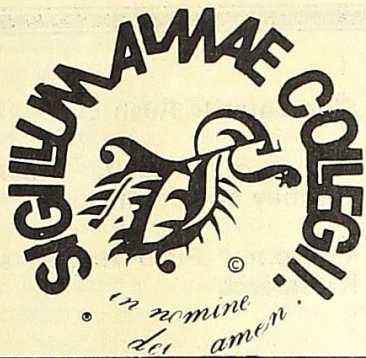


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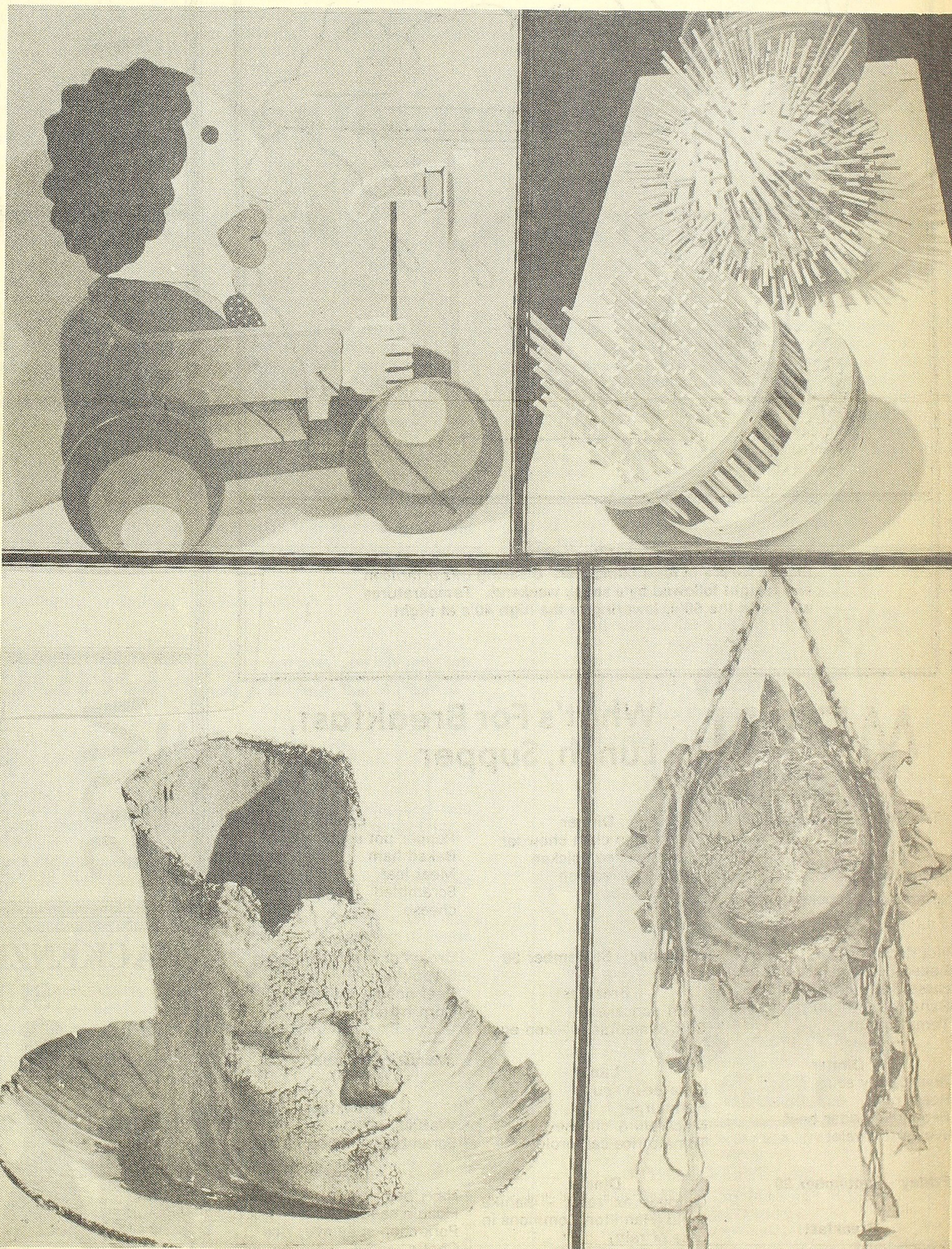
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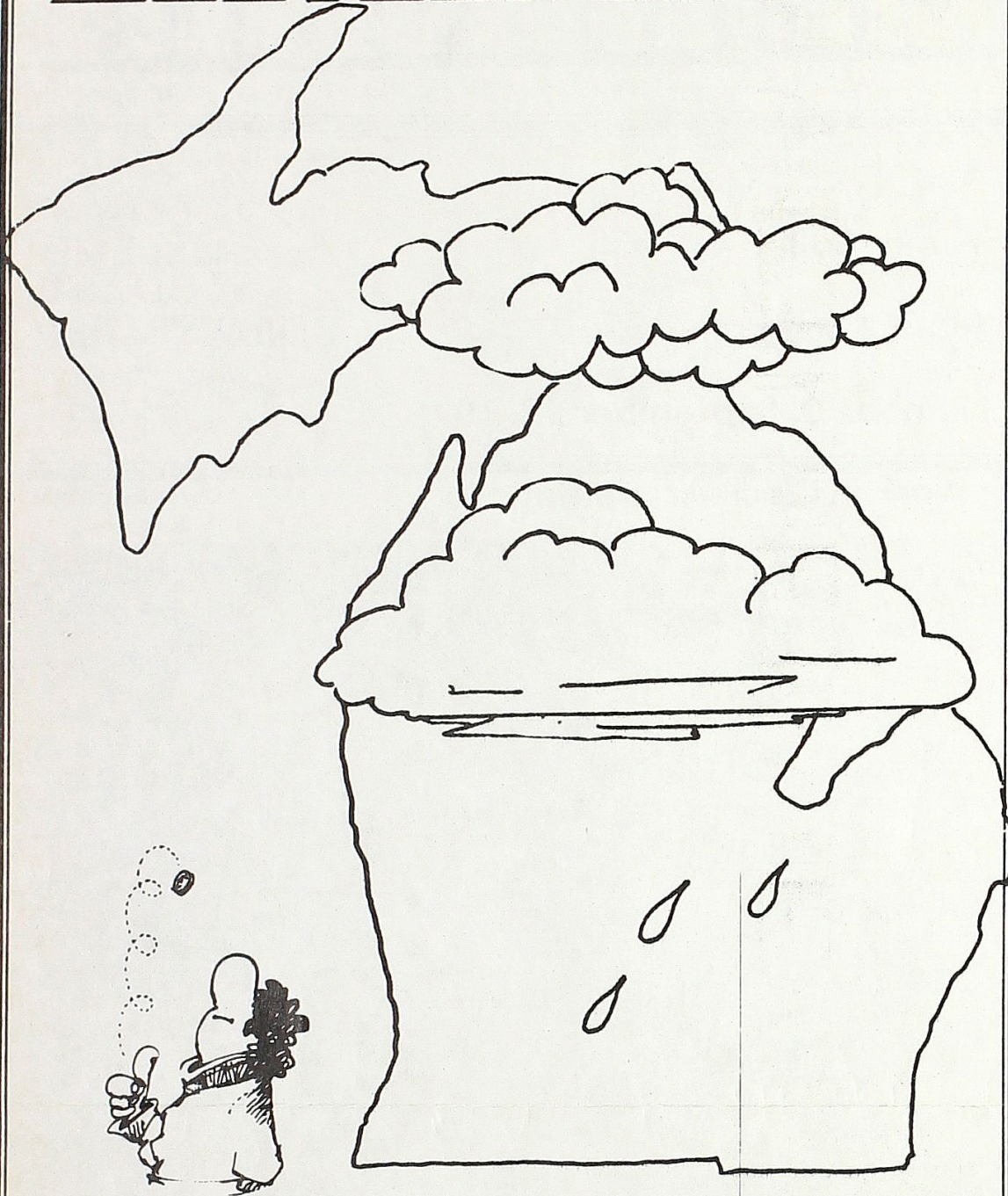
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Friday, but the machine required additional service. The staff is doing everything reasonably possible to make up for the lag. We apologize for any inconveniences incurred as a result of our difficulties.

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# WEATHER OR NOT



Michigan forecasts are holding true to form and it looks as though we are in for a bum steer. Clearing this afternoon and tonight followed by a soggy weekend. Temperatures will be in the 60's, lowering to the high 40's at night.

## MENU

## What's For Breakfast, Lunch, Supper

Thursday - September 28

### Breakfast

Fruit fritters  
Scrambled & cooked eggs

### Lunch

Hot dogs  
Baked beans & ground beef casseroles  
Banana split fruit plate  
Tomato soup

### Dinner

Beef barley soup  
Roast pork  
Ground cheddar beef  
Western omelet

Friday - September 29

### Breakfast

French toast  
Scrambled & fried eggs

### Lunch

Meatless vegetable soup  
Hot roast beef sandwich  
Eggplant parmesan  
Julienne salad plate

### Dinner

Manhattan clam chowder  
Savory baked chicken  
Breaded fried fish  
Stuffed pepper

Saturday - September 30

### Breakfast

Fruit pancakes  
Soft & medium cooked eggs

### Lunch

Lima bean soup  
Hamburger  
Macaroni & cheese  
Tomato rice casserole

### Dinner

Outdoor ox roast - Bahlke Field (Hamilton Commons in case of rain)

Sunday - October 1

### Breakfast

French toast  
Fried eggs

### Lunch

Pepper pot soup  
Baked ham  
Meat loaf  
Scrambled eggs / cream cheese

### Dinner

Cream of mushroom soup  
Sloppy joe  
Beef noodle casserole  
Corn fritters

Monday - October 2

### Breakfast

Waffles  
Scrambled & poached eggs

### Lunch

Navy bean soup  
Hoagie sandwich  
Pork chop suey over rice  
Chef's salad with cottage cheese

### Dinner

Vegetable soup  
Spaghetti & meat balls  
Turkey cutlet  
Deep dish vegetable pie

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THU

Sign Sorority Rush List

1:00 p.m. Golf, MIAA  
Tourney at Adrian

4:00 p.m. Field Hockey at  
Kalamazoo

FRI

1:00 p.m. Golf, MIAA  
Tourney

6:45 & 9:00 p.m. Movie:  
Yellow Submarine-Tyler

8:30 p.m. James J. Mapes,  
Hypnotist-Dow

SAT

PARENTS DAY

10:00 a.m. Golf, MIAA  
Tourney

11:00 Field Hockey against  
Grand Valley-HERE

1:30 p.m. Soccer against  
Olivet-HERE

2:00 p.m. Football against  
Grand Rapids J.C.-HERE

4:00-6:00 p.m. Campus &  
Community Ox Roast

8:00 p.m. DGT All Campus  
Party-CSA Hall

8:00 p.m. Dow Flick-"The  
Goodbye Girl"-Dow

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Sorority Teas

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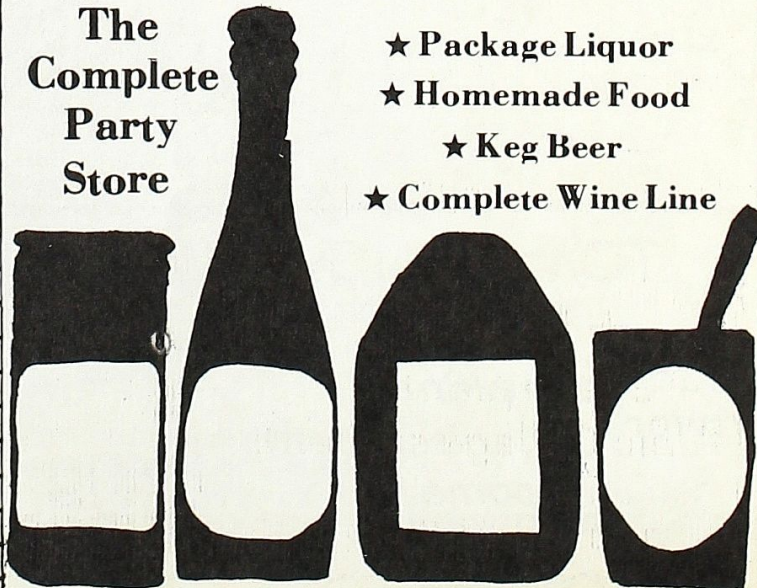
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Christian Fellowship, Last  
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8:00 p.m. Dow Flick, "The  
Goodbye Girl"-Dow

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# Freshman class elects officers

By Cheryl Barr  
News Writer

Results of the Freshman Class elections, held last week, are as follows: Robert McNamara of Gaylord, President; Darryl Schimeck of Harper Woods, Vice-President; Marianne Andrakowicz of Rockford, Secretary/Treasurer; Marybeth MacKinnon of Livonia, Student Council Representative.

The voter turnout was extremely low, with less than one-third of the class voting. However, if the new leaders

of the Class of '82 have their way, statistics like this will change.

President Bob McNamara emphasizes the importance of class involvement and cohesiveness, and plans to reach these goals through many group activities. "I would like to bring unity to the class," McNamara said when questioned about goals for the upcoming year. "I'm really impressed with the

spirit of all the freshmen, and if they can just bear with us for the first few weeks until we get it together, I know we'll have a great year."

The new Vice-President, Darryl Schimeck, stressed involvement also. "I plan on trying to keep the people informed," he commented. "I would also like to stay on top of important issues and develop a good rapport with the administration."

## NEWS

Jon Thorndike, Editor

The newly-elected Secretary/Treasurer plans to excel in both areas of her new job. Marianne Andrakowicz says "I will try to keep the business of the class together, and also to keep the treasury operating in a stable manner. I'll do my best for the class. It's going to be a great year!"

Marybeth MacKinnon is also enthusiastic about the year to come. Elected

Student Council Representative for the freshman class, she takes her responsibilities very seriously, especially in regards to involvement. "I will try to keep the rest of the class informed just so they are truly involved in the student government."

With these energetic and enthusiastic leaders at the helm of the freshman class, it is likely that all of their predictions will come true.

# Parents Day festivities to include Ox Roast, Career Exchange

Parent's Day Saturday, September 30 will feature several notable events, including openhouses in all of the residence facilities, a career exchange between Alma College students and parents in the students' rooms, and an Ox Roast in that profession. These exchanges will be held catered by Saga Food after the football game with Grand

from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the same time as the openhouses.

The Ox Roast after the football game will be held in Rapids Junior College.

The career exchange is an opportunity for students to get first hand information on a particular career field from those who know best, parthe area adjacent to Bahlke Field. The Ox Roast will be the evening meal for the students. Parents and Alma community members can

purchase tickets in advance from the Office of Assistant Director of Development in the Hood Building. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 12 and under.

"This is a college-community Ox Roast," said Steve Falk, assistant director of development. "It is our hope that the Ox Roast will provide community members, parents and students an opportunity for social interaction."

Menu items in addition to carved to order oxen (which is actually steer) include old fashioned cactus slaw (coleslaw), crunchy vittles (carrot sticks, celery sticks, green onions, radishes), prairie dog soup (beef barley), bear stew over sourdough biscuits (beef stew and biscuits), barbecued prairie chicken painted desert salad (strawberry ripple salad), apple

pan doudy (apple brown betty), Montana red eye (fruit punch), and Arizona cactus juice (lemonade).

Ticket sales have been going so well, according to Falk, that if the sales continue as they have been going, there will be no tickets available at the gate.

Music at the Ox Roast will be provided by the Alma College jazz band.

# Alma band director falls in collapse

By Fred Grand-Girard

Alma College Band Director Todd Snyder fell off his twelve-foot perch Tuesday evening during band rehearsal because of a blackout or exhaustion. Snyder, it was reported, had been working very hard lately.

The rehearsal had not been going for more than 20

minutes when Snyder fell twelve feet to the ground in collapse. Many band members did not see the incident and did not know what to think when they saw him lying on his side. Band members quickly responded to the situation, treating Snyder for shock and calling for an ambulance. By the time the ambulance arrived,

Snyder was talking and said he was alright except for a headache.

Tests were administered at Gratiot County Hospital. Nothing seriously wrong was found. Depending on tests taken Wednesday morning, Snyder will be able to leave the hospital Wednesday noon.

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# Effects of Proposal D on campus not determined

By Bob Decker  
News Writer

On November 7, 1978, the citizens of this state will have an opportunity to decide whether the legal drinking age will be changed to 19 or be raised to 21. This opportunity is called "Proposal D".

The passage of Proposal D would, besides raise the

drinking age to 21, make it illegal to give or sell alcoholic beverages to persons under 21. It would also take away the privilege of drinking from those who already possess it but are under 21.

Penalties for breaking the new law would fall under the misdemeanor category. The maximum penalty would be 1 year imprisonment and/or

a \$1000 fine, though in actuality the penalty would most likely be 90 days imprisonment and/or a \$500 fine.

Proposal D is the result of a petition drive conducted by the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems. This petition drive was initiated after two bills proposing a 21 drinking age were defeated in the state legislature.

The general argument be-

hind the proposal is that the current drinking age of 18 is encouraging drinking among high school students. This is supposedly due to the fact that the 18-year-olds buy alcohol for the 14 to 17 age group, whereas if the legal drinking age were 21, the age group which would most often obtain alcohol illegally would be 18 to 20.

Also underlying the pro-

posal is the idea that drinking is a privilege as opposed to a legal or moral right. Thus the government can prohibit or restrict the use of alcohol to whatever extent it deems necessary for the public welfare.

The main opponents of Proposal D are the 18 to 20 age group and the bar owners. The latter are especially concerned about the implications the passing of the proposal has for their business. Some of the establishments which cater to the affected age group would go out of business while others would try to seek out an older clientele.

The proposal, if it passes, will become effective around November 23 or whenever the election results are validated. Recent polls have indicated a favorable trend toward passing the proposal.

What will be the alcohol policy at Alma College if the proposal becomes law? Dean Maust says the administration isn't sure yet, that they are awaiting a report from the Student Life Committee on options of enforcement which face the College if the proposal does go through. A new alcohol policy, however, will involve student, and faculty feedback, so it will not be just an administrative decision.

# Alma Profs to boost spirits

By Carol Keeler  
News Writer

On Friday, September 15, twenty five Alma College administration and faculty members assembled to begin a series of informal discussions aimed at strengthening the community spirit of the staff. Faculty members felt that there was a need for more communication between the various departments and the administrative staff.

Dr. Ronald Kapp met with five volunteer faculty mem-

bers over the summer to talk over this problem. The result of these sessions was the inception of the "Friday at Three" program. There will be eight of these discussions this term, in the Alma College Conference Center. They will center around a "telling each other what we do" format. Each meeting will be co-hosted by the administration and a particular department. (Friday's meeting was co-hosted by the Philosophy department and the next meeting will be the responsibility of

the English department.) It is hoped that through this co-hosting feature, a feeling of community participation can be brought into the meetings.

The foremost goal of these discussions is to bring about a cross-current of new ideas, information and techniques between the various departments and the administration. This can also become an opportunity for the professors of one department to visit the domain of other faculty members in order to

see facilities and projects that are under way. The faculty seeks to unify its commitment as to what is to be accomplished at Alma College.

These discussions are very informal and appear to be bringing positive results. Dr. Kapp describes them as including "punch and munchies," honest suggestions and a willingness to talk over ideas. He hopes that these sessions will continue on this healthy basis.

The Administration also seeks to meet with each department individually this term in order to discuss their goals and programs geared to attaining them.

# Students speak out on switchboard controversy

By Andy Vasher  
News Writer

Much controversy is evolving at Alma College over the changes in switchboard hours. Last year the switchboard hours in the old dorms: Mitchell, Bruske, Gelston, and Newberry were 9-12, with no switchboard service in the new dorms. The present switchboard hours are now campus wide and are 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7

p.m. to 11 p.m. Among the switchboard operators themselves, there is much disagreement about the new hours.

Junior Randy Mrock, an operator for 2 years claims, "The switchboard is closed during the peak hours of 1 to 2 and 6 to 7." He adds that "being closed 1 to 2 could cut down on job opportunity calls for Seniors." Mrock has been Bruske Hall resident for 3 years and cites one of the reasons he moved back to Bruske as being the 9 to 12 switchboard service he thought he would receive.

Switchboard operator Dave Wallace expressed no dissatisfaction with the new hours. He said one major concern about the change in hours in that "operators weren't consulted about the cut in hours when they came back."

Not all the switchboard operators are upset with the change in hours. Some feel that the major cause of complaint is a desire not to have to work the switchboard in the new dorms.

Freshmen and transfer students have not known another college communication system at Alma. Freshman Norm Hecht feels "that I don't like the present system that much but I'm not going to get mad about it."

If students feel dissatisfied, their complaints should be channeled to Dean Robert Maust. Hopefully a new "Centrex" system to be installed later in the year will eliminate many complaints.

# Chess Club meets Thursday

By Peter Dollard

The Alma College Chess Club is now meeting every Thursday evening at 7pm in Room 201 of the Physical Education Building.

Peter Dollard, Coordinator of the club, says that the Chess Club will sponsor its annual four round Swiss tournament beginning sometime in October. In the four tournaments held over the past two years, there have

been four different local champions.

The Club's membership includes Alma College students and faculty as well as residents of the local community. The skill levels range from beginners all the way to several very strong players.

Dollard suggests that interested persons bring a chess set along and join the club. Contact Dollard at the Library (Ext. 332) for further information.

# Communion service at Chapel

This Sunday morning, October 1, is World-Wide Communion. The Reverend Clifford Chaffee, Chaplain of Alma College, will lead this Communion service to which all students are invited.

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# Swanson returns to Alma

By Kim Stodghill  
News Writer

Alma College President, Robert Swanson, has returned back to his post after his operation at Saginaw's St. Mary's Hospital on September 11. His surgery was most successful and the prognosis for recovery is also good.

President Swanson must take it easy at first. He comes into the office for only a couple of hours a day, and

then goes home to do work-out exercises with his arm. He commented that it will be close to about ten months before his arm is totally back in shape, but he's just thankful that it's okay.

The president seems to be in the best of spirits and exhibits great enthusiasm for the school year. During the interview he said while chuckling, "I'm a terrible convalescent, being immobile would just drive me up a tree." For this reason he's back at Alma dedicating both his time and ideas.

President Swanson would like to express his genuine gratitude for the many greetings and good wishes he received while in the hospital. He pointed out that these greetings alone were . . . "better than any powder or pills" that he could have ever received. President Swanson also emphasized that he was extremely sorry about not being able to speak for the Opening Convocation, though he hopes that later during the year he may have an opportunity.

Now all the president wants to do is fully recover and "have fun like all of you are" he declared with a smile.

**Dr. Swanson expresses gratitude for the many cards and greetings that he received while in the hospital.**

## NEWSBRIEFS

Edited by Jon Thorndike



### Railroads brought to a standstill

The nation's railroads were brought to a virtual standstill Tuesday as the 4,600-member Virginia based rail union voted to strike. Both General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Company said they would begin cutting back production and laying off workers as a result of the strike.

### PBB confirmed in St. Louis landfill

Drilling on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week confirmed the presence of PBB at the Gratiot County Landfill in St. Louis. The drilling and testing of well water is being conducted by the Department of Natural Resources. Some 200,000 pounds of PBB is estimated to be buried underground at the Landfill after Michigan Chemical stopped manufacturing the toxic fire-retardant in 1973.

### Many killed in airline crash

One hundred and fifty people were killed Monday in the nation's worst air disaster ever recorded. A Pacific Southwest Airlines 727 was struck by a Cessna 172 causing it to plummet into a residential area of San Diego. A third light aircraft may have also been involved in the crash.

### Gasoline tax hike effective January 1

Michigan residents will be paying the highest gasoline tax in the United States effective January 1. A dramatic tie breaker vote of 20 to 19 upped the gas and license tax in the Senate on Tuesday. The money will reportedly go for the improvement program on the state's roads, bridges and public transit.

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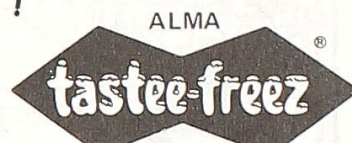
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# FEATURES

## Students display art work in Clack Art Center

ALMA — Selected art works done by Alma College students during the 1977-78 academic year in art studio courses are on view in Alma's Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery in the Clack Art Center through September 29. The 60 works on exhibit were selected by art and design faculty members from among approximately 2,000 works created by students last year.

Among the works on exhibition are four of five wood sculptures done by 1978 graduate Michael Harrigan of Midland. The fifth sculpture piece was a Second Prize Divisional winner in a student award program sponsored by Modern Art Foundry, Inc. of Long Island City, N.Y. It will be on exhibit in New York City's famous Kennedy Gallery from September 11-23.

Harrigan's wood construction series has been described as "the development of a single idea expressed through a series of geometric wood structures using a circular theme." Harrigan is continuing his study of sculpture and print making at Cranbrook School of Art.

"Homage to John the Baptist," a clay sculpture done by Bad Axe junior Dave

Badgley, is an illustration of how liberal arts courses weave together. As Badgley explains the work, a religion course which was "taking more energy than all my other classes combined" started influencing his work. The result in this instance was the art work "Homage to John the Baptist," a severed head on a platter (done in clay).

Badgley's work alone illustrates the diversity of the exhibition. His work includes clay sculpture, a textile work titled "Christ on the Cross," a woodcut, "Complete Death," and an untitled etching/aquatint.

The exhibition represents a good overview of work Alma students are doing in studio courses. Included are paintings, pottery, photographs, prints, etchings, lithographs, woodcuts, collographs, enameling, textile works and glass blown and wood sculptures.

In a casual conversation discussing the current exhibition and art in general, Badgley echoed someone else's definition of art as "something that happens in the air between a physical object and my brain."

Alma's art exhibitions change each month, providing opportunities to see fresh approaches in artistic work. Alma alumnus Tom Venner, a potter now working in Ann Arbor, will have work showing the uses of clay as an

expressive medium in October's exhibition.


Figurative work in cast bronze by Wisconsin sculptor Tom Tasch takes over the gallery for November. Fall term's scheduled shows end with a biennial exhibition of work done by department of art and design faculty members. That show will be on view December 4 through January 12, 1979.

Selected prints from Western Michigan University's permanent collection will be on view from January 15 through February 12. The Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum is providing the February 19 to March 26 show, an exhibition focusing on the international reputation of works designed by Michigan designers.

Student work in a variety of media and approaches takes over the gallery again April 21, when works by Alma students qualifying for B.A. and B.F.A. degrees will be exhibited.

Weaving in traditional and contemporary methods by Michigan weavers/designers Roslind Berlin and Rita Kent will provide the exhibition "Filaments," which will be on view April 30 through May 25.

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Friday night features fantasy and fact in two separate media presentations. In Dow, at 8:30 p.m., James J. Mapes will feature a presentation entitled "PSI—Power Of The Mind". Mapes has appeared in films, including "Three Days of the Condor" and "Taxi Driver", and in television. He is now touring the country, telling of his knowledge of hypnosis, and now it can change your life. A special free preview will be given in Hamilton Commons during Friday's supper, with the evening presentation at 8:30 for an admission fee of fifty cents.

Also on Friday is a showing of The Beatles' powerful animated film fantasy, "Yellow Submarine". This famous movie, featuring much of The Beatles' music and talents, will be shown in Tyler at 6:45 and 9:00 p.m. The cost is 75 cents.

One of the most beautiful love stories ever filmed is coming to Alma College Saturday and Sunday nights. Richard Dreyfuss is the frustrated actor who falls in love for keeps, and Marsha Mason, always fearing the final rejection is "The Goodbye Girl". Neil Simon's hit comedy is written with a warmth and precision which no film of its kind has matched, and the fine talents of Dreyfuss and Mason work together exquisitely as the mismatched lovers. Dreyfuss' Oscar-winning performance will be remembered for years, in a movie which will never leave an empty place in your heart again. And be sure to watch the fascinating performance of a rising actress, Quinn Cummings, as Lucy, "the kid". See it in Dow at 8:00, for only 75 cents (a great reduction over the prices in your local movie theatre!).



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# Alma offers France study

By Heidi Dean  
News Writer

Alma Students are being offered a fantastic opportunity to study French with the Alliance Francaise in Paris. The program was initiated in 1963 and enrollment has steadily increased each year. This year more students than ever before are taking full

advantage of this opportunity.

Students who participated last year in the program found it rewarding and well worth the valuable experience of living overseas. Many people enter the program having no former knowledge of the language, and return with amazement at how much they learned

from their practical experience. It is a flexible program, providing classes to meet each person's needs according to different levels.

Living in Paris is an exciting way to view, firsthand, the museums and sights often read about. It also provides easy access for travel to bordering countries.

The program in France is an excellent way to broaden the college experience. Why not study abroad for a term? If you are interested, contact Professor Earl Hayward, Director of the Program of Studies in France. He'll be happy to talk to you about the program, and the valuable experience it can offer to all students.

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## Foreign Study expanded

By Rafael Lopez  
Feature Writer

Alma's foreign study program might expand in the near future. At the present time Alma College's study programs abroad include France and Spain. It is possible that it will expand to Germany.

Mr. Hayward instructor of French at Alma College

and director of studies abroad, explains that the French programs in Paris and the Spanish programs in Madrid extend over a period of either one month, one term or one year, depending on the student's choice.

About the possibility of expanding Alma's study program in Europe, Mr. Hayward says that nothing is

certain yet, but that there will be some contacts made with Germany next November.

If the foreign study program is expanded, it will give Alma students more chances to go abroad and learn or improve on a foreign language in the country where the language is spoken.

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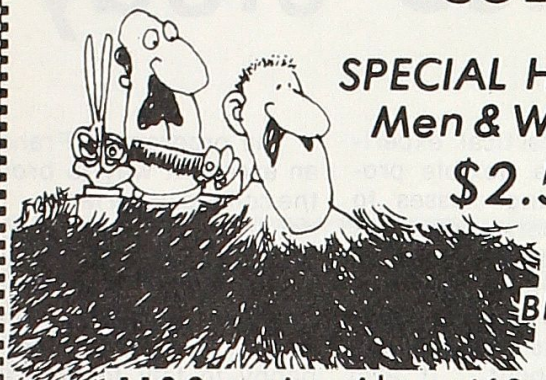
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# Alma beats Valparaiso 14-13

By Jon Thorndike  
News Editor

The Alma College football squad extended its winning streak to three Saturday as

they beat Valparaiso University 14-13. The Scots faced a tough uphill battle during the entire game, clinching the victory with a last-minute score.

Halfback Jimmy Gerhardt

had an option to pass to split end Chuck Fiebernitz with 2:29 remaining. Gerhardt took advantage of the option and the score was tied at 13.

Scot place kicker Greg Ambrose added the point after touchdown to put the team in front for the first time all afternoon.

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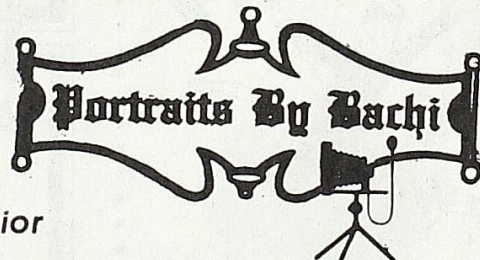
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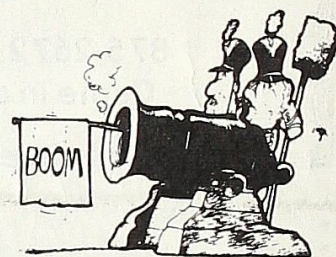
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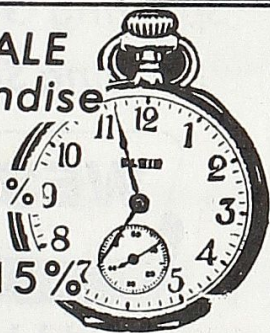
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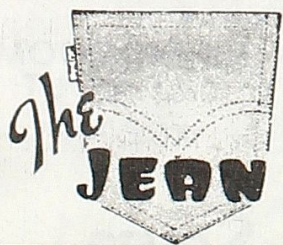
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