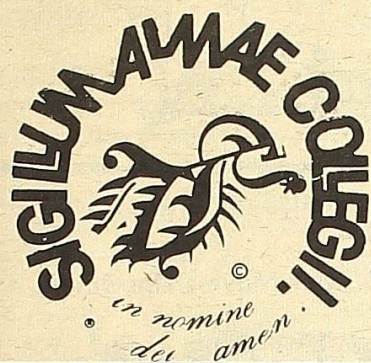


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This year's Homecoming parade was a big affair with many bands, and floats on different movie themes.

The winning float was constructed by the Zeta Sigma fraternity and Alpha Theta sorority on the movie "Grease". It featured various momentos from the fifties including a juke box, a soda shop booth and assorted high school greasers.

The lawn decoration competition was won by Bruske

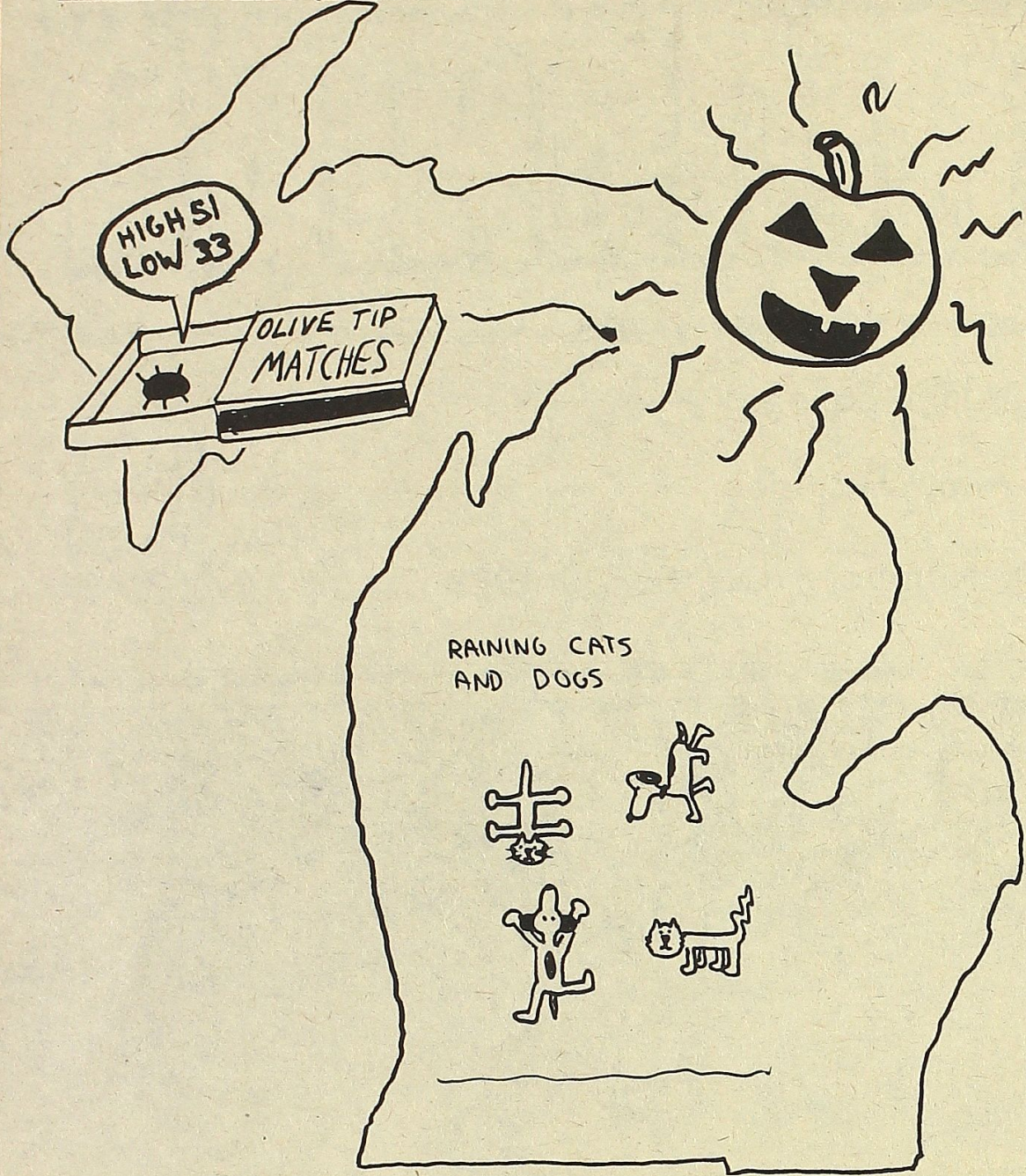
Hall with their representation of "Gone with the Wind", composed of a fan blowing away a member of Hope College's football team.

Twenty-five dollars went to 2nd South Newberry for their window decorations of "The Wizard of Oz".

The Zeta Sigmas and Alpha Thetas received 100 dollars for their float and 50 dollars went to Bruske for their lawn decoration.

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WEATHER OR NOT



Monday will bring about a chance of showers, the rest of the week will prove to be quite cool. Highs in the mid 50's to low 60's Monday. It will be cooling down into the low mid 50's to low 40's Wednesday through Friday. Low in the mid 30's to low 40's Monday and Tuesday and in the upper 20's to upper 30's Wednesday through Friday.

Menu

What's for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Monday - October 30

Breakfast
Waffles
Scrambled & poached eggs
Lunch
Navy bean soup
Hoagie sandwich
Pork chop suey over rice
Cheese tostadas with hot sauce
Dinner
Vegetable soup
Spaghetti & meatballs
Turkey cutlet with cream gravy
Deep dish vegetable pie

Tuesday - October 31

Breakfast
Fritters
Scrambled or fried eggs
Lunch
Lentil soup
Pizza
Tuna salad sandwich
Fruit salad with roll-ups
Dinner
Canadian cheese soup
Roast beef with gravy
Baked fish fillets
Spanish rice with bacon strips

Wednesday - November 1

Breakfast
Hot cakes
Scrambled & cooked eggs

Lunch
Split pea soup
Hot cheese topped ham sandwich
Beef biscuit roll with gravy
Fruit plate with cottage cheese
Dinner
Tomato bouillon with rice
Butter fried steak
Turkey pot pie
Polish sausage

Thursday-November 2

Breakfast
French Toast
Scrambled & fried eggs
Lunch
French onion soup
Hot beef sandwich
Macaroni and cheese
Baked souffle
Dinner
Chicken gumbo soup
Pork chops
Beef stroganoff
Beef tacos

Friday-November 3

Breakfast
Hot cakes
Scrambled & poached eggs
Lunch
Cream of mushroom soup
Fishwich
North American Style lasagna

Curried vegetables with soy beans & sunflower seeds
Dinner
New England clam chowder
Roast turkey
Baked fish
Long dogs

Saturday-November 4

Breakfast
Fruit fritters
Fried eggs
Lunch
Grilled cheese with tomatoe sandwich
Old fashioned ground beef pie
Eggs Benedict
Dinner
Steak
Shrimp
Variety pizzas

Sunday-November 5

Breakfast
Waffles
Poached eggs
Lunch
Cream of mushroom soup
Oven baked chicken
Spaghetti with meat sauce
Cheese omlet
Dinner
Cheeseburger
Scalloped ham and potatoes
Asst. fruit pancakes

CAMPUS CALENDAR

MON



6:00 Vollyball: Calvin—at Calvin
8:00 Tyler Movie: The Omen

TUE



3:30 Soccer: Albion—HERE
7:00 Vollyball: Oakland and Jackson C.C.—HERE
7:00 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship: Last Lecture Series
8:00 Film: V.D. Every 30 Seconds—A.C. 113
9:00 Tyler Movie: She Wore A Yellow Ribbon & The Undefeated—Tyler

WED

THU



Last Day to Withdraw From a Class

3:30 Soccer: Hope—at Hope
6:45 Dow Flick: My Name is Nobody—Dow 100
7:00 Vollyball: WMIAA— at Hope
9:00 Gemini, Folk Group— Tyler

FRI

SAT

2:00 Football: Albion—at Albion
2:00 Cross Country Albion—at Albion
2:00 Vollyball: Hope at Hope
8:00 Alma Symphony Cabaret—Hamilton
8:00 Tyler Movie: Blazing Saddles— Tyler

SUN

11:00 Chapel Service: Rev. Larry Marshall, United Church, Shallow Lake, Ontario—Chapel
8:00 Tyler Movie: Blazing Saddles— Tyler

Board approves station by-laws

By Mark Ashman
News Writer

The Board of Trustees has approved By Laws of the student radio station task force of the Communications Committee of Alma College.

The name of the task force is the Student Radio station Subcommittee of the Communications Committee. There are five members in this Committee consisting of one faculty member, one administrative liaison representative, and three student members who have previously served on the Communications Committee. The faculty member is Dr. Lyne Markham, the administrative liaison representative is Dave Campbell, and the three students are Bryan Graham who acts as the Chairperson, Mark Fallows, and Rick Hess. The Student Council selected these

members after interviewing by the Screening Committee.

The purpose of the Student Radio Station Subcommittee is to provide a channel of communication for students, faculty, student organizations, administrators and other members of the Alma College community. This also provides entertainment. The basic function, however, is to work with the station manager in order to establish policies governing finances, programming, staff and facilities associated with the station's operation.

The station manager elects student executive staff positions such as Program Director, News Director, Chief Engineer, Chief An-

nouncer, Business Manager, and Sales Manager. The daily programming of the station will be determined by the station manager and his staff. All programming will be in accordance with rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

The student radio station will be financed by the 1.7% of Student Activities fee delegated by the Student Budget and Finance Committee, and also by revenues obtained through advertising.

These By laws are all subject to review and may be amended by a 3/5 vote of the radio station Sub-Committee of the Communications Committee.

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Weede appointed station manager

By Mark Ashman
News Writer

Since the establishment of the Student Radio Station Sub-Committee by the Communications Committee, there has been only one decision made concerning the radio station personnel. The person to hold the position of Station Manager was that decision. They had to choose between two highly qualified applicants, Dave Marmin and Tom Weede. They

chose Tom Weede not because Dave Marmin was less qualified, but because Tom seeks broadcasting as a possible career.

Tom was enthusiastic about his appointment and he intends to start interviewing applicants in the near future. If anyone is interested in participating on the radio station staff, they should contact Tom Weede in room 155, Gelston Hall. All positions under Tom are open at this time.

Marsh appointed counselor

By Carol Smith
News Writer

Continuing Education Coordinator Nick Marsh, has a new second job as a counselor in the ACCD department.

Nick has been with the college and Continuing Education since December of 1977. He filled the vacant counseling position in early September, replacing Dave Balenger.

Dan Behring's appointment of Nick Marsh is a big asset to the ACCD staff as he will be assisting Dr. Buchanan and Ginny Riser-Schoch with numerous counseling duties. Also, with the addition of Nick Marsh, students will have the choice between a male or female counselor.

Nick's experience as a counselor includes work as a Juvenile Court Counselor, and counseling at a Crisis Center. Nick had a Masters in counseling previous to coming to Alma.

Nick recently has been working with senior interviews and up-dating information to the Career Information Center. He hopes to begin a Sigi and MOIS workshop for students and extend his counseling to the community.

Mr. Marsh is available Monday through Friday afternoons, and available most times when the other two counselors are tied up.

Plans for the renovation of the Tyler, Van Dusen, and Hamilton complex have been brewing for quite a few years. Last summer these ideas were put into action when Dr. Behring, Vice President of Student Development at Alma, and other members of the administrative staff began to form a detailed plan to improve the center.

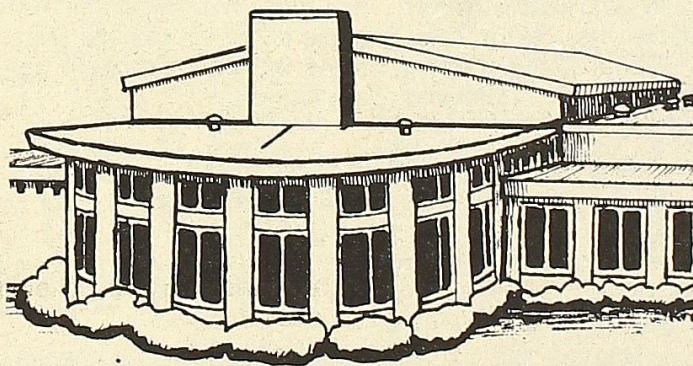
As a result of this planning, consultant Bob Handey was brought to campus. By interviewing and gathering information from students, faculty, and staff, Mr. Handey was able to compile a proposal for the improvement of the complex.

These recommendations

were then forwarded to the Board of Trustees, who at their meeting, passed a resolution designating possible targets such as dates to

begin construction. The proposal will be reviewed again, and the final action will be decided upon at the

May meeting. Funding for the program was based upon reports from the campus architect, Saga Foods, and Bob Handey.



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The only foreseen complication in this plan is the fact that any improvement in the complex affects all other

parts of campus. When construction actually begins, it will be necessary to move the students who eat at Van Dusen to Hamilton. This will result in twice the student load and will call for a new mealtime schedule.

The total package of improvements may consist of student organization offices, meeting rooms, game rooms, a small theatre coffee house, and possibly, a new bookstore!

Robert Maust, Dean of Students at Alma, is enthusiastic about the actual planning of the program and about the fact that the project is gaining much support from the staff and from the Board of Trustees. If all goes well, we may witness a great improvement in the ever popular Tyler Complex!

Sororities want housing units

By John Thorndike
News Editor

The major issue of small housing at Alma College was considered by members of the Student Life Committee at a recent meeting. Small Housing at Alma has been influenced by many things, including the percentage of Greeks during different academic years, the availability of small houses adjacent or relatively near to the campus, and the administrator's decisions on how small hous-

ing could support or detract from the general goals of the school. The large percentage of small housing units on campus are occupied by Greek organizations, which brings up the question of equality to access of housing for students interested in living in a small housing unit, but not interested in Greek membership. Most of the sororities on campus use lodges for their functions even though the Committee verified that the sororities would like to make use of

live-in quarters like those of their male counterparts. The traditional and out-dated association with coeds on campus is that they spend most of their time being quiet and studying, while the men were allowed to stay out late at night and live together in small housing units. Today, sororities are in search of establishing their own live-in unit. The sororities' housing units would most probably have to be new because of the lack of small houses presently available for this

cause.

Enrollment is another factor that has influenced small housing on campus. With the projected enrollment decline in the near future, the College must face some prospective problems in maintaining the small housing units. Possibly they would have to be sold back to the neighborhood if the dorms started emptying out too much. These and other problems currently compose the small housing issue at Alma.

League of Women Voters visits

Speakers address issues

By Kim Stodghill
NewsWriter

Two speakers from the League of Women Voters of Michigan spoke Tuesday, October 17 in Tyler Auditorium, on the issues and proposals of the upcoming election. The speakers were Charlotte Copp, president of the League of Women Voters, and Sue Montgomery, editor of the league's newspaper.

The League of Women Voters is a national non-partisan organization established in 1920 to encourage informed citizen participation in government. The opinions of the league are

Orchestra, Jazz Band to perform

The Alma Symphony Orchestra and Alma College Jazz Band will join forces in presenting the 4th Annual Cabaret Concert on Saturday, November 4, at 8:00 pm in Hamilton Commons on the Alma College Campus. This evening of "pops and dance," will include popular favorites in a cabaret atmosphere. The Orchestra will perform works by Bernstein, Riegger, vonSuppe, Tschai-kowsky, Joplin, and Dvorak. Various jazz eras will be represented by the Jazz Band's repertorie, from swing to modern popular. Both ensembles are conducted by Todd Snyder, who is new to the Gratiot County area.

made only after careful studying of the various areas. For example, they are in favor of the proposal to allocate at least 90% of gas tax revenues for general road purposes and the remainder for other transportation purposes and to replace the state highway com-

mission with a transportation commission. The league is in agreement with this amended proposal for the following reasons: It would provide that at least 90% of gas and license tax revenue be used exclusively for general road purposes. Also, it would provide the remainder

of gas and license tax revenue and not to exceed 25% of sales tax of cars and parts be used exclusively for other transportation purposes. The amendment would replace State Highway Commission with a non-partisan State Transportation Commission which shall establish a state

transportation policy. The discussion was an open one where both students and citizens of Alma freely asked questions. For those who would like more information on the running candidates and proposals, newspapers will be available in the Union.

College enrollment increases

First estimates of fall enrollment in American colleges and universities see an increase of 2.8 percent over last fall's level. The National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) expects a total of 11.6 million on campus, 320,000 more than 1977's 11.28 million.

If the estimates prove true — the Center won't have final figures until the spring

— this will be the second consecutive autumn increase. many schools, though, are still trying to recover from the fall of 1976, when enrollment in public colleges and universities dropped a precipitous nine percent.

And many administrators are still preparing for drops in the future. Demographers say the nation simply won't

be producing enough 18-year-olds in the 1980's to allow schools to maintain their course diversity and physical plant.

Some analysts also think that fewer 18-year-olds will enroll in college in the future because of a predicted slackening of demand for educated workers.

Specifically, by 1980 there should be some 4.2 million

18-year-olds who might go to college. By 1990, that number will fall to 3.4 million. Even fewer 18-year-olds will be available to populate the campuses in the early 1990's.

For the moment, though, the NCES sees enrollment at public colleges and universities hitting 9.1 million, with another 2.5 million at private schools.

Library cuts cost of Xerox machine

The library's charge to make copies on its Xerox machine was reduced from 10 cents to 5 cents over the Fall Break.

Peter Dollard, Library Director, indicated that the cost reduction was made possible when the College decided to purchase rather than lease its Xerox machines. Dollard said that he was particularly pleased

about the new arrangement since the lower photocopying cost enables the College library to provide copies at a cost comparable to what some other libraries have been charging for years.

Dollard added that the library neither profits from nor loses from the machine, since all revenues are transferred into the College's general funds.

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Visitor to speak and sing at Chapel

On Sunday morning, November 5, Larry Marshall, a gifted speaker and one who has been a professional singer, will speak at the Chapel Service. His topic will be: "Something to Sing About!"

The Rev. Mr. Marshall is young minister of the United Church in Shallow Lake, Ontario, in Canada. He will be on campus from Friday evening, November 3, until Monday morning, November 6.

On Friday evening there will be opportunity to meet Larry at Clizbe House at 7:00p.m. On Saturday evening, the 4th, he will be a guest soloist at the Alma Symphony Cabaret in Hamilton at 8:00 p.m. He will both speak and sing at the 11 a.m. Chapel Service on Sunday morning.

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An Editorial Viewpoint

Positive proposal outweighs

By Keely Hessler

A recent proposal on the November ballot seems to have the whole state of Michigan and especially Alma College in a deafening uproar. Of course, I am speaking of Proposal "D", which plans to re-raise the alcohol consumption age to 21. With all of the publicity circulating about this "horror", I have yet to hear an argument in **favor** of this suggestion, henceforth, this editorial.

I will not debate the maturity of the 18-year-olds and their ability to "handle" drinking alcohol, rather I will concern myself with the negative results that lowering the drinking age to eighteen has caused.

First, has anyone been to a high school football game lately? Granted, small towns do not seem to exhibit (as severely) the same problem, but in middle-size and large schools the sight is sickening.

Fourteen - year - olds, fifteen-year-olds and sixteen-year-olds are staggering around, blearyeyed, terribly drunk and vomiting under the bleachers--and for what reason? Because of the large number of eighteen-year-old high schoolers able to buy alcohol for these youngsters. It makes me madder than hell to see these children (yes, they are

House of candidates

By Jon Thorndike
News Editor

89th District House of Representatives candidates Gary Randall and Rudy Serra conducted a debate before a sparse Alma audience on Tuesday evening of last week.

The candidates opened with brief messages expressing their opinions on various important issues and then answered questions from the largely Republican audience.

Randall answered to Serra's statement that his Democratic Party status would give him more power in the legislature by saying that a candidate's party did not have any relation with legislative clout.

Both candidates seemed to agree on the importance of the business climate and job situation in the 4-county 89th District. Serra indicated at the debate and in his advertising that he had made outside efforts to attract business to the central-Michigan area, but he was not willing to name any

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ialized base."

SAGA Food Service estimated if optional meal plans were available at Alma College, the student would save \$30 to \$40 per year on the 15 meal plan and \$70 to \$80 per year on the 10 meal plan. The savings per student would be minimal.

There are also outside costs attached to switching to optional meal plans. If the switch took place, \$1,200 would have to be set aside for a new I.D. system and labor costs would increase because of the necessity to check I.D.s carefully.

After gathering this information, the Food Service Committee (consisting of students, administration and SAGA staff) decided that the idea of offering the optional meal plan ws not in the best interests of the students. However, the committee did not want to make this decision alone. The committee presented its findings to the Sutdent Council on October 11. The committee did not recommend the optional meal plan to Student Council and Student Council voted to stay with the 21 meal plan.

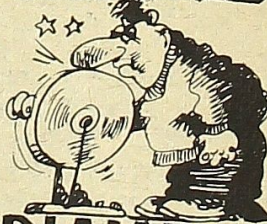
Because of administrative restraints, and the contract with SAGA, it will be another two years before the optional meal plans can be considered again.

Although an optional meal plan will not be offered at Alma, Maust pointed out one benefit from this experience. "This issue has taken the ideal route . . . We have taken a look at the issue and have made a decision based upon current and solid information. Hopefully we have eliminated some of the myths and rumors in regard to optional meal plans."

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Friends of Animals offers essay contest

A national essay contest, focusing on the use of animals in research and education programs, was announced by Alice Herrington, president of Friends of Animals, Inc. (FoA). The best essay will receive a first prize of \$2000. There will be three awards of second prizes of \$1000 each and six awards of third prizes in the amount of \$500 each.

The question for this year's contest is: "Why should the Congress end funding of research and education programs that involve the use of animals and divert these funds to alternative methods?"

The contest is aimed at encouraging American students to help in the development of a new ethic for the treatment of non-human animals. Now in its second year, the competition is made possible through a grant from Regina Bauer

Frankenberg, a director and vice-president of the the national animal welfare organization.

"My purpose in funding the contest is to encourage interest in this new ethic," said Ms. Frankenberg. "The past decade has witnessed strides in popular consciousness of the need for animal protection legislation. I want to add to this progress."

In announcing the contest, Ms. Herrington said, "Humans have used animals for their own purposes for thousands of years. As a result of ignorance and economic self-interest, we have developed rather deep-seated attitudes about our relationship to other species. We have erected strong emotional, philosophical and legal barriers that reserve ethical considerations only for ourselves."

"These barriers are beginning to dissolve," she con-

tinued. "New technology provides alternatives to the exploitation of animals for food, materials, research and recreation. We need to review the prevailing system of human values and ethics and encourage a broader acceptance of the notion that other forms of life are entitled to ethical consideration."

IVCF plans lecture series

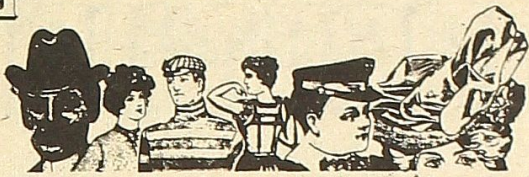
By Kathy Henry
NewsWriter

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you knew the world would end tomorrow? Would you try to cram everything you've always wanted to do into that last day of your life? Kiss your friends goodbye and write your last will and testament? Pay back that long forgotten five bucks you owe your best friend?

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship has offered three faculty members the chance to share their answers to this question in IVCF's "Last Lecture Series."

The series will be conducted on the first three Wednesdays in November. At 7 pm, Eugene Pattison, Associate Professor of English, will give the opening lecture on November 1, in AC 110. On November 8, in AC 113, Tracy Luke, Associate Professor of Religion, will speak. The final lecturer, Irene Linder, Professor of Sociology, will speak on November 15, also in AC 113.

GSS



The Sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma are busy in many activities. We are now selling McDonald's Gift Certificates. The money raised will go to Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Alma. The certificates can be bought from any GSS member. Sales will continue for a month. Please help out and buy a couple to help out in the community.

In the past week sisters were busy giving their rush tea. The sorority had a nice turn out and want to thank all of those who came.

Another big project the sorority has undertaken was the painting of sorority room in the basement of Gelston. It took a lot of paint and hard work but we did it! Thanks to everyone's efforts the room looks 100% better.

Also in the future the sorority is planning a Christmas Dance on December 2. Will be guy bid. More details will be given later.

Area high schools plan to plug into Alma computer

By Andy Vasher
News Writer

Area high schools will utilize Alma College's computer system for Career Education purposes in the near future.

Spain study offered

This plan is "trying to develop Alma College as a resource that provides career and counseling information to high school students and counseling staff," according to Student Development Vice President Daniel Behring.

Alma High School already uses the MOIS System (Michigan Occupational Information System) and six other surrounding recently signed contracts to tap onto Alma's career resources.

These schools will pay for their own terminals and pay a user's fee, which goes towards the purchase of special telephone hook-up equipment for the college.

Alma students and faculty still have first priority on the computer. The Computer Center is still maintaining their policy of giving a computer account to any student who desires one, also.

Dr. Behring maintains that "Alma College will be an updated career information center for area high schools."

Alma is one of the few four-year liberal arts schools with such a program and future expansion seems only a matter of time.

As the consequence of a very generous, anonymous, gift by a Spaniard interested in furthering Spanish-American relations, Academic Year Abroad, Inc., is able to offer 20 scholarships of 35,000 pesetas each (approximately \$500.) to properly qualified applicants from U.S. colleges and universities for study at the Universidad De Madrid in the spring semester, 1979. Applicants, who must have studied Spanish but need not be Spanish majors, should write, stating age, grade, college, and any scholarships or grants currently being held, to: Academic Year Abroad, Spanish Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 50, New Paltz, NY 12561

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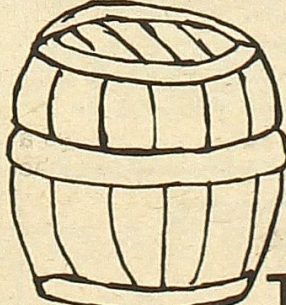


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BRUCE ON LOOSE

By Bruce Cross
ALMANIAN Columnist



The tv world is getting crazier and crazier all the time. They're doing things on tv today that weren't acceptable to talk about ten years ago.

I sat down in front of the 'ol tv one day, flipped it on, and prepared myself for some good old tv entertainment.

The first thing to come across the "tube of craziness," was a heavyweight championship blow dryer match. It was quite a heated affair, and an "air of excitement" filled the room as the two men faced each other, both equipped with a blow dryer as a weapon. Howard Cosell was at ringside giving a "blow by blow" description. The contest was quickly over and the winner's circle included Kukla, Fran, and "Ali".

Next, there was a commercial for calculators. They displayed calculators that did everything from telling the time in China to telling your fortune. One of the calculators advertised included everything but birth control.

The next thing on the air was a soap opera called, **The Young and the Ruthless**. In this program, John is having an affair with Sue; Sue is having an affair with Don; Don is having an affair with Amy and Amy is having an affair with John. John is having a difficult time making progress with Sue. This is probably due to the fact that she has been in a coma for the last three years and the doctors don't know if she'll ever come out of it. Don finds out that Amy is his long lost sister and tried to commit suicide by jumping off a building. The fall proves to be insufficient in killing him, but after he lands he is run over by a truck and crippled for life. The radio is left on in Sue's hospital room and after faintly hearing the news about Don, she comes out of the coma and rushes to his room (which just happens to be in the same hospital, down the hall). Don and Sue decide to get married and Don ends the episode with the immortal words: "I was almost in hell with the devil, but now I'm in traction with an angel."

Then another commercial came on the screen. A funny thing about many commercials is the way the people on the ads spell. As a friend once said to me, about one commercial, an adult man is unable to spell relief correctly. He spells it R-o-l-a-i-d-s. In another commercial an adult woman is unable to spell cheese correctly. She spells it K-r-a-f-t. Yet on another commercial, a young child is able to spell bologna correctly in one try, and even while singing.

After the commercial, "The ABC Wild World of Sports" came on. The program featured a new game in which the participants tried to be the first to put tiny corrective lenses into their eyes. I quickly changed the channel because I do not enjoy "contact sports".

On this station, a program called "Chips" was just coming on, and the screen was filled with the words, "Chips: A Buffalo Production." The program was about a naval base in California. I quickly changed the channel again. After all, who wants to hear about a Californian belly button?

On this same channel was a news story. It seemed some guy had fallen three thousand feet out of an airplane onto a cement driveway. Lying there splattered, he looked like something from Saga Foods.

As I looked up from the tv guide, I was astonished to see my roommate on tv. I quickly told him to get off because he was breaking the legs. I thought to myself, "he must have been drinking," as he started jumping up and down on the tv and making ape sounds. Just as I reached up to pull him off, the tv tipped over and I knew that my tv, as well as my roommate, was completely smashed.

After this incident, I curbed my tv watching habits, partly because it's a waste of time, but mostly because I can't afford a new tv.

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Faculty members wait for stork

By Anne Wolfe
News Writer

Three Alma College faculty members are awaiting the arrival of the stork. Mrs. Louanne Norwood, dance instructor, Bonnie Palmer, the wife of William Palmer, instructor of English, are expecting arrival anytime. Rita Stack, the wife of Dr. Steven Stack, associate professor of Sociology, is due between November 10th and 17th.

All three couples plan to practice the Lamaze method of childbirth. Mrs. Norwood's first baby was born in an army hospital, without the husband present, so she is very happy to be involved in the Lamaze birth experience.

The Lamaze birth method involves both the husband and the wife in the actual birth of the child, in learning about the physiology of childbirth, and in handling the mother's nurturing instinct after birth. Mrs. Norwood said of her husband: "He is very much into the birth process — I think he can get into it more than most men. He's excited. The closer it gets, the more excited he gets." Rita Stack says she practices her Lamaze method exercises every day.

Mrs. Norwood has not yet decided with her husband on the name of the baby. They don't have any appropriate male names in the family; "they are names like Agnes, Chester, Leon," — and Mrs. Norwood "has the feeling" that her baby will be a boy. They will choose the name when they see their baby.

The Palmers already have a full name for a boy and a first name for a girl picked

out. The boy will be "Brenden William." a girl will be "Bryn."

The Stacks have decided on "John Steven" (after Mr. Stack) if the stork brings a boy, and "Julie" if a girl arrives.

In each of the three cases the husband and wife relationship is reported to be very warm. According to Mrs. Norwood, her husband is "very supportive. I don't think I could have kept my job if it wasn't for him. . . . He'll have a great deal of the care of the baby. He doesn't have any resistance to taking care of the baby. It'll be as enjoyable for him as it is for me."

Mr. Palmer believed that having the baby has brought he and his wife a little closer. He is looking forward to their having the baby together. "I wrote a poem about it," Mr. Palmer asserted. "I showed it to my wife. We're (me and the baby) like pen-pals touching the skin of the same woman. I can't wait to meet him. He's been writing letters to me. . . . we're ready. I'm going to help take care of the child. I'd breast-feed it if I could, but I can't."

Mrs. Stack said their baby couldn't bring she and her husband closer together because they are close already.

"Steve helps very much. He plans to be home almost continuously the first week. He cooks already — he's a good mother."

Mrs. Norwood thinks it's good for girls to learn about having babies young, perhaps knowing about someone who is having a baby so that they learn it's a joyous experience. They often have negative pictures of the process, with emphasis on the pain, she asserted.

Mrs. Stack said girls should know about nutrition, because it affects the baby in the first three months of pregnancy, and the husband's nutrition affects his sperm. It is Mrs. Stack's third child, and she said the child was unplanned but a welcome surprise.

Mrs. Stack was at a gas station the other day, and the attendant took a long look at her shape, and remarked that "everyone is pregnant these days." "It must be something in the water" was what they decided, Mrs. Stack related with a laugh.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Since the writing of this article, Mrs. Norwood has delivered a baby girl, Rosemary Louanne. Mrs. Palmer has given birth to a boy, Brenden William.

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Students brush up for contest

By Ann Phelps

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Arena for the first annual Tooth Brushing Contest.

Categories for the contest were, 'Best Foam', 'Best Layout' (on the brush), 'Best Gleaming Smile', and 'Best Residue' (in the sink), with a total of forty points possible.

Team number one frothed and salivated to the beat of A Fifth of Beethoven. Armed

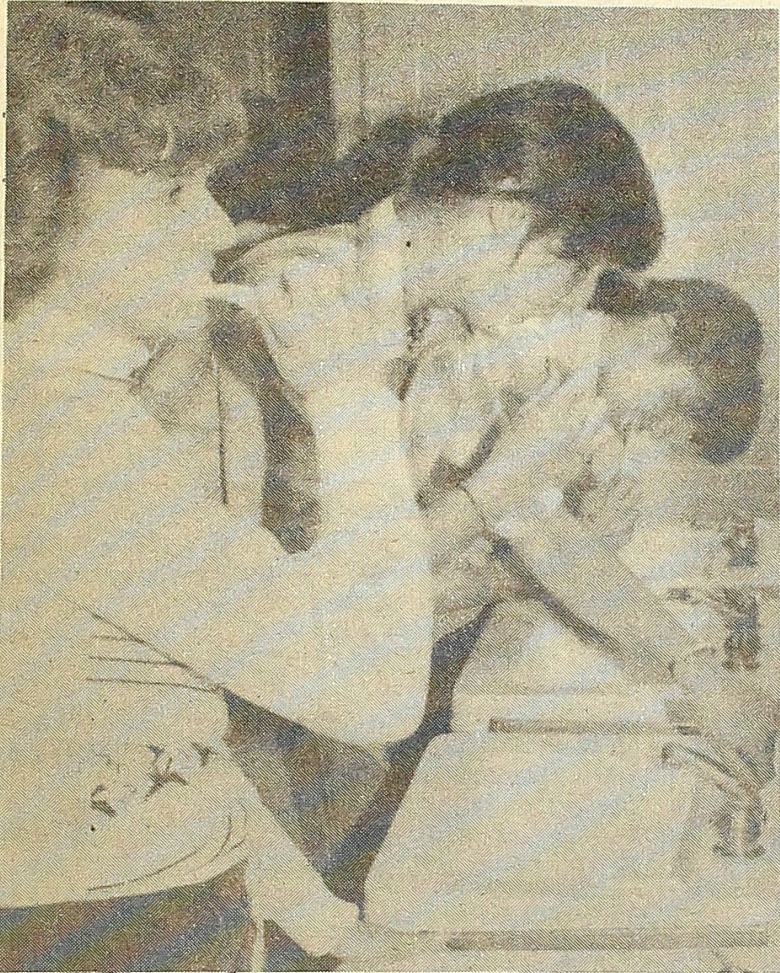
with Aim, Crest, Colgate, and Close-up, the team managed to get a total of 34.75 points.

Team members Janice 'Jaws' Ryniak, Gristy 'Crest' Gamby, Ann 'After-breath' Phelps, and Sandy 'Saliva' Anderson, were especially proud of the color combinations that were formed when they grouped together for a final shot at the 'Drool-Pool'.

Team number two, consisting of Trish Durocher, Jane Verduin, Ellen Mansfield, and Robin Dinsmore, found that team number one was a tough act to follow. Armed with Crest and Gleem, they captivated the small but enthusiastic group of on-lookers with their foaming fangs and ensuing water war.

The two teams fought tooth and nail for the coveted title of Best Overall Brushers. In the end, judges Robin Ropp and Peggy Rushman announced that the team with the better bristles was definitely team number one.

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UNION BOARD

by Steve Wylie
Nightclub Manager

We at Union Board would like to thank you for attending our programs this year, and hope you will continue to do so throughout the year. We are trying to improve our program, with better entertainment to suit everyone's tastes.

We are especially thankful for the warm reception you gave James J. Mapes on September 29th. Jim really enjoyed performing for you, and hopes to come back. If you are interested in having a self-hypnosis training seminar at Alma College, please leave your name at the Union Board office so we will know how many people to expect and how much it will cost each individual student. We should be able to have him back in the late winter or early spring.

If you've noticed, our movie line-up has undergone a drastic change. We have booked more recent films, with the hopes of having greater attendance. This has already shown true at **The Goodbye Girl**, **The Enforcer**, **The Gauntlet**, and **The Exorcist**. Our hope is that you will continue to patronize our films, and enjoy them as much as we enjoy serving you.

Next term, you may expect such films as **Saturday Night Fever**, **First Love**, **Looking for Mr. Goodbar**, **The One and Only**, **Pretty Baby**, **Heaven Can Wait**, **Grease**, and **Foul Play**. Since these movies are so recent, we have to pay a higher rental for them and so must charge more for admission. We hope you will not be inconvenienced by the new prices--they are still MUCH lower than what you would pay in a commercial theater.

The new admission costs are 25 cents for Wednesday night movies, and 75 cents for all weekend movies; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Occasionally there will be special prices on certain films, but these prices will remain standard. Non-student prices are 50 cents and \$1.25, respectively. Regular show times will remain the same, except when there is another special event which would cause a conflict.

On November 3, we will be having an event which was very popular a few years ago. A Scottish Pub will be held in Tyler Auditorium featuring two singers whom students enjoyed last year, Nina Kahle and Arne Brav. This concert will be extra special because Nina will be releasing an album on CBS/Lifelong records in January. Don't miss it, because you'll miss the chance to see Nina before she becomes a star! Keep listening to the Scot Line and reading **The Almanian** for all the information.

There will be a major concert this year, as last year was Maynard Ferguson. We are still looking into various groups. We hope it will be one you will enjoy. It will be held in January or February.

We now have some very fine sound equipment which is available for use to any group for parties and dances. The rental charge is negotiable. For more information, call the Union Board office at extension 354.

The Union Board office now has regular hours, scheduled to serve you best. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Feel free to stop in to ask a question, offer a suggestion, or just to talk. Also, if you have hidden talents that you'd like to show to your friends, there are still nightclub dates available both this term and next term. If you are interested in performing, call the UB office. It's a good way to earn some easy money.

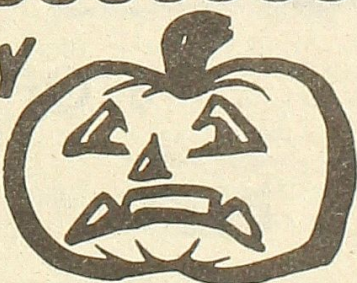
The Scot Line is still available with up-to-date information on daily events. Dial extension 444 for the "telephone connection to campus entertainment." If you wish to have something put on the Scot Line, leave your information at the Union Board office a week before the event.

We at Union Board wish to serve you. Please let us know if there is a program you wish to see at Alma College--a movie that you like, a concert you wish to hear or a special event you want to see. We will do our best to meet your needs. We are located in the Tyler Student Center, at extension 354. Call us--we would like to talk with you!



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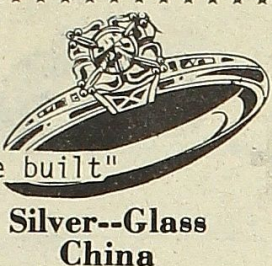
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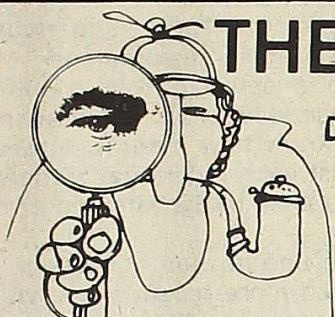
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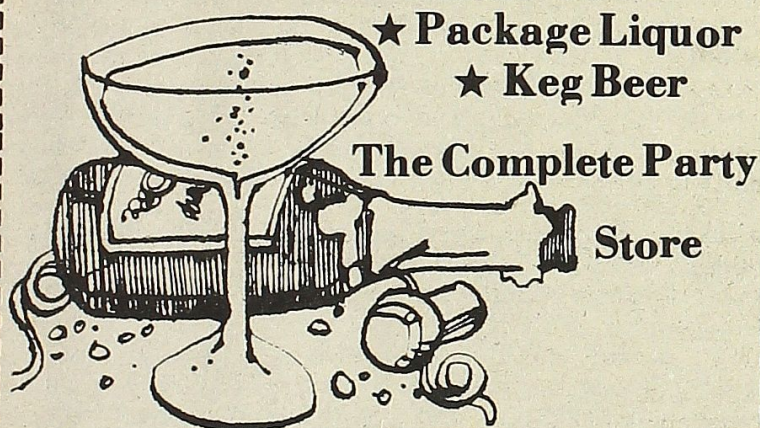
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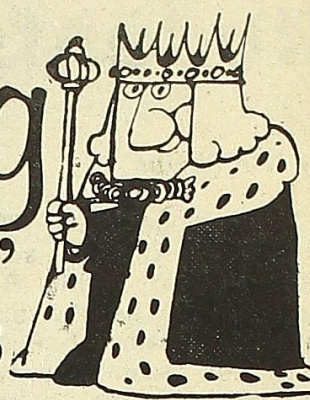
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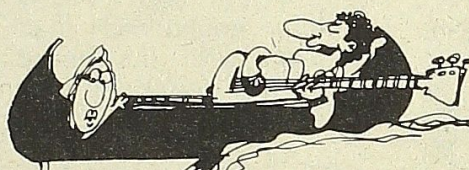
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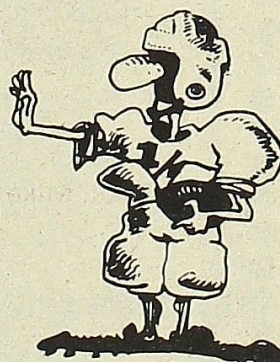
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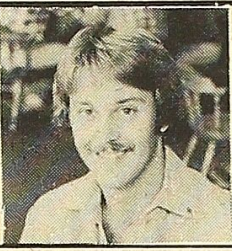
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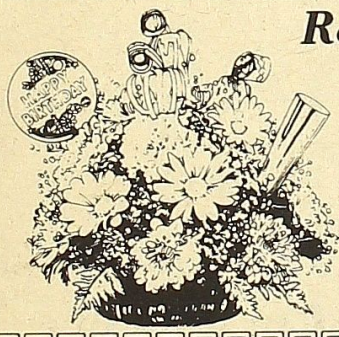
by Dave Flattley
ALMANIAN Columnist



This has really been a bad week for Detroit area sports fans. All of our highly touted teams bit the dust, with the Wolverines of Michigan taking the biggest bite of all. In one of the biggest upsets of the young football season the Spartans of MSU upended the previously unbeaten Wolverines before another overflow crowd in Ann Arbor. The victory was the first for the Spartans over Michigan since 1969 and could not have come at a more inopportune time. The Spartans have lost to Southern California and Notre Dame in the weeks prior to the Michigan game, and were no doubt hungry and ready for Michigan. The Wolverines, meanwhile, will see their high ranking fall, along with their hopes for a national title and probably Rick Leach's hopes for the Heisman Trophy as well. The Spartans jumped out in front, 17-0 before halftime and their previously maligned defense held off the Michigan rally. The Big Ten race is now in shambles, with the Boilermakers of Purdue having the inside track for now.

Speaking of other disappointments, how about the Red Wings and their million-dollar goalkeeper, Rogie Vachon. While the Wings were peppering the St. Louis goal with over 40 shots, Vachon was forced to face only 14. The problem being that five of those fourteen got by him and the Red Wings lost, 5-4.

The Pistons also dropped their opener, spoiling the debut of coach Dick Vitale. The game also marked the debut of the Silverdome as the Pistons' new home floor and a record crowd turned out to watch the game which was won by the New Jersey Nets, 107-105 despite 38 points by Bob Lanier. Things are bound to get better, though, as they can't get worse.



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Scots falter near end of season

By Jay R. Tomaszewski

A tough defense, and a potent ground game was all that it took to stop the Scots against Olivet College. Olivet ran by Alma 20-9 in a league contest held at Olivet a week ago Saturday.

The game, which was plagued by mistakes of both teams, got off to a slow start in the first quarter. Neither team sustained a good offensive drive, although each attempted field goals. Scot kicker Greg Ambrose had good distance on his 47 yard attempt, but it fell wide to the right. He came right back in the second quarter however, and was right on the money with a 27 yard boot giving the Scots a 3-0 halftime lead.

Olivet delighted a Homecoming crowd with their first score, as back, Rich Beck raced 72 yards down the sideline. Beck added a second score midway through the fourth quarter clinching a drive that began with an interception with a one-yard plunge that made the score 14-3.

Alma tried to come back but was stopped short by a stingy Olivet defense. A bad Scot punt gave Olivet excellent field position, and they began another drive from the Alma 38 yard line. Olivet scored a few plays later on a run by quarterback Jim Simon. Alma's Bob Long blocked the point after attempt and the score stood at 20-3.

Cross Country finishes first

By Jay R. Tomaszewski

The Alma College Cross Country team continued its winning ways a week ago Saturday as they ran by the Olivet Comets 17-38 at Olivet.

John Whitney and Paul Singer again led the way for the Scots, as they teamed up with Scot, Mike Townsend to sweep the first three places. Captain Bruce Beaumont had a fine day placing 5th with a time of 27:42. Bill Healy rounded out Alma's top five over the hilly five-mile course, in 7th place with a 27:50 clocking.

This past Saturday the Scots took their 3-1 league record against the Flying Dutchmen of Hope and finished on the short end of a 22-35 score in the Homecoming meet.

Alma took the ensuing kickoff with just 3 minutes remaining and moved to the Olivet 3 yard line on passes of 35, 17 and 13 yards by quarterback Bill Fillmore. Two plays later Fillmore cashed in on a 3 yard scoring strike to junior Chuck Fiebertz to end the scoring at 20-9.

Last Saturday, Alma hosted Hope College in Alma's annual Homecoming game. The Scots went into the game seeking their first win in league play, however, they came up empty handed with their fourth straight loss, 16-0. That defeat evened Alma's overall mark at 4-4.

While the Scots lost, they did put up a strong fight

against the league leading Flying Dutchmen.

After exchanging possessions throughout a scoreless first period, Hope finally broke the ice on a nine-yard pass from quarterback Mark Spencer.

In that opening stanza the Dutchmen held on 4th and goal from the one yardline, proving why they own a 7-1 record. The Scots never came close again, as the game became a defensive battle.

Todd DeYoung added a Hope score in the fourth quarter on a reverse. The Dutchmen defense added the Hope final two points, tackling Alma quarterback, Byron Onisko in the end zone for a fourth-period safety.

TKEs hold close second

ZEs hold lead in IM football

With the loss of two games this past week, the ZE team playing "B" league saw their lead fall to one-half game over the TKEs in IM football. That was the story in Division I where the TKEs continued to win, and Bruske and the Theta Chis continued to lose.

In Division II the Independents remained the dominant force running their record to 7-1. That mark still leaves them with a two game lead over Mitchell Hall. Leading "B" league scorer at the end of the week was still Andy Pitock of Mitchell, who upped his total to 103 points. ZE's Don Graves is next at 69, while Tom Shade of the Independents has 56.

In "A" League's Division I, the TKEs gained a three game lead over ZE as they

remained unbeaten. In Division II the Independents seem to have things well in hand holding a four game advantage over Bruske Hall.

Leading scorer in "A" League is ZE's Rob McAndrew with 83 points. TKE Bill Rucker is next with a total of 62, while the Independents' Thad Nowak and Mike Long have 59 and 56 points, respectively.

"B" League Division I	
ZE	6-2
TKE	5-2
Bruske	0-8
Theta Chi	0-8
Division II	
Independents	7-1
Mitchell	4-3
Gelston	4-4
DGT	3-5

Alma junior named to All-Conference team

Rusty Miller, a junior at Alma College, was named to the 1978 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) All-Conference Golf team after firing a final round 78 at the Kalamazoo Country Club October 16. He was one of five named to the first team.

Miller, a transfer student from Jackson Community College, fired a seven-round total of 554 during the season to place him fourth in the

league overall with a 79.1 average.

Competing in his first season at Alma, Miller led his Scot teammates to a fifth place finish in the league. Olivet won the championship for the first time since 1940.

Rusty, who earned his first letter for the Scots, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Miller of 229 N. Main St., Brooklyn. He is a 1976 graduate of Columbia Central High School in Brooklyn.

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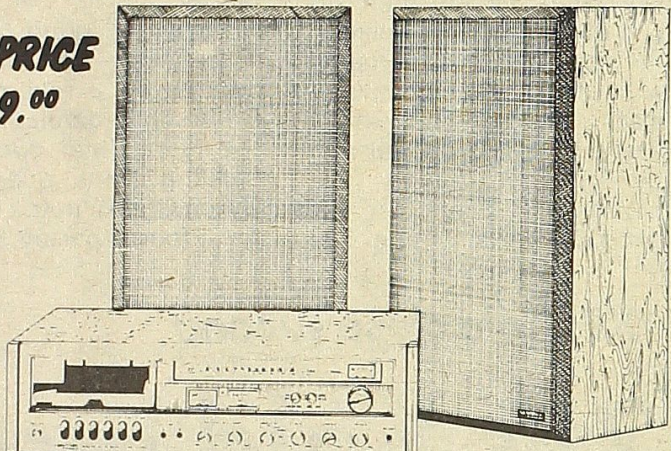
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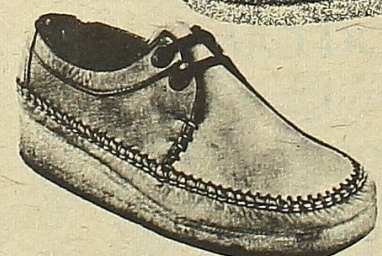
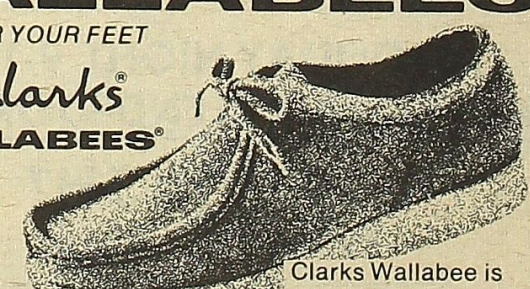
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