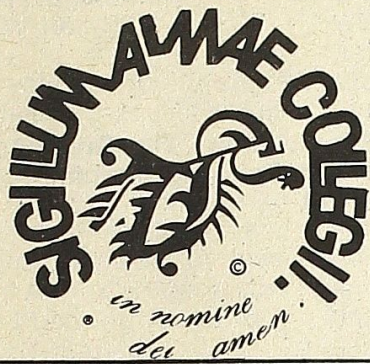


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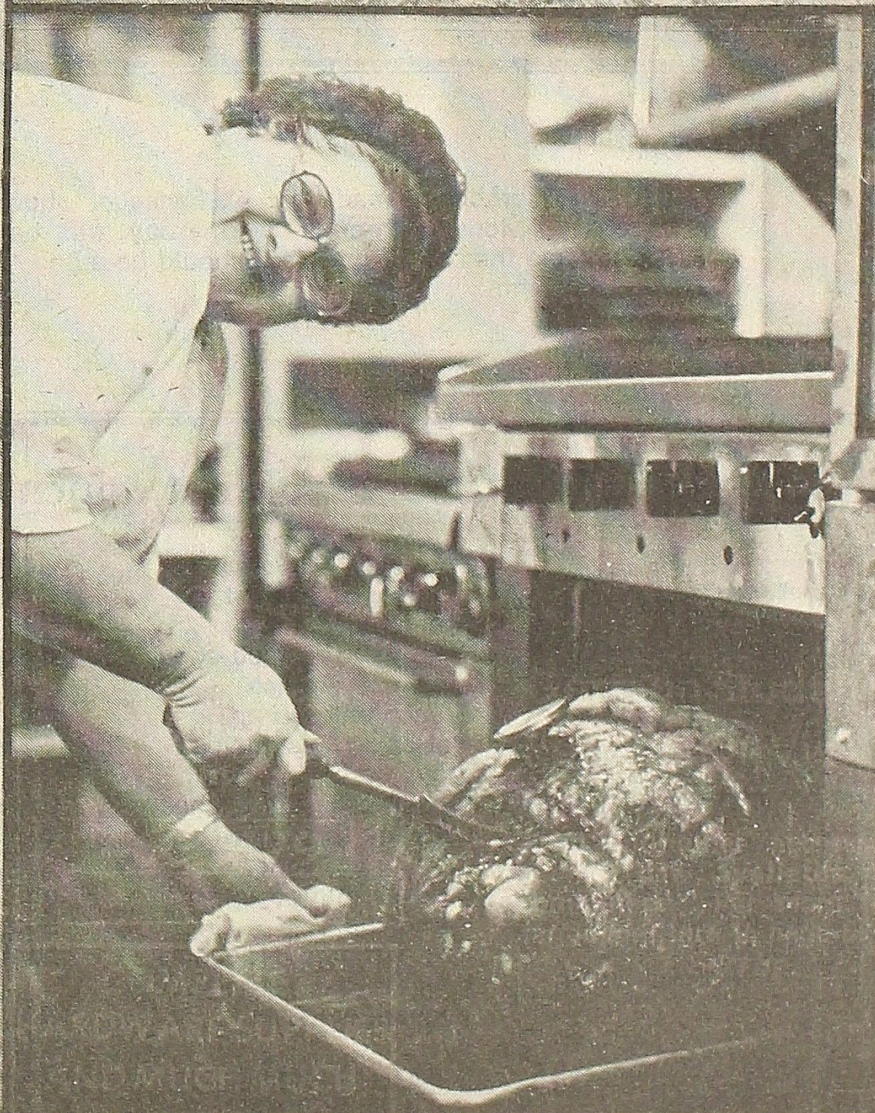
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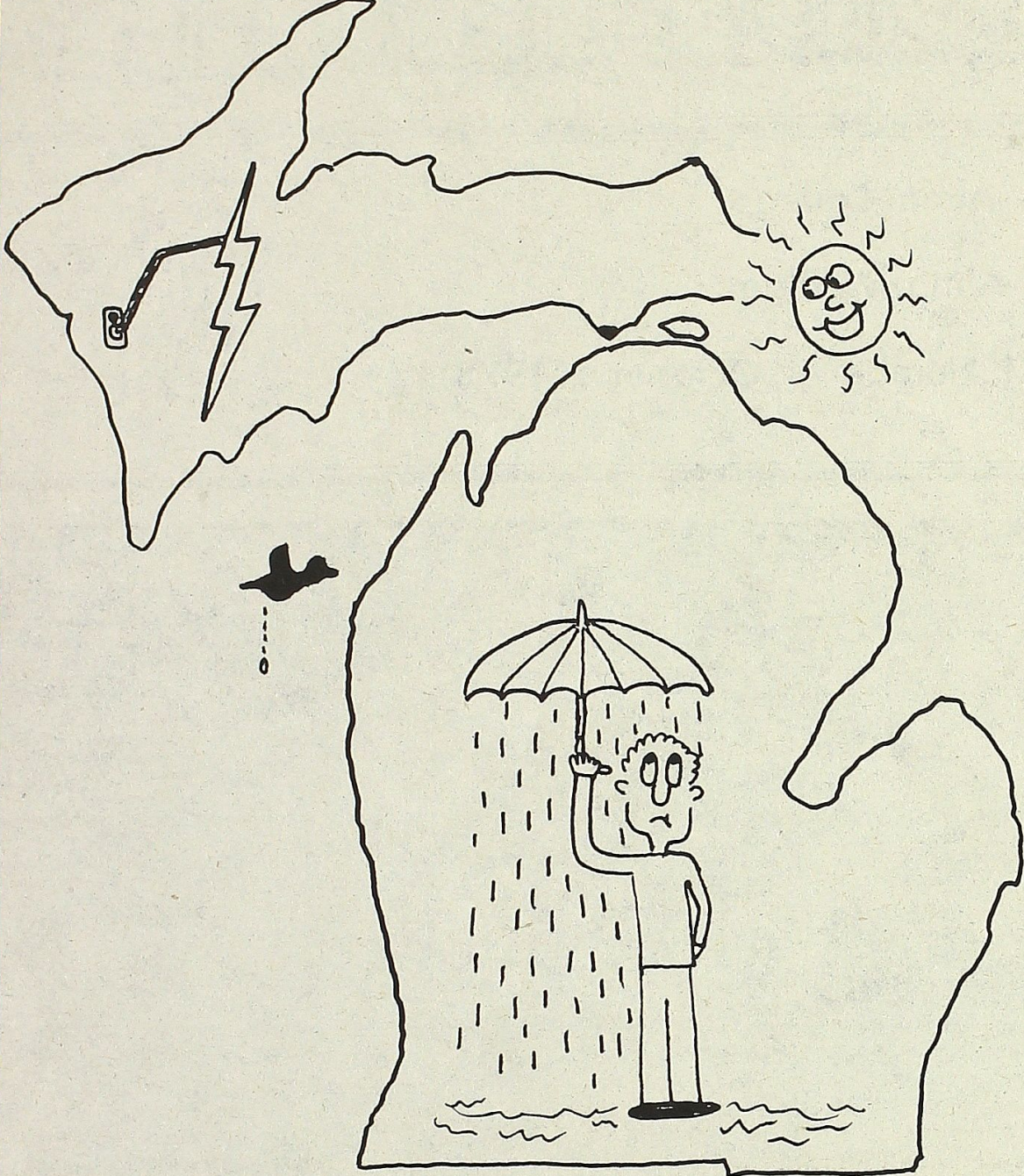
West-German, Christine Veiinger says Americans act differently at home than abroad. Turn to page 6 for more views on America.



Ox Roast Proves To Be Fun All

The Ox Roast was the scene of fun, food and music Saturday afternoon. The Roast was widely participated in by students and their families. The original idea for an Ox Roast was the product of Steve Falk, Assistant Director of Development. [ALMANIAN photos by Elka Martin]

WEATHER OR NOT



Get your umbrella ready for a chance of showers on Tuesday, Monday through Wednesday will be partly cloudy and the rest of the week should be a good time to enjoy autumn.

MENU : What's for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Tuesday - October 3

Breakfast
Fritters
Scrambled or fried eggs

Lunch
Lentil soup
Pizza
Tuna salad
Welsh rarchit/whole wheat toast

Dinner
Canadian cheese soup
Roast beef/gravy
Oven baked fish fillets
Spanish rice/bacon strip

Wednesday - October 4

Breakfast
Hot cakes
Scrambled or cooked eggs

Lunch
Split pea soup
Grilled ham & cheese sandwich
Beef biscuit roll with gravy
Fruit plate with cottage cheese

Dinner
Tomato soup with rice
Grilled chopped steak
Turkey pot pies
Polish sausage

Thursday - October 5

Breakfast
French toast
Scrambled & fried eggs

Lunch
French onion soup
Hot beef sandwich with gravy
Baked macaroni & cheese
Julienne salad bowl

Dinner
Chicken gumbo soup
Pork chop
Beef stroganoff/noodles
Beef tacos & refried beans
Vegetable quiche

Friday - October 6

Breakfast
Hot cakes
Scrambled & poached eggs

Lunch
Cream of mushroom soup
Fishwich on bun
Lasagne
Ham salad sandwich or cold plate

Dinner
New England clam chowder
Roast turkey, dressing & gravy
Baked fish fillet
Long dogs on bun

Eggs & mushrooms in cheese sauce

Saturday - October 7

Breakfast
Fruit fritters
Fried eggs

Lunch
Cream of tomato foup
Grilled cheese sandwich
Old fashioned ground beef pie
Scrambled eggs with diced ham

Dinner
Beef noodle soup
Shrimp
Variety pizzas

Sunday - October 8

Breakfast
Waffles
Scrambled eggs

Lunch
Cream of mushroom soup
Baked chicken/gravy
Spaghetti with meat sauce
Cheese omelet

Dinner
Vegetable soup
Hamburger
Scalloped ham & potatoes
Assorted fruit pancakes

CAMPUS CALENDAR

MON

8:30 p.m. Film: The Great American Drinking Machine - AC 113

TUE

12:00 p.m. Golf: MIAA Tourney at Olivet
3:30 p.m. Soccer against Kalamazoo--HERE
4:00 p.m. Field Hockey against Adrian--HERE
10:00 p.m. Union Board Nite Club--Tyler

WED

7:00 p.m. Inter - Varsity Christian Fellowship: Football
9:00 p.m. Tyler Movie: Pride of the Yankees & Fear Strikes Out--Tyler

THU

7:00 p.m. Volleyball at Kalamazoo

FRI

Last Day to Withdraw from First Seven-Week Course
12:00 p.m. Golf: MIAA Tourney at Hope
6:45 & 9:00 p.m. Dow Flick: Somebody Up There Likes Me--Dow
8:00 p.m. Zeta Sigma Party--CSA Hall

SAT

10:00 a.m. Field Hockey against Calvin--HERE
1:30 p.m. Soccer at Calvin
2:00 p.m. Football at Adrian
8:00 p.m. Dow Flick: Brian's Song--Dow
9:00-2:00 a.m. Admissions Open House--AC

SUN

11:00 a.m. Chapel Service -Chapel
7:00 p.m. Inter - Varsity Christian Fellowship: Last Lecture Series
8:00 p.m. Dow Flick: Brian's Song--Dow

Small Housing option will remain available to students

By Mary Ellen Liike
News Writer

One year ago the future of small housing at Alma College was uncertain, but a meeting this past week between Alma College students, administrators, and neighbors appears to have assured Alma College access to small housing for as long as the need arises.

The controversy about Small housing began in the summer of 1977 when Alma College made plans to buy the houses located 707 and 715 W. Center Street. Neighbors in the area around Alma's campus became concerned about the number of houses that were becoming student housing.

The neighbors objected to student housing for two reasons. Primarily, they did not feel that the houses were cared for properly and because of the wear and tear on the houses, they ended up being torn down. Vreeland and the old Theta Chi houses were cited as examples. Secondly, they were concerned about student behavior exemplified by loud stereo's, frequent parties and swearing in the front yards. The neighbors discovered

a legality that the City and Alma College administrators had overlooked. Because the homes were not used as single family dwellings, but as dormitories, a special permit had to be approved by the zoning board of Appeals. There had not been any permits issued for any of the small housing units. The neighbors and Alma College administration both went to the Board of Appeals with their cases. At this time, the Alma College administration drew up the Small Housing Code that is presently in effect.

By September, 1977 the Zoning Board granted the permits to Alma College through December 1977. In December the College would once again have to apply for an extension of the permits.

In the Fall of 1977 a series of activities to promote good will between the neighborhood and the students took place. The Small Housing Code was distributed to students and enforced, House Managers attended frequent meetings, all Small Housing residents attended a meeting at the beginning of the year to discuss the seriousness of

the situation, a series of open Houses were held and the community was invited into the houses, and meetings between the Alma College administration, students and neighbors were held once every two months.

These meetings uncovered and solved many problems. For example, it was decided that music should not be played loudly after 11:00 pm and that no more than three cars could be parked in front of one house.

In December 1977 Alma College went back to the Zoning Board and received an extension through May 1978. In May the Board extended the permits through May 1979.

This fall, activities that will help to maintain the quality of Small Housing have been continued. Dave Campbell, Associate Director of Student Affairs, met with all of the residents during their first house meetings, letters have been sent to 45 residents surrounding the college encouraging them to contact students or the administration if they have complaints, and some open houses will be held this fall.

Last Tuesday night, the first meeting of the year between House Managers, administrators and neighbors was held. Approximately three neighbors attended the meeting and they found it worthwhile. Dawn Galbraith, House Manager of Plaxton House said "The meeting was very enjoyable. I enjoyed meeting some of the neighbors."

Throughout the series of meetings with neighbors, the number of neighbors at each meeting has declined. The growing satisfaction of the neighbors could account for this decline.

It is doubtful whether the college will purchase more small housing units in the near future. Campbell says the reasons are three-fold. The problems in the past are part of the reason, but the uncertainty of student enrollment in the future and lack of housing up for sale around the campus have also been taken into account.

Small Housing is not new to Alma College. It existed before 1974 and was discontinued in 1974 because there was ample room in the dormitories to house students. An increased college enrollment and the demolition of Wright Hall caused Small Housing to begin again in the Fall of 1976.

What will happen in the future? Campbell says, "If Small Housing runs as smoothly as last year, and the neighbors and students work together, it is a fine option that could be open to Alma College students for a long time."

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Services offered off-campus and commuter student

By Heidi Dean
News Writer

Alma College has long been established as a residential college — a living and studying environment. In the past, the college has been guilty of ignoring the needs of off-campus and commuter students. Dave Campbell is presently invol-

ved in establishing some special services for these people.

Senior, Joyce Mahan, is involved in sending out newsletters to the homes of off-campus students. They will contain helpful information concerning such matters as parking and hours of campus buildings.

Something new that is being started is a commuter lunch program. It will be held on Fridays in the Heather Room from 12:00-1:00. The cost will try to be kept at \$1.00, however, this depends upon participation. The program is scheduled for the next two Fridays. Campbell stated that "we're prepared to continue this as long as it turns out to be a worthwhile service." The people make a program work and interest is shown through participation.

Another helpful service being developed is a commuter bulletin board in Tyler. A weekly calendar of events will be posted and students can also receive personal messages from the board. The bulletin board will be utilized to inform commuter students of general campus knowledge that dorms normally receive but off-campus students are often overlooked in receiving. Campbell wants to promote the use of Tyler and the Union Building as a relaxation center for commuter students. Everyone is encouraged to utilize its services, including weekly **Almanian** delivery.

The overriding goal of this newly instated interest in off-campus students is to make Alma College more of a home and provide similar services offered to dorm students. Over 90% of Alma's students live on campus — leaving 115 people as off-campus students. In the past, everything has been geared for the on-campus student, while basically ignoring the needs of commuter students. However, Dave Campbell and others are sincerely interested in working to make Alma College commuter and off-campus students just as well-informed and as much a part of the college campus as residential students.

Nurse Sears suggests flu treatment

Mary Wood
News Writer

If you are one of the many students who caught the supposed flu or cold that was going around campus, don't worry — it may have been just a late summer allergy.

Nurse Evelyn Sears of the Wilcox Medical Center believes that last week's illness could not be classified as "flu". Flu is usually characterized by body aches, high temperature, and gastro-intestinal disturbances.

The fifty-eight students who came to the Health Center complained of congestion, sore throats, and runny noses — all symptoms of hayfever. Few had any of the symptoms of flu.

According to Nurse Sears, developing hayfever this late in the summer is common. As of last week, the Alma area had not experienced its first frost, consequently there was much irritating ragweed in the air.

Emotional stress can also make you more susceptible to colds and other illnesses. Although not as obvious early in the term, this stress still exists.

Whether the recent illness was due to late season hayfever or a mild cold virus, don't be too upset over it. Illnesses of this type will eventually run their course.

Birth control and family planning lecture informative

By Kim Stodghill
News Writer

Dr. Joanna Grezeczak Schultz, a staff physician at Michigan State University, spoke Wednesday, September 27, in Dow Auditorium on the subject of Family Planning and Birth Control.

A generous crowd composed of a mixture of students there to fulfill class requirements and others who had come as interested spectators attended the presentation.

A slide presentation was used throughout the lecture to make certain ideas vivid to the audience. Dr. Schultz began by reviewing the anatomy of the male and female.

Then she proceeded on to discuss the various methods of contraception, which were classified in three categories: non-prescription methods, prescription methods, and permanent methods.

Non-prescription methods refer to the absence of any type of birth control plan. This is definitely the most safe in preventing pregnancies. In terms of statistics, only 10 to 15% would

not get pregnant using these methods.

Secondly, there are the prescription methods. Prescription methods refer to over-the-counter articles bought from the drug store as well as prescriptions given by a physician. Examples or articles that could be bought from the drug store are: condoms, sperm prevention foams, and creams. Prescriptions one could receive from a physician are: pills, diaphragms, and the interuterine device (I.U.D.). The interuterine device is 95% effective. It must be noted that negative effects may sometimes result from the use of such devices.

Lastly, there are permanent methods of birth control prevention. Examples would be a tubal ligation, a vasectomy, and a hysterectomy.

The presentation concluded with the answering of questions by the doctor on a one-to-one basis with the students attending the lecture. It was a quite informative evening and many students seemed to benefit from the information explained by Dr. Schultz.

KOLB'S CORNER

By Eugene Kolb
Department of Political Science

The Camp David talks on the Middle East can be called a "success" in one important but still limited sense: they resulted in some limited "agreements in principle" between Egypt and Israel, avoided a breakdown, and thus ensured continuation of the negotiation process. They provide a basis for hope, but not for euphoria; they providesome room for optimism, provided we remain aware of enormous risks and dangers involved; they provide a chance for peace, but by no means signal the end of 30 years of warfare.

The agreements address themselves to two major issues, but do not mention several others which must be settled before a general peace can be expected. And as agreements in principle, they contain very vague and ambiguous language, all of which is necessary in the early stages of diplomatic processes. But now begins the extremely difficult and complex task of interpreting and defining these principles in more specific terms, and of selling these principles and their more specific meanings to other countries whose assent or at least grudging acquiescence is needed for real peace. The obstacles that lie ahead are indeed formidable, and a diplomatic stalemate or breakdown at any one of the numerous obstacles could divert the Middle East — and the world — from the road to peace to the road to war.

One set of agreements entails return of the the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt and withdrawal of Israeli forces from that area over a 2 to 3 year period. But final agreement is contingent on some difficult specific conditions. First, Israel must abandon a number of settlements established in that territory since 1967 — which may be difficult given Israeli domestic politics. Second, difficult security arrangements must be worked out: the strength and location of Egyptian forces in the peninsula; security for Israeli shipping from Elath through the Gulf of Aqaba; and provisions for United Nations Peacekeeping forces between Egyptian forces and the Israeli frontier. One major sticking point could easily develop. The agreement stipulates that UN forces can be withdrawn only by unanimous vote in the UN Security Council. This provides Israel with some security in that the US (and other members) could prevent unanimous consent for withdrawal. But it also provides the Soviets (and others) with an opportunity to prevent implementation of this important provision. And there is also a question as to how long Egypt can honor an agreement or even a peace treaty — whether Egypt can resist tremendous domestic and international pressure to denounce a bilateral peace. Finally, there is the problem of the agreed-upon deadline. a final peace treaty is to be agreed upon within three months, which does not provide nearly enough time to negotiate numerous other issues which must be resolved if a general peace is to be attained.

The second set of agreements pertains to the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as an eventual homeland for Palestinian Arabs. Israel agreed to the gradual withdrawal of its forces and the termination of its military occupation during a period of 5 or more years. During the first 5 years Israeli forces are to withdraw into several military enclaves, which they may leave only to deal with "security threats." Thereafter, negotiations are to be conducted over the future of these military and security provisions, and Begin has already made it clear that Israeli forces might well remain for 10 to 15 years. Will this be acceptable to Palestinians and other Arabs?

Even more ambiguous and difficult are provisions pertaining to political arrangements. Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza are promised "political autonomy and eventual self-government" during a 5-year transition period. They are to elect a self-governing authority for "Internal" affairs (short of full sovereignty); they may participate in future negotiations with Israel over political and security arrangements following the 5-year transition period; they may participate in negotiations over the proposed frontiers for their homeland; and they may participate in negotiations with Israel, Egypt, and Jordan for the eventual return of Palestinian refugees from abroad. All this sounds like heady stuff, until one stops to ask what is meant by "participation, autonomy, self-government, ultimate status" and many other ambiguous terms. And while Israel, the US, and perhaps even Egypt clearly hope that Palestinian residents will truly choose their own government (with limited authority) under the "leadership" of Jordan, what happens when they choose the PLO as their leadership — which is highly likely, and unacceptable to Israel. In short, the agreements are silent on the really crucial questions: what Palestinian rights Israel will accept, how such rights are to be exercised, who is to be recognized as the legitimate Palestinian spokesmen ar authority, and what role — if any — Israel

will accept for the PLO. Finally, the future of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza is left open to future negotiations, and it is highly unlikely that Israel will consent to their abandonment.

This Palestinian issue reflects what is the real heart of the problem: a comprehensive settlement, and not merely and Israeli-Egyptian settlement, is necessary before real peace can be attained. This means that others must be brought into the negotiation process, and that these agreements in principle must be sold to many others as at least the basis for negotiations. Herein lies one major flaw in these agreements: the 3-month goal for an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty implies that Sadatis intent on a separate peace, regardless of the interests of other Arab states and the Palestinians. And this makes the selling tasks that much more difficult.

First, Sadat has to sell these agreements, and their eventual specifics, to his own people. With the Egyptian masses, hungry for food and peace, this may be relatively easy at first. But can he sell his case to his elites: his own cabinet ministers, the military, fervent Arab Nationalists, fanatic Islamic circles? These and other elements can easily use any diplomatic or political setback for Sadat to whip up mass sentiment ot topple Sadat from power, and thereby end the negotiation process.

Begin, presiding over a very fragile coalition government, also has a very difficult task ahead of him. The first — and only the first — challenge will arise within a week, when the Knesset votes on the issue of abandonment of settlements in the Sinai.

Saudi Arabia, the financial powerhouse of the Middle East and a major source of funds for Egypt, has to be sold. So far the Saudi reaction has been extremely cool, simply because they are firmly committed to certain principles which Camp David circumvented rather than met head on: total Israeli withdrawal, the future of Jerusalem, and a truly sovereign Arab Palestinian state. And they are more than disturbed by the threat to Arab unity entailed in Sadat's diplomacy and possible separate peace with Israel.

Syria has to be brought into the process, yet the agreements (as published) are silent with respect to the Golan Heights occupied by Israel. Israel is merely committed to negotiations, if Syria is willing.

The PLO cannot be ignored, as the agreements do. It simply has too much influence over West Bank and Gaza residents, as well as Palestinians elsewhere; and it has ample resouces and opportunities to torpedo any settlement. At least the moderates within the organization have to be dealt with, lest extremist elements gain complete control of the organization.

King Hussein of Jordan has to be sold and brought into the process, for his participation in any West Bank-Gaza negotiations is essential. And this will prove to be extremely difficult simply because — as Hussein knows — he is not acceptable to even moderate Palestinians as their spokesman because of bitter memories of the virtual war he launched in 1970 to oust Palestinians from Jordan.

Other states in the arena also cannot be ignored. Even the so-called Rejectionist countries which still insist on the ultimate destruction of Israel — Libya, Algeria, Iraq. And even the non-Arabic Islamic states with interests in the area: Turkey and Iran.

And over the whole problem looms the shadow of the Soviet Union. In recent years American (and Egyptian-Israeli) policy has been to keep this country out of the negotiation process. This partly to enhance American influence, and partly because of suspicions that continuation of the Arab-Israeli conflict serves Soviet purposes in that several Arab states and the PLO are dependent on the Soviets for military and economic aid. This may be sound policy, but it is also extremely risky to exclude a superpower from crucial negotiations. There are too many ways in which the Siviect Union can effect sabotage prospects for a real settlement.

And finally, there is the tinderbox of Lebanon, a helpless pawn in Middle East politics. Wracked by a complex and bloody civil war since 1975, Lebanon is now under Syrian military occupation. Syria entered this country originally to end the civil war by establishing firm control over PLO forces — who activities had been instrumental in catalyzing the war and which subsequently played a major fighting role against right-wing and so-called Christian forces. But now a new phase of the civil war has erupted, pitting Syrian and Muslim Lebanese forces against some Christian forces intent on the partition of Lebanon along sectarian lines. And these Christian forces are supported by arms and other means by Israel. In essence, Lebanon has become a battleground between Israel and a Syrian-PLO alliance. Should the Syrians or PLO decide to sabotage further negotiations, they can easily do so by stepping up attacks against Israel from Lebanese bases. Should that happen (as appears to be happening at this moment), an Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon is highly likely. And that, for the foreseeable future, would end not only prospects for and Egyptian-Israeli treaty, but also for a general peace in the Middle East.

Historical Society formed in county

By Rick Lovell
News writer

A new organization headed by Larry Hall has formed in the Gratiot county area.

The organization is the Gratiot County Historical Society and its purpose is to discover and collect recorded material and artifacts that have a definite historical value to this county.

The society held its first organizational meeting in May.

Their next meeting was held August 9th whereupon they drew up a Statement of Purpose, explaining their cause and outlining their main objectives.

The society is being assisted by the American Association of State and Local History in Nashville, Tenn. and by Mike Washo in co-operation with the Michigan Secretary of State office.

Mr. Hall hopes with this packing, people will become more interested and civically minded and help bring the 123 year old history of Gratiot county into the attention of the public.

The society is still in its founding stages, and the next few meetings will concentrate on writing a Constitution and By Laws to organize the Society's operations.

This is the first such attempt to organize a Historical society in Gratiot County, and the society hopes one day to become part of the Gratiot County government.

Seniors whip Juniors

The unbeatable class of 1980 lost their prestigious title to the class of 1979 in a teeth-grinding, sweat-filled Tug-of-War game on Saturday, September 30.

Gary Peters, president of the Junior class initiated the Tug-of-War last week by challenging the whole campus to prove their worth in a match against the class of 1980.

Dave Buhl, the Senior Class Coach rose to the occasion and ousted the Juniors from their "Unbeatable" position. Along with Buhl, participating in the game on the winning side, were the following males: Voris Davis, Jack McGill, Bill Randall, Bill Rucker, Leon Mead, Jim Davidson, Dave Frolich, Don Graves, Don Klopick, Ken Riddle, Keith Baily, Kevin Scott, John Teeple, Chuch Laskins and Thad Nowach.

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Flautist Ingrid Dingfelder performs at Alma College December 9th and 10th. [ALMANIAN photo by Elke Martin]

Lecture--fine arts series to offer a variety of programs throughout year

Alma College's lecture-fine arts series is committed to making available to students and the Alma community a variety of quality programs, according to series coordinator Paul Storey.

With one exception this year, the lecture-fine arts series programs are open to the public without charge. That exception was the theatre trip to Stratford, Canada September 22 and 23 which was for members of the campus community only.

A concert by the New York Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra October 9 leads off the public events, which all begin at 8 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel. Formed in 1970 by Raffael Adler from graduates of America's leading conservatories, the orchestra has been critically acclaimed both in America and abroad. One Amsterdam critic called orchestra members "string players . . . full of allure, dash and style."

A three-day residency by flautist Ingrid Dingfelder will be highlighted by a solo recital December 9 and a solo performance with the Alma Symphony Orchestra December 10.

Baritone Leslie Guinn, whose musical activities have included opera and engagements with major symphony orchestras, will present a recital at Alma January 29. An American Opera Auditions winner, Guinn made his New York debut with Leopold Stokowski in 1966.

March 21, organist John Obetz will perform at Alma. His weekly half-hour recitals as auditorium organist at the World Headquarters of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Independence, Mo., make Dr. Obetz one of the most widely-heard organists in the country.

"A speaking feat that defies description" one critic has termed the solo drama-

tization of *The Canterbury Tales* which Rob Inglis will perform at Alma April 4. "His adaptation from narrator to tavern cronies to the wife of Bath was nothing short of miraculous," wrote another critic. The April 4 presentation will be a return engagement to Alma for Inglis.

Creative performances by Alma students are also open to the public, although some such as the theatre productions and dance concerts do have admission charge. Among the campus-based performances scheduled for fall are Orchesis dance concerts December 1 and 2, two A Cappella Choir concerts December 3, a Kiltie Band concert December 8, Alma Symphony Orchestra concerts October 15 and December 10, and a Symphony cabaret November 4. Organist Miriam Bellville, a music faculty member since 1968, and soprano Linda Grahek, a 1966 Alma graduate, will present a recital October 28 as part of Alma's Homecoming. The recital will begin at 6 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel. Student recitals are planned for October 16, November 6 and 20, and December 11, all beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the chapel.

Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" is the Fall Term theatre production, with performances scheduled November 9, 10, 11, 17 and 18 beginning at 8 p.m. in Dow Auditorium. Not yet announced are the theatre department senior thesis plays scheduled for December 7, 8 and 9.

Community members are also invited to attend art exhibitions in the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery of the Clack Art Center. Exhibitions change each month, providing opportunities to see fresh approaches in artistic work. The September exhibition features selected works done by Alma students in art and design classes during the 1977-78 academic year. 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.

Figurative work in cast bronze by Wisconsin sculptor Tom Tasch takes over the 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.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or other times by appointment.



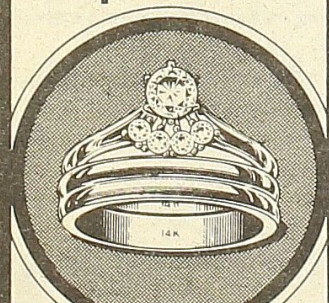
New York Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra will perform in Dunning Memorial Chapel on December 9th. [ALMANIAN photo by Elke Martin.]

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German student visits Alma

By Elke Martin
Photography Editor

Alma College recently received a visitor from Freiburg, West Germany. Twenty-five year old Christine Veihinger, an agricultural journalist, is in the United States for four months on a 4-H Exchange Program.

Christine admitted to having a somewhat stereotypical view of Americans and their lifestyle before actually coming to the States. "The only Americans I'd ever met were the tourists. They rush around, picking up their souvenirs, and most of them are very loud and demanding."

Christine spent part of her visit living with a family in Oregon. "I was amazed at the beautiful scenery. I've

always thought of America as having nothing to offer but skyscrapers, ultra-modern highways and stretches of wheatfields." San Francisco and Washington D.C. were also places she visited. "I was really impressed with both cities, but I must say that cities in Germany are generally much cleaner."

One complaint that Ms. Veihinger voiced concerned our type of food. "I'm used to going to the local bakery for fresh-baked bread and pastries. American bread reminds me of a sponge." Christine also mentioned that she was astonished at the quantities of canned goods and the great variety of pre-packaged food that Americans consume. "In Germany we do not have a hundred types of sugar-

coated cereals."

Young people in Germany share similar concerns as American youths. The neutron bomb, use of nuclear energy and overpopulation are all very much on their minds. As to the use of drugs, such as marijuana, Christine was surprised at the casual way with which they are dealt in the States. "Drugs are still very much 'under the table' where I live. Sure, you can get anything you want, but it's really not something that you talk about openly."

Unlike the United States West Germany places no restrictions on alcohol usage. "I don't know anyone who goes to a bar in Germany just for the sake of getting drunk," Ms. Veihinger stated. "My friends and I will go to the bar for a glass of wine and talk, but it was never a big deal. I've also met quite a few conservative people in America who think of alcohol as a vice. That's just not heard of in Germany."

While at Alma, Christine attended a few classes. She noted a marked difference between the American and German system of 'college.' "Classes at a German University are much more regimented; it's very difficult to even get to know your professors. The majority of classes consist of lectures which you either attend or

flunk. But I think one learns more that way. Students take their academics very seriously since a very competitive spirit exists."

The German Government funds these universities, therefore the student pays absolutely nothing. Once he passes the difficult entrance exams, (law and med school require a 4.0 point), the student may even receive

monthly aid from the State for rent and living expenses.

The pot-bellied, beer-swilling German may exist somewhere, just as the boisterous, leisure-suited American does, but Exchange Programs such as the one Christine Veihinger is part of help to dispel the myths we've created. We've all got a lot to learn from each other.

Visitor to speak at Sunday service

On Sunday, October 8, the Rev. William Campbell of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland, will be the speaker. Well known to many Alma College students from Midland, Bill is Associate Minister with Youth and Adult Education.

The Maranatha Singers, a singing group from Central

Michigan University, will lead the Sunday morning Chapel Service on October 15, using as their theme "Festival of Praise." Mrs. Marilu Van Dam is the leader of this group which tours not only throughout Michigan but has also toured throughout the United States.

Three groups show 100% participation

During the fall 1978 Red Cross Blood Drive, 302 students (26% of the student body) attempted to donate blood. 162 students (13.9% of the student body) were able to do so (53.6% or approximately 1 out of 2 students attempting to give blood were able to do so). A total of 185 pints were collected during the blood drive.

The following living units had 100 percent participation by those members eligible: TKE house, first west and third south Newberry, and third floor Gelston. The winning corridors in the other halls were second

floors Bonbright and Brazell in South (16% each corridor), third floor North Bruske (52%) and first south Mitchell (38.4%).

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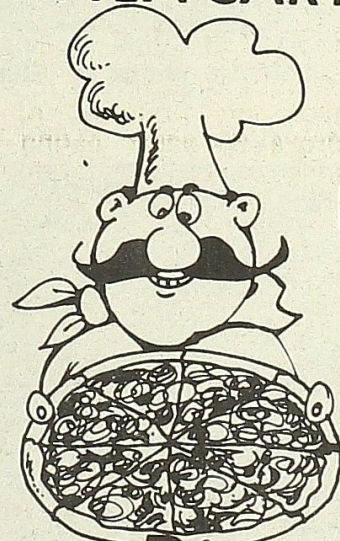
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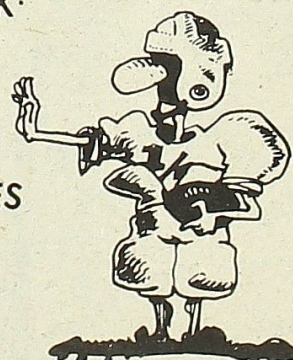
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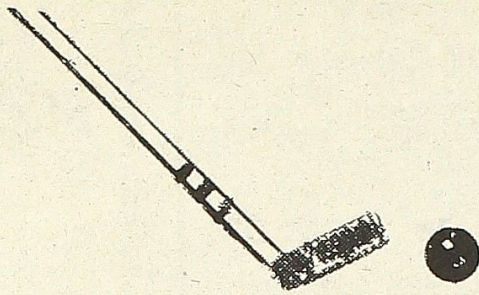
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Womens field hockey team stretches winning streak



By Bruce Gerish
Sports Editor

The Alma College Football team is not the only squad that is undefeated. After a most successful first week of the season, the Women's Field Hockey team is a

sparkling 3-0. The group chalked up victories over Delta, Kalamazoo, and Grand Valley, out scoring their opponents by a 11-1 margin.

In Tuesday's effort against Delta, the Scots scored once in each half to win by a 2-0

score. Sophomore Kathy Green tallied first for Alma on a pass from Kathy Kirsh. Kirsh then added the Scots other goal on a second half penalty stroke.

In Thursday's league battle with Kalamazoo, goalie Sue Carpenter turned away eleven shots for her second straight shut-out while her teammates were scoring five goals of their own.

Cookie Novitsky started the scoring for Alma with just five minutes gone in the game on a pass from Martha Stoll. With ten minutes left in the first half Kathy Kirsh made it 2-0 on a drive from the penalty corner.

The Scots came out in the second half and buried Kazoo scoring three more times. Jan Swinehart scored 4 minutes into the half on a rebound shot. Eight minutes later it was Kirsh scoring her second goal of the game on an assist from Gayle Erke. The Scots final tally came when Bonnie Bastow rebounded a Martha Stoll shot and rifled it into the Kazoo net.

The final victory for the week came in Saturday's 4-1 drubbing of Grand Valley. In this game Kirsh and Green combined for all four goals, with each netting a pair of goals and assists. Alma led at the half 3-0 as Kirsh scored the first two goals, her fourth and fifth of the season. Green then added the first of her goals at the 26 minute mark of that first stanza. The second half saw Green pick up her second goal of the contest, to give the Scots a 4-0 lead. Goalie Carpenter then saw her string of five plus shutout halves come to a halt, when Grand Valley scored at the 27 minute mark of the final period.

Early in the second period a Grand Valley fumble gave the Scots the ball at the Raiders thirteen. Four plays later, senior fullback Dave Cleary made it 13-0 on a one yard plunge. Ambrose's try for point was wide and the score remained 13-0 until quarterback Bill Fillmore's fumble led to a Raider touchdown late in the half. Grand Valley fired up from their late first half score, drove 65 yards eating up much of the third quarter on their way to knotting the score at 13 all. The team's traded possessions and turnovers before Fogg's interception set up the last minute heroics.

Alma intercepted seven Grand Valley aeriels including three by sophomore Bobby Long. Long, who played a tremendous game, also batted down two sure touchdowns in a Scotty goal line stand. Offensively, Gerhardt led all runners with 92 yards on 29 carries. The Scots now face Adrian on the road next Saturday, beginning their MIAA season.

By Brian Segedi
Sports Writer

They are for real! Alma College's football team ran their record to an unblemished 4-0, with a climatic 16-13 victory over Grand Rapids Junior College. It wasn't pretty, why it wasn't even well played, but the Scots delivered when they had to and that was the difference.

Alma had the game in hand for the first three quarters, but it took a Mike Fogg interception, then a spectacular catch by Chuck Fiebertz to save the Scots. Fiebertz's catch took the Scots to the Grand Valley 20 yard line. From there it was up to sophomore kicker Greg Ambrose who executed to perfection, splitting the up-rights from 30 yards away.

Alma jumped out to a 13-0 lead in the first half, and looked as though they might treat the capacity Parent's Day crowd to a rout. After a sustained drive, Jim Gerhardt scampered in from five yards out and Alma led 7-0.

Alma Scots win again!

SPORTS

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SHORT SPORTS

by Dave Flattley
ALMANIAN Columnist



A lot has happened since I last sat down to write. I suppose the first thing of interest is that Dale McCourt is still a Red Wing. A federal judge ruled that McCourt could stay in Detroit pending further study of the situation. Since the Los Angeles Kings have dropped their appeal of the case I have to think that Dale McCourt will remain a Red Wing for a good long time.

Al I'm sure the whole world knows by now, Michigan finally won a big game. Even though the Wolverines have at least two more big ones this year, it was a pleasure to see them pound someone besides Illinois, Northwestern, or Iowa. Quarterback Rick Leach, despite an atrocious first half, led the comeback charge and took a very definite step toward the Heisman Trophy. The only problem is that USC tailback Charles White gained 197 yards against top-ranked Alabama and took several definite steps toward it also.

The world of baseball is still in shock after the shooting death of California outfielder Lyman Bostock. Bostock was shot in the back of the head as he drove away from his ex-wife and her companion. He was one of the most highly paid players in baseball but earlier this year he donated his entire salary to charity because he didn't feel that he deserved it. That is a rare show of class these days.

Staying with baseball, the Yankees and Red Sox will have the race settled by the time this comes to print, hopefully with the Yankees coming up short. Kansas City, Philadelphia and Los Angeles should all win their respective divisions so a repeat of last year's playoffs seems to be in store, assuming that the Yankees do sneak in. I can only hope that Kansas City, after two years of ninth inning playoff losses, can finally sneak away from the Yankees and into the World Series.

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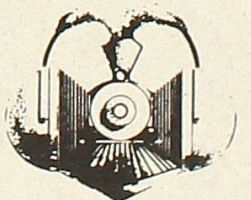
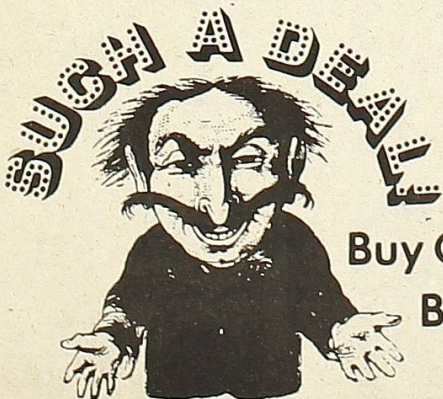
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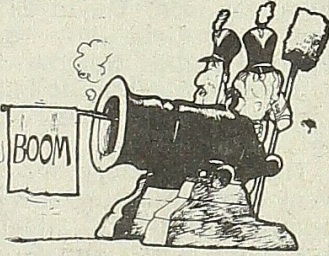
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