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Scot athletes able to compete

Football coach, Phil Brooks was rather surprised to find out that the Scots did not have the option to play junior college teams. The Alma College faculty converged last Monday and voted to temporarily allow athletic teams to compete against junior colleges until further deliberation. Turn to the Second-Front-Page to read more about the issue.

Student Council discusses play

"Back, Red Ryder?," the play to be presented by the Alma Players. The council challenged the administration's involvement with the production. Turn to page 5 for the summary of the meeting's agenda.

Plants need care too!

Do your plants in your room look rather withered? Maybe it's the way you're caring for them. Feature Editor, Keely Hessler explains the techniques of care plant owners should use towards their plants on page 7.

Alma fraternities go NUTS

Greeks went nuts at the fraternity run-outs, held Friday night in Cappaert Gym. The ALMANIAN has captured some of the highlights of the evening on pages 10 and 11.



SNOW!

Sue Button, Flint freshman, and Julee Keller, Flint freshman, both take spills in the 15 inches of snow dropped on Alma's campus.

Swanson ok's play

By Karen Magnuson
Managing Editor

President Robert Swanson disclosed last week the Alma Player's could stage the controversial play "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" ---but only to a "closed audience."

A "closed audience" temporarily means closed to the campus community. However, Swanson indicated a future compromise may include others "by invitation."

The administration's original decision was to cancel the play because "a significant number of individuals would feel it is coarse and inappropriate."

One of the characters in the play, who pressures at gunpoint a group of persons gathered in a diner, uses descriptive language with sexual undertones and "four-letter-words," according to Phillip Griffiths, professor of speech and theatre.

Members of the administration indicated the play

should not be produced because of the damage it might do to the "image" of the institution.

However, theatre company students voiced complaints in a meeting with Ronald Kapp, vice president for educational affairs, and Kapp said the administration would consider other alternatives.

Consequently, Swanson conducted a meeting with Griffiths, theatre company students and members of the administration last week in order to resolve the issue.

Griffiths opened the meeting by saying he understood the difficulties of staging "Red Ryder."

"But rather than hide the thing or brush it under the table," Griffiths emphasized, "it would create the dialogue (pros and cons) we need..."

Don Graves, business manager for theatre company also admitted he could understand the administra-

tion's plight.

"Whatever decision is made, it will make someone unhappy...But putting it on for the campus is a midpoint...I definitely want to see the play go on," Graves, Rochester junior, said.

Pam Smith, publicity chairman for theatre company, conducted a written survey in all dormitories except Carey Hall. The survey asked residents if the attempted cancelation of the play violated students' rights. Approximately 157 replied yes while 36 answered no, Smith reported.

"It hasn't just been a case of losing credits," the Clawson sophomore commented. "It's a moral issue on students being able to express themselves. I don't think anyone should take away our choice of representing this type of material."

Smith added she thought the play was fit to produce publicly.

"I think the people who

are going to cause problems with this are still living back in the 1950's," she contended. "We're living here now and language like that is used all around campus."

Swanson replied he was concerned about the public's perception of "the character" of the college and "loss of credibility we apparently have at this point."

"Among that group will be people unable to perceive it (the play) as an art form, but as an expression of Alma College character," he explained. "On the basis of that we lose our credibility."

"The overall risk of the institution in this particular case," he continued, "is so great as far as the constituency beyond this campus...there would be an irreparable loss of credibility."

After more discussion, both students and Swanson agreed the play could be

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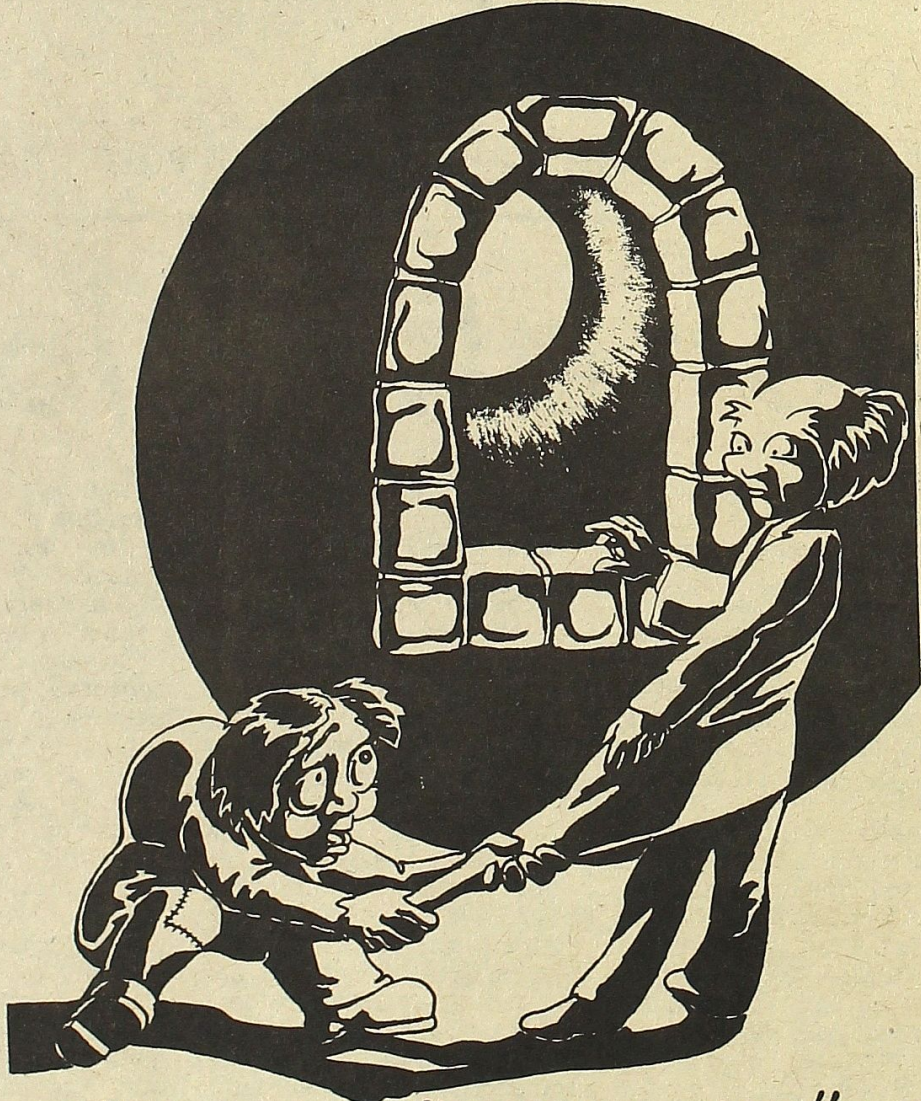
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2nd front page

Blizzard unifies campus

By Catherine Henry
News Editor

Even the most staunch snow lovers may not be saying "let it snow!" anymore. With some 15 inches of snow, not counting drifts, dropped on most of the state, everyday life has come to a grinding halt.

The Alma College campus is no exception. Gene Burr, director of physical plant, stated that his crews are doing their best to clear the snow on campus. However, as of Friday, only eight people on the maintenance crew could even get to the campus and only two of them were qualified to operate the snow removal equipment.

Burr commented: "The biggest problem is the wind. It just blows the snow right back where it's been cleared."

He hopes, however, his staff working overtime will clear the snow early this week.

Meanwhile, back at Hamilton Commons, Saga Food Services also had their prob-

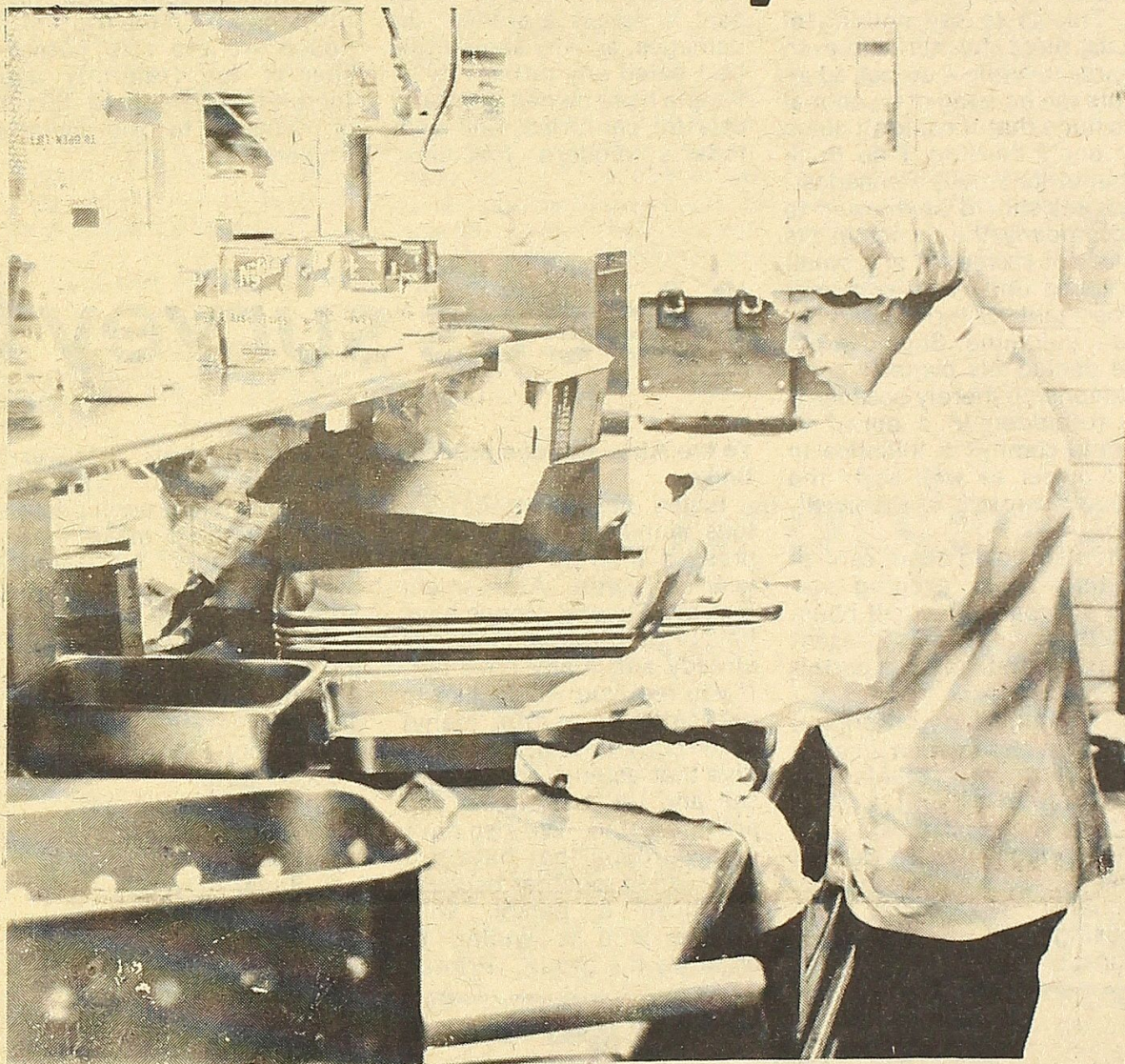
lems. Their main food supply trucks were unable to deliver. Consequently, they were running low on some foods—mainly milk and produce. In addition, many of the full-time kitchen staff couldn't come to work. Sal Sanchez of Saga Foods, said that the student employees were a much needed help.

"They've really been terrific," he exclaimed. "They've been doing everything they can to help."

The snow seems to have had a way of bringing people together. For example, some of the residents of Roach House have been helping shovel out professors' driveways.

And talk about dedication: Dan Dunne, who is temporarily replacing Dick Anderson of Saga Foods, walked for two and one-half hours through deep snow to get to work.

While students enjoyed their day off from classes on Thursday, things should be pretty much "back to normal" by this week.



Gaye Tomaszewski, Grand Rapids senior, pitches in at

the Hamilton Commons' kitchen.

Faculty allows junior college athletics

By Catherine Henry
News Editor

The Alma College faculty voted to temporarily allow athletic teams to compete against two-year colleges.

According to Phil Brooks,

football coach, the move was made in order to schedule a football game against Grand Rapids Junior College for Sept. 30, 1978, and to legitimize junior college games already scheduled for other

sports, including wrestling, women's volleyball, and women's basketball.

Brooks was rather surprised to find out that the Scots did not have the option to play junior college teams.

He decided to look into it when scheduling the Grand Rapids J.C. game because Paul Storey, assistant to the Provost for co-curricular affairs, said he recalled something about junior college competition not being allowed. It turned out the faculty voted in 1965 to limit athletic competition to four-year schools.

Brooks commented things have changed somewhat since 1965, and while junior college competition is a budget necessity in some cases (the two-year colleges are generally closer, cutting transportation costs), it also is true that some two-year schools offer good competition for the Scots. It virtually is impossible for all of Alma's teams to fill their schedules with only four-year teams, he said.

He also felt that the ruling originally was intended to prevent the varsity football and basketball teams from scheduling too many junior college games. The general feeling at the time was that a win against a junior college was nothing big, but a loss would be quite embarrassing.

Because of the lapse of time, the ruling was just about forgotten...until this

year. Consequently, Alma has been playing two-year teams in several sports for some time. Because some of Alma's teams get some of their better competition from junior college teams, Brooks felt that it was important that a decision be made at this time.

However, the faculty did not completely reverse the previous decision. The presently scheduled junior college games will stand, and future schedules must be reviewed by the athletic task force and the provost.

Brooks hopes the new decision will become permanent even though he prefers to play four-year colleges, partly because the N.C.A.A. doesn't recognize wins against two-year schools. He commented it is difficult to find four-year teams outside of the M.I.A.A. to fill the schedule. He tried over 150 four-year schools last year before scheduling Grand Rapids J.C.

In other business, the faculty also voted to allow Alma to accept bids for post season competition, in accordance with all the other schools in the M.I.A.A.

Members of the faculty discuss the merits of competi-

tion against two-year colleges at the faculty meeting

on January 16.



Student defends pets

Dear Editor:

It's my opinion that there are some very outdated and unconventional criteria being employed in a situation where some real criteria and advantages should be used as criteria for certain college policies. I refer specifically to the banning of dogs from all campus small housing units.

This is to say nothing of cats, birds, ferrets, and even horses. While I do not advocate the housing of an animal so huge that it couldn't sleep at one's bedside, I do think that other small, domesticated pets should be allowed to accompany the owner in his place of residence at a small housing unit, with one very important criterion serving as a guideline. Should a pet be denied his owner's companionship merely because it is forbidden in a dorm? It would commit a injustice to the owner as well as to the other occupants of the dwelling.

It also would seem contradicting to the "exciting, viable alternative" small housing is supposed to represent as an advantage over dormitory living.

The important criterion : any type of objection whatsoever by another resident of the same living unit.

Now it may be said that the college is concerned about damages, as the consequence of owning and housing such a pet on their property. But examine this

for a moment. In some of the structures, the damage done by a dog would be minimal.

It is true that dogs can gnaw on furniture, however, a trained, domesticated pet does not excrete on the floor, urinate on the walls, or chew on furniture. If such were the case, the owner would be assessed for damages. The college has not hesitated in the past to assess a student for damages, so why should this be treated any differently? People have owned dogs and cats for centuries, and with today's modern medicine,

dogs present no real health hazard--unless, of course, one is allergic to them. And if that were the case, one most certainly would have objected to having the dog.

In the case of the rented house for an organization such as a fraternity, the only denial of dogs would have to stem from the objection of the membership. The furnishings within the fraternity house are the sole possession of the fraternity and therefore present no threat of damage to the college property.

Again, a trained, domesticated pet in a fraternity house is no different from that living in any other structure. It doesn't excrete on the floor or urinate on the walls.

There are some administrators that know the joys of owning and housing a pet and also rent housing from the college. Obviously there is a discrepancy here. Is it that administrators are so elite that rules and policy don't apply to them? Is it that their pets are better than ours, or is it the "right

kind" of pet?

I submit that, since the policy criterion imposed on small housing and fraternity houses is not really pertinent to all situations and that a double standard likewise is in effect, policy concerning the housing of pets in small housing units and all fraternity houses should be changed to become more in tune with the needs and desires of the residents in such an "exciting, viable alternative" to dorm living.

Dave Andrews

Needs survey lists activities

To the Alma College Student Body:

Listed below are 33 various activities that you expressed interest in on last year's Needs Assessment Survey. Several groups have held organizational meetings already and many have not. If you feel you would like to participate in one (or many) of the activities listed, please give that activity chairman a call and let them know you are interested. We also have many groups that have not been called together because we need a person with initiative who is willing to organize the group. Printed

invitations and lists are available from Student Council, we just need people willing to help make these groups reality by calling them together. Stop by the Student Council office or Dave Campbell's office for the full scoop!

Activities needing to be organized:

1. Indoor Plant Growing
2. Computer
3. Bread Baking
4. Woodworking
5. Pottery
6. Square Dance
7. Modern Dance
8. Painting
9. Martial Arts
10. Interior Decorating
11. Back-packing
12. Transcendental Med-

- itation
13. Music Appreciation
15. Book Exchange Club
16. Basic Home Maintenance
17. Carpentry
18. Furniture Refinishing
19. Furniture Building
20. Personal Finances
21. Investments
22. Weekend Film Festivals

The following groups already have chairmen, if you are interested, give them a call.

1. Astronomy - Jamie Kneen 141 Gelston
2. X-C Skiing - John Harlan 2nd Brazell
3. Guitar - Jamie Kneen 141 Gelston
4. Public Affairs discussion

- Ulli Aumen Newberry
5. Social Dance - Carol Furrow 231 Carey
6. Photography - Jamie Kneen 141 Gelston
7. Yoga - Terry Sopko Newberry
8. Hunting and Fishing - Jamie Kneen 141 Gelston
9. Gourmet Cooking - Keely Hessler 226 Gelston
10. Cheese and Wine Appreciation - Jamie Kneen.
11. Cheese/Wine/Beer Making - Jamie Kneen 141 Gelston

Please, the opportunity to improve your environment is here - capitalize on it.

Jamie Kneen
Student Council President

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Aren't 'snow days' wonderful?

I trust that everyone had one hell of a good time over our unexpected four-day "break." Aren't snow days wonderful?

It looked shaky for awhile, but we did manage to get enough stories together to put out this issue. However, due to the snow, we were not able to get all of our stories and pictures in as planned. So if you don't see a story or photo that you thought would be included in this week's issue, just hold tight until next week. We will try to get everything caught up and running smoothly once more.

And, before I get swamped with irate phone calls and nasty letters, please, please, PLEASE do not accuse the ALMANIAN of being biased in any way, shape or form as far as the Greek run-out pictures are concerned [pp.10-11]. Yes, we are totally aware of the fact that there are two [count 'em, two] pictures of the Theta Chis and none of the Sigma Betas. This is not, I repeat NOT, due to our unabashed biases for any fraternity. It just so happened that the Theta Chi pictures were photographically good, while the Sigma Beta pictures for some mysterious reason turned out less than good [blurry, no faces, too dark, etc...]. This does not mean that we love the Theta Chis and abhor the Sigma Betas or anything ridiculous like that. It's just that when I look for pictures to put in the paper, I look for good action shots that show a lot of faces, are clear and bright. I somehow can't bring myself to print an unidentifiable picture simply because we will have "even coverage." Please keep this in mind when reading this and all future issues. And by the way, speaking of pictures, let me add that last week's photo fiasco was not our fault. Our printer somehow poured much, too much ink into the press, and the first thing to black out was the pictures. We are negotiating with the printer now to alleviate this problem permanently, and I hope that this and all future issues contain better photos. I have managed to persuade our photo editor Steve to hold off the bizaar revenge scheme he had planned, so for now we are just crossing our fingers. If the problem keeps up, we may uncross our fingers and show our dissatisfaction in another way. I hope that doesn't happen.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has gone out of their way to compliment the staff on our "new look." We are working hard to improve this publication more and more each week, and your signs of approval mean a lot to us. Thank you.

Cheryl Addington

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Council eyes 'Ryder' decision

Lucy Best News Writer

Ronald Kapp, vice president for educational affairs, and several members of the theatre company attended Wednesday night's Student Council meeting to discuss the impact of the campus controversy over "When You Comin' Back Red Ryder?"

Kapp reported an agreement had been reached and the controversy was over. The play will be produced and shown to a closed audience. Publicity will be restricted to the campus area, he explained.

Pam Smith, spokeswoman for the theatre company, stated the cast had decided to push for a closed production rather than a script change prior to President Robert Swanson's final decision.

In response to a charge that administrative involvement prohibits students' freedom of speech, Kapp introduced the idea of the right of the institution to create or uphold an image.

Council representative John Swartout challenged the authenticity of the "image of the school." He cited a wide gap between what the school actually is and what the administration is trying to portray.

Kapp explained, in his opinion, Alma College is a middle of the road institution. To select goals to the right or left, he believes, would destroy the school in terms of student enrollment and outside financing.

Dean of Student Affairs Robert Maust added: "Alma's image is an evolving thing. We all participate in the molding of the image."

Both Kapp and Maust stated they were interested in what students want or think the image to be.

Swartout also contended censorship of the play stifles art.

Smith replied that any script changes were made prior to the beginning of the controversy. She also felt, despite the changes, the play still represents an art form.

A report from the "Bitch Table" indicated that some students were upset about what they termed "one-sided ALMANIAN reporting." They charged that no one took time to go to the administration.

Kapp defended the front page story by Karen Magnuson, Almanian Managing

Editor. He said the article was "very balanced and very factual." He did note, however, "clearly an editorial posture" was reflected throughout the rest of the newspaper.

The discussion was satisfactory in the eyes of some council members. Helen Philips, representative, noted Kapp had been willing to stay longer to answer questions. She was pleased he had gone "out of his way" to educate the council.

Other business included:A discussion of "Bitch Table" reports. Student

complaints over scheduled spring term classes were noted. Compliments on the planter and live plants in Hamilton Commons were also cited.

.....Maust reported African Fellowship applications are available to junior men and women. The deadline for these applications is Feb. 14. He also reported Honors Convocation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. Robert Timberlake will be the guest speaker.

.....Council president

Jamie Kneen reported the menu planning board will meet Monday to "hopefully plan palatable menus."

.....Union Board selection procedures were discussed. Student Council will review staff decisions before any official announcements are made.

.....The constitutionally-mittee will begin to organize this term in preparation for next fall. This committee will help coordinate planned use of college facilities and property by student organizations

.....Kneen reported progress had been made to have weekend gym hours changed. A three-week trial plan to open the gym on Saturday nights will be instituted in the near future.

.....Union Board President Kevin Scott reported an increase in movie attendance last week. He thanked the ALMANIAN for a good publicity job.

Next week's meeting will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the U.N. Room of the Library. Students are encouraged to attend.

To drink or not to drink?

Alcoholics disclose problems

Four students from the Alcohol Education Office at Michigan State University were speakers at a seminar presented by the Chapel Affairs Committee in an attempt to promote responsible drinking.

Two of the speakers were alcoholics and discussed their habits as well as the problems they encountered when they tried to stop.

Four-point students at one time, as drinking became more and more important to them their grades, among other things, became less and less important. Unable to hold a job and jailed many times for alcohol related offenses, both men often promised themselves that they would quit but never could.

Said one: "Promises like that just don't mean anything when you really want to drink."

An alcoholic was defined as "an individual whose drinking behavior is adversely affecting a major portion of his or her life: job, schoolwork, health, social relationships, etc."

Although both men fit this description, neither of them recognized his problem until someone finally came to him and said "I care about you and you're drinking too much."

"Not too many people will do that," said one of the men; "they just hand you another drink and worry to themselves."

Both of these men went

to Alcoholics Anonymous, although they recognize that is not the only way to get help. It is their contention the only way to control alcoholism is to quit drinking entirely. A return to "social drinking" will only lead back to alcoholism, they said.

The panel voiced several alcohol-related facts. For example, it is estimated seven out of ten Americans drink alcohol and one out of ten of them are or will become alcoholics. When used in excess, alcohol can have more serious physical effects than any other drug. Also, criminal offenses such as drunk and disorderly remain on a person's permanently. According to the latest Health, Education, and Welfare report to Congress, among individuals considered "heavier drinkers," the greatest proportion are in the 18-20 age range, and alcohol is estimated to

be a factor in approximately 50 percent of all highway traffic deaths.

A discussion of myths regarding alcohol revealed that although many people think wine or beer "don't count" a 12 ounce can of beer, a one and one-half ounce shot of whiskey, and a four ounce glass of wine are approximately equal in alcohol content.

The MSU Alcohol Education Office occasionally throws parties where alcohol is served along with non-alcoholic beverages and lots of food. They have discovered that many people who attend merely want a glass in their hand and don't particularly care whether the glass contains an alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage.

"A lot of college alcoholics aren't the people you see at every party," one speaker claimed. "They're the ones who don't join in but stay

back at the dorm drinking."

A number of alternatives to parties where drinking occurs were offered, including coffeehouses, square dances, handwriting or dreamk analysis parties and card parties.

Another suggestion was having a policeman come to a regular party and administer voluntary breathalyzer tests. According to the speakers, when this was done at MSU many students were shocked to discover that they were legally drunk although they did not feel impaired themselves.

Members of the panel did not condemn drinking per se but placed emphasis on enhancing the lives of both those who drink and those who do not.

"The choice of whether or not to drink or how much to drink is yours. If you choose to use alcohol, make sure it doesn't use you," they concluded.

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Due to Saturday night's

concert, there will be no nightclub this week. However, we have two great movies in store...

Wednesday and Thursday nights in Tyler, one of the funniest westerns of all time will be shown, "They Call Me Trinity." Terence Hill stars as a lazy hombre who

still manages to "get his man." This film is a treat for all movie-goers. Wednesday and Thursday nights in Tyler at 10 p.m. The cost will be ten cents.

The weekend holds another triumph for that comedy genius, Mel Brooks. "Silent Movie" is his latest

and greatest work, starring Mel Brooks, Dom DeLuise, Marty Feldman, and a host of other stars including Anne Bancroft, Paul Newman, Marcel Marceau, and Liza Minelli. You'll even get to see Burt Reynolds in the shower. For an evening of "Funn" be sure to see it.

Friday at 6:45 and 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. in Dow. The cost is 50 cents.

Keep calling the Scot Line (444) for all the latest in campus events, and be sure to come to the Lenny Dodge and Doyle Wood concert Saturday night in Tyler.

Local singer shines

By Jim Daniels
Entertainment Editor

Kitty Donohoe, Mt. Pleasant singer and guitarist, entertained a small but enthusiastic audience in Tyler Tuesday night.

Her engaging smile and friendly banter in-between songs warmed up the audience, although she appeared disappointed at the small turnout.

Donohoe performed a wide variety of songs, from country to blues to folk, and was equally adept in all areas. Her repertoire included songs from David Bromberg and Emmy Lou Harris, as well as the work of older artists such as Fuzzy Lewis' "Stick With Me Baby and I'll Turn Your Money Green" and Doc Watson's "Deep River Blues."

Although she concentrat-

ed on the work of others, her own songs seemed strongest because they were more personal. "Farmers in Florida" is a touching account of her grandfather's unhappy retirement in Florida and "Lullaby for Jess" is a song for her young son.

Donohoe will be warming up for both Tom Rush and Steve Goodman in the near future.

MSU sponsors workshop

The Music Therapy Club at Michigan State University will be sponsoring a Music Therapy Workshop on February 17 and 18, 1978.

The Friday evening pro-

gram will consist of a coffee house beginning at 7:00 p.m. This will provide an opportunity to share your own ideas, songs, and activities that are special to your club. Saturday

will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. with a break for lunch.

This year's program will include seminars on Creative to the Blind with Braille Music, Orff instruments, and a Dulcimer presentation.

A registration fee of \$1.00 is required from each individual. Also, accommodations will be provided for those attending the Friday evening seminar. The deadline for registration fees and accommodations is February 10, 1978. Please make checks payable to Alpha Mu.

If interested, contact Dr. Ernest Sullivan in the Music Department.

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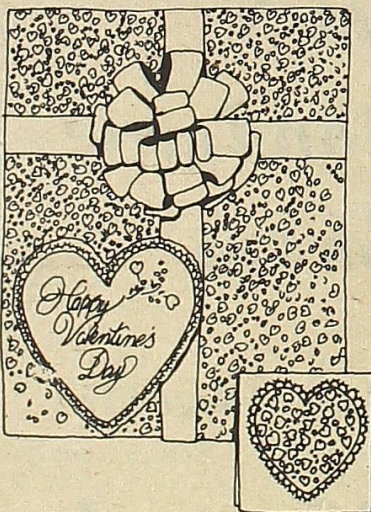
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Student recital scheduled

There will be a Student Recital on Monday, January 30 at 7:15 p.m. in the Chapel. Participating will be Beth Dalenberg, mezzo-soprano, singing CARA SPOSA by Handel and DIE MAINACHT by Brahms. Rebecca Cressman, soprano, will sing Ernest Gold's MUSIC WHEN SOFT VOICES DIE and Brahms' VERGEBLICHES STANDCHEN. Theresa Czaja, alto saxophonist, will play the First Concerto by Guilhaud and Nancy Crawford, pianist, will play Brahms Op. 118, Intermezzo in A, Ballade in G minor and Beethoven's Sonata, Op. 21, No. 1, Allegro.

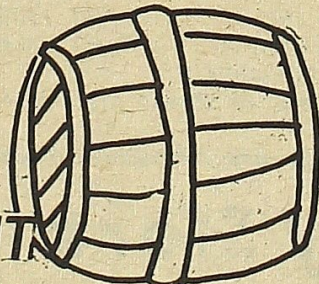
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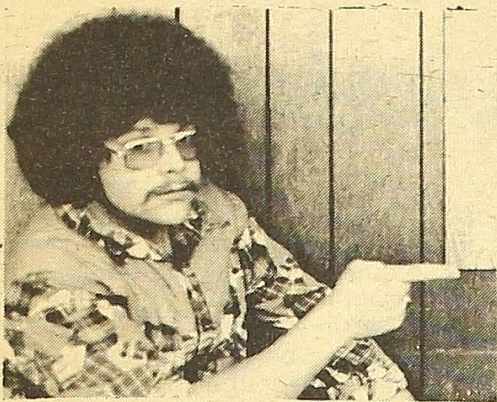
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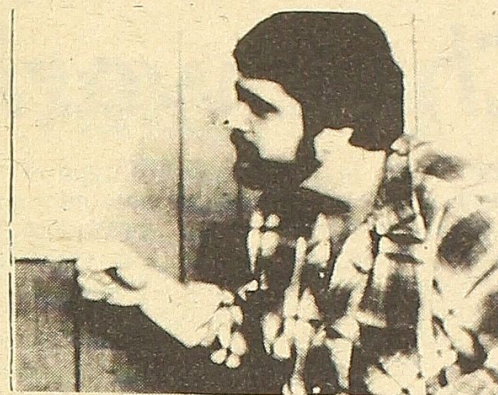
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Tuesday ALL drinks 50¢





Creams at Larj

← Point → Counterpoint



[Editor's note: Due to the blizzard last week which immobilized Charles Creamer, this week's POINT was written by Thomas "Huff" Whittaker.]

POINT

Larj, after listening to you and Creams intellectually abuse each other for the last two months, I'm glad I finally have this opportunity to put an issue in its proper perspective. The issue of censorship and academic freedom is touchy, Larj, and dependent on specific situations.

In this case, I'm sure you'll agree the administration has done the right thing. For, you see, Larj, whether you believe it or not, the issue is **not** censorship and academic freedom; the

issue is Alma College's image. Look at it this way: the play is going to be shown.

No one's inalienable rights have been manipulated or repressed by the administration. All Dr. Kapp has done is given a token denial to the play being shown in order to appease those extreme conservative elements connected to the college financially.

Isn't the Administration clever, Larj, now we'll get our chance to see the scum and filth of our society on the stage of Dow Auditorium, while those "John Birch" elements down in the Detroit area will think we're still going to church on Sundays and diligently wearing our beanie caps as freshmen. After the fact, Larj, the campus community's "thirty pieces of silver" from concerned Presbyterians will keep on strengthening the

renowned financial position of Alma College, while the issue of academic freedom, so important to higher education and to the search for a better society, will not be endangered to any great extent.

I will not call you a [censored] Larj, like Creams would, but I will admit if you don't agree with me here, you do tend toward the barbaric.

COUNTERPOINT

Huff, I'd like to thank you for filling in for the snow-bound Creams. You certainly are from the same warped mold, and, in characteristic form, you demonstrate that.

Huff, the issue is more complex than "image." It is in fact a dubious combination of image, morals, values, ethics, and yes, most undeniably, censorship.

The recent decision made

by Dr. Kapp does in fact abound with notions of censorship. As you so eloquently state, the inalienable rights of the students at Alma College have not been manipulated or repressed. But, Huff, what about other people who would like to see the play?

Previously, Huff, the issue reeked of the total censorship of the play - in part by the alternative of deleting distasteful words or the equally inane proposal to ban the production altogether.

Yes, Huff, I will agree that the administration is clever...clever enough to sell out to an infinitely massive six-member committee for a little financing. And clever enough to appease the student body with a token performance.

Huff, **academic freedom is not at issue here.** Censorship, of a very clever nature,

is. Just where does "freedom" end and "academic freedom" begin? I think it is rather arrogant for anyone to ride high up on their own white horse, sit through a theatrical production where an artist has portrayed a socially significant phenomenon of our times, and then have the gall to say, "You common people are not worthy of seeing this work of art. Only intellectuals and good, God-fearing Presbyterians can see this play."

Just how far can this go? Will this committee or some other, under the guise of decent Presbyterians, delve into determining what books, movies, and magazines college students and "ordinary peons" can enjoy?

Huff, the whole affair is nothing more than a theatrical production on a grand scale. Just pull a string and the puppet is at the total command of the puppeteer.

Choir works hard toward Russian tour

The choir is busy with several projects, including an upcoming Alma College afternoon at the Alibi East in Mt. Pleasant, so it can fund an extended tour of the Soviet Union and Poland.

Under the direction of Ernest Sullivan, professor of Music, the college's A Capella Choir will take the tour during spring term. Approximately 60 students will perform and sight-see while earning college credit.

The tour is sponsored in part by Friendship Ambassadors, a non-profit organization designed to promote goodwill between the United States and those countries behind the Iron Curtain. Cultural exchanges, such as the tour taken by the choir four years ago in Rumania, are part of the Friendship Ambassador's program to promote peace in a musical manner.

Acceptance of the Russian-Polish tour was by audition.

A tape of the choir's music was sent to Friendship Ambassadors in New York by Dr. Sullivan. The tape consisted of selected recordings of the choir, which was evaluated by the Friendship Ambassadors. A letter of acceptance was received and remarks by Friendship Ambassador President Harry Morgan expressed a hardy congratulations.

"We are confident you will represent the United States in the very finest sense," the letter stated.

The choir will leave by bus for New York's John F. Kennedy airport on April 27.

On the way, performances will be given, including several in the Toledo and Ash-tabula areas of Ohio. Several concerts also will be given in New York. From New York they will fly to Warsaw, then immediately to Moscow where they will perform for ten days, touring Russia by train and bus.

The choir will then fly back to Poland, landing in Warsaw and touring the Polish country-side for about ten days. They will return May 24.

"There will be two buses and two guides," Sullivan explained. "Often we will be staying in first-class motels while on tour. In Russia we may spend a night or two aboard a train."

"Friendship Ambassadors provided us with an excellent opportunity to sightsee, as well as sing," he added.

"We will have a chance to see Auschwitz, Krakow, Red Square, and museums relating to the famous composer Wolfgang Mozart."

Particular interest has been shown in seeing Auschwitz, the infamous concentration camp used by the Nazis during World War II, according to Sullivan. The camp was the death place for millions of Jews and political enemies of the Nazi Regime.

Preparation for the tour has already begun. Representatives from Friendship Ambassadors and groups that have toured the Communist countries have appeared before the choir and given slide presentations. Information on what to take, where to go, and, generally, what to expect was also relayed.

One of the things which will be encountered by the choir is the change in electrical currents. The current commonly used in Russia and Poland is 220 volts, unlike the 110 found in the western hemisphere. Adapters must be purchased to accommodate the new current, so choir members can use blowdryers and electric razors.

Russian lessons also are being given in preparation for the trip. Each Tuesday night students are instructed on how to communicate by using basic Russian words

and phrases. This will enable the students to enrich their travel experience and add to their understanding of the Russian people.

Most important in preparation is fund-raising. Although Friendship Ambassadors partially sponsor the tour, the students are still responsible for about \$975 of the total cost. Consequently, various fund-raising projects have been started to help the students earn money for the tour. Candy sales, bake sales, slave auctions and many other projects are currently underway.

An all-college afternoon at the Alibi in Mt. Pleasant will be sponsored by the choir Friday, Feb. 3, from 2-6 p.m. Admission will be 50 cents per person, with half of the proceeds going to the choir's tour fund. Super beers will be half-price, with reduced rates on other drinks as well.

Sullivan said the choir originally had planned to take 50 people, but because of quota restrictions, 60 students will tour. "Two buses must be filled, leaving room for a few more people," Sullivan said, "If there are 3 or 4 more people who feel they can make a musical contribution to the choir, they are welcome to contact me. I am very excited about the tour. It promises to be lots of fun and a great

Black magic gives safety

'Fellow' explains Nigerian life

By Katy Cornelius
News Writer

Last year's African Fellow, Andy Jones, gave a slide

meat. A piece of meat the size of a 50 cent piece often costs a dollar, he explained.

Another aspect of Nige-

to insure they would not die in their taxis. Therefore, they drove any way they wanted, without following

ally were very friendly, Jones concluded. Complete strangers often would offer him a place to stay. After 11

Hornets too much for Alma tankers

**By Mike Shovan
Sports Writer**

The Alma College Swim Team evened their conference record to 2-2 with a 73-40 loss to the Kalamazoo Hornets in Kalamazoo last Tuesday evening.

The Scot Tankers were no match for the much talented and powerful Hornets.

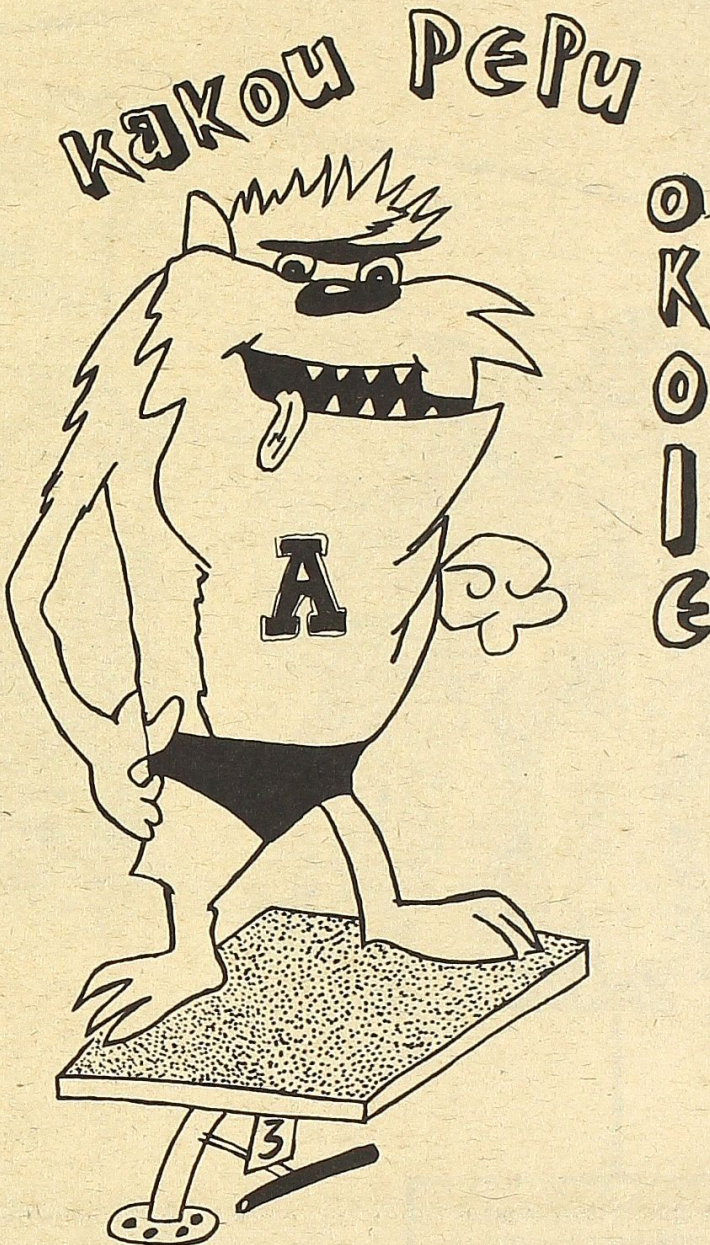
Having to start the meet late because of a traffic tie up, the Scots' found the much heralded MIAA powerhouse true to their past form.

Bob Kent, coach for the Hornets, for the Hornets, has another exceptionally well-balanced team because of his recruiting expertise. With the likes of Dave Knoehel, Marty Ambrose, and Dave Slattery, the Hornets

should have no trouble recapturing the MIAA swimming title.

Wayne Wyszynski provided another fine effort for the Scots as he won both the 500 and 100 yard freestyle races. Wayne was also successful at re-setting his 1000 yard freestyle record with a time of 10:53.5. Sophomore Dave Yeager again proved his excellence in the 200 yard freestyle as he took first place in that event. The Scot 400 yard freestyle relay of Alan Nicollette, Todd Freisner, Rob Richardson, and Dave Yeager provided the final first place for Alma.

The Scot Tankers will remain idle until February 4 when they meet league rival Albion at home.



"Frankly with Flattley"

Scot cagers contending for M.I.A.A. title



Will the MIAA be crowning a new basketball champion this winter? Is the Calvin stronghold finally broken?

It is no doubt too early to tell the answers to these questions, but the first few conference games have set the stage for what very well may be an exciting and fruitful season for our own Alma Scots.

For those who are unaware, the Scots currently are sharing the top rung on the MIAA ladder with the Bulldogs of Adrian. Adrian is 4-0 while Alma has won it's first three league contests. Defending co-champ Calvin has lost it's first three league games and has to be considered out of the race while Albion, the other defending co-champ, has lost only to Alma.

The determining factor in the title chase most likely will lie in the ability of the contending teams to win away from home. Alma lost any hopes of a league crown last year due to inefficiency away from Cappaert Gymnasium. The Scots took a major step in clearing that hurdle last Wednesday night by defeating Calvin 67-65 at Calvin. Dick Mills' two free throws with seconds remaining gave the Scots the win while junior co-captain Dan Stolz, who was named MIAA Player of the Week last week, led Alma with 24 points. Stolz' playing and leadership qualities will provide Alma with poise necessary to win away from home. Stolz will not be shaken by the unfriendly confines of Albion's, Adrian's, or anyone else's gym.

Other games will play a major role in the outcome of the MIAA race.

Alma will try to journey to Olivet, and before you laugh, think back to last winter trip to Olivet. The Scots were unbeaten in the league and were sharing the top spot, just as they are now. The Comets pulled out a two point win at the buzzer when the officials disallowed Jim Davidson's jumper because time had supposedly run out. Hopefully Alma will avoid a repeat of last year's performance.

In another game of interest, Adrian will travel to Albion, where they will tangle in a gym which is never very friendly to opposing teams. A combination of an Alma win and an Albion victory over Adrian would put the Scots in sole ownership of first place with a chance to move two games up on Adrian next Saturday when the Bulldogs entertain the Scots. The events of the next two weeks will hopefully catapult Alma into the league lead and point them toward that long awaited league title.

Cable T.V. still a question

**By Mark Schultz
News Writer**

After months of rumors, hopes, and prolonged negotiations, the verdict on cable television in residence halls and small housing is still undecided. After two months of bargaining with a local cable television company, a final judgment still hasn't been made, according to Robert Fraker, director of purchasing.

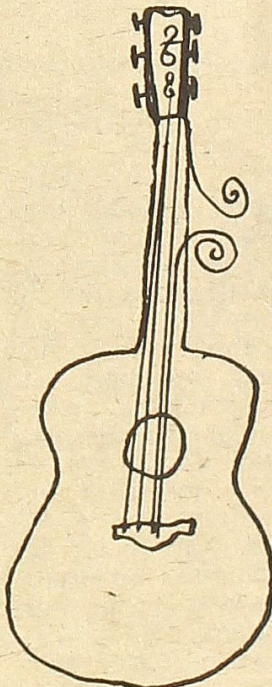
The problem lies, said Fraker, in the charter allowing the cable company to operate in the Alma area. One stipulation of the agreement is the company must "provide free service to educational buildings." According to official interpretation, this guarantees free cable outlets for all academic buildings, but all living facilities are excluded from the provision.

Hoping to arrange a package deal covering both building types, Fraker recieved an initial cost estimate of about \$2200. However, the bid did not indicate exactly what was included in the figure. Pointing out the fact the charter furnishes free outlet installation in the academic buildings, Fraker hopes the company will be able to provide the service at a lower cost by extending the cable system from these buildings to the dorms. He hasn't, however, received a

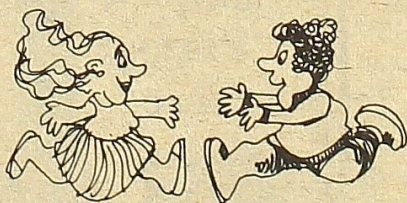
clarifying response from the company.

Fraker said, he feels an agreement will be reached this term. But until the company gives a final estimate, the only thing left is hope, he concluded.

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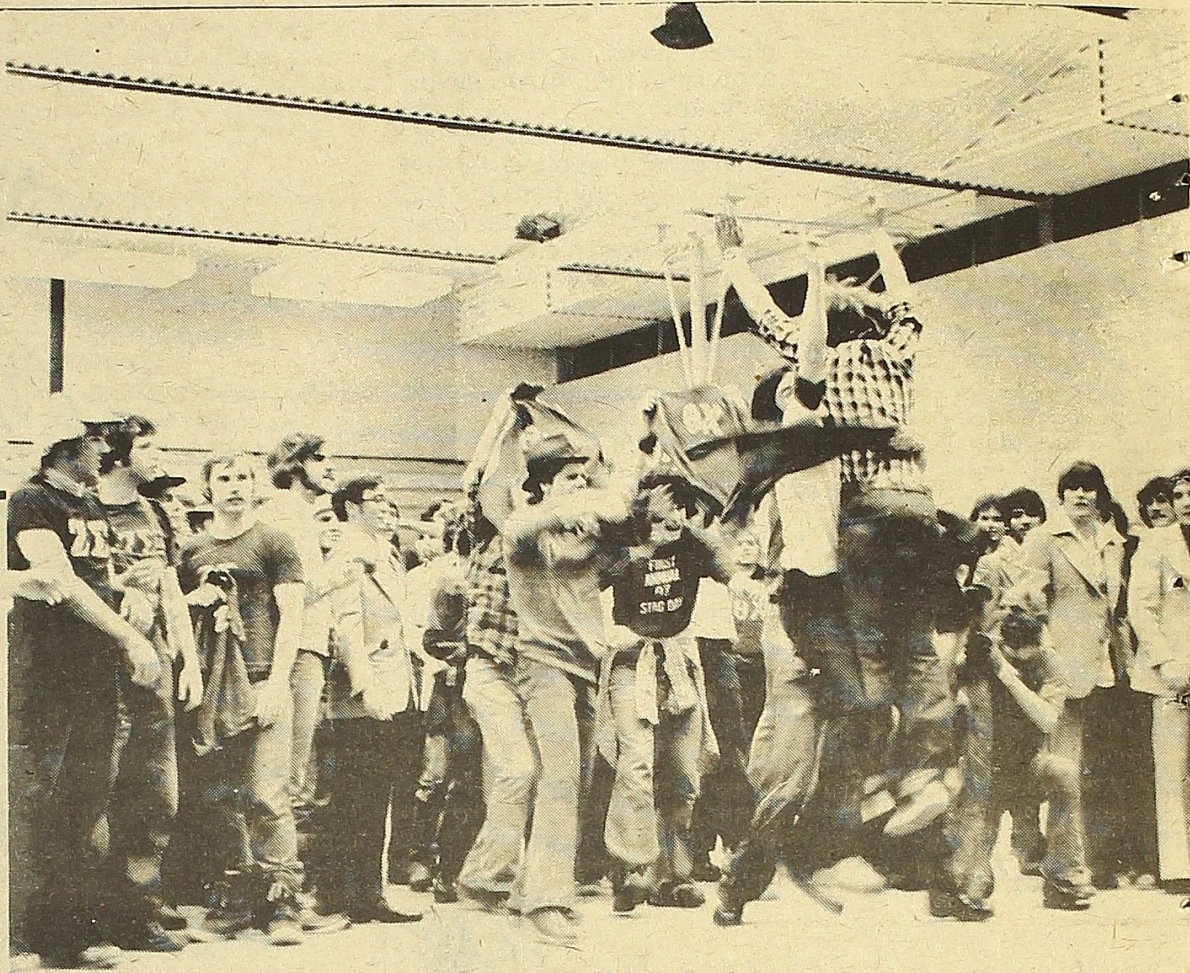


PIZZA KING



The Really Good One

Alma fraternities go nuts



Greeks go nuts at fraternity run-outs Friday night in the Cappaert Gymnasium. The Tekes (above), got an even dozen new pledges this term. The Theta Chis (upper and lower right), sure got excited about their three new pledges.



GREEKS



KI

The newly formed chapter of Kappa Iota sorority on campus is in the process of trying to organize for the winter term. They recently took in three new social members and three big brothers. Mary Jones, Lillet Iguidbashian, and Kathy Young are the new social members and Steve Hoffman, Clark Fry and Randy Mrock are the new brothers. Congratulations are in order for these new members. Plans are currently being reviewed of the possibility of the KI's sponsoring a semi-formal dance in early April. The dance would be entitled "Luxury Liner". This is the dance which was formerly

given by the KI's during the spring before they disbanded in 1974.

Also in the works is a chocolate bunny sale around Easter time. Again, congratulations to the new members.

AΘ

The sisters of Alpha Theta hope that everyone had a tremendous time during the blizzard last week! Despite the weather conditions, last Friday we had "Family Day" at the P.K. and Friday evening we helped the Sigs celebrate their new pledges. Congrats ZE, you're the best!

Again the I.M. basketball team lost to Bruske in a close game. Chris "Bill Walton" Godfrey was high scorer with six points, while "Firearm" Sonja Schultz kept Bruske baffled... (What do I do next, Zones?) Jayne "Jo Jo" Olsen put in a spectacular performance, holding Jo Bo Barbour to only 19 points.

Last Tuesday several Thetas helped the Sigs with their smoker, lighting cigars and serving the meal, while the rest of the sorority serenaded the Sigs behind a flaming ZE.

Get fired for the AO all campus party this Friday at the C.S.A. Hall. It's from 8:30-12:30 and costs a mere \$2 for a fantastic time! we hope to see everyone out there!

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over fifty new pledges!!

Zeta Sigmas (left) show their excitement over their 22 new pledges and one social bid as Tom Van-Egmond, Willis Baker, Brad Graf, and Craig Gates watch Steve Rideout and an unidentified Sig gator in celebration. Members of the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity (below) whoop it up with their ten pledges. The Sigma Beta service fraternity (not pictured) also got three pledges, bringing the grand total to fifty new pledges and one social bid.



Alpha Theta ALL CAMPUS PARTY!

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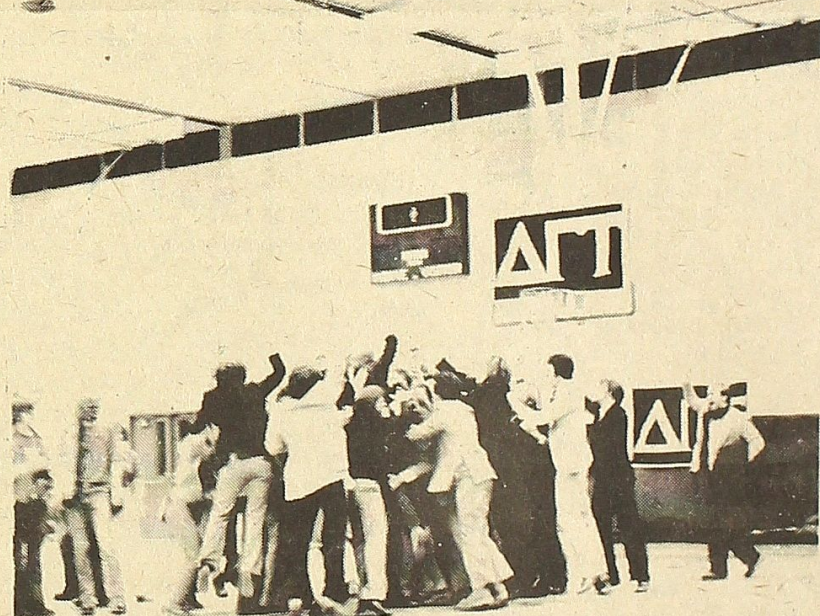


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Personals

Brothers of Zeta Sigma:

Not only did you get quantity, but it's obvious you have TOP quality! You guys are the best! Sisters Forever, Alpha Theta

ATTENTION:

Glo's Kitchen will be closed due to empty cupboards. Don't ask your neighbor if it's true. Just REJOICE and enjoy Saga.

There are now openings for enrollment in "Bob's Score School". Features include placement service and personalized instruction.

Director: Mr. Potential
Associate Professor:
Charlie Creamer

Reserve your place by calling ext. 233 before midnight tonight. (Dial "0" for Glo.)

Jimmy--Seen any NHO's lately?

Dear Brothers of
Tau Kappa Epsilon,

Congratulations on the new pledges. What a fine bunch of guys. We are really looking forward to this term with the new brothers.

TKE forever
TKE Little Sisters

To the OX pledges ----
You'll Beg

LOOKOUT! They're back: Mr. Natural, Flakey Foont, Fuzzy Bunny, Dealer McDope, Binky Brown, Virgin Mary, Mr. Snoid, The Desperate Character. All arrived Saturday at 3:00 pm. Welcome Back....

AZT's

Let's get fired up for THE biggest and best Amo-Te EVER!!

Smokey----

You make us lose it....

To the MEN of DGT--

Congratulations on your new pledges. Once again, the Gams get the "cream of the crop"! Now here's an OBVIOUS bonus question for you. What do you get when you add a bunch of great gumbies to the best frat on campus (DGT, of course)? Give up? A bunch of STUDS!

A "Faithful" Admirer

Gelston Women's IM Basketball team:

Sorry about the hassles at our last IM game. Hope we can reconcile it soon.

AZT Women's IM team.

Scott--

You are still the best little brother that a sister could ask for. Keep the spirit! I love ya.

TKE forever,
Your big sister

The Brothers of Delta Gamma Tau,

Congratulations on your new pledge class. We had a great time at the parties.

We are looking forward to getting to know the new brothers.

The Sisters of Alpha Zeta Tau

CONNIE

Hope you are enjoying Nisbet. Have a good week.

Love
Ex-Roomie

K.T.

I LIKE YOU--you have been warned!

SIGS:

CONGRATULATIONS ON A
GREAT PLEDGE CLASS!
EVER LOYAL

ROBIN

Is it true that you buy your peanuts in Ann Arbor? Or do you get them free?

KEN RAVELL-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

KEITH-

Thanks for everything you did to make the ski weekend such a great time. We really appreciate you!

TO I.I.D.,

Tonight at seven?
No matter what you think, I think you're the best!
RELAX

Cold as Ice

HEY KI'S

It's going to be a great term. Things are looking up.

A KI BROTHER



KAREN BELL:

HAPPY 22nd BIRTHDAY!

Love, Me

TO THE SIGS:

Congratulations on your new pledges! They are Great!

WANTED:

Replacements for second and third floors Gelston.

The members of the above mentioned areas will be moved to the "Vault" next year. Complete physicals will be given for all prospective residents between midnight and 6 a.m. in the Gelston basement the rest of this week.

C.R.V.---

Guess who loves you?!?!
ME

LOST: My Amo-Te date. Vaginity of Gelston Hall. REWARD

CONGRATULATIONS:

To all new Zeta Sigma pledges. Good Luck during the next three weeks.

SEF

ATTENTION:

To the females of Alma College: It has come to our attention that you believe that the male population here is less than adequate in the behavior department. We would like to give you a chance to settle this once and for all.

Amo-Te is coming and there is a large percentage of the male population of the college who are more than willing to prove you wrong. Try us out.

ORKY:

Does this mean I can't call you Orky any more?

SWEETUMS

TO: Selk, Flex, Captain Anemia, Stutz, Gorgeous, Rav, Shawzie, Mad Dog, Goober, H-D, Burr-Head, The Married Man, Wid, Clinch, and the rest of the brothers and sisters,

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
LAST TUESDAY EVENING. IT
TURNED OUT T*TS!

Sef

BARB:

You're the cutest little sis a guy could wish for. Thanks for Monday night.

Your Big Brother

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Why are all the girls boycotting Amo-te?

HEY! What is all of this grief you men are giving the females here? If you don't want them, we'll take 'em off your hands for a small fee.

--The American Kennel Club

Sisters of Alpha Zeta Tau:

Only 2 weeks until showtime!! Broadway, here we come!!

Hey R.L. (alias toad)

You're tops on our list- that is our "jerk list."

What are all these complaints about the Gelston Snow Sculpture? WE were thinking of doing a female version, but we've been at this college so long that we've forgotten what it looks like.

Who was that masked squirrel?

Mike Fray,

Happy 19th birthday!

Notices

DON'T FORGET!

The sisters of Alpha Theta cordially invite the campus community to attend their all-campus C.S.A. Hall party this Friday evening, February 3, from 8:30-12:30. Admission is \$2. Fire up for a good time!

FOUND

Blue down-filled jacket at TKE smoker. Call Jeff at 296.

LADIES!

Amo-Te is only 2 weeks away, so don't forget to ask your favorite man.

The sisters of
Alpha Zeta Tau

The Alma College A Capella Choir wishes to invite everyone to come party with them this Friday, February 3, from 2:00 to 6:00, at the Alibi. The cover is only 50 cents, Supabeers are 75 cents, and the proceeds go toward the Choir's Spring Tour in Russia and Poland this May. So come on up and have a good time and at the same time help the Choir raise money for their trip. See you Friday!

CHAPEL AFFAIRS NOTICES

On Sunday morning February 5 at 11 o'clock- "The Challengers", a singing group from Flint, will lead the service.

February 26- Dr. Paul Hammer, minister of First Presbyterian Church in Bay City will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service. The the 11 a.m. worship service. The Alma College A-Cappella Choir will sing.

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