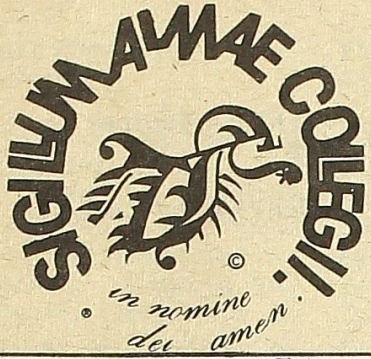


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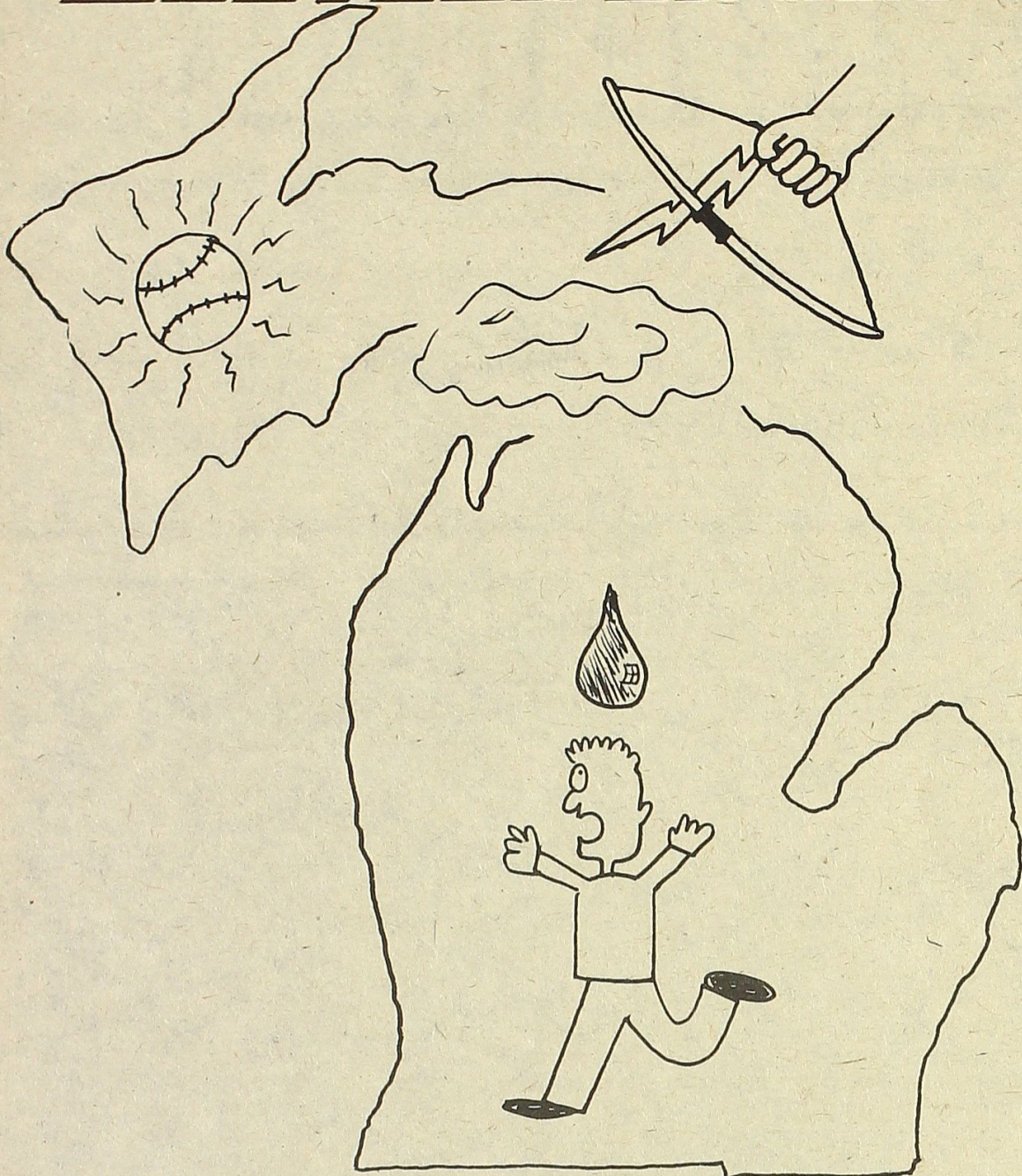
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## Folksinger entertains at all-campus party

Pat Krobowski, the folk singer that performed in Van Dusen Commons Friday night at the Greek all campus party was widely accepted by the audience. [ALMANIAN photo by Elke Martin]

# WEATHER OR NOT



Monday and Tuesday will carry continuous crowds of clouds. [Partly cloudy]  
Wednesday plots a perpetual amount of precipitation [rain]. Thursday will bring an on and off faucet effect [partly rainy].  
The degrees will seize our pleas for a warm breeze. Highs in the mid 40s to low 50s Monday, low 50s Tuesday and 50s Wednesday through Friday. Lows lie in the 30s to low 40s.

## MENU : What's for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Monday - October 16

**Breakfast**  
Waffles  
Scrambled or cooked eggs  
**Lunch**  
Navy bean soup  
Grilled ham & cheese sandwich  
Ground beef & green bean casserole  
Chef salad bowl with cottage cheese  
**Dinner**  
French onion soup  
Breaded veal / mushroom sauce  
Lasagne  
Grilled liver & onions

### Tuesday - October 17

**Breakfast**  
Hot cakes  
Scrambled & fried eggs  
**Lunch**  
Chicken gumbo soup  
Ground beef hoagie  
Beef chop suey over rice  
Tuna salad sandwich  
**Dinner**  
Minestrone soup  
Oven fried chicken  
Spaghetti with meat sauce  
Polish sausage & sauerkraut

### Wednesday - October 18

**Breakfast**  
French toast  
Scrambled or cooked eggs

**Lunch**  
Cream of tomato soup  
Hamburger on bun  
Macaroni & cheese  
Fruit plate with cottage cheese  
**Dinner**  
Beef barley soup  
Pot roast of beef with gravy  
Breaded baked fillets  
Stuffed pepper/brown gravy

### Thursday - October 19

**Breakfast**  
Waffles  
Scrambled & fried eggs  
**Lunch**  
Pepper pot soup  
Bacon, lettuce & tomato sandwich  
Beef noodle casserole  
Julienne salad plate  
**Dinner**  
Tomato soup  
Roast turkey/bread, dressing & gravy  
French dip sandwich  
Cheese enchiladas

### Friday - October 20

**Breakfast**  
Hot cakes  
Scrambled & poached eggs  
**Lunch**  
Potato chowder with corn  
Hot dog on bun  
Tuna pot pie

**Saturday - October 21**  
**Breakfast**  
French toast  
Fried eggs  
**Lunch**  
Cream of mushroom soup  
Ham & Cheese on bun  
Spanish macaroni  
Cheese omelet  
**Dinner**  
French onion soup  
B-B-Q chicken  
Beef  
Top butt steak

**Sunday - October 22**  
**Breakfast**  
Blueberry pancakes  
Cooked eggs  
**Lunch**  
Beef noodle soup  
Roast beef - au jus  
Breaded pork cutlet with gravy  
Carrot soybean loaf  
**Dinner**  
Cream of chicken soup  
Fishwich on bun  
Old fashion ground beef pie  
French toast  
Egg foo yong-oriental rice  
**Dinner**  
Vegetable soup  
Grilled chopped steak  
Batter fried fish  
Pizza variety

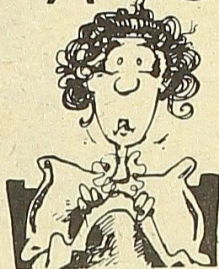
# CAMPUS CALENDAR

MON

1:00 Golf: MIAA Tourney at Kalamazoo  
7:15 Student Recital-Chapel

TUE

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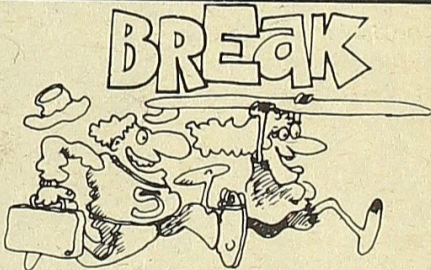
WED

Sorority Dessert  
9-11:30 Blood pressure clinic-A.C.  
1:00 Golf: MIAA Tourney at Kalamazoo  
4:00 Field Hockey at Hope  
6:30 Volleyball at Hope  
6:30 Scholia Dinner Meeting with Prof. James Tipton - Heather Room  
7:00 Inter - Varsity Christian Fellowship  
10:00 Tyler Movie: Charade-Tyler

THU



FRI

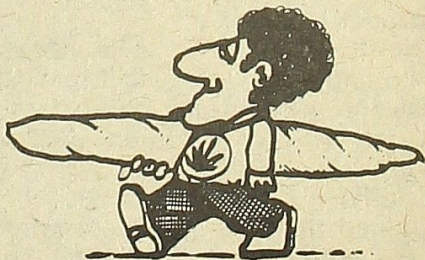


MID-TERM  
3:30 Field Hockey against CMU [J.V.]-HERE

SAT

Fall term recess through October 24  
11:00 Cross Country at Olivet  
11:00 Soccer at Olivet  
2:00 Football at Olivet

SUN



# Secretary of Labor talks with students

By Mary Ellen Liike  
News Writer

Last Wednesday night Pat Babcock, the Secretary of Labor for the state of Michigan, spoke to an audience of about 50 individuals at Tyler Auditorium. Babcock was sent by the Governor's Office as a last minute replacement for James Brickley, Republican Nominee for Lieutenant Governor. Brickley fell seriously ill on Wednesday and was unable to make the scheduled appearance.

Mr. Babcock received his B.A. in sociology and psychology from Western Michigan University and his Master's from Wayne State in Social Work. Prior to holding the position of Secretary of Labor, he has been Director of Ageing, a Legislative Liaison and involved with the Substance Abuse Services. He is considered by some political analysts as the man closest to Governor Milliken.

Babcock began the forum by telling the audience that he and Governor Milliken were "supporters of private education, not at the expense of public education, but as an alternative type of education." Babcock's speech focused on the reasons why William Milliken should be re-elected Governor. He spoke on four issues: leadership, jobs, toxic chemicals and Proposal D.

Babcock said that we do not know all of the issues that will be facing the Governor in the next four years. "We need someone who can make tough decisions and is accountable, Governor Milliken has these qualities," stated Babcock. He also emphasized the fact that Milliken has as substantial reputation as a Governor nationwide.

On the issue of jobs, Babcock pointed out that the most recent unemployment rate was 5.8%, which is the lowest it has been since June 1974. Milliken is working to reform worker's compensa-

reform workers' compensation plan so that there will be increased benefits without an increase in the employer's premium. Milliken is also working on the passage of a bill on the national level that would help states, such as Michigan, that suffer very badly during recessions. Reforms are also taking place with respect to Unemployment Insurance.

Babcock expounded on the complexity of the issue of toxic substances, which involves private property, health and other issues. Babcock explained that Milliken asked the Health and Agriculture Departments to take action with respect to

PBB in May, 1974. The Michigan Legislature passed a bill making the tolerant amount of PBB for Michigan far below that of the level set by the FDA. Babcock insisted that the PBB incident could never happen again provided a Toxic Control Commission and a waste dumping site were established.

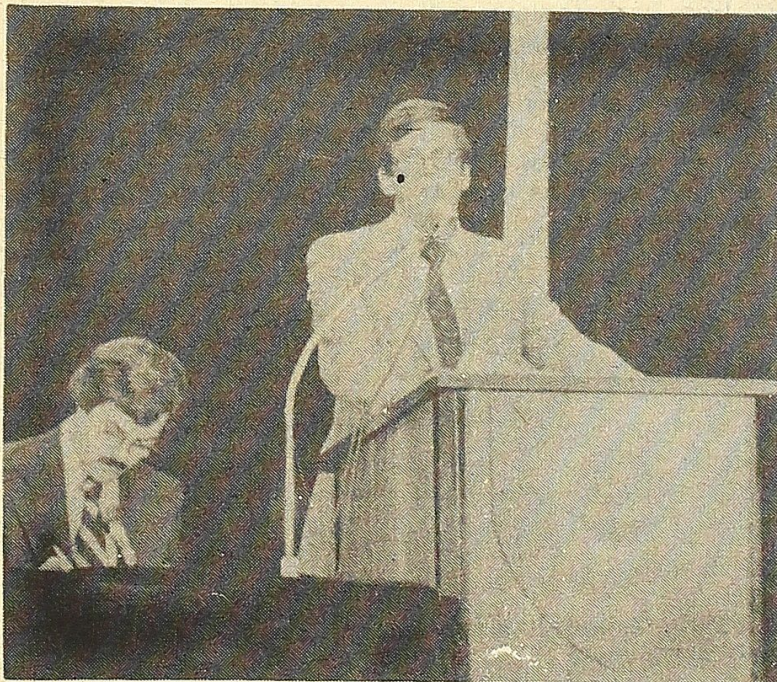
On Proposal D, Babcock said that Milliken felt the problem stemmed from improper education and insufficient preparation prior to the granting of the privilege of drinking. Babcock stated that Milliken would "probably vote against Proposal D."

After Babcock's closing remarks, five panelists questioned him. The panelists included: Dr. Davis, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Alma College; Mr. Goostrey, Chairman of the Republican Party, Gratiot County; Dr. Kolb, Professor of Political Science, Alma College; Mr. Ropp, Chairman of Democratic Party, Gratiot County; and Mr.

Welch, Director of Alma Chamber of Commerce. The questions asked by the panel covered issues concerning welfare, worker's compensation, the C.E.T.A. program and toxic waste disposal sites. The forum ended with a 15 minute session in which the audience questioned Babcock.

This political forum was arranged by the Bruske Resident Assistant Staff as part of their educational program. Originally, the intention was to invite Milliken and his opponent Fitzgerald to Alma College to debate.

Gary Peters and Nancy Edgar were the key organizers of the forum. When asked about how he felt about the program, Peters said, "I think it went really well. I was sort of disappointed that more students did not come. However, Babcock said that this was the first time in six appearances that questions have been asked from the floor. He was impressed with the students that did attend."



Pat Babcock, Secretary of Labor for the State of Michigan, addresses individuals at Tyler Auditorium. [ALMANIAN photo by Elke Martin]

## Student Council fills committees

A Student Council screening committee came up with the following student members for the committees of the Alma College Community Government, with Student Council approval Wednesday night.

The Educational Policy Committee consists of student representatives Mary Ellen Liike, Jean Defebaugh, Heidi Birgbauer, Marlys Gasho, and Julie McKay. This committee's job is to review and formulate Alma's educational programs.

Three members of the

Student Life Committee are Pat McNamara, Karla Touse and Jeane Muchler, with three to be chosen. They will make recommendations dealing with campus activities and student organizations.

The Academic Standards Committee, so far consists of alternate Steve Bowman, Cheryl Bobick, and Linda Vyvian. This committee recommends and reviews academic standards.

To apply for these and other committees, students must fill out a petition available in the Student Union.

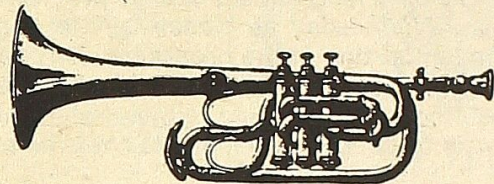
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## Board of Trustees discusses many issues at meeting



Procedures for selecting the next Alma College president, increasing the college's ethnic and cultural diversity, naming of the academic mall and approval of continued planning for the Tyler/Van Dusen renovation were among items of business approved during the fall meeting of the Alma College Board of Trustees October 12 and 13. Also discussed was the impact of inflation on the purchasing power of faculty and staff salaries and the high priority of this matter in next year's budget.

"Of all the powers and duties of a College Board of Trustees, none is as important as the appointment of a college president. This is a responsibility which rests solely with the Board of Trustees," begins the document describing the Procedures for the Selection of a New President of Alma College accepted by the Board Friday.

With the pending retirement of Dr. Robert B. Swanson, Alma's president since 1956, at the end of the 1979-80 academic year, the Board adopted the statement of procedures for the selection of his successor.

Within the next few weeks, a search committee consisting of seven trustees or former trustees appointed by Chairman of the Board of Trustees Gilbert Currie will be formed. Working in an advisory capacity to the search committee will be an advisory committee consisting of six members of the faculty, two students, two alumni and one administrator.

A joint meeting of Instruction/Faculty and Student Affairs committees discussed, came up with programs and presented at the board meeting ways to increase the ethnic and cultural diversity at Alma. Among specifics, the College intends to: develop programs among faculty/students to reduce ignorance and to enhance cross-cultural understanding and op-

eness, develop a "black professional" support group as regional resource consultants who work with the Admissions Department and other faculty and staff, and establish a minority high school advisory board.

"McIntyre Mall" is the name the Board approved for the academic mall stretching from the library to the east side of campus. President Swanson described the mall as the "main spine of the campus" and the trustee it is named for, Charles McIntyre, as "the sparkplug that started the major endowment drive just completed. This honor recognizes his leadership as a trustee and former chairman of the Board of Trustees," said Dr. Swanson.

McIntyre, former chairman of the board of Monroe Auto Equipment Company in Monroe, Michigan, joined the Alma board in 1952 and served as chairman for 1975 to 1977. "I feel very humble," said McIntyre in responding to the honor accorded him. "Since 1952 when I came on the Board, Alma College has been a great part of my heart. Alma is a real first-class quality school bringing better education to everyone who walks through the doors."

Regarding the renovation of Tyler/Van Dusen and Hamilton Commons, the Board approved the employment of Robert Handy as a consultant to meet with the architect and staff for discussion of the program statement and Handy's recommendations regarding the renovation. The Board also authorized the use of a Saga Food Service architectural and planning division representative to meet with the architect and college staff for a discussion of the renovation of Hamilton Commons.

Trustee committee meetings were held Thursday afternoon and reports from those meetings were submitted to the general Board for discussion Friday.

# NEWSBRIEFS



Edited by Jon Thorndike

## Biggs says he will stay

Despite his conviction of defrauding the government of some 66,000 dollars, U.S. Representative Charles Biggs Jr. said he will remain a member of Congress as long as voters of his Detroit district keep electing him. Biggs said the House does not have the authority to refuse him a seat as long as he meets the written requirements of age, citizenship and residency.

## Gas-guzzlers to be taxed

President Carter's long-stalled energy program made a little headway Wednesday as House-Senate negotiators approved the tax portion of the programs. The tax would be on cars using large amounts of fuel produced on or after the 1980 model year. The approved plan would also give tax breaks to people who insulate their homes.

## Peace talks begin

Treaty talks between Israel and Egypt began Thursday in Washington. President Carter planned to welcome foreign and defense ministers from both countries in a brief, ceremonial opening of the negotiations that began at the Camp David Summit September 17.

## Carter vetoes tuition bill

Carter has made it clear that he will not sign into law a bill that would give tax credit to parents of college-enrolled students. A separate college tuition tax credit bill has been approved by the House and Senate, but Senator Russel Long of Louisiana wants this portion of his bill dropped to save it from a Presidential veto.

## Carter plans new missile

President Carter plans to offset congressional criticism that the United States is slipping behind the Soviets in missile power by proposing plans for a new strategic missile. The new missile would replace both the land-based Minuteman and the sea-based Poseidon if funded by Congress.

# College prepares to alter alcohol policy

By Mark Ashman  
News Writer

The familiar CSA parties for Alma College students will be abolished if Proposal D is passed on the November 7th ballot.

The management of the

CSA organization said that if the legal drinking age is raised to 21, they would not contract their hall to Alma College. If the proposal is passed it will become law 45 days after the voting. Proposal D will be enacted on December 23 which is 2 days

after fall term ends. That would make this the last term Alma College students will enjoy the privilege of CSA hall parties.

The College will also alter their regulations with accordance of the law determined by Proposal D. The Board of Trustees has not made any decisions concerning regulation changes as of yet, but they are in the process of making them.

The Student Life Committee, however, has proposed some ideas which the Board of Trustees will consider. One of these ideas is to abolish alcohol from all campus functions. This would not deny students who are 21 the right to drink in the privacy of their own rooms, however, they would abolish drinking of alcohol in the halls and the lobby. Another possibility discussed was that all parties on campus would be registered, requiring that attendance is that only of legal students by law of the state.

Alma College could not take on the responsibility of enforcing state laws, but they will abide by them. One issue the Committee did make clear was that regulations would not be written in such a manner that there would be a college law in addition to the state law which would make the College a sanctuary for minors.

## Sunday Service and organ recital planned

# Chapel prepares for Homecoming

Homecoming is a special event at Alma College when graduates of past years come back to their old haunts. Many of these alumni are parents of students now at Alma.

A special Chapel Service is being planned for Homecoming weekend, Sunday October 29, at 11:00 am. Dr. Richard Wylie, an outstanding Presbyterian minister from Peru, Indiana, will be the Guest Preacher. His topic will be "Today Is All You Have!" Dr. Wylie is an alumnus of Alma College and the father of Steve Wylie, a senior this year at Alma.

Another special feature of the service will be the singing of the A-Cappella Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ernest Sullivan.

On Saturday evening of Homecoming Weekend, October 28, Miss Miriam Bellville of the Music Department will present a Homecoming Organ Recital in the Chapel at 6:00 pm. This will be after the football game and before the 7:00 dinner. Miss Bellville, an outstanding organist, will present organ compositions by Bach, Weaver, Dupre, Reger, Langlais and Franck. There is no charge for this concert.



The 1978 Homecoming Court is:

Hilary Barrera

Diane Lay



Martha Stoll

Gail Swanson

Voting for the Queen by the entire campus will take place Wednesday, October 18, 1978 as follows:

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Van Dusen & Hamilton for on campus students

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Tyler for off campus students

5:30 - 6:30 pm

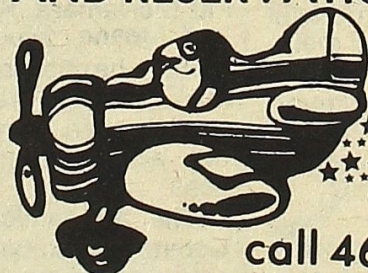
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5:30 - 6:30 pm

Tyler for off campus students

The Queen will be announced at the Pep Rally Friday, October 27 at 7:00 pm on the South Practice Field.

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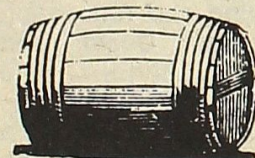
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## KOLB'S CORNER

By Eugene Kolb  
Department of Political Science

### "Of all our economic problems, the energy problem is without doubt the most critical"

As this column is being written, most energy bills have still not emerged from the Congressional mill. Indeed, they may not emerge at all this year due to Congressional displeasure with Carter's veto of the pork-barrel Public Works bill and his threat to veto an absolutely awful tax bill. But the main outlines of what will emerge either this or early next year seem fairly clear.

Overall, what we can expect is a limited program of taxes and incentives combined with some limited regulatory measures, designed to at least hold steady the consumption of oil and natural gas, to somewhat increase the supply of these two scarcest resources, to encourage industry to switch to coal, and to encourage public conservation of energy.

The major target is to increase the price of oil and natural gas, with the hope that gradual price increases will result in reduced demand without adverse consequences for the economy. Carter had proposed an increase in federal gasoline taxes, but the Congress quickly kills this because of its general unpopularity.

Gasoline prices will continue to rise — to what level in uncertain — because of gradual deregulation of oil prices, Carter's possible imposition of new taxes on imported oil, probably price increases in imported oil, and the eventual supply-demand gap. (Michigan recently helped by slapping on an additional 2 cents per gallon tax, but that was primarily to finance transportation programs, not as a conservation measure.)

The price of natural gas will also gradually be deregulated which, in combination with a supply-demand gap, will result in rising prices and a hoped-for slowdown in demand. With respect to both oil and gas, it is hoped that increased profits will induce oil and gas companies to intensify exploration and development of new technology and new supplies, so as to at least maintain present supply levels. It is also hoped that increased prices will encourage other industries to switch to other sources of energy.

A series of other provisions are also designed to prompt industry to convert from oil and gas to coal, but their probable effectiveness is open to question. Measures which would have required certain industries to switch were quickly scuttled by Congress, and proposals to tax the industrial use of gas and oil were effectively emasculated. Instead, Congress opted for the more popular strategy of inducements: tax breaks (indirect subsidies) to encourage such conversion.

A similar approach was taken to encourage the production and use of more efficient cars: measures to regulate or prohibit were replaced by graduated taxes, applicable over a number of years, to discourage the production and purchase of low mileage fuel-guzzling monsters.

A few other measures may have some, but probably only minimal impact, on the conservation side; such as tax deductions, low interest loans, and other incentives to insulate homes and to install solar heating technology. But somewhat more drastic efforts — such as the restructuring of utility rates to discourage rather than encourage (as electric and gas rates currently do) the heavy use of these sources of energy — were so badly watered down that their overall impact is likely to be slight.

Some glaring omissions and inadequacies are also characteristic of this energy package. Virtually nothing is included in the way of expansion of mass public transportation; which is essential to reduce reliance on the gasoline buggy; and which will be necessary in some 10 to 20 years as the price of gas for cars and trucks soars to new highs.

Indeed, despite the energy problem, the nation's railroads continue to deteriorate; and despite Michigan's current effort to earmark about 20% of the new gas tax for public transportation, these and similar projects are but drops in the bucket of future needs. We will probably continue to rely on private enterprise. This is a woefully inadequate approach because expansion of public transportation will not be profitable for many years, and yet the system must be expanded now to be available by the time it is really needed.

Governmental funds for research and development of new and alternate sources of energy will also be in short supply, even though governmental funding is vital because R & D involves large, risky, and long-term investments not likely to yield profits in the immediate future. But again, efforts need to be launched immediately, so that alternative sources will be available in some 10 or 20 years.

Nuclear energy continues to have low priority with this administration, and no R & D is anticipated for the breeder reactor. Finally, expansion of coal production, another necessity to meet the energy demands of the 1980s, takes immediate massive capital investment, and again the private sector — for understandable reasons of

uncertainty, risk, and limited short-term profit potentials — either lacks the capital or is reluctant to invest what is available.

To some degree, Washington's reluctance at this time to plunge into a more vigorous and costlier program is understandable. Energy costs which rise too rapidly, and governmental funding entailing either higher taxes or expenditures involving higher budget deficits, could quickly add to inflationary pressures or plunge us into another recession.

Balancing our needs for energy and economic growth with health, safety, and environmental needs also pose some complex problems. The government must also operate with the limits imposed by prevailing public attitudes and values — our aversion to still more governmental regulatory controls and to a still bigger bureaucracy; our preference for monetary incentives instead of mandatory controls; our inclination towards gradualism; our tendency to prefer solutions to energy and economic problems by private enterprise and to rely on the interplay of supply and demand. And finally, it is an election year, when public demands and preferences are given high priority. For the general public, all-too-blissfully ignorant of the nature and critical importance of the energy problem, and all-too-concerned with more immediate problems affecting its pocketbook, has loudly and clearly expressed its preferences for reducing taxes and governmental expenditures, for lower rather than higher prices for energy, and its general opposition to the stern austerity measures which are necessary to resolve the energy problem.

For better or for worse, we are a democracy, and the voice of the public is heard in Washington and in state and city capitals. It is not just "special interests," but also public pressure that has resulted in further weakening of a not very strong initial program. While one can understand the public's primary concern with short-term issues, in the past it has been and in the future it will continue to be the unresolved long-term problems — those not tackled before they become crisis situations — which give us a steady accumulation of increasingly more difficult short-term problems and crises.

Of all our domestic — and international — economic problems, the energy problem is without doubt the most critical. Failure to begin to deal with it in an effective fashion now, when we have at least some time to prepare for what is to come, will result in many exceedingly painful years in the 1980s and beyond. It will give our children and grandchildren justified reasons for condemning us for our failure to consider their future. Hence the set of longbows and the quiver of arrows which Washington is giving us to fight this "moral equivalent of war" constitutes a major disservice not only to this, but to future generations.

## Youngsters name Alma computer

By Rick Lovell  
News Writer

A contest to name Alma College's new computer between 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders of the Alma, Ithaca, and St. Louis school districts ended September 28, when a panel of judges selected the name Soloman as the computer's new name.

Susan Ingersall, a 5th grader from St. Louis submitted the name Soloman, with the explanation that he was the wisest man and she thought the computer was as wise and knew all.

Judges for the contest were Daved Dexter, Director of the Computer Center, Mr. George Gibb, Superintendent of Alma public schools, Gerry Walden, Community Educational Director of St.

Louis and Ms. Rebecca Warner, Director of Ithaca Public Library. The judges agreed with Susan in her choice of the name Soloman and awarded her the prize of a pocket calculator. Her class receives an open invitation to visit Alma College, October 28, to tour the campus and visit "Soloman."

Sheila Collins, Assistant Director of Admissions and Special Programs, engineered the contest. Sheila stated that the purpose was not only to find a name for the computer but to expose the benefits of the College to the community and younger children.

Sheila was very pleased with the amount of response from the schools. Over 450 students submitted entries and all were very imaginative.

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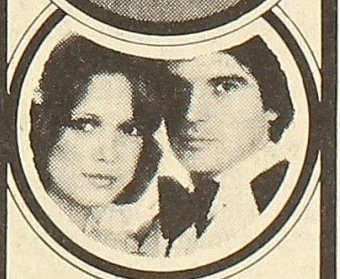
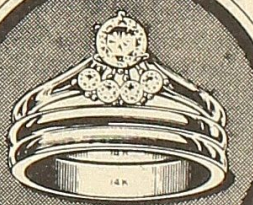
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## DOWN THE ROAD WITH EDWARD

by Dave Buhl  
ALMANIAN Columnist

Back again with another immature concoction of my feeble mind.

Last Friday it took me over 45 minutes to cross Superior Street. It seemed like every freshman on the campus was headed somewhere. At first I thought the guys were cruising the gut looking for high-school girls (it's a pretty well known fact that freshman guys usually experience a sex-lag at first). After a while, I noticed that there were girls on the road too, and everyone was packed for home. I don't want to be blunt, but what does home have that Alma doesn't?

I put this question to several freshmen who exhibited the go-home syndrome, and I received many unacceptable reasons. One girl told me that she had a boyfriend at home. When she showed me his picture, I told her that she could do better, and I was living proof. She's going home this weekend, too (face). Another girl told me that she missed her pet dog. I encouraged her to go home because she won the "typical Alma girl" contest. I heard other reasons, but basically they all sucked. So, as a true Scotty, I offered these reasons to stay at Alma.

Firt of all, weekends are a chance to relax, and meet new people. Studying is NOT the only reason for going to school. You're here to grow up, and if that includes going to a party and, shall I say, experiencing new things, then You should do it. I'd rather please my parents by letting them know I'm growing up, than please Ried-Knox by losing sleep over any exam.

Of course, other reasons exist. The Union, well known as the hub of student life, always provides the best in recent college gossip. Also, by reading the Alma Mater one could search for the jungle grove or attend the campus fair.

This proposal "D" has really got me worried. If it passes three quarters of the college will be without the right to buy alcohol. Of course, this might keep the freshmen on campus, because instead of buying beer for their friends at 7-11, they will have to wait outside for a senior to come by. In fact, I heard two freshmen and a sophomore practicing their "Hey Mister, will you buy me a beer?" routine just yesterday. I chuckled to myself as I knew the Senior party would still be held, until I found out that only a few Juniors would be able to work at it. Seems as if even the true adults need their eyes checked.

I wasn't really concerned about the "dry campus" rumor until today. All the Reid-Knox personnel have "Shades of Prohibition" bumper stickers on their cars, and the utility closets in the building now have what appear to be, bottle racks on the walls. Well, at least if the dorms change, the administration will remain the same — all wet.

Well it's time I left for my interview. Seems a T.V. program received an anonymous recommendation for me as a writer, and playing the tip they offered me a position. It shouldn't be all bad working for a \$20 million corporation, but I guess I'm worthy. I just wish I could thank that mystery person.

## Women's Back-to-Work seminar offered

A Women's Back-to-Work Seminar will be offered to interested area women through Alma College's Continuing Education Program this fall. The seminar is tentatively set for 12 noon, once a week for four weeks beginning in late October. However, the actual dates and time will be determined by what is convenient for the women interested in attending.

According to Nick Marsh, coordinator of Alma's Continuing Education Program, seventy-four percent of the Alma College Continuing Education students are women, with approximately half of them attending school to develop skills or credentials that will help them return to the world of work. "Often, however, something in addition to course work is

needed to assist people in the struggle to find a job once they have the skills and training," said Marsh.

That's where the Women's Back-to-Work seminar can help, for it will deal with the problems that arise when the job hunt begins. Topic areas will include: The Plan of Attack — resume preparation, how to put your best foot forward on paper; Goals, Needs, Values — what can be done with them; Practice Interviews — overcoming fears; Job Alternatives — flexible times, volunteer, part-time.

Ginny Riser-Schoch, a counselor/testing coordinator for Alma College's Academic Counseling and Career Development Center, will be the seminar's facilitator. A "re-entry woman" herself after 17 years as

# Consumer beware when buying new car

(Lansing) — With the 1979 autos making their debut, consumers are confronted with a multitude of choices and options. To help those in the market for a new model, the Michigan Consumers Council offers these tips.

"Don't let sales pressure make the decision for you. Rather, do some homework and decide on the car and options you want **before** you get to the dealership," said the Council's Executive Director Linda Joy. "After all, an automobile is one of the biggest purchases you'll ever make."

Consumers may be able to save money by selling their old cars themselves, rather than trading them in, Joy said.

"Don't rush to tell the dealer you want to trade in your old car. This will allow you to first get the price on the new car without a trade-in. Then, get the price that includes a trade-in of your old car. The difference between the two prices is their offer for your old car," Joy explained. "If you feel it's too low, consider selling it on your own."

Joy also urged consumers to price options as well as the car itself.

"Some manufacturers put together packages of options at a special price," she said. "But if you compare the price of the options you want to the package deal, it may be cheaper simply to order your choice of options and to forget the special."

Consumers should shop for credit as carefully as they shop for the car.

"While most dealers can arrange financing, it pays to shop around at banks or credit unions," Joy said. "And no matter what a lender says, credit life or credit disability insurance is not required by law. This insurance will pay off the loan if a consumer is disabled or dies but it's not always worth the cost."

If a lender says credit insurance is required, Joy urged consumers to contact the state's Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, 525 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48913 or call (517) 373-1140.

Joy urged consumers to be especially vigilant when their new car arrives.

"Look it over carefully for flaws, inside and out, before accepting the car," she said. "If anything is wrong, notify the dealer immediately and don't accept the car until the flaws are corrected. If problems arise later, don't put off letting the dealer know, and get itemized receipts to document everything, even repairs covered under the warranty."

The Consumers Council has a free fact sheet for consumers who want to know more about new car shopping. For a copy, write the Michigan Consumers Council, 414 Hollister Building, 106 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933.

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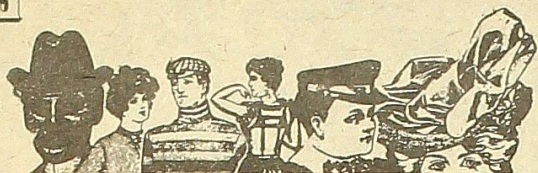
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# GREEKS



We would like to congratulate fraters Mark Patterson and Gary Thompson as they have been named the recipients of the Zeta Delta Alumni Scholarship Award.

The award recognizes these fraters' ability to excel in fraternal leadership, campus citizenship and scholarship.

The chapter has also received letters from the TKE Advisory Committee congratulating them on their reinstatement as an active fraternity chapter. During their colonization period, the TKEs received the highest grading possible (A). Good work guys!

We would also like to extend a belated thank you to our wonderful little sisters who did a tremendous job in making our CSA hall party a

success. Sorry about the oversight girls!

Remember Monday Night Football every Monday night at the house. All persons are welcome.

The sisters of Gamma Gamma Sigma Sigma are planning service projects for the 78 fall term. The Chapter's enthusiastic president, Lisa Cresswell has already started organizing events for the sorority to participate in. Some important upcoming activities include helping Pan Hel in Greek week, sponsoring a concert with Andy Hopping, selling McDonald gift certificates (money from both projects will go to aid the needy), and - working with Big Brothers and Big Sisters program.

# Career Day "helpful"

By Carol Smith  
News Writer

Career Exchange Day, hosted by the Mid Michigan Community Action Council of Gratiot County, was held on Tuesday, October 10. As a part of this program, 370 students from St. Louis, Fulton, Ashley, and Breckenridge met at the physical education center for a noon luncheon.

The purpose of this council is to provide career exploration for kindergartners through twelfth graders. One way of accomplishing this is by having volunteers come into the classroom to discuss any subject being touched upon in class.

Another very effective method is the massive Career Exchange Day that was held Tuesday. This was a day that was set aside for eleventh graders who had filled out a survey at school indicating their career preferences.

Based on this preliminary survey, the students were placed with a professional in their desired field. The student remained with him half the day at his place of work and observed him going about his normal duties.

Some students interested in becoming doctors actually observed an operation. Others, interested in such fields as electronics, auto mechan-

ics, and teaching, visited with the College's electricians, mechanics, and professors. Then, there were students interested in the operation of fast food chains who actually spent the day at McDonalds. This direct contact gave the student the chance to realize whether he is turned off or turned on by his career choice.

Alma College not only provided consultants for the students, but it was also the site for the luncheon. With the cooperation of Saga, the help of Gamma Sigma Sigma, and the help of the wrestling team, all 370 students met with their representatives at noon to enjoy lunch together. During the meal, Dr. Terry Carey, Vice President of Public Relations at Central Michigan University, spoke on career preparation.

According to Dr. Agria,

Dean of Instruction at Alma, the council is recognized nationally for its career exploration program. It is funded locally and federally, operating out of Wright Avenue School.

A survey was given at the end of the lunch to find out what the students thought of career day. Virtually every student that attended thought it was helpful and successful.

The next Career Exchange Day will take place on Wednesday, November 1. It will include another 370 students from Alma and Ithaca. Alma will again be the site of the noon luncheon with Gilbert Currie, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Alma, as a speaker. We can again look forward to seeing the eager faces of eleventh graders exploring their career interests.

# Val Unger enjoys Africa

Almanians,

Well here I sit on the wilds of Africa—I love it here. Every day gets a little better, and I can't really imagine leaving this place.

I went to the lorry park in Ado and got my first taxi ride by myself. I was so proud. No one tried to cheat me—in fact, most of the time, I'm given preferential treatment because I'm white and a woman.

I'm getting involved with the school. Helping Class V students with questions, trying to teach English and Literature to Class III, teaching lawn tennis and all other sports, working on chapel committees, planning social activities for the weekends, fixing up the Alma College House, planting garden, planting flowers and orange trees, being friend and comrade to students, meeting many new people, going to market, making "native" dresses with the principal's wife (Mummy), watching gorgeous sunsets and thanking God and Alma College for being able to come here.

Teaching is frustrating and I'm constantly battling with noise, both external and internal, but I take one day at a time, get enough sleep and eat well, stay healthy, and SMILE A LOT!

I'm going to the Aluko's this weekend as it is public holiday on Friday. Everyone here has been and is being so nice to me. I don't know how I will ever repay them all. I met Tai and Sheila. Tai is a great man. I could tell just from the first meeting. Politics is becoming big here now as the government lifted the ban on political parties. National civil elections next October. It will be an exciting time.

I have from 15 December-5 January for Christmas holidays. I am planning to travel as much as possible. I'm living on about 100 N (naira)/month. The school paid me 54 N this month so no problem with expenses. Tell Brad I received his blank check from Malcolm. I'm holding it right now.

Take care and write me:

Val Unger

Val Unger  
Ode-Ekiti High School  
Ode-Ekiti  
Ondo State, Nigeria

# Organ recital

On Saturday evening, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. Miss Miriam Bellville, Professor of Organ at Alma College, will present an Organ Concert in Dunning Memorial Chapel.

On October 29, the Sunday of Homecoming Weekend, Rev. Richard Wylie of Peru, Indiana, will be the Guest Speaker. The A-Cappella Choir, directed by Dr. Ernest Sullivan, will sing.

# Frats plant tulips

By Jon Thorndike  
News Editor

Several fraternity and staff members helped in the planting Saturday of some 540 tulip bulbs here at Alma College.

The idea of planting bulbs was proposed jointly by a few individuals as an activity for Greek Week. Members of the TKE, Sigma Beta and Theta Chi fraternities turned out to help in the planting of the bulbs, along with staff members Dr. Pattison, Dr. Kapp, Mr. Campbell and Rev. Chaffee. It was their intention that direct participation in beautifying the campus would help develop a sense of respect for the students' environment.

Funds for the 600-odd bulbs purchased were provided in part by a private donator and by the College. The locations of the planting spots had to be cleared by the Building and Grounds Department before the group started. Sometimes an overly-large pile of snow will prevent tulip bulbs from coming up in the spring, so planting had to be done in areas not frequently visited by snow-plows and sidewalk-

shovelers. Two-hundred total square feet were planted with bulbs in areas in front of the Chapel, inside the circular sidewalk crossing south of Gelston, and near the north entrance to Tyler Student Center.

Overall, it was a successful event and the group hopes the student body will appreciate their efforts next spring when the bulbs come up.

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"Say milk!"

One of the famous Alma College campus cats lacks that Cheshire grin but captures friends where ever it prowls. [ALMANIAN photo by Elke Martin]

*It's a quasi weasel!*

## Alma student owns quite an unusual pet

By Carolyn Towar  
Feature Writer

On your way to or from class this fall, perhaps you've passed a girl with wavy blonde hair and a quiet, friendly smile, walking an unusual pet on a leash. That girl is Lucy Best, and a resident of Clizbe House, and the animal is her pet ferret, commonly called Queasal, "because he is a quasi weasel. Queasel's real name however," Lucy reported with a pleasant laugh, "is Ferret Fawcett, according to my father!"

When asked how long she has had Queasel, Lucy replied that it has been a little over a year. In relating how Queasel came to be hers, Lucy explained that her roommate for the summer, "bought him supposedly to get rid of mice, but that was ridiculous, because the mice were bigger than he was." Queasel was seven weeks old at the time, and only about six inches long. He was a pet to both Lucy and her

roommate that summer and when her roommate couldn't keep him any longer, Lucy bought Queasel from her.

"He's like a combination kitten-puppy," Lucy said in describing what her ferret is like as a pet. Queasel is "fairly intelligent" and likes "attention from specific people." He will, however, "crawl all over anybody, and he plays a lot with his small stuffed toys." He is also quite mischievous, according to Lucy. He will open boxes to get at candy, tear up paper and hide small objects. "He also likes to crawl under the blankets at six o'clock and chew on your toes," Lucy said. "That is quite a rude awakening." Another characteristic of Queasel is the fact that he is a musk animal, which means that he can develop an unpleasant odor if he is not washed frequently.

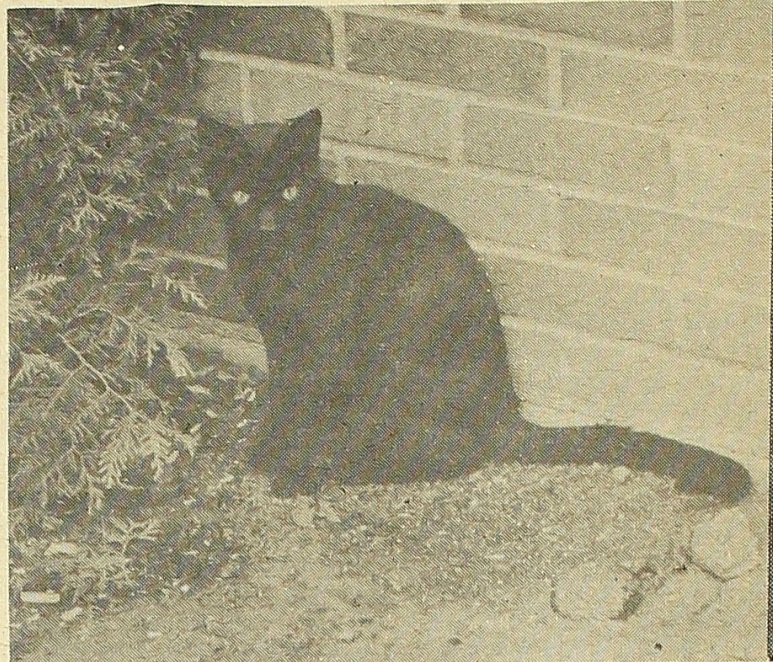
Right now Queasel's home is a cage in the courtyard in Dow, but when the weather gets colder Lucy will have to

find a building that he can stay in or send him home to her parents. Lucy tries to spend some time each week-day with Queasel, "and since I'm in Dow pretty often, it's not too hard."

Queasel eats cat and dog food, as well as "rat chow, eggs, liver — lovely stuff like that," Lucy said, as she made a face.

She emphasized that while she doesn't mind at all if people visit Queasel — "he likes company" — she doesn't want people feeding him anything without asking her first. "We are trying to keep him from eating live animals, because I don't want him to kill other animals," Lucy stated. "Also, there are things that he is not supposed to have, and we don't want him to eat something harmful."

So drop by Dow to visit Ferrett Fawcett (alias Queasel) or say hello when you see him out on his leash, but "please don't feed the animal!"



### LORI AT LARGE

by Dave Andrews  
ALMANIAN Columnist



Speaking of infiltrations, Tyler was also invaded by an art class along with the Marines. If you think that **The Almanian** has taken on the artsy craftsy look, you ain't seen nothin' yet. Hanging in the center of the rotunda area is a monstrosity, rather an experimental monstrosity. The purpose, I'm told, is to let students create by weaving and twisting various ribbons, yarns, strings, and assorted objects into whatever comes to mind and eye. It was a good idea until the State Police showed up. It seems that a young, inexperienced co-ed met with tragic death when she inadvertently wove herself into a bind and strangled herself in a furious panicked attempt to get out. The pressure finally got to her.

Alumnus Phil Ropp is alive and well. Although he feels that a liberal arts degree did not adequately prepare him for work in the factory, he feels there is hope for Alma yet. He has suggested that a new major be offered — Industrial Arts. Some courses for the major will include: Lunchpacking 110 — Discussion and application of Twinkies, fruit pies and cookies. Focus on elements of the sandwich.

Coffee Drinking 272 — How and why coffee is consumed. Cream and sugar also discussed.

Independent Study 449 — Readings and Topics. Workers guide to getting lost in the plant.

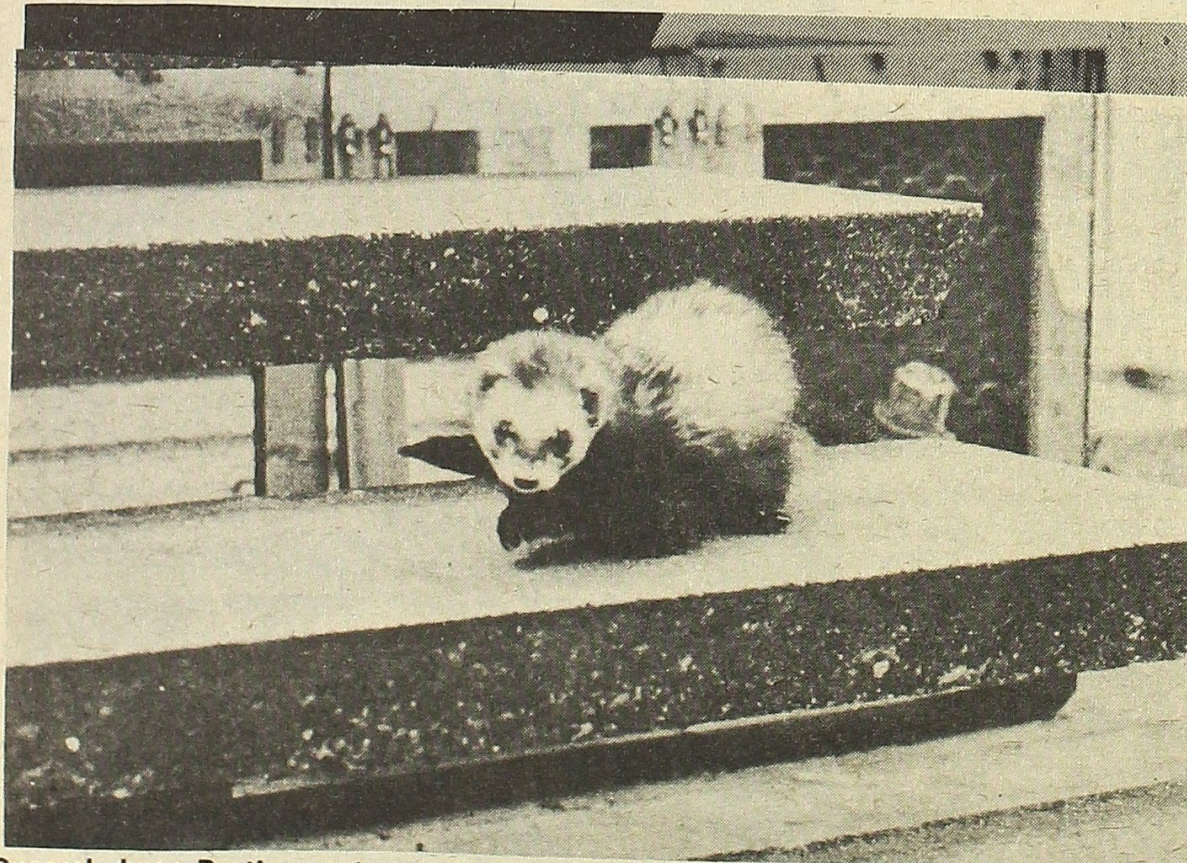
Thesis 450 — Fork lift operation: Theory and Practice.

Phil has also been practicing his backswing. He's ready for The Corporation's Pro-Am Tourney.

I think that The Corporation is a bit worried about the future of enrollment at Alma College. Despite the astonishing figures for the current year, it would seem as though Admissions has changed their focus on the potential recruiting base. The focus now seems to be directed toward the 5-7 year old age group. Lately, I've noticed the mass usherings of several small children into and out of campus buildings — most noticeably Van Dusen. I thought it rather strange to overhear one day some rather poignant comments about the food from a bunch of kids that looked as if lunch was a big let down after milk and graham crackers.

To my understanding, Dow was also infiltrated and given a thorough going over by the swarming herd of tykes. Speculation has that over 50% of the youngsters have narrowed their choices down to Alma and U. of M. No doubt this will provide strong incentive for Student Affairs and ACCD to re-evaluate and upgrade their programs to meet the needs and goals of the prospective future freshmen. Someone mentioned the possibility of graham crackers and milk along with STOP - GO signs on the bathroom doors being incorporated into R.A. programming activities. Let me suggest floor rugs and a quick afternoon nap session. It probably wouldn't work since you always get a few that hang around the bathroom doors and giggle during its occupation.

So you thought I was kidding about security? The Marines, of all services, the MARINES landed in Tyler Union Complex. Sure, it was no Iwo Jima but the innocent looking recruiters (reconnaissance units) were supported by tactical units hidden in the trees making bird calls so as not to give away their locations. V.D. will serve as their command HQ during fall break, and things will take on a different perspective when we get back. Things are going to be run right around here for a change. The Corps is the Solution.



Queasal, Lucy Best's pet ferret, is quite mischievous. [ALMANIAN photo by Fred Grand-Girard]



by Steve Wylie  
Nightclub Manager

The weeks ahead are exciting and filled with activity. Homecoming is upon us, for still another year.

This Wednesday, Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn star in **Charade**, a suspenseful thriller of life and death, with humor injected to keep it just this side of being a spoof. It is an electric film and you won't want to miss it. See it in Tyler at 10 p.m. The admission is only 25 cents.

The theme for Homecoming is "Great American Movies", and Union Board has two great films for you during the festivities, featuring two of America's biggest movie heroes--Paul Newman and Robert Redford.

On Wednesday, October 25, Newman and Redford star in **Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid**, the crazy movie about two of the West's most unlikely outlaws. See it in Tyler at 10 p.m. for only 25 cents.

Newman and Redford get together again for one of the finest comedy/action films ever made. **The Sting** was Oscar's Best Picture of 1974, featuring the escapades of a wild collection of con men. Don't miss this superb film. It will be shown in Dow Friday the 27th at 9:00, Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th at 8:00. The admission is only 75 cents.

The other Homecoming festivities are:

The Homecoming talent show is Thursday the 26th, to be held in Tyler at 7:30 p.m. See your fellow students demonstrate their talents!

The pep rally will begin at 7 on Friday the 27th, and will feature the fraternity run-outs, class cheers, and recognition of the candidates for Homecoming queen. After the pep rally, head over the Dow to see **The Sting**!

The Homecoming parade will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday the 28th down Superior Street. See floats, bands, horses and lots of excitement. At 8:30 that night, come to Tyler for the Homecoming dance. "Squeeze" will provide the dancing in Tyler Auditorium, and you can enjoy refreshments in Van Dusen to the music of Kitty Donohoe. Prices for this special semi-formal dance are \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

The Union Board staff extends a special invitation to all students to attend the Homecoming chapel service at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The A Capella Choir will be singing and the speaker is the Reverend Dr. Richard E. Wiley, a graduate of Alma College in 1953 (exactly 25 years ago), who is now the minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Peru, Indiana. Dr. Wylie is a fine minister who has served in many honorary positions within both the presbytery and synod. He is the father of Alma College senior Steven Wylie. Come and hear this special chapel service.

The Union Board staff hopes you will have a happy and restful fall break and that you will enjoy Homecoming as much as we enjoyed providing it for you.

Dew of Honey,  
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Find Rebirth.

+Richard Stevens

# Big weekend planned for Homecoming

By Carol Keeler  
News Writer

"A Nite at the Movies; A Tribute to Great American Films" is the Homecoming theme for the October 28, 1978 game against Hope. The Union Board and Student Services are outdoing themselves this year to make this one of the best Homecomings ever.

Mark Tarpinian, Union Board's person in charge of Homecoming gave **The Almanian** a preview of this year's events.

Official activities start on Wednesday, October 25 with "Old Movie" shorts to be shown in Hamilton Commons during Dinner. Don't forget the 10:00 pm showing of "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" in Tyler.

Thursday, October 26, begins with the Old Movie Shorts in Van Dusen.

Alma College Fall Talent Show begins at 7:30 pm. Applications for show entries are available in Tyler Stu-

dent Union. You can find them on the door to the Union Board Office and on the Bulletin Board at the entrance to the building. Applications must be turned in no later than 5:00 pm, October 18. They should be placed in the envelope on the Union Board door.

Friday, October 27, things really get moving with the Pep Rally at 7:00 pm. The Class cheer competition is going to be tough this year with last year's winner (the class of 1979) coming back for a final shot at the Pep Jug. The Fall Sports teams will be recognized for our support. Fraternity run outs should be fun to watch and, of course, this year's Queen will be announced. (The senior class will be voting later this week on their choices.)

Saturday, October 28, begins with a parade along Superior Street. Dave Campbell describes the 11:00 am procession as a "bigger and better parade than we've had in quite a while."

The game starts at 2:15 pm. At Halftime, the winners of the Float, Lawn Decoration and Window Painting Competitions will be announced. There will a \$100 prize for the winning float, \$50 for the best lawn decoration and \$25 for the niftiest window painting. The ceremony will be capped by the crowning of the queen by Dr. Swanson.

The Homecoming Dance starts at 8:30 in Tyler and in Van Dusen. Tyler features "Squeeze," a dance band, and Van Dusen features Kitty Donahoe, a folk singer. There will be beer, wine, pop, and snacks served at the dance. Tickets will be on sale Oct. 25, 26, and 27 in Hamilton and Van Dusen Commons during dinner. Prices are \$3.00 per person and \$5.00 per couple.

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## Proposal A

### PROPOSAL RELATING TO CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

#### EXPLANATION

Our current state constitution (Article XII, Section 3) requires that the question of whether or not Michigan should hold a constitutional convention be placed on the ballot every 16 years. In November, Michigan voters will decide whether or not a constitutional convention shall be called for a general revision of the Michigan constitution, any such revision to be submitted to the voters for ratification.

### ARGUMENTS FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Supporters claim that the number of proposed changes in the constitution for this election, and over the last several years, illustrates the degree to which voters are concerned about our current constitution. People want property tax reform, reform of school financing, and more accountability in various state agencies and departments.

Supporters suggest that the complex nature of some of the issues voters must confront during recent elections and during this election cannot be adequately addressed in a more rational and less emotional setting. The Michigan Democratic Party supports calling a constitutional convention.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Opponents maintain that our current constitution is working well. They claim it protects basic individual freedoms and permits government to effectively deal with problems. They also suggest that the cost (of holding a constitutional convention) an estimated \$8 to \$10 million, is an excessive amount of money to spend.

Opponents add that our present constitution has had fewer amendments than any prior constitution. And most of the amendments were additions to the constitution, rather than changes in it. Opponents feel it is more efficient and economical to amend the constitution than to rewrite it.

## Proposal B

### PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT THE GRANTING OF A PAROLE TO A PRISONER CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES INVOLVING VIOLENCE OR INJURY TO PERSON OR PROPERTY UNTIL AT LEAST AFTER THE MINIMUM SENTENCE HAS BEEN SERVED.

#### EXPLANATION

The "elimination of good time" initiative petition would amend Michigan's Probation Act by prohibiting certain offenders from being released on parole before the completion of their minimum sentences as set by the sentencing court. This is accomplished by prohibiting the accumulation of good time or special good-time credit and by prohibiting special parole.

The petition does not prevent early parole in all cases. The proposed law would list the crimes to which this law applies, which are crimes of violence or crimes resulting in injury to persons or damage to property. It includes, by specific reference, a number of criminal code violations which are alleged to include all forcible felonies. The word "alleged" is used here because the petition includes some drug and sex offenses, while it excludes such forcible felonies as felonious assault, use of explosives for the purposes of terrorisms, and prison breaks. Finally, it excludes white-collar crimes such as bribery of public officials, embezzlement, and credit card theft.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PETITION

Those in favor of the proposal argue that violent offenders should be forced to serve the full minimum term imposed by the court. The result of such a procedure would be a reduction in the incidence of violent crimes involving parolees and recidivists.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PETITION

The arguments against the petition drive focus on the relatively small likelihood of impact on the crime rate by these drastic steps. They also point out that the ability of the Department of Corrections to control its inmate population will be seriously hampered if it is unable to "reward" good institutional conduct. Furthermore, considering current overcrowding problems, it would require a massive construction program. Opponents feel the supporters of the drive have been very selective in determining what crimes will and will not be included. The result is a proposal which reflects the prejudices of the drafters and is inconsistent in terms of its treatment of criminals. If this proposal passes it will cost the State of Michigan up to \$100 million per year to retain these criminals.

## Proposal C

### PROPOSAL TO PERMIT THE DEPOSIT OF STATE FUNDS IN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND

### CREDIT UNIONS AS WELL AS IN BANKS.

#### EXPLANATION

The Michigan Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment (House Joint Resolution GG) which would allow the deposit of state general funds (but not retirement funds) in credit unions and savings and loan institutions as well as banks.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Supporters claim that the amendment would increase the options at the disposal of public officials responsible for the investment of public funds. Supporters also argue that the passage of the amendment would give the state another tool in its fight against "redlining". The state could use the deposit of public funds to encourage community reinvestment and promote lending practices which address the problems created by redlining and disinvestment.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Critics argue that the state constitution stipulates that no more than 50 percent of any bank's capital and surplus can be made up of state money. The proposed amendment would change the reference from "capital and surplus" to "net worth". They suggest that "net worth" of a bank varies more than "capital and surplus" and because of the fluctuations in the value of net worth, almost constant analysis would be required to determine whether or not the state was exceeding its limitation. This, according to the Department of Treasury, would require additional staff people and added cost to the state.

## Proposal D

### PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM BEING SOLD TO OR POSSESSED FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION BY A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

#### EXPLANATION

The Coalition for 21, an organization that grew from the efforts of the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems (MICAP), has placed the question of a constitutional amendment on the November ballot. The proposed amendment would define an alcoholic beverage, prohibit sale or giving of an alcoholic beverage to any person under the age of 21, and prohibit possession for personal consumption of an alcoholic beverage by anyone under age 21.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Supporters cite an in-

crease in auto accidents between 1972 and 1976 for 18- to 20-year-olds. During that period, they claim that fatal accidents related to alcohol increased by 132 percent and accidents involving personal injury and property damage relating to alcohol increased by 217 percent. Supporters also cite increased drinking problems in our schools.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Opponents of the proposed amendment claim that recent legislation such as Public Acts 92 and 94 of 1978 will resolve the problems experienced in our schools and on Michigan's roads. That legislation will raise the drinking age to 19 and will become effective December 3, 1978. They also cite statistics from the Secretary of State's office that suggest that the accident rate for persons under 21 is not significantly different from statistics for older drivers.

The passage of this proposal would have serious affects on businesses which cater to persons within the current legal drinking age. It is conceivable that many establishments would be forced out of business and therefore decrease state revenue.

## Proposal E

### PROPOSAL FOR TAX LIMITATION

#### EXPLANATION

The Headlee tax limitation proposal would freeze state spending at the percentage of personal income in Michigan that will be determined by the budget for Fiscal Year 1979 (October 1, 1978, to September 30, 1979). It would provide an exception for a declared emergency. It is estimated that the level of personal income applied to the limit of state spending will be approximately 9.48 percent. The amendment would also limit the growth of local property tax revenues to the total growth of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The Headlee amendment also requires:

1. Voter approval of all subsequent tax increases,
2. Full state funding of any new law impacting on local government, and
3. Voter approval of certain bonded indebtedness.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Advocates of the proposal argue that it merely forces government to live on a fixed budget. They argue further that the fixed ceiling on government taxing and spending does not detract from the role of the Legislature. Rather, they suggest that it simply fixes the boundary of that role, without interfering in the internal operations of

state government.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Opponents of the Headlee tax limitation proposal argue that advocates of the plan have not spelled out specifically what parts of state government have grown too much. Opponents also point to the lack of clarity in the proposed language of the amendment dealing with state-mandated costs for local units of government.

The greatest fear of Headlee opponents is that tax limitation could very well restrict needed reform of our educational financing system.

## Proposal G

### PROPOSAL TO ALLOW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH BINDING ARBITRATION FOR MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS.

#### EXPLANATION

The 1,500-member Michigan State Police Troopers Association (MSPTA) filed petitions to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November ballot which would allow the Michigan State Police Troopers Association to have collective bargaining with binding arbitration of disputes, but not the right to strike. State troopers and sergeants would be permitted to bargain collectively with their employers concerning conditions of employment. It would also provide that all promotions be determined by competitive examination and performance on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness.

These new proposed rights for troopers would not change the current application of other civil service requirements and principles in the areas of testing, promotions, classification or other merit system principles.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Proponents argue that the present approach has not worked, that even though the state police are the most respected members of the law enforcement community, they still lag behind many municipal police departments in benefits and salaries.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Opponents of the proposal claim that if the amendment passes, a new collective bargaining precedent would be set which could affect all state classified employees because it is probable that all state classified employees would want collective bargaining rights. It is also possible that representatives

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of other classified state employees would challenge the amendment's constitutionality by arguing that collective bargaining by state troopers discriminates against other classified employees.

## Proposal H

**PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO ESTABLISH A VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR FINANCING EDUCATION OF STUDENTS AT PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

### EXPLANATION

The Citizens for More Sensible Financing of Education, supported by the Michigan Catholic Conference, proposes an amendment to the Michigan Constitution which would:

1. Require the Legislature to "provide for the issuance of an educational voucher to each child to be applied toward the cost of that child's education in the school of his or her parents' or guardian's choice."
1. Prohibit, as of January 1, 1979, the use of property taxes by local and intermediate school districts for operating expenses.
3. Require the Legislature to establish a program of general state taxation and a method of distributing funds to support the attendance of students at the elementary or secondary state-approved school of their parents' or guardian's choice.

The amendment would not allow for free movement between school district lines. Essentially, it places before the voters a combination of two basic questions---the extension of state aid to private and parochial schools, and the total elimination of property taxes as a source of revenue.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Supporters claim that public education would be improved by allowing the public to have a freedom of choice which they suggest would bring greater responsiveness to public needs and wishes. Also, supporters claim that regressive property taxes will be replaced with a fairer form of state taxation and school support.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Opponents of the Voucher Plan express concern about spending tax dollars on parochial and private schools. They claim that the Voucher Plan is contrary to the traditional and constitutionally established division between church and state. If this proposal passes, it

will cost the state \$2.1 billion each year. The revenues lost in the property tax cut will have to be made up. Therefore, the Personal Income Tax and the Small Business Tax will rise.

## Proposal J

**PROPOSAL TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS; TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM OF 5.6% ON THE RATE OF THE STATE INCOME TAX; TO PROHIBIT LEGISLATURE FROM REQUIRING NEW OR EXPANDED LOCAL PROGRAMS WITHOUT STATE FUNDING; and to allow SCHOOL INCOME TAX WITH VOTER APPROVAL.**

### EXPLANATION

This proposal is named after Robert Tisch, the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner. The plan is similar to the recently-passed "Proposition 13" in California. The proposed amendment would provide for the following:

1. After December 30, 1978, property shall not be assessed in excess of 25½ of true cash value.
2. Assessed valuation increases could not exceed 5.6 percent, which would be a 1 percent increase over the current level.
3. No state flat-rate income tax shall exceed 5.6 percent,
4. K-12 school districts may impose a 1 percent income tax by a vote of the people for a period not to exceed 10 years.
5. The state is prohibited from requiring new or expanded programs for local units unless fully funded by the state.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Robert Tisch argues that what was done in California to cut property taxes can also be done in Michigan. He claims that government has too much "fat" and that his proposal would simply force government to make necessary cuts.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Opponents claim that the use of such drastic measures in Michigan would cause serious problems since Michigan does not have a surplus of funds to provide to local units as California did.

Opponents further claim that senior citizens and lower to moderate income persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Michigan laws would be paying more in taxes under the Tisch amendment because they'd lose their tax breaks and would also have to pay higher state income taxes.

The decrease of 25 percent on property assessment represents a 50 percent reduction.

tion. If this proposal passes, it will cost the state \$1.8 billion in loss of revenue.

## Proposal K

**PROPOSAL TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO COURTS TO DENY BAIL UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING VIOLENT CRIMES.**

### EXPLANATION

Currently, the Constitution of the State of Michigan provides the right to bail for anyone charged with a crime other than murder or treason. The constitutional amendment proposed in House Joint Resolution Q would permit judges to deny bail under the following circumstances:

1. If the defendant had been convicted of at least two violent crimes in the past and is charged with a third, all within a period of 15 years; or
2. If a person charged with a violent crime commits another violent crime while out of prison on bail.

In addition, a judge could deny bail if a person was charged, even as a first offense, with armed robbery, first degree criminal sexual assault, murder, or kidnapping with the intent to extort money.

Courts would be required to begin the trial of a person denied bail within 90 days of the court action to deny bail.

Courts would be required to begin the trial of a person denied bail within 90 days of the court action to deny bail. If the trial did not begin within the 90-day period and if the delay were not attributable to actions of the defense, the court would be required to schedule a bail hearing and set the amount of bail immediately.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Supporters believe that Michigan's constitutionally guaranteed right to bail, which is considered among the most liberal in the nation, should be amended to bar the release of persons charged with certain violent crimes or repeat offenses.

They further suggest that one of our current problems is the fact that judges must set extremely high bail in cases where the judge feels that bail should not be granted, but must be given because of the "right to bail" guarantee. Supporters claim that such action by judges is in violation of the federal prohibition on "excessive" bail.

Moreover, the proposed amendment would be used to determine the right to bail based on the nature of the

crime and past record than the ability of persons to raise sufficient funds for bail.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Opponents claim that it tampers with the basic concept of American jurisprudence that one is innocent until proven guilty. They maintain that the presumption of innocence is the cornerstone of our justice system and to interfere with it would be a dangerous precedent.

They believe that our current system of allowing judges to set bail at their discretion should be retained and that the proposed amendment may be in direct conflict with the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Opponents further contend that the proposal would shift discretion from the judges to the prosecutors. Their decision on what the charge will be would determine whether or not a person would automatically be denied bail.

## Proposal M

**PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE AT LEAST 90% OF GAS TAX REVENUES FOR GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES AND TO REPLACE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WITH A TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### EXPLANATION

Proposal M would change the name of the Department of Highways and Transportation to the Department of Transportation. More importantly, it would provide that at least 90 percent of the gas and license tax would be used exclusively for general road purposes. It would provide that no more than 10 percent of the gas tax would be used exclusively for all other transportation purposes. The proposal would also abolish the four-member State Highway Commission and replace it with a six-member State Transportation Commission which shall establish a state transportation policy.

### ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Proponents maintain that flexibility is retained by the Legislature's prerogative to

determine the rates of taxes whose revenues are to be divided between road and non-road uses.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Opponents argue that amending the constitution to guarantee 90 percent of gas and weight taxes to roads and 10 percent to other transportation needs is much too rigid.

## Proposal R

**PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A RAILROAD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS TO RAILROADS WITH TRACKAGE IN MICHIGAN AND TO AUTHORIZE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 175 MILLION DOLLARS.**

### EXPLANATION

Proposal R would require the Legislature to create a Railroad Redevelopment Authority. The Authority would be allowed to issue general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$175 million to make low-cost loans to rail-

roads with trackage in Michigan when the Authority considered upgrading the trackage to be in the interests of national defense or to encourage industries in the state which require good rail facilities.

### ARGUMENTS FOR The PROPOSAL

Supporters point out that rail transport is the most efficient of all transportation modes. As the energy crunch becomes more real, the railroads are going to become more necessary and are going to need immense amounts of capital to repair their roadbeds. Proponents also point out that state sending to the railroads will help the state at no cost to the taxpayers.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

Opponents say that Proposal R is another example of special interest legislation. They contend that many industries need access to low-interest funds---not just railroads.

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# SPORTS

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## Soccer team enthusiastic

By Bruce Gerish  
Sports Editor

"I've never had as enthusiastic a group of kids in my career, they just do not quit!" Those were the words of an excited Bruce Dickey, the head coach of the Alma Scot Soccer Team. The 0-4 record of the team would have most coaches down in the dumps, but not Dickey. He is happy with the progress the team has made in such a short time. Appointed to the position in June, Dickey was faced with no recruits and only four returning players. "The program has struggled, it's only been at the varsity level for two years," Dickey stated. "If it weren't for Randy Beaumont (of the chemistry department) the sport would have died. I thoroughly appreciate the support and help that he is giving now,

and has given in the past." Dickey is also faced with the task of taking his thirty kids (over twenty of whom never played soccer) against the likes of Calvin. That same Calvin team defeated MSU, which helps to back Dickey's claim that "the MIAA is the toughest soccer league in the state." When asked if the team is getting down at all, Dickey smiled. "The kids have a great deal of frustration tolerance. They won't think negatively, and they are setting reachable goals." Dickey continued, "The main thing is that they continue to get better every day, and we're having a lot of fun." Who knows, a little practice, some recruits, and the enthusiasm of Dickey and his troops, and ol' Alma College will have another trophy for it's showcase.

# TKEs and ZEs lead IM football

By Jim Plowman  
Sports Writer

Intermural football is nearing the midway point in its schedule, and IM director Keith Haske reports the games to be the utmost in excitement. In "A" league, the TKE's are in first place in Division I and are the league's only unbeater squad, boasting a 6-0 record. In Division II, The Independents hold a comfortable two game lead over Bruske Hall with a 4-2 mark. Leading scorers in "A" league are headed by Thad Nowak of the Independents with 53 points. He is followed by Bill Rucker of the TKE's and Rob McAndrew of the ZE's each with 50 points. The "B" league races, while hardly decided, also show the division leaders holding two game advantages over nearest rivals. In Division I, ZE has an unblemished 6-0 mark ahead of the TKE's 4-2 record. In

Division II, the Independents with a 5-1 record lead Gelston and Mitchell each of whom has a 3-3 mark. Andy Pitock leads all "B"

league scorers with 73 points, followed by Bryan Segedi of ZE with 43, and Walter Cronkrite of the Independents with 40.

### "A" League

#### Division I

TKE 6-0  
ZE 4-2  
Mitchell 2-4

#### Division II

Independents 4-2  
Bruske 2-4  
DGT 0-6

### "B" League

#### Division I

ZE 6-0  
TKE 4-2  
Bruske 0-5  
Theta Chi 0-6

#### Division II

Independents 5-1  
Gelston 3-3  
Mitchell 3-3  
DGT 2-3

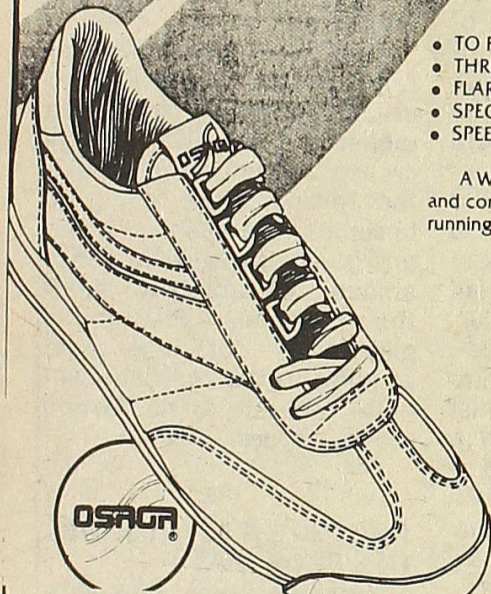
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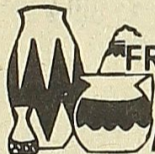
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# Alma Scots fall to K-zoo

By Bruce Gerish  
Sports Editor

They say history has a way of repeating itself. Sadly enough it has for the Alma Scot football team. Once again the Scots came up short, and suddenly the once unbeaten, nationally ranked Scots were 4-2. Suffering a 22-15 loss to rival Kalamazoo, the Scots fought back from a two touchdown deficit all in vain.

Kalamazoo scored the first time they had the ball, just two and one-half minutes into the game, on a 64 yard bomb from Tom Ranville to Mark Burger. The try for the extra point was blocked, and K-zoo led 6-0. Alma fumbled shortly after the ensuing kickoff, and only a tremendous stand by the Alma defense prevented a potential romp for K-Zoo. K-Zoo after adding a second touchdown, and a 20 yard field goal to eat up much of the second period, and looked as though they would take a fifteen point lead at halftime.

The Scots finally connected however, as sophomores Bill Fillmore, and Brad Boyer combined on a 27 yard scoring strike with 3:25 left in the half. Jim Gerhardt added the two point conversion, and Alma left at intermission trailing by just a touchdown, 15-8.

Alma put together a drive midway through the third quarter, and it payed off as Chuck Fiebernitz made an acrobatic catch of a 27 yard Fillmore pass. It was all for naught however, with Kalamazoo scoring on its next possession. Kevin Clark

took Ranville's handoff for K-Zoo and rambled 64 yards to the dismay of the Scots, and their 2000 fans.

Fillmore had a good day in the passing department, completing 15 of 31 for 178 yards and the 2 TD's. Fiebernitz was his favorite target, snaring seven aerals for 70 yards. Randy Weiland nabbed 5 for 42, and Brad Boyer 2 for 45. In the rushing department, Bill Evans was the leader gaining 34 in nine carries. Dave Cleary added 27 yards in 10 carries, and Jim Gerhardt 8 in 3 carries. The Scots will try for their first league win Saturday at Olivet.

Bob Long, 21, leaps into the air to block Kalamazoo's attempted extra point during Saturday's football game. [ALMANIAN photo by Elke Martin]



## Cross Country rolls to success

By Jay R. Tomaszewski  
Sports Writer

Led by record breaking performances from freshman John Whitney and junior Paul Singer, the Alma College Cross Country team rolled by Kalamazoo College Saturday 24-33.

In the meet held on the Scots home course, Whitney established himself as the best harrier ever at Alma College. His time of 26:06 bettered by fourty seconds the Scot freshman record set teammate Paul Singer in 1976. It also broke the school record of 26:30 set by Clare Kreger, an all-MIAA

pick for the Scot thinclads in 1972.

Singer, also broke the Scot record with his time, as Alma netted five of the first seven finishers. Singer's 26:30 was followed closely by freshman Phil Rolar, who finished 5th with a time of 26:53. Next in sixth place was freshman Mike Town-Healy rounded out the scoring at 27:42, good enough for 7th position.

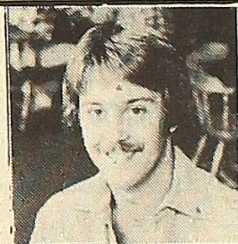
Linda Jenson, the first female harrier in Scot history, finished the five mile course in a respectable 38:30.

Junior Joel Menges of K-Zoo finished with the best time of the day, a 26:03 clocking, just three seconds off the all-time course record

set by Hope's Stu Scholl in 1974. The Scots, now 2-1 in league action face the Comets of Olivet at Olivet this Saturday.

### SHORT SPORTS

by Dave Flattley  
ALMANIAN Columnist



The World Series will begin Tuesday the 10th. As last year, the New York Yankees will be meeting the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Yankees advanced into the Series as they did last year, by defeating the Kansas City Royals. The Dodgers, as they did last year, moved in by beating the Philadelphia Phillies.

There is one facet of the Series this year which will not be the same. In last year's Series, former Dodger infielder Jim (Junior) Gilliam was in the Dodger first base coaching box. This year he lies in a funeral home. Jim Gilliam died of a brain hemmorage Monday afternoon. The Dodgers dedicated this year's playoff win over the Phillies to Gilliam and undoubtedly will do the same in the Series.

How much will this added incentive aid the Dodgers? Will it be enough to carry them over the Yankees? We'll see soon enough.

The Yankees are a very hard team to bet against, as my friends over in the Kirk House have told me. If the Yankees are to be had, however, the time is ripe. The Dodgers will have ace Burt Hooton available for three Series starts while Yankee superman Ron Guidry will only throw twice. The Dodgers will also have the home field advantage. The Yanks seemingly have everything else in their favor, especially an extremely good attitude for a change.

Turning to other matters, can you believe it's basketball season already? The Pistons will play their first home game in the Pontiac Siverdome and their first under new coach Dick Vitale. Much has been written and said about Vitale's approach to the game, and how his players will react to him. He showed an early sign of strength by parting with trouble-making guard Eric Money. His relations with Pistons' star Bob Lanier have always been good. Maybe all this happiness will convert the Pistons from a ship of mutiny to one of harmony and success . . . or at least a playoff birth anyway. One thing about Vitale, you can bet that the Pistons will be in the top five in the NBA in attendance, if for no other reason than to see him.

## Girls' volleyball team "young, improving"

As Assistant Athletic Director, and head Basketball coach, you'd think Glenda Smith is a very busy woman. However, she coaches another sport and it's one she really loves to talk about. The sport is Volleyball, and despite a 3-5 mark, Ms. Smith is very encouraged with her team. "Both I and the girls are real happy with the way we are playing, especially with our youth and our vast improvement over last year."

By youth, Ms. Smith is referring to the fact that five

of her ten varsity players are freshmen. Those freshmen are: Barb Lundy, Mary Fehchik, Linda Ban, Jeri Hanley, and Jeanne Andrews. The team's remaining players ore co-captains Louise Dickinson, and Mary Curtis, as well as Cindy Mohre, Cindy Hameister and Amy Rushman.

The improvement that Ms. Smith speaks of is an inner feeling amongst her players.

"Considering the girls haven't played with each other, and practice is more

devoted to individual technique, the girls are really doing great." Ms. Smith went on to say that the team's goal is to beat Calvin. "Calvin is picked to win the league, and if we could upset them, we would be the league spoilers."

Smith will run a volleyball camp for high school girls in Alma. When asked how the team would do in the future, she gave a big grin and said, "With over half the team back for the next few years, we'll be something else."

# Student attends Grand Prix



By Gary Thompson

This past weekend I was fortunate enough to attend the American Grand Prix East, at Watkins Glen, New York. The race showed hard-charging Carlos Reutman dominate the field of twenty-four cars, and cross the finish line nearly twenty seconds ahead of his nearest rival, second place finisher Jody Schleckter.

Although America's Mario Andretti qualified in the pole position for the race, this was not to be his day. In the pre-race warm-up, Lo Andretti's Lotus lost a rear wheel and spun into a guardrail. Forced to use his back-up car, Andretti blew an engine early on, and was forced to retire from the day's activities.

However, Andretti was not the only one who found himself unable to compete. The young Italian Piccardo Patrese was not allowed to participate because of his role in a fatal accident three weeks prior at Monza, Italy.

Patrese was the subject of a drivers boycott in the running of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix. Members of the boycott, including drivers Andretti and Schleckter, claimed that "Patrese's driving style contributed to the accident." It was in that accident that Andretti's teammate Ronnie Peterson was killed. Had the Arrow's racing team driver, Patrese, been allowed to compete, the five drivers making up the boycott would have refused to race. Grand Prix officials decided to avoid the boycott,

therefore banning Patrese from participating.

The Arrow's team dropped any struggle on behalf of Patrese after a Supreme Court justice refused to grant an injunction against the Grand Prix co-ordinators. The justice reasoned that Patrese and teammates had not exhausted all channels in their attempts to be able to perform. (In fact, Patrese could have appealed to Watkins track officials, but refused.)

The controversy surrounding Patrese and his role in the accident at Monza warrants further investigation. Why did Patrese's driving style play such a big effect in Monza? Well, first of all the racing track at Monza has a funnel effect. That is, it narrows from three car widths to one, about three-hundred yards from the starting gate. So after lining up two abreast for the race's start, the drivers must go single file through the first turn creating a pretty hectic situation.

At Monza, all cars did not come to a halt before starting the race, causing a severe bunching effect, and a ten car accident. The result of this mess, was the serious injury of Vittorio Babilio, and the death of Ronnie Peterson.

In short, by no means do I hold Patrese to blame for the mishap. A combination of

volatile factors seems to be the culprit. It seems to me a drivers boycott should concentrate on the track, and officials at Monza and starters throughout the circuit.

In closing, I would like to mention another concern. The death of "Rocket Ronnie" left much speculation as to his chances of overtaking Mario in the

driving championship. In all fairness to the two teammates, and friends, discussions of this manner are in fact speculation. Controversy and second guessing can only hurt the racing scene. I guess I prefer to remember a fantastic man, who was also a great driver, and fantastic season, rather than accusations and contested champions.

## Beginning ski class offered winter term

Miss Barbara Southward, Alma College Physical Education professor, will be teaching the Beginning Ski Class, P.E. 120, being offered this upcoming winter term.

The class will meet for the first seven weeks of the term (January 2 - February 22) on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:30 pm to 5: pm.

Instruction will consist of the GLM (graduated length method) and inner skiing techniques. The skis, poles, boots transportation (to Mott Mt. and one trip to Schuss Mt.) and instruction are included in the \$75 class fee. The class will be taken on a pass/fail basis.

Anyone interested who

has either registered for the class or who wants to register for the class should go to the P.E. Center reception desk to fill out the necessary form. It is important that Ms. Southward knows the following information about each student: height, weight, shoe size, health insurance name, and policy number.

Along with class registrants, Miss Southward is also seeking two experienced skiers to assist in the class. However, they do not have to be experienced in the GLM or inner skiing techniques. If interested in this new, challenging and rewarding skiing experience, please contact Ms. Southward immediately in P.E. Center Room 112.

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# Women's field hockey undefeated

By Jay R. Tomaszewski  
Sports Information Director

When you are on a sports team and you win, it's fun. The 1978 Women's Field Hockey team must be having a lot of fun. They haven't lost a game yet this year. With a 3-0-1 league record and a chance to win the first sanctioned WMIAA Field Hockey title, this year's team could be the best ever fielded at Alma.

Led by players Kathy Kirsch, one of the WMIAA's leading scorers, Sue Carpenter who plays goalie, and Martha Stoll who is a good defensive player, Coach Peg Ciccolella hasn't had to worry about the performance of her team each game.

"Regardless of who we play, I can count on them every game as a coach. I don't have to worry about bad performances because we have a balanced team. When one individual who usually has a good game doesn't, someone else does."

Those individuals who usually have a good game are numerous. Kathy Kirsch just a junior, has placed herself in the top five scorers this year in the WMIAA. Her halfback position is an offensive position and she plays it well. Earlier this season, she scored three goals in one game, unusual for a sport in which games are often won by scores of 1-0 or 2-1.

Kathy Green, a sophomore is another offensive oriented player. Ciccolella commented that she was "a strong scorer" from her Right Inner position. She has scored in almost every

non-league game this season which has helped greatly in bringing the team's overall record to 5-0-2.

Every good Field Hockey team has to have defense and the Scots seem to have it. Senior Martha Stoll is constantly stopping the opposition at midfield and if it gets by her, Joyce Tiller, a senior with a lot of experience, or sophomore Mary Jo Einhauser, usually stops the other team from scoring.

The one person the whole team depends on is the goalie. Senior Sue Carpenter hasn't let them down. She is probably one of the more experienced players on the team and the team record reflects it. Coach Ciccolella labeled her assets as "experience, consistency, and her ability to give support to her teammates."

"She is able, because of her experience, to yell to her teammates while they're down the field and joke around, but as soon as the ball crosses the mid-field line, she turns all that off and is nothing but serious."

Other players, like Bonnie Bostow and Jan Swinehart, are also counted on each game. Ciccolella said of the two, "Bonnie is a team leader more by example than anyone else, and Jan is a hard worker as well as a consistent player."

There are other bright spots too. Two freshmen, Cookie Novitsky and Pam Lucas show a lot of promise because of their attitude. Ciccolella commented, "Cookie is real coachable. She has improved so much just because she listens when you offer criticism. She doesn't turn you off."

Field Hockey is a team sport and without teamwork, you won't get too far. One reason for the women's successful season has been teamwork.

"We don't have any personal conflicts that affect our playing on the team. Everybody gets along with each other and that is a great asset," said Ciccolella.

"This year's team has a lot of speed. They are well conditioned. We have players who show exceptional stickwork and they really like to play the game."

With all that going for them, this year's team has the best chance of any team to win the league title. They have Hope and Albion left on

their schedule and then the WMIAA Invitational Tournament followed by the State Tournament.

Even if they don't win, which is not likely, you can bet they'll play with all the skill and talent that leaves them the only undefeated sports team at Alma College this fall.



Kathy Kirsch, junior half-back from Grosse Pointe moves the ball against Delta College while Kathy Green readies herself for a pass from Kirsch. [Photo by Gordon Beld]

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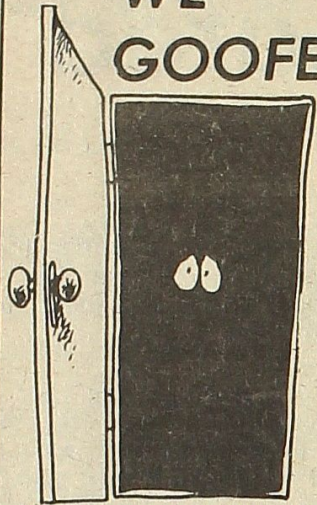
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The 1978 Alma College Women's Field Hockey team. [Photo by Gordon Beld]

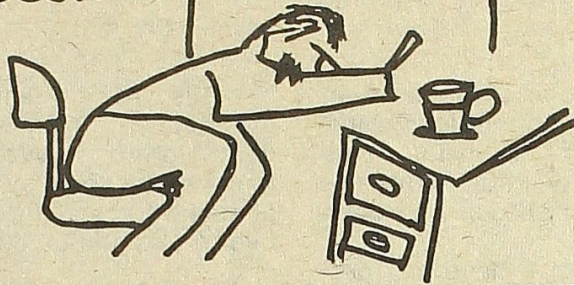
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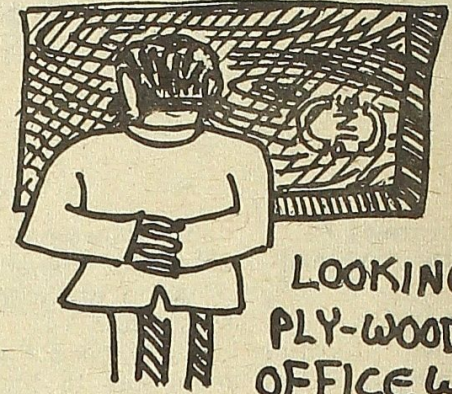
In the October 9th issue of *The Almanian*, Brad Bateman was misquoted as saying that Nigeria has one of the worst educational systems in Africa when, in fact, it has one of the best. *The Almanian* regrets this misquotation of Brad. In the same issue, it was incorrectly reported that Leslie Steward will have a lead part in the upcoming production of "The Comedy of Errors". Senior Clinch Steward will play the part.

# Report from the real world...

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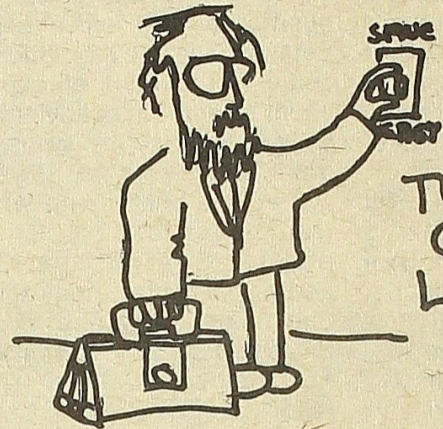


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## PERSONALS

**Doris:**

You are such a hunk! Everytime I see you my pants get tight. Your eyes are like limpid pools of white jelly with an anchovy floating in the middle. Your nose is like a rock that makes my Mt. Rushmore. Your lips are as soft as a baby's butt. Your waves of luscious brown hair flow like the swift Kowshoo-sher Riverdown near Portsville, Arkansas. Just take Highway 58 down past the town and turn on the first dirt road. Go down there til you see a green broken down shack. You can rent canoes there for \$5 a day.

If this letter turns you on as much as me, be behind the stadium in the raw, with a Green Volvo, and a quarter for this ad!

Until then, I remain "Yours in Newsprint".

**Tigres:**

Congratulations on not being part of the fertile crescent! Let's get together often to do some basic lint work. It would be my pleasure. Til the 60s come again, along with "WE".

**Hot Legs**

How about raising my allowance guys? I had to ask for an advance to pay for this classified.

**The Girl in the Roach House Basement**

**Hot Legs:** We is. I just wanted to see it in print. Consequently yours, Tigres

**Barbie:** Good luck with "Ken". Don't break any of his limbs.

Love, your staff.

**Dear Mr. Andy Hopping:**

I would like to thank you very much for helping me to get my roommate back. She is doing fine now, even though she still sleeps with her Monopoly board under her pillow. She is home though, and I am sure she'll be better soon. Jesus loves you.

S.S.

**My Dear Bowser,**

Anyone who is only 16 (and not even legal yet) should watch out for college-age Italians and their roomies.

Mywak

Ride needed to Mt. Pleasant this Saturday morning to take GRE's. Please contact Mark Wilde, 310 N. Bruske, Ext. 386.

## NOTICES

As of today, applications for the Talent Show of 1978 will be available in the Tyler Student Center. The applications must be returned by October the 18th.

The talent show is scheduled for October 26.

**Nutritional Cooking Classes:** Learn how to prepare meals from whole, natural foods that are both delicious and health-building. Sarts Monday, October 16, 7-9 at the Alma High School. Sign up or call Alma Community Education.

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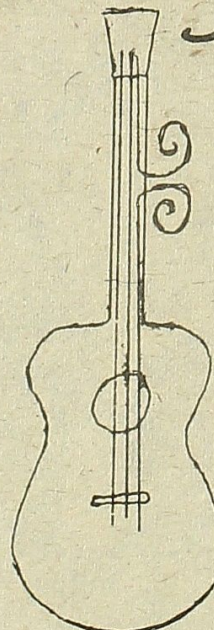
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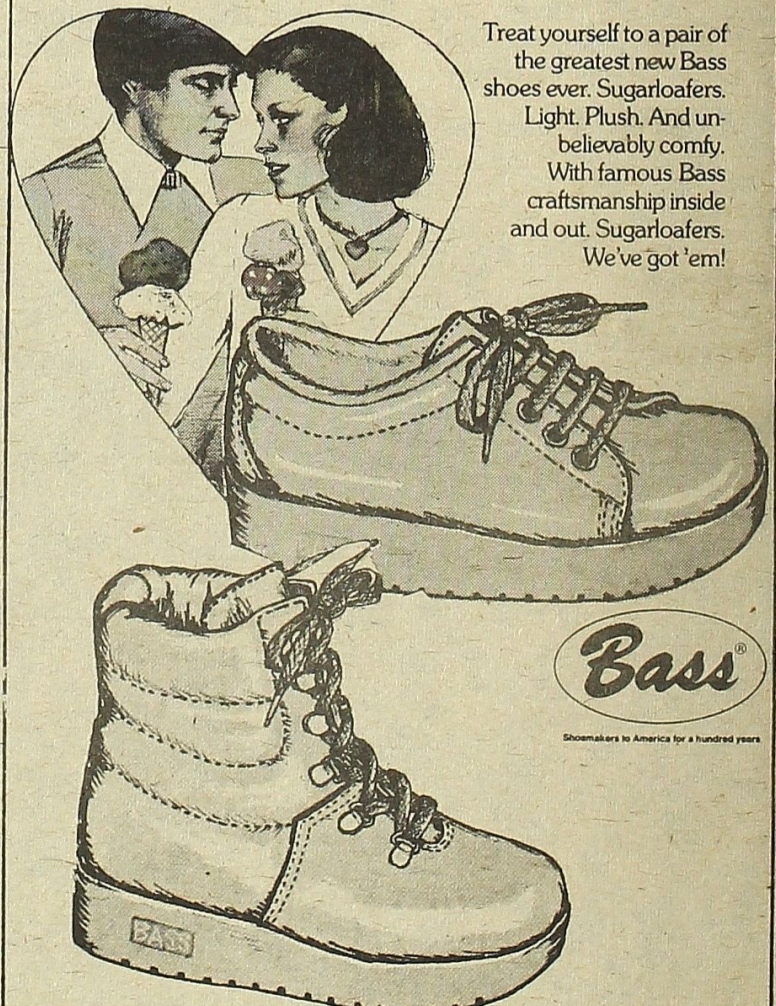
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