherwise fine production. One can but hope that the National Players will be back at Alma in the near future. Perhaps there will not be a two year wait before their next visit.

Jazz Quartet

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Merriman's style, to many, seemed to be a cross of Chick Corea and Dave Brubeck, while to others his underpinning of the quartet resembled Thelonius Monk and Jan Hammer. Merriman seemed to follow Miles Davis' maxim, "less is more".

Overall the Quartets' approach to jazz paralleled the attitude of the Brubeck quartet (Morello-Desmond period) and the Modern Jazz quartet. The harsh sounds of hard bop, the cosmic cryings of fusion, and the simplistic drive of rock were not heard last Thursday and the absence of those styles was never noticed.

According to Carey, all of her work is written, rewritten, and corrected several times before she submits it for publication.

"I go back and improve. Now, the second book didn't need nearly the improvements that the first one did, because my style had improved and I didn't make a lot of the same mistakes."

Although her second book concentrating on Scotland, has been completed, she has placed it on temporary hold because of a planned trip to Scotland after graduation. A bagpiper with the Kiltie Band, the first thing on her list of things to do is purchase "a new set of pipes".

Additionally Carey said, "I want to pick up some more research material. That's why I'm holding off on the second book. I haven't done anything with it this year 'cause I knew I was going and could get some firsthand information."

One of the self-critical author's novels runs between 60,000 and 110,000 words, and might take anywhere from six months to a year to complete. Several of the professors here have analyzed and critiqued her work, something Carey feels very strongly about.

"I will go to the ends of the earth to get criticism," she asserted. "I can't read my stuff objectively and I don't believe any writer can."

"I am having a riot restructuring, expanding my books," because of critical comments she received, she went on. "I know I'm a

writer," Carey continued and pointed out that many beginning authors are not sure what to do with criticism once they get it. "I have confidence in my own style; what is in jeopardy is whether my stuff is going to be good enough or not."

She added that "People tell me, well, how do you know that you're at a stature where you can write a book? I say the only way you can write a book is to sit down and put Chapter One on a piece of paper and try until you get it."

"Writing can be guided, but I don't believe it can be taught."

Even though writing is a major part of her life, Carey emphasized that she doesn't want to write for a career. Next year she is planning on graduate school and eventually become a professor at the college level.

"I will love it, love it, love it, love it," she exclaimed, running all her words together. "I sit there and watch Mr. Storey, and he'll give us an idea and we take it and chew it up and give it back to him and it's twice of what it was to begin with. I think it would be exhilarating to give something out, and get it back with a profit."

"The whole reason you're here is to learn how to think on your own. To learn how to really mull out a topic and make it bigger and expand it until it's as far as it will go. I want my thoughts provoked, and that's what writing ought to do."

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