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New major may begin fall 1986

Alma to implement new biochemistry program

By Rachel Bearss
Staff Writer

Alma College is currently developing a new biochemistry interdisciplinary major under the Target of Opportunity Program introduced in 1984, when the Board of Trustees approved a \$100,000 allocation for an addition to the curriculum.

"This allocation was approved to give us the necessary funds to go ahead with new ventures and enhance our educational offerings," Vice President of Finance Jon Groteluschen said.

In the spring and fall of 1984, the faculty and Provost Ronald O. Kapp met for planning and discussion. They

explored options in an effort to meet the goals proposed by college President Oscar E. Remick. The president had proposed to create a new area of strength and to attract new students.

"'Target of Opportunity' means the opportunity to create new programs to make the college more attractive and successful," Kapp commented. "We want to reach a new pinnacle of excellence within our academic programs."

As a result of the discussions, Kapp recommended to Remick and the Board that the money be used for a biochemistry program, which will be implemented this fall if a teacher can be hired.

It has been difficult to find an ap-

pointee to teach the program since the search was begun in March. The new teacher may also teach biology and/or chemistry.

"We did look and were not satisfied," said Kapp. "We postponed the search and reinitiated it in fall 1985. We're now ready to begin interviewing candidates to start fall, 1986."

\$65,000 of the allocation will be used for a combination of salary and equipment, according to Kapp.

Kapp added, "It should be pointed out that this is a special allocation over and above the regular operating budgets of this college for the purpose of initiating this program. Over a period of years it will be assimilated into the regular operating budget."

The college will form a new interdisciplinary major which will draw on existing courses and resources in Biology and Chemistry. "When combined with the courses the new appointee will offer, we should have a fine new program and major," Kapp said.

A new teacher of molecular biology will replace Arlan Edgar; this person will also contribute his or her expertise to this new programmatic thrust, according to Kapp. Over a period of years, the college also plans to add certain critical pieces of equipment and to remodel the laboratory.

Kapp concluded, "We expect this to be a very attractive program, both to certain students already here and to those of the future."

Panel probes function of sister organizations

By Mary Buckley
Staff Writer

"Sisters or Servants?" a forum on fraternity sister organizations sponsored by south complex, provided for heated discussion between a 13-member panel and an over-capacity audience Thursday evening in Jones Auditorium.

Provost Ronald Kapp, mediator of the forum, introduced the panel of David Kaplan, ACCD; Elyse Costello; Lisa Ward; Matt Koontz, IFC representative; Patti Stark; Andrea Johnston; Simone Heidrich; Jen Lorimer, Panhellenic Council president; Pam Ingall; Lucinda Hamilton-Little; Teresa Terry and Registrar William Potter, OX advisor.

Kapp offered a short history of the evolution of sister organizations on Alma's campus. "I figure that in about 1980, sister bidding began," said Kapp, citing *Almanian* articles from as early as 1966. The Zeta Sigmas were the last fraternity to officially cut their sister sorority liason when they parted from the Alpha Theta sorority in 1983.

Kapp posed several prepared questions to the panel. The first was, "What do you see as the purpose and function of sister organizations on this campus?" Answers and comments included offering support and friendship between sisters and brothers. Koontz said, "When a girl gets a sister bid, that's a show that the fraternity thinks she showed an interest in the group. They (fraternity) appreciate that and being a sister is an honorary

status." Kaplan emphasized the fact that Koontz used the word girl instead of woman, which sparked noticeable audience response.

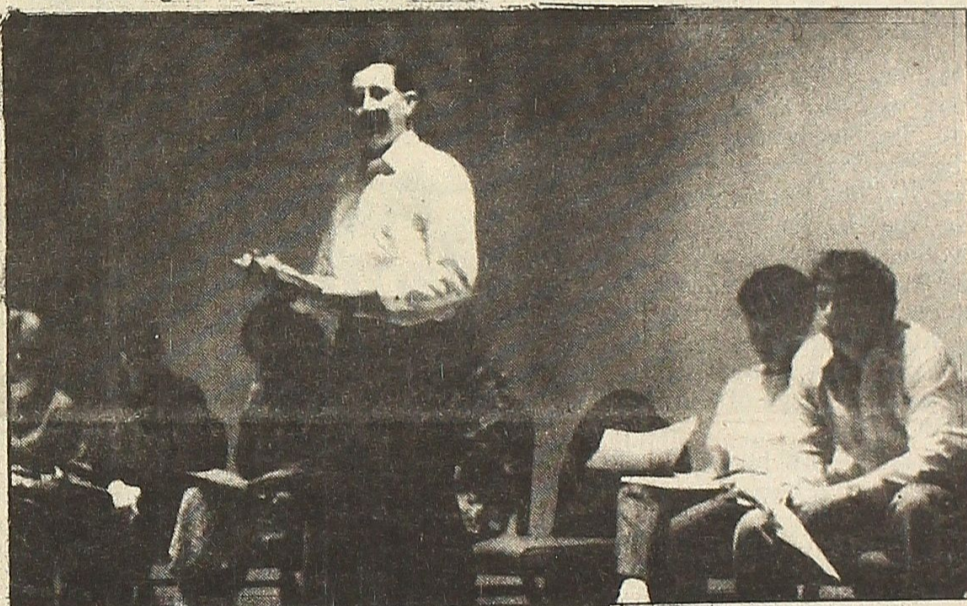
Several people said they would like to change a lack of communication between brothers and sisters. Mick Young suggested that brothers and sisters make lists of expectations and discuss them together.

Kaplan said that sisters not being allowed to attend formal brother meetings was unfair since the brothers are welcome to attend the sister meetings. The most common response to this issue was that ritual, which may not be seen by anyone who did not pledge and become a full member, takes place at formal meetings.

Commenting on the benefits of sister organizations, Costello said, "I think of the relationship I have with my brothers just like my brothers at home." Other benefits mentioned included support, love, friendship, and the opportunity to meet people and attend Greek parties without belonging to a sorority.

When drawbacks of the organizations were examined, most of the female panel members agreed that often there is pressure on the woman not to associate with other fraternity members. "Sisters limit themselves," Johnston said.

Kapp posed a question on how the nationals view sister organizations. Most fraternity and sorority nationals do not recommend sister organizations because they confuse and deter from the fraternity/sorority goals, panel members said. Lorimer said that



Ronald Kapp moderates the 13-member panel at "Sisters or Servants?"

photo by Kari Williams

if a group is affiliated with a national, it is obligated to do as its national wants.

Young disagreed, saying, "Because the national SAE fraternity calls the sister organization 'Little Sister,' does that mean we should? We decided not to use the word 'little'."

Lorimer said that "Sister organizations are (potentially) detrimental to sororities."

Audience members disagreed. Comments included that sometimes a woman does not have the time, money or energy involved in a sorority, but enjoys being a part of the Greek system by being a sister. Ending sister programs would be detrimental to those women who do not belong to a sorority. A woman chooses to take a sister bid, and she can choose to turn it in if she is unhappy, audience members said.

Terry remarked that some women say, "I just got a sister bid; I don't need to rush." She said that women have to realize the difference between sister organizations and sororities.

Potter added, "I think as long as there are only sororities for women and only fraternities for men, you people will not communicate and will continue to treat each other in stereotypical roles."

When asked if sisters serve as rush tools, Bob Barnett, Interfraternity Council president, said that "it's not pretty faces that get pledges. It's when we open up our group to someone new." Shelley Faye added, "I've never been asked to rush so-and-so for my brothers."

Kapp then raised the issue of sisters wearing fraternity letters. "Why do (brothers) let (sisters) wear your letters? I would never let a guy wear my Alpha Xi Delta letters," said Ingall.

Johnston said, "It's an honor for guys to wear their letters. They earned the right. The girls they give bids to, it's an honor to have them for sisters; therefore, it would be an honor to have them wear their letters."

Kapp, Kaplan and the members of the panel said they hope discussion of the issue will continue. Kapp promised another forum soon.



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Campus Comment

By Brett John Martineau
Staff Writer

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Do you think there is tension between Greeks and independents on this campus?

A. Anne Yodhes: "I don't think there is tension but in certain circumstances there is pressure to go Greek."

A. Bernadette Duperron: "Yes, people find their place of acceptance in or out of a Greek organization, and then perhaps feel insecure or threatened by other individuals who do not agree with them."



A. Missy Karr: "There is some tension, but I do not think it's as bad as people claim it to be. Just because this campus is so small and the Greeks and independents are divided up so evenly the problem is magnified."

A. Debbie Newkirk: "No, because it's everyone's decision. I don't feel the pressure because I have friends who are independents and that does not change my feelings towards them. Also, there is a little more pressure here because the Greeks are a large percentage of the student body."



A. Ted Brindle: "I would say no. The majority of non-Greeks have a lack of interest in joining a Greek system, or rather more interest in academics. The few GDIs who show resentment may not have received necessary acceptance elsewhere."

A. Beth Catton: "Yes, I do. The tension comes from the pressure to conform and to be part of the system, and the desire to be your own person and not to have to go along with the group."



A. Kevin Kenny: "I think there is more of a conflict from the independents' point of view. They seem to be more aggressively non-Greek than the other way around."

A. Marty Presslar: "At certain times there is more, especially around run-outs, but usually there is no big hassle."



A. Andy Cutcher: "Yes, I feel there is some tension. I believe that the majority of this tension is caused primarily by a lack of understanding of the Greek system by independents."

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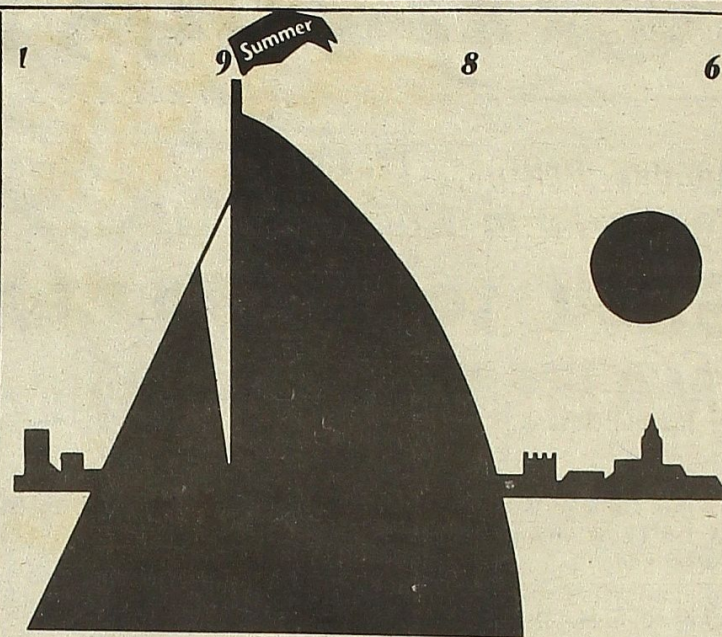
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SBFC refuses 1986-87 WABM budget proposal

By Kerry Wilson
Feature Editor

The Student Budget and Finance Committee (SBFC) approved two budgets at last week's meeting. *The Almanian* budget was passed as proposed while the WABM budget received an increase which was about a third of the requested hike, which would have more than doubled this year's budget.

The radio station's General Manager Don Wheaton announced at Student Congress Wednesday that the budget approval will be officially appealed to SBFC.

WABM originally asked for a 1986-87 budget of \$7,615.88; however, only \$4,549.88 was approved by the committee. This approved figure represents a \$1,319.88 increase over the current budget.

"We as SBFC members are trying to serve the student needs and respond to what they believe is important," voting member Craig Carmichael said. "A 135 percent increase over last year (currently \$3.34 per student, proposed \$7.85 per student) cannot be justified based on what I feel the students want."

SBFC conducted a campus survey earlier this term which indicated that most students do not listen to WABM.

The specific changes recommended by the committee include reductions in the proposed increases for general and executive staff salaries and a decrease in the promotions and telephone line items.

Carmichael, addressing each of these proposed changes, said WABM asked for a reduction in their supplies account which included the promotions and telephone line items. SBFC agreed to increase both of these lines, but not to the degree requested.

"The increase in long distance is

more than offset by the decrease in album costs," Wheaton said.

"SBFC also recommended that the executive staff salaries be increased over last year's budget by \$500. WABM suggested that these be increased by \$1,100," Carmichael said.

Carmichael continued, "WABM would have liked to have seen all disc jockeys paid \$3.50 for each radio show broadcast. This would have cost \$2,016. We felt this was not cost effective since at \$3.50 for each show this provided very little additional incentive to the D.J.s."

According to Wheaton, the only way to attract quality disc jockeys is to pay them. He plans to appeal particularly because of this issue.

A major increase in the overall budget was a \$1,500 debt retirement line for the station's new equipment. This retirement will span four years after the 1986-87 school year until the equipment is paid off.

"This is in addition to the \$5,000 that the Student Congress approved from the contingency fund," Carmichael said. The money in this fund also comes from the Student Activity Tax.

"The Student Activities Fee would have increased by \$4.51 alone for WABM's initial proposal. Currently, \$3.34 of the Activities Fee goes toward WABM," he added.

The Almanian budget was approved at \$26,842.10 as proposed, which represents an overall decrease of \$519.40 from this year's budget.

Once approved by SBFC, the final student activities budget must be passed by a general vote of the student body.

SBFC meets on Monday evenings from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. in AC 103. The meetings are open except for final voting. Tonight SBFC will hear budget proposals from Africa Fellow, Alumni Student Association and Student Congress.

Congress organizes request for sidewalk

By Don Wheaton
Staff Writer

Student Congress began taking action to have a sidewalk installed in front of the Tyler/Van Dusen Campus Center at the meeting last week.

Congress President Ralph Augustini met with Alma City Manager Blaine Hinds last week to discuss the possibility of installing a sidewalk in front of Tyler for better access to the sorority houses.

In order for the sidewalk to be installed, the college must write a letter of support for the project, Augustini said. He will approach college administrators about this letter.

This was the first meeting that congress could not form a quorum this

year at the time of roll call.

Augustini expressed his disappointment with the light turnout, with other congress members noting that a change of meeting location might be responsible for the poor attendance.

As Augustini's announcements progressed, however, quorum was achieved.

A total of 10 applications were received for the 17th Annual Student Symposium, to be held in Washington, D.C. in mid-March.

Vice President Larry Baker was in attendance at the Student Conference on National Affairs, at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.

This week's meeting will be held in Jones Auditorium at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Africa Fellow Auction

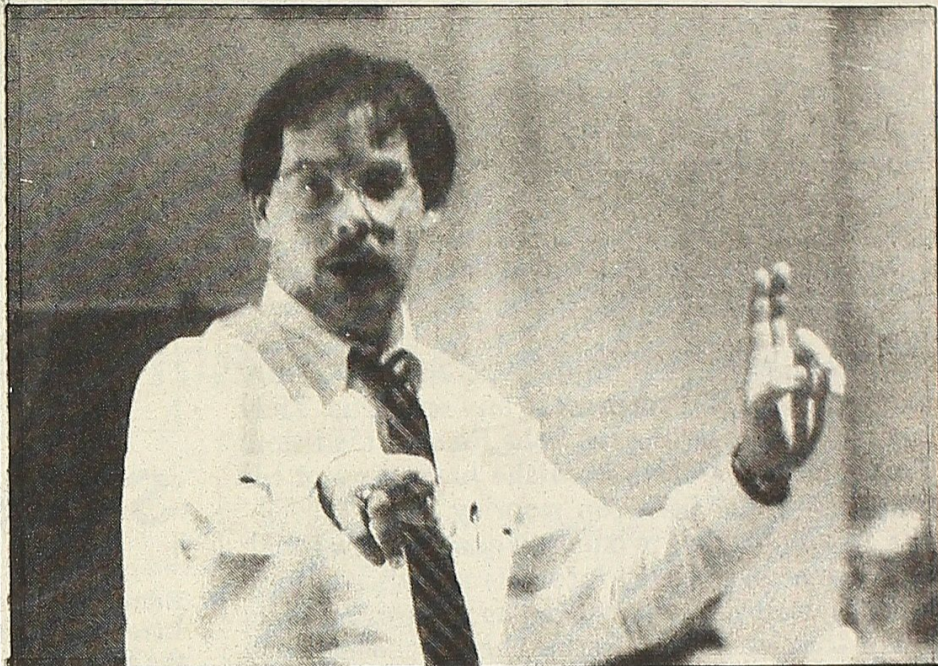


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David Groff auctions off sale items at the annual Africa Fellow auction Saturday. The auction, featuring African art objects, dinners for two and Yavenditti fudge, raised over \$2400 for the Africa Fellowship.

Teleconference focuses on terrorism problem

By Kathy Brown
Staff Writer

Addressing issues of terrorism and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's attempt to prevent it, the Department of Media Services sponsored a live teleconference entitled "International Terrorism: Is the U.S. next?"

The teleconference, conducted in participation with the National University Teleconference Network from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, relied upon questions from an audience of more than 50 U.S. colleges and universities. By means of a phone link at participating schools, students could call in their questions to the conference at any point during the telecast.

Panelists examined the FBI's ability to track and apprehend domestic terrorists and the U.S.'s vulnerability to domestic terrorism. Other issues included establishing a definition of terrorism and discussed the danger of terrorists obtaining nuclear weapons.

The panel addressing the issues consisted of: Lieutenant Al Baker of the New York Police Department, who is experienced in hostage crises and violent crime resolution; James L. Berthay, the U.S. representative to Interpol; Colonel John Hart, a military specialist from the British Army; and John Otto, the Executive Assistant Director for Law Enforcement of the FBI.

According to Otto, past evidence indicates that the FBI has the technology to apprehend those involved in domestic terrorism.

He added the U.S. has experienced a sharp decline in domestic terrorism. In 1983 there were more than 20 acts of terrorism in the U.S. and in 1985 that figure had dropped to seven.

The New York Police Department and other major city police forces also know how to deal with domestic ter-

rorism, Baker said. He said that last year in New York City there were 70,000 emergency calls ranging from hostage crisis to minor auto accidents.

"There is a geographic factor. The U.S. is quite far from the activity," Hart said concerning the country's vulnerability to terrorism.

He added that this society doesn't foster terrorism because America is large enough to find other ways of expressing frustration. Other sources said European societies cannot avoid terrorism as easily because people can commit a terrorist act and then quickly slip across the border into another country.

Terrorism has many definitions, but the panel agreed that it is a criminal act directed against society. It is often used to further religious, political, or ideological causes and convinces people to commit acts that they usually wouldn't.

"Terrorism is a 'narrow component of violence' and should be dealt with in the courts, Baker said.

According to Otto, a single terrorist or a terrorist group has the potential to obtain nuclear weapons, but the probability of obtaining and actually knowing how to use the weapon is small. If a terrorist did obtain and use a nuclear weapon, the target would probably be symbolic, as in the past strikes, the panel decided. A symbolic target could be the Capitol, an armed forces base, a large corporation; anything that symbolizes free enterprise and American democracy.

The panel said that the best way to avoid terrorist strikes is to know of them ahead of time. For example, there is an association of 138 countries, Interpol, that exchanges criminal information from one nation to another. It has now been adapted to exchange information on terrorist acts also.

Editorial

Reagan's '87 budget: proposing destruction or mass construction?

President Reagan's recently proposed 1987 budget has, as expected, become the subject of some hot conversation since its presentation. Reagan's supporters are heralding the plan as an excellent means of reducing our huge national deficit, while those more skeptical of the proposal object to the possible cuts to social programs.

Specifically, Reagan has proposed—among other things—a \$2.6 billion cut in the Department of Education, \$44 million in cancellations of approved appropriations for aid to handicapped children, and a multi-billion dollar *increase* in the defense budget.

The proposed cuts and expenditures really shouldn't come as a surprise to any one of us. They are certainly in keeping with the Reagan tradition; defense, he has stated from the beginning of his presidency, must be a top priority.

We've all probably wondered exactly how much money we need to pump into defense, and our opinions are most likely as varied as we are. Liberals scream that we need to stop this nonsense: how many times do we need to blow up the world, anyway? Conservatives, on the other hand, warn that without defense we leave ourselves open and vulnerable.

But it's time, now, to look farther than the debate about how *much* spending is necessary; we've got to look at what is being sacrificed. If this budget is approved, America will proclaim to the world that it values destruction over construction. We'll be saying that we will take opportunity from our young and aid from our disabled so that we can continue our pursuit of military superiority.

The choice is critical and easily one of values. Destruction or construction—it's our choice.

Scharansky proves pain of Soviet life

Last Tuesday Anatoly Scharansky, a well known Soviet dissident, was finally allowed to leave the Soviet Union. Scharansky had been in assorted prisons and labor camps for the past eight years.

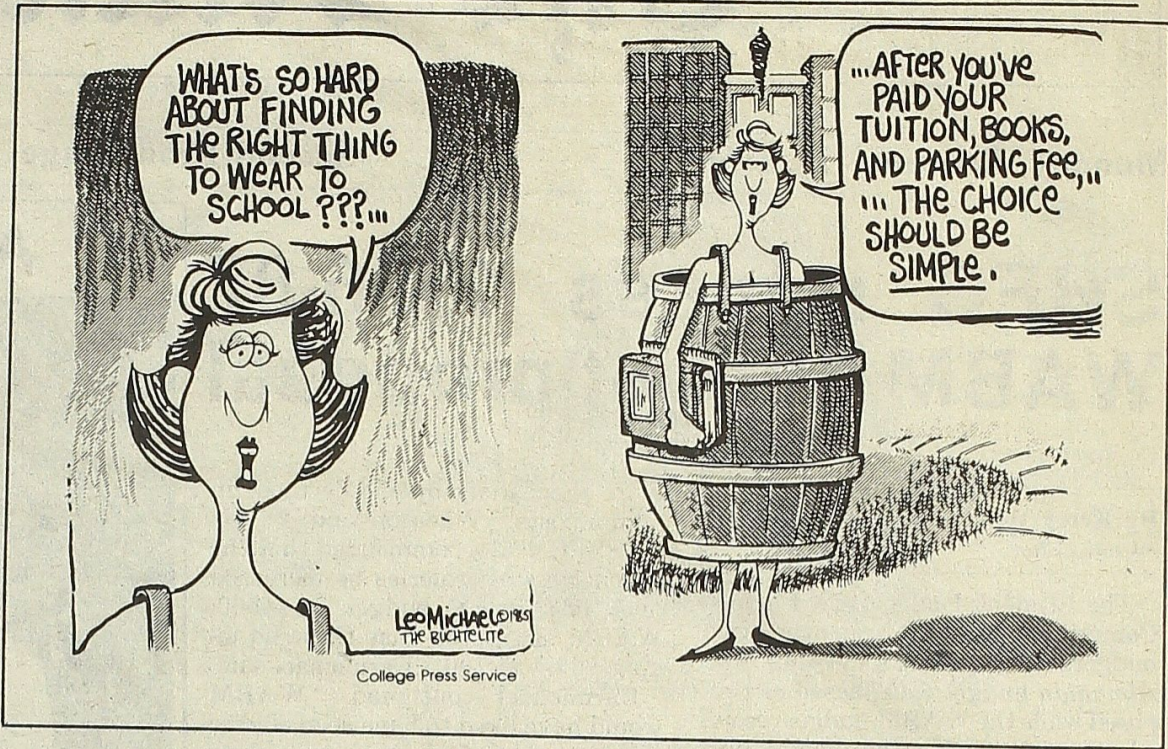
Why should this be? The Kremlin accused Scharansky of being a spy for the CIA, a relatively common charge in the USSR. The real reason for his imprisonment was his outspoken criticism of the Soviet government's human rights policies and its refusal to let more Soviet Jews emigrate.

While the free world celebrates Scharansky's release, it must also realize that there are many others in the Soviet Union who have been denied this same privilege. In 1979, 51,320 Soviet Jews were allowed to leave the country; last year only 1,140 were.

Andrei Sakharov is still being held prisoner in Gorki, and Scharansky is now trying to secure the release of his brother and 77-year-old mother. The fact that the Soviet leaders have to force their citizens to stay in the country is a powerful statement about life under communist rule—one that should not be lost on the West.

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Sexism noted in sisterhood

Editor:
In response to Dr. Kaplan and the SAE sisters:

Both parties have legitimate points but I feel Dr. Kaplan is on the right track. His basic point was that little sisters become the "little women" in our traditional society. The SAE sisters deny this, saying they're independent and have their own strengths and that SAE and the sisters are a big family. This is legitimate. But what is hard to see is that any sister organization in principle, is in a traditional role—that of subordinate.

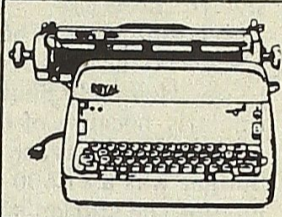
In a recent "Campus Comment" in *The Almanian*, people remarked that sister organizations are a good idea because they enable women to become Greek affiliated without being Greek, and that it is the woman's choice whether to be affiliated or not, or how active she wishes to be.

In all truth it is very possible to be incredibly *supportive*, but not active. The women are only affiliated—they have no voting rights in regards to the fraternity. Among sisters there can be voting and organizational activities and even dues, but the sisters are still separated from and subordinate to the fraternity, *no matter how close the brother-sister friendships are*. Being affiliated without being active is *riding along on someone else's success*, and that's where the parallel of the traditional marriage comes into play. A woman in a traditional marriage is dependent upon the success of her husband.

Just as traditional marriage is sexist, I feel the entire Greek system is sexist by dividing men and women into fraternities and sororities. A truly *liberating* system would involve a group of men and women who have equal responsibility and equal membership—much like the modern, liberated marriages of today.

The point of this letter is not to attack individuals or any specific group, but to attack society and the traditional subordination of women.

Mary-Lynn Fitch



Letters to the Editor

Editor:
I would like to commend Joy Miska on her column entitled "Communist fear getting out of hand."

Being a member of Second South Mitchell ("Home of the Second South Conservatives") is not too easy if you are a liberal, or anything other than a member of the radical right movement. Their response to Ms. Miska's article was exactly what I predicted. They said, "she's a fool, a commie sympathizer!"

Ms. Miska is absolutely right when she states that the conservatives fear liberals, whom they think are communists. This reminds me of a song written by Neil Peart

called "Witch Hunt." He writes that "ignorance, and prejudice, and fear walk hand in hand."

The fact is that liberals do not condone communism. The idea that Ms. Miska is communicating is that we, as a nation, should not fear the people of communist nations. They, not unlike ourselves, really have no control over what their government does. If one thinks that we have that control, one should try to tell Congress that he or she has some great idea to better our country (just see what happens).

Anyway, the ideals of the conservatives force them to
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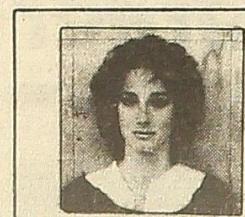
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True co-ed option not available at Alma



Joy Miska

Alma's campus is pretty sophisticated; we've got technically advanced laboratories, two different and elaborate computer systems available to students and faculty, a new million dollar sports complex, and a lot of complicated audio-visual equipment.

We also pride ourselves on the contemporary nature of our school's philosophies; the admissions office will tell a lot of prospective students this term that Alma is a school that adequately prepares students for the future.

There is however, an aspect of the campus community that is sadly behind in our collective effort to help Alma face the realities of the 20th century. With all of our sophistication and talk of modern values, our housing opportunities still reflect the pristine moral idea that men and women cannot, and should not, successfully live together.

With the administration's recent move to open first floor Brazell to women, housing is an often-heard topic around campus. While the Brazell switch is fair to the women on campus, it didn't answer the larger question of why we have no totally co-educational housing on campus (other than Kirk House).

Alma's co-ed housing doesn't even live up to the definition of the term. Co-educational housing commonly means that men and women live together, next to each other. Here, men and women in "co-ed" dorms are separated by floors and ceilings, or occasionally quads.

The only true co-ed housing that Alma offers is Kirk House, where men and women share the same house and live in rooms next to each other. Kirk House, however, sleeps only eight people, and these people need to have some form of international experience to qualify for residence.

The reason that I am a strong proponent of honest-to-God co-ed housing on this campus is that, quite simply, this type of living is reality. Unless one is looking into

monasteries, convents, or something similar, individuals aren't going to find apartment buildings that allow only females on one floor and only males on another.

Further, we—as males and females—have a lot to learn from each other, and one such lesson is that we really are more alike than different. We go to class together, we study together, we eat at Saga together, and we party together. Why, then, can't we live in rooms next to each other?

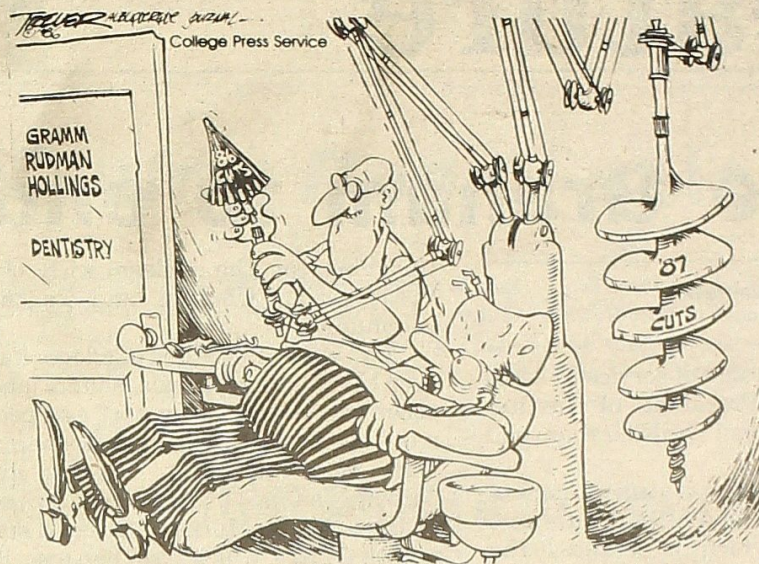
There is an aged idealism that men and women setting up living quarters close to each other are immoral; it seems that this may play a part in the inopportunities of our housing system. Males and females living in separate rooms next to each other are no more nor less moral than if they were separated by ceilings and floors.

There is also a belief that men and women living next to each other promotes irresponsible sex, and I find myself hoping that this isn't part of our housing problem. We all know that people are going to do whatever they decide to do—whether they live next door, a flight of stairs away, or across campus from a special person.

Many other schools provide true co-ed options; Central Michigan, to the north, is one such school. Really, it is competitive for us—when recruiting prospective students—to provide this opportunity.

I am not suggesting that we eliminate all segregated housing on campus. People need to be able to choose from all sorts of options, and true co-ed housing should be one of them. We even have a dorm that could be easily converted, as either of the south complex buildings could be made co-ed by suite.

It seems the administration's next housing move should be to consider providing Alma students with the chance to live in the 20th century.



South Africa needs less pressure

As the new session of Congress approaches, one can almost be certain that some lawmakers will propose legislation dealing with South Africa. This legislation will probably center on two objectives: 1) the enactment of more extensive economic sanctions by the U.S. and its allies, and 2) gaining the release of Nelson Mandela. While these actions will be portrayed as attempts to change South Africa's repugnant system of apartheid, the results of these efforts will be counterproductive to the presumed goal of these activists, that is, the dismantling of apartheid as quickly and peacefully as possible.

The short-term effects of new sanctions would be twofold. First, they would create a vacuum in the South African economy which would most likely be filled by South African businesses. These businesses would not be subject to anything like the Sullivan Principles, which guarantee that blacks are

treated fairly in businesses owned by U.S. companies.

A second result would be an increase in unemployment among the very same blacks we are supposedly trying to help. Any economic downturn in South Africa's already recession-ridden economy would lead to cutbacks in production and, therefore, the loss of jobs, especially the lower paying ones held mostly by blacks.

Possible long-term effects of new sanctions are not too cheerful either. New sanctions would certainly strengthen the hands of the hard-liners in the South African government who are resisting any changes that would give blacks and coloreds more rights. Moderates, both black and white, who

have been working for peaceful change would find the carpet pulled from underneath them.

South Africa could also choose to enact some sanctions of its own against the U.S. The U.S. is dependent on South Africa for a variety of strategic minerals (manganese, platinum, chromium, diamonds, and uranium to name a few). Any boycott of these minerals would have disastrous effects on U.S. steel, auto, aerospace and electronics industries—again, to name a few. South Africa, then, should not be treated like the spoiled child that some U.S. policy makers seem to think it is.

The other probable demand see SOUTH AFRICA page 11



Chris Slater

Optimism from Alma's past

By Dr. E. H. Pattison
Advisor

February and March aren't your happiest college months, if what a Dean of Men told me as a freshman quite a few years ago is still true. The days are short, the weather is cold, the academic pressures are high, job placements worry seniors, and many think chances for a good time are scarce or terribly regulated.

But if you think it was never this bad before, a look at Alma fifty years ago would show you an even bleaker situation. Seven years into the Great Depression, the physical plant consisted of seven buildings. The newest were a still incomplete gymnasium and a nine-year-old "President's Home"; the others dated to the turn of the century.

With endowments eaten into for repairs to the buildings and little chance for growth, it just didn't look as if the college was going anywhere. Before the Golden Anniversary's echoes had died out in



Historical Perspective

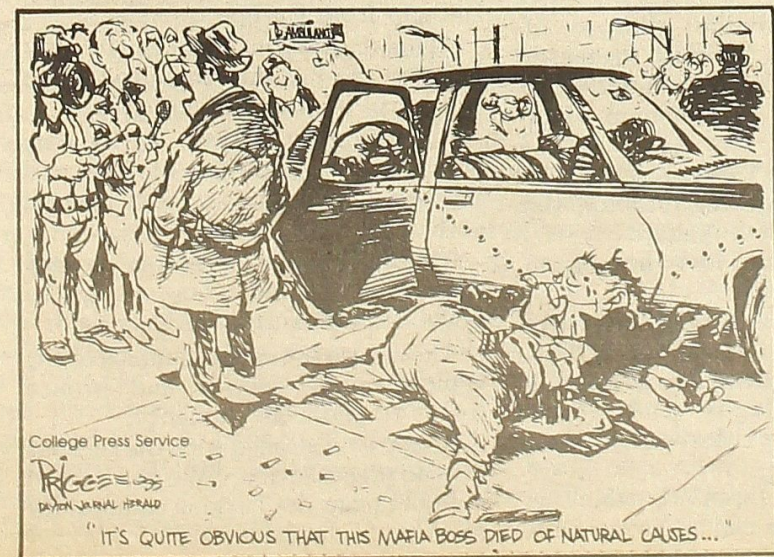
1937, a president of twenty-one years had resigned.

It was the first of several times in the next decade when the college had to take drastic steps to survive. The Board of Trustees examined the college's situation so that despite grave lingering problems a new president could gain new friends and support for the college.

The man they chose was the only alumnus of the college who has ever become its president. They knew him as "Wirts" in college days at the turn of the century, when he had been baseball team captain and written for *The Almanian* and then edited it for two years. He entered the ministry and became a pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo.

There was no question about his loyalty to Alma mater: "The Rev. Dr. John Wirt Dunning" (1882-1950) spoke often on campus, and had been a trustee since 1923. As president, he moved quickly to create confidence. He told students there would be new buildings, new faculty members, a revived art department and a new speech department, and a stress on "college democracy."

Soon six new faculty and four new staff were added; Col. Frank Knox, of present "Ad Building" fame, a trustee since 1930, agreed to open an expansion drive; the colonial brick faculty homes that now house sororities were built; the present college chapel was built for a little over \$65,000; see PAST page 11



Feature

Guile Graham to end lengthy Alma career

By Pamela Ensinger
Staff Writer

After many years of service to Alma College, Vice-President of Institutional Development Guile Graham will retire this year.

Graham began as a student here in the fall of 1940, and attended for two years, after which he entered the military. He returned to Alma in 1946, and graduated with a degree in economics in 1948. He did graduate work at Michigan State University in counseling and guidance, and also at the State University of New York in

"My work for Alma College has been to encourage...support."
—Guile Graham

Buffalo.

From 1948-53 Graham served as Alma College's first official director of admissions and alumni relations. During that time he was granted a one and a half year leave of absence while he was commissioned as a captain of the 82nd Artillery Battery.

From 1953-58 he was the assistant manager of the Engineering Society of Detroit, which has an approximate membership of 6,500 Michigan engineers.

In 1958 Graham served as the assistant to the pastor of the Westminster Church of Detroit, a Presbyterian church with 3,500 members. He was in charge of church administrative affairs, and worked also as the director of Camp Westminster, a summer camp at Higgins Lake.

Twenty-five years ago, in 1961, Graham returned once again to Alma College and was responsible for alumni and public relations. He was named vice-president of institutional development in 1969 and continues to hold that position, which entails maintaining the external portion of rela-

tionships for the college with the Presbyterian Church, and in the community.

"My work for Alma College has been to encourage friends, alumni (and other associates) to support and promote the institution," said Graham.

He cited his most exciting experience as a 1972 incident when Trustee Charlie McIntyre pledged one million dollars, which was then matched by two other trustees and the college. This contributed greatly to the college's Endowment Fund, which was invested and "helped set the college on course," Graham said.

Income from this fund helps to account for the discrepancy between student tuition/fees and the operational expenses of the college, Graham explained.

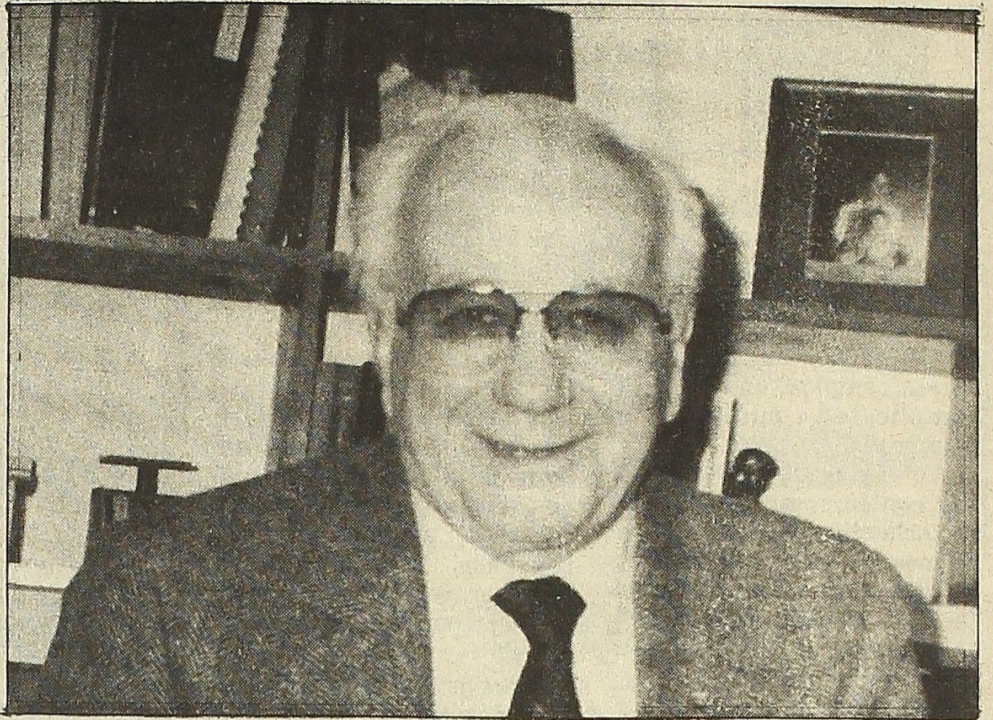
In his spare time, Graham is a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Masonic Order, Rotary International and Alma's First Presbyterian Church, where he serves as an elder. He is also on the Gratiot County United Fund Board.

"From the beginning (as a student), Alma College has had a unique personality—it's always felt comfortable, friendly and warm," Graham said. He added, "I meet friends that I haven't seen in twenty-five years, and the conversation picks up where

"From the beginning Alma College has had a unique personality."
—Guile Graham

it left off."

After retiring, Graham plans to continue living in Alma, where he wants to devote more time to his home, yard and garden. He is married and has three daughters and two grandchildren, and plans to spend a lot of time with his twelve-year old grandson, Curtis. He also enjoys attending auctions.



Retiring Vice President of Institutional Development Guile Graham

photo by Steven Thompson

Dance Common Hour to explore entire process

By Denise Coiner
Staff Writer

Carol Fike, assistant professor of dance, and Alma dance students will present "The Creation of a Dance: From Process to Product" as this week's Common Hour in Dow Auditorium Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Fike intends to show the audience the process of a dance, beginning with the "first seed." The dancers will "learn different steps" as the audience "watches a rehearsal," Fike explained. The show will proceed through rehearsals, the selection of music, and decisions on costumes and lighting. The dance finally "comes together in an end product on opening night," Fike said.

The purpose of this Common Hour, according to Fike, is to "show the au-

dience all the steps involved in taking a dance from its first idea to the final product."

The end of the program will show the finished product. Tania Cargill, Barb Erdody, Kathy Kaufman, Hope Waller, Ann Yunger and Cynthia Zolinski will perform "Winterscape." The romantic modern ballet dance was choreographed by Fike. Scott Messing will play Franz Schubert's "Raven" on the piano while William Nichols will sing.

Yunger stated the performance "will let people know there is more to a performance than just the performance."

"A lot of work and dedication," according to Waller, are involved in a dance. Common Hour will allow the people to "see how involved a performance is."

Political awareness group promotes communication

By Lisa Donahue
Staff Writer

The Student Organization for Political Awareness, a newly formed political action group, is attempting to keep the campus informed about political issues.

According to President Matt Turner, the organization's main goal is to open up healthy communications

"We want to motivate the student body to become involved."

—Matt Turner

between the student body and the administration.

"Right now, we don't feel that the communication lines are very good," Turner said. "We want to assert group autonomy for the organizations on campus so that they can function without the help of the administration."

Other officers of the organization include Vice President Chris Slater, Secretary Linda Butzow and

Treasurer Dawn Doyle. The group now has about 25 members and meets every Tuesday at 10 p.m. in AC 113.

"We usually divide into subcommittees," Turner said, "and each subcommittee focuses on specific issues such as local campus issues, national and international issues or current events."

Currently, the group is channeling efforts to find an alternative to Saga's control over events in Van Dusen Commons.

The subcommittees work in much the same way on other issues, trying to devise some kind of action that they can take as a group, such as picketing or writing congress members, Turner said.

"We want to motivate the student body to become involved with issues that effect them directly and to become aware of the things that are happening, not just here but on other campuses throughout the United States," said Turner.

The organization encourages anyone who is interested to come to their meetings, which are informal and open to everyone.

Turkish culture shared visually at Common Hour

By Diane Schefke
News Editor

Providing an inside glimpse of Turkish culture, Visiting Professor Dora Aksoy showed slides and a video tape of Turkey at Common Hour Thursday.

Aksoy, a native Turk, presented the slide show, highlighting Istanbul, the Bosphorus strait and Ankara.

"I love Istanbul. I love the Aegean coast," Aksoy said.

His presentation included historical and geographical facts about Turkey, a country that he describes as ranging from small villages with cattle everywhere to big cities with modern structures.

For example, Istanbul, which is referred to as the city of seven hills,

is the only city in the world which spans two continents. It is located on both sides of the Bosphorus, spanning the gap from Europe to Asia.

"This (Bosphorus) strait is the only way for the Russian ships to (reach) the warm oceans," Aksoy said.

According to Aksoy, Turks consume great quantities of fish and mussels as well as the famous Turkish coffee.

"No machine in the states can get (the coffee grounds) fine enough to make Turkish coffee," Aksoy said.

Aksoy also brought examples of the typical coffee service and bronze works to show the audience.

Aksoy was pleased with the turnout for the presentation. "We got a lot of support from the Turkish community (in Alma)," he said.

Entertainment

Cast for winter play, *The Dining Room*, selected

By Lora Helou
Staff Writer

The six member cast of *The Dining Room* is spending long hours rehearsing for Alma's winter term 1986 play production on March 14, 15, 21 and 22.

Written by A. R. Gurney Jr. as an unpublished dramatic composition, *The Dining Room* was first produced off-Broadway in 1982. Each member of the cast (three actors and three actresses) play multiple roles in this modern-day drama about human relationships.

The play takes place during the course of a day in a dining room — or rooms — as the characters in the scenes change. *The Dining Room* is

not a play about dishes, food or costume changes, but rather a play about the people in each particular dining room.

"*The Dining Room* is a play about strong family values and behavior patterns as seen in the dining room, a place where people traditionally have time together," said director Rodney Vaccaro, visiting artist-in-residence at Alma. "There is comedy and drama in this play; it's very real life."

Scenes in the dining rooms range from a brother and sister trying to divide their mother's belongings, to a business deal between an architect and a psychiatrist, to two lovers having tea and being interrupted by the woman's son.

Vaccaro said, "I've always

been attracted to plays with just pure human interaction, not highly technical, just two people having a conversation."

The cast includes sophomore Amanda Still, junior Paulette Pattee and freshman Sara Snyder. Three freshmen make up the male cast, including Kevin Kenny, Tony Corrie and Steve Morgan.

Still, who plays ten different characters in *The Dining Room*, said "the hardest part about playing multiple characters is keeping away from using stereotypes to distinguish one character from another. I want to portray them with subtle differences, the kind there are between most people."

All six of *The Dining Room*

cast members were also actors in the Alma's fall term production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Three students from Alma College are participating in the Gratiot County Players production of *Pillow Talk* by Christopher Sergel.

Freshmen Kevin Kenny and Tony Corrie, along with Rad Brauher, who graduated fall term, are the Alma College actors in this production. The

The Dining Room will be performed in Dow Auditorium and admission will be \$2.00 and \$1.50 for students. Ticket reservations begin March 10.

play opened last weekend and will be performed again from February 20 through the 22 at 8:00 p.m. at the Gratiot County Playhouse in St. Louis.

Kenny said the play is "a good background for summer work and good experience."

The Gratiot County Players' next production also involves Alma College; Carol Fike, assistant professor of dance, is choreographing *Hello Dolly*.

Alma actors in county play

By Michelle Matlenga
Staff Writer

Art gallery shows new multi-media exhibition

By Lora Helou
Staff Writer

In coordination with the Co-Curricular Affairs Committee, Alma's Department of Art & Design is sponsoring a multi-media exhibition featuring the Inter-Arts Association of Dearborn Heights through March 14.

Now showing in the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery and the Lounge gallery is an exhibition

of prints and photography by four members of the Inter-Arts Association, David Doubleday, Thomas Frank, Hugh F. Semple, Jr. and Jack O. Summers.

Gallery director Robert Rozier said that Doubleday's medium is still life in his photography, while Frank works with printmaking and photographic and film making media. Semple's works in photography show his interest

and study of psychology and anthropology and Summers' photography explores the human form to make his own visual statement.

"The Edward Weiss Ensemble in Concert: Music for the New Century," is a forward-looking program of electronic music with dance, theatre and visual arts, which includes works from the Inter-Arts Associates.

According to Rozier, "Com-

poser Ed Weiss, the founder of Inter-Arts Associates, has directed his energies to exploring varied relationships between the aural and visual arts. His creative works range from compositions for orchestra and chamber ensembles to electronic music and the multi-media."

"Weiss is really the creative mind behind the Inter-Arts Associates and with this ensemble," Rozier went on.

"He is trying to pull together varied art media in a performance of dance, visual arts and electronic music as one expressive unit."

The Edward Weiss Ensemble is scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. in the Chapel Wednesday, March 12, while the visual arts, printmaking and photography part of the Inter-Arts Associates effort will be on exhibition in the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery.

LSO/Jethro Tull and Elton John fall short of potential

By J.D. Jacobson
Staff Writer

London Symphony Orchestra plays the music of Jethro Tull *A Classic Case* RCA Records

This record is another experiment with trying to incorporate rock music with an orchestra and feed it to a contemporary audience. David Palmer conducts the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) and Jethro Tull members Ian Anderson, Martin Barre, Peter Vitesse and Dave Pegg make guest appearances. A classical orchestra plays the music of a truly classic rock band but the music produced is rather shallow and unappealing.

The music is alive and driving but lacks the subtleties and changes in timbre an orchestra can easily achieve. This is primarily due to the adequate but less than brilliant orchestrations and conducting done by Palmer, now a full-time conductor but a Tull band member in the late '70s.

Palmer's interpretations would be suitable if there were vocals to the songs. Anderson's vivid lyrics are an integral part of Tull's music and are greatly missed on this album.

The LSO performed the rock

opera *Tommy* a few years ago but it featured guest vocalists to play the characters in the opera. The result was extraordinary. There is no reason vocals couldn't have been added here with room for orchestral solos which would have complemented both aspects of the Tull.

"Bouree," originally a Bach piece, moves gracefully while evolving into a sharp, climactic ending. Anderson's choppy flute compliments the bass line well but his grunt-over-flute technique seems inappropriate here.

"Aqualung" still contains the bold, menacing suspense that it did in Tull's original version while careful subtleties are added in this recording. However, they don't make up for the missing vocals.

Three of the songs are excellently orchestrated: "Fly by Night," "Living in the Past," and "War Child." "Fly by Night" shows the care and surprise an orchestra can offer in its stirring blend of strings, percussion, brass and flute. "Living in the Past" varies the melody line between different instruments, including Anderson's breathy flute.

"War Child" is the most powerful song on the album while also being the most elegant. The soft strings and oboe are conquering and build

to a shimmering climax. It's deeply emotional while still dark and dismal as in Tull's own version. The song isn't typical of the other bright and rocking orchestrations in other songs.

Overall, this is a good album but sadly lacking the lyrics of the scraggly haired, shabby clothed, wild-eyed Anderson. The arrangements by Palmer are excellent in spots but dull and drab in others. The album contains nearly all of Tull's

By Don Wheaton
Staff Writer

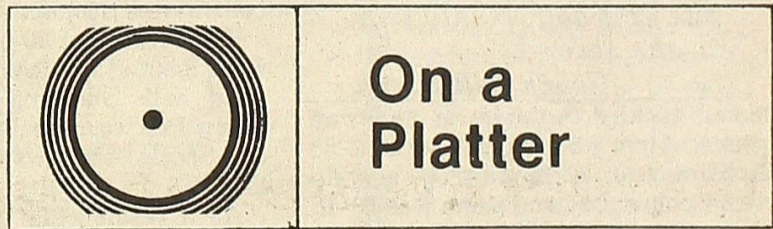
ELTON JOHN—
Ice on Fire
Geffen Records

Throughout the years, Elton John has proven himself to be a performer with longevity and appeal. He is an old dog that has learned many tricks in the past.

Unfortunately, on *Ice on Fire* his tricks are as old as the dog: there really isn't much quality material on the LP.

Sure, *Ice on Fire* sees John reunited with the producer of his heyday years, Gus Dudgeon; in addition, John writes once again with longtime lyricist partner Bernie Taupin.

John has assembled an impressive list of performers, including longtime guitarist Davey Johnstone, Queen's



greatest hits, including a medley of "Teacher," "Bungle in the Jungle," "Rainbow Blues," and "Locomotive Breath."

Roger Taylor and John Deacon, Nik Kershaw, Kiki Dee, and George Michael of Wham!

For all his efforts, though, John probably shouldn't have bothered. With few exceptions, *Ice on Fire* sounds like an assemblage of clunkers he could have released ten years ago.

One of the exceptions is the sassy "Wrap Her Up," with John and Michael on co-vocals and a snappy horn section in the back. This is some exceptional work for the aging master.

Perhaps the finest ballad John and Taupin have penned in a long time is "Nikita," a story about an impossible love affair with a Russian woman. John knows his way around a good ballad, and he navigates this one perfectly.

The storyline of "Nikita" is

Diehard Tull fans will appreciate this album along with crossover listeners of both classical music and contemporary rock and pop.

almost ironic, incidentally, for John was the first rock star allowed to perform in the Soviet Union.

But past "Wrap Her Up" and "Nikita," the material of the LP shows how thin the *Ice on Fire* truly is.

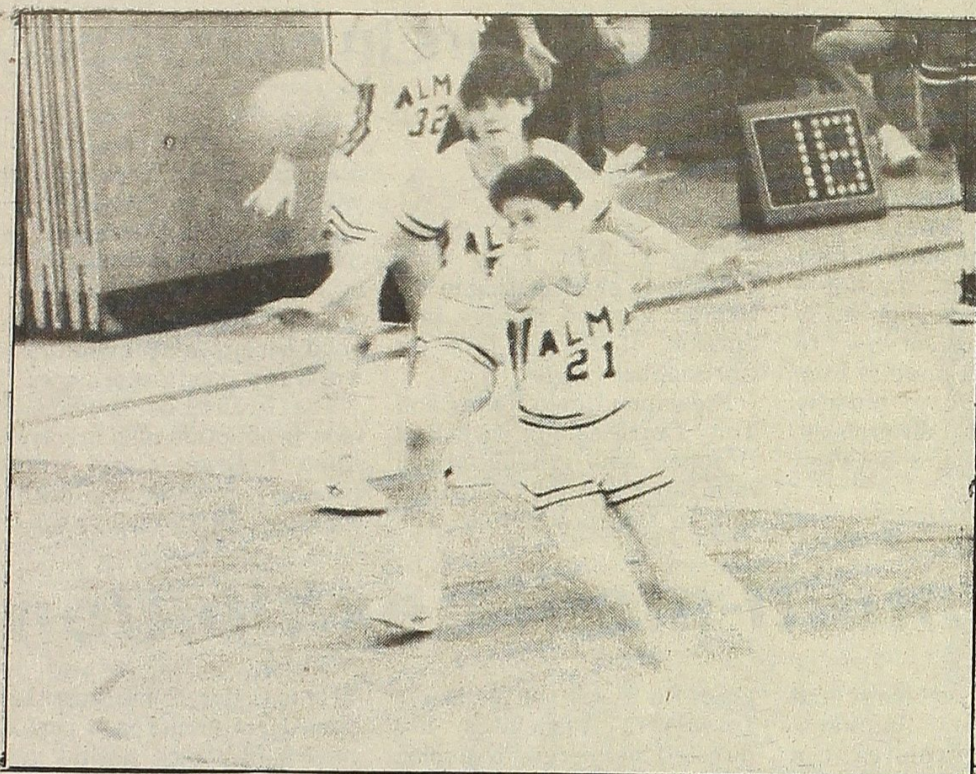
If these clunkers prove anything, however, they show the pervasive influence that John has had on contemporary pop stars, and how his worst material rivals the best of groups like Michael's Wham!

Ice on Fire sounds like a transparent attempt to just put out an album quickly, without much thought. It has been rumored that John desires to switch labels, to Polygram Records. After *Ice on Fire*, he may just get his wish. Not recommended (buy the singles and save some money).

Sports

What a week!

Lady cagers beat Aquinas, Siena Heights, Olivet; snag MIAA title, break record for most wins



Mary Duff tries to intercept a pass

photo by Peter Schulz

By Denise Coiner
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team triumphed in three games last week and, in the process, rose in the rankings to 6th in the nation among Division III schools, broke the team record for most wins in a season, and clinched the MIAA title.

On Monday, Feb. 10, the varsity

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—Coach Bill Klenk

Scots tackled Aquinas in an away game. Alma jumped out to a 28-23 halftime lead. Extending the lead up to 17 points, the end score was 61-48 in favor of Alma. Coach Bill Klenk called the Aquinas match a "good game entirely" as they "held Aquinas to 33 percent shooting."

Tammy Feenstra led the Alma offense with 18 points, ten of which came in the second half. Sal DeGraw, in her best offensive effort, put away 15 points while Mary Duff added ten points. Feenstra also led the defense with nine rebounds.

The Siena Heights game on Feb. 13 started differently for the Scots. At the half, Siena Heights was in the lead, 30-22. After the half, the Cagers scored 11 points to Siena Heights' two, to take a 33-32 lead which Alma maintained. Klenk also "changed defenses from zone to man-to-man." The turnovers decreased drastically from "17 in the first half to only four in the second," stated Klenk.

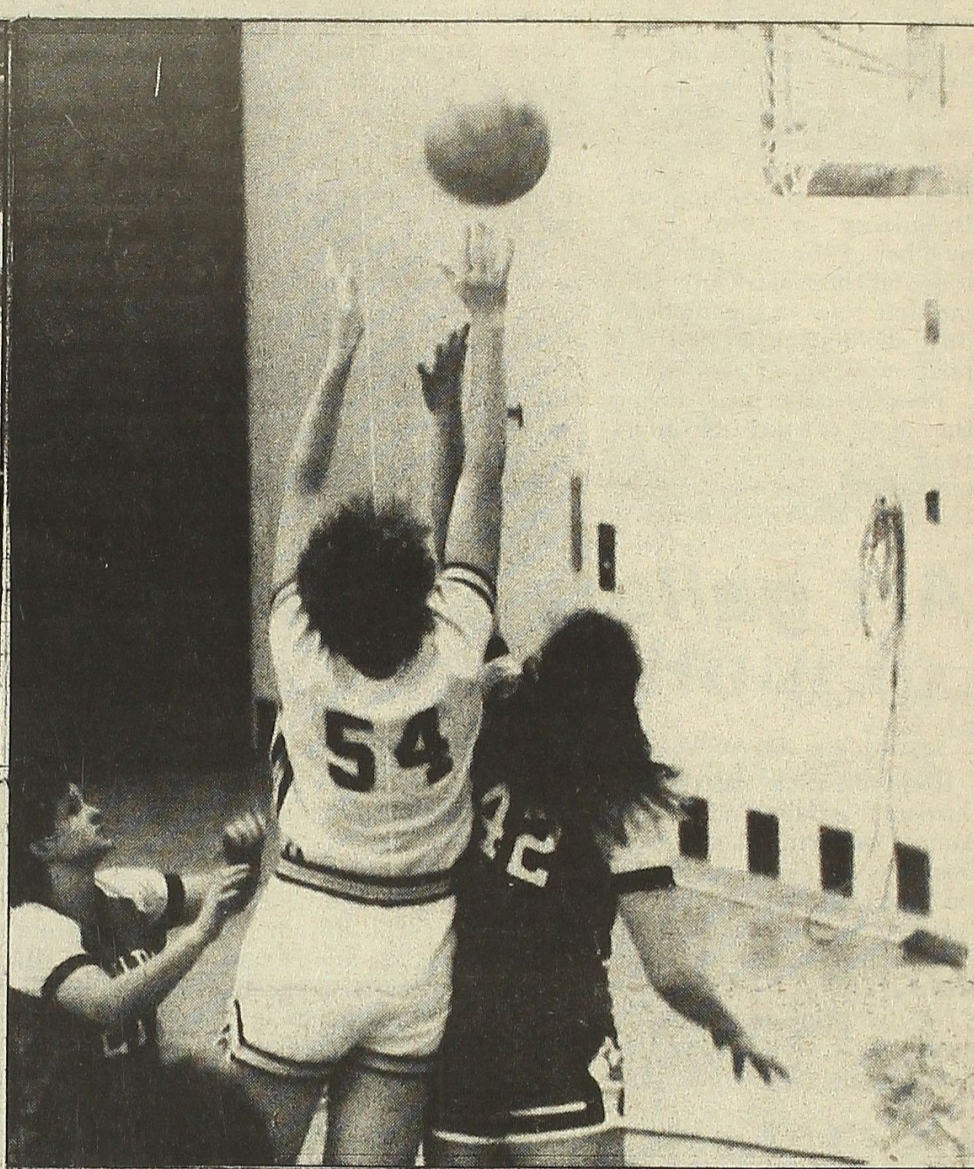
Feenstra, scoring 18 points in the second half, was the team's leading scorer with 20 points. Kris Johnson contributed 15 points.

The Scots shot 50 percent from the field, most of which occurred in the second half. Shooting from the free throw line was equally successful for the Scots; Alma was 9-10 from the line.

As a result of a 19-2 record, the 1985-86 Scots broke the school's record for most wins, which was set by last year's record of 18-6.

Since the Scots are 9-0 in the conference and Hope College lost on Tuesday, the Scots only needed to win one of their last three games to capture the MIAA title.

The Scots became division champions as they beat Olivet 93-46 at home on Saturday, Feb. 15. Four



Tammy Feenstra fights for the rebound

photo by Peter Schulz

Scots had double figures: Duff, 18 points; Feenstra, 16 points; Johnson, 14 points; and Karen Ball, ten points.

The Scots were also productive on defense. Feenstra was the team's leading rebounder with ten boards. DeGraw, Ball, Pam Imhoff, and Lori Teunessen each had seven rebounds.

The JV team extended their winning streak to eight games as they won three more.

The JV Scots beat Aquinas 62-51. Sharon Slawski was the leading scorer with 24 points, shooting twelve of 17 from the field.

The JV team then beat Siena Heights, 77-59. Coach Ray Allen stated the team shot "74 percent in the second half." Heather Hall

powered the offense with 22 points while Lisa Elbers dominated the defense with 14 rebounds.

The Scots beat Grand Rapids Junior College, keeping them at 30 percent shooting for the game. In the 75-50 victory, Slawski was the leading scorer with 16 points. Michelle Myers and Forrie Sovereign stabilized the offense with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Monica Thornburg led the defense with 16 rebounds as Elbers grabbed 12 rebounds.

The varsity Scots end the regular season with two league games. Alma plays Adrian at home tomorrow at 7 p.m. The Cager's last game is on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Hope.

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Swimming season ends in defeat to Albion

By Anne Couch
Sports Editor

Alma swimmers were defeated in their last regular season meet at Albion Wednesday night. Both the men's and women's teams lost by 44 points, the men's score being 78-34 and the women's, 76-32.

Chris Slater and Jeff Schamanek were the only first place winners for the men. Slater won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:52.9, his best time in MIAA competition. Schamanek won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:00.4.

Individual second place finishers for the men were: Phil Pattengale in the

50- and 100-yard freestyles, Schamanek in the 200-yard medley (2:16.05), and Dave Clyne in the 100-yard butterfly (:56.7).

The team of Pattengale, Clyne, Paul Kurtzhals, and Todd Emerson placed second in the 400-yard relay and that of Schamanek, Slater, Clyne, and Jim Dunbar in the 400 medley.

In diving, Fred Morley and Dave Quigley took second places in the one meter competition and three meter diving, respectively.

On the women's team Lynne Harvey and Cindy Hulquist both took two first places.

Harvey swam the 200-yard freestyle in 2:11.6, besting the second place

finisher by eight seconds. She was also victorious racing the 500-yard freestyle for her first time in MIAA competition with a 5:46.2 finish.

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competition. In the 100-yard freestyle, Hulquist outswam her closest opponent by 2.8 seconds.

Kim Slater, Tammy Waidelich, and the 400-yard relay team of Harvey, Slater, Hulquist and Janine Eggert-

son were second place finishers for the women's team. Slater swam the 100-yard freestyle in 1:51.1, Waidelich finished at 1:51.1 in 100-yard breaststroke, and the relay team lost by only 5.6 seconds in a 4:16.6 finish.

Special mention should go to

freshman Beth Serwick. After finishing in fifth place previous weeks in the 100-yard freestyle, Serwick captured third place Wednesday with a time of 1:13.7, down from previous times of 1:27 and 1:21.

Scots romp Nazareth 102-53, lose to Olivet

By Kevin C. Kenny
Staff Writer

The Scot cagers redefined the word "romp" at the expense of Nazareth College this week in a non-conference 102-53 slaughter before suffering a 83-77 MIAA defeat to Olivet. The week's exploits left Alma's overall record at 7-14 with a 3-7 conference record.

In Wednesday's home contest, the game was nip-and-tuck for the first four minutes. After the Scots broke a 10-10 tie, the Alma cagers buried the Moles with shots falling from every corner, and the halftime buzzer saw an insurmountable 48-18 lead.

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The game's final minutes were marked by expectation. Would the Scots reach the century mark? Bob Borowski's affirmative answer was an underhanded shot with 25 seconds left in the game.

Scott Lewis paced the Alma College attack with 18 points, while reserves Joe Graunke and Pat Hengesbach canned 14 apiece. Mark Bussell chipped in with 12 markers, and for the first time this season, every Alma player scored.

Saturday, Olivet brought the Scots back to reality, sending Alma's cagers home with a loss.

"We shot very well," Coach Chris Ragsdale stated, "but it was our inability to stop Olivet defensively that hurt us. When you score 77 points, you expect to win."

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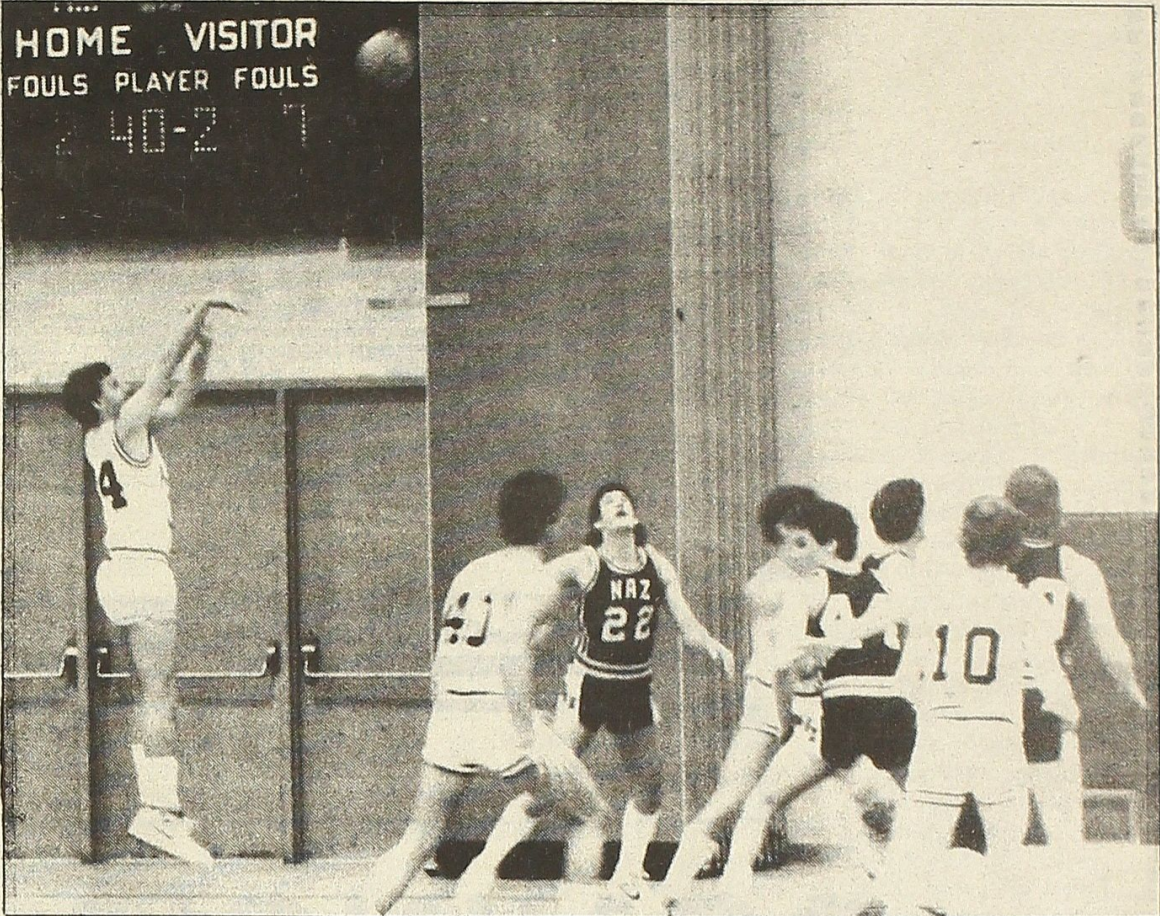
Late in the game, the Scots were forced to foul, and the Comets responded by making charity shots under pressure to hold on for the win.

The Scots, which played without Bussell due to a hand injury, shot 58 percent (33-57), but were out-rebounded 38-27.

Lewis sparked once again with 29 points, and John Mohre, filling in for Bussell, put on a strong offensive performance with 7 of 10 field goals and 5 of 6 freethrows for 19 points.

The JVs defeated Jordan College of Grand Rapids Wednesday behind Mohre's 22 point performance, but were edged 73-72 Saturday at Olivet.

The Scots travel to Adrian Wednesday before ending the season against Hope at home Friday night.



Mark Bennett shoots from the corner

photo by Peter Schulz

IM basketball playoffs progress

Last night was to be the final battle for the intramural championships; however, the women's league crowned the Slammers the champions after their victory over Yea Rah earlier in the week.

In Men's A League semifinals M.M.A. defeated Rags to Riches to get a bid in the final round. Nevertheless, Rags to Riches will play M.M.A. in the championship

game after defeating Minority Admissions in the second bracket.

In Men's B League TKE will meet Savage Enterprise, who

defeated the Pistoffs, for the championship.

No. 230 beat TKE Grego in the second bracket of the Men's C League to meet OX in the finals.

All persons interested in becoming Intramural Directors for next year are asked to contact Denny Griffin. No experience is necessary and those selected will be paid.

On March 4, there will be a meeting for all students interested in intramural bowling. Also, racquetball players can look forward to a racquetball tournament to take place sometime in March.

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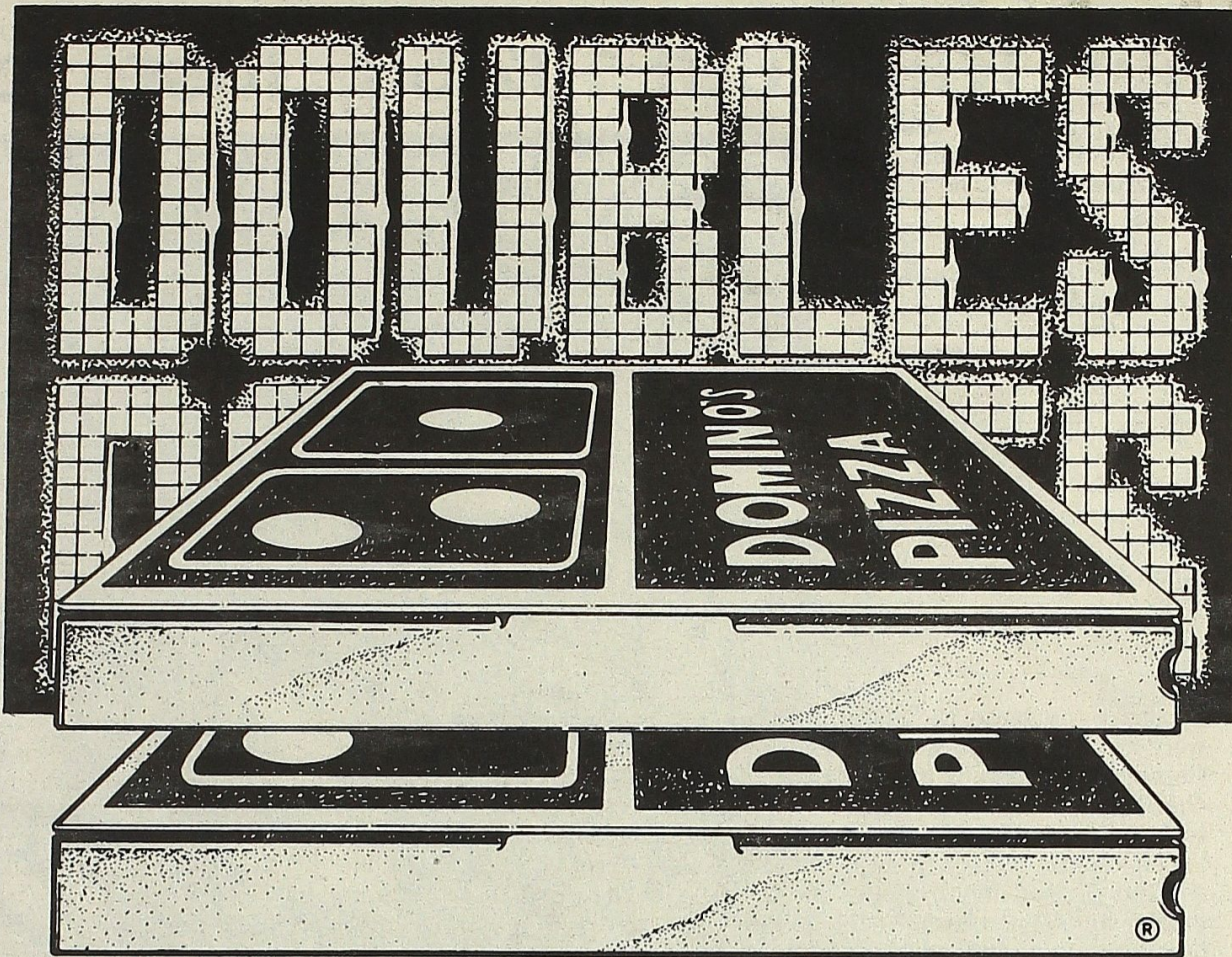
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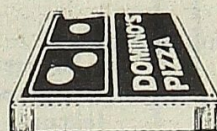
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fear those not on their side. It frightens me to hear conservatives' desire to kill the poor, the liberals, and the communists (not to mention all other non-conservative groups). This has a great deal to do with self-preservation, a major ideal for the conservative movement. I would imagine that if the conservatives were the only ones left on this planet, they would eventually destroy each other.

Mr. Slater's article rather disturbed me. However, if one is a conservative I suppose he is conforming to the correct opinion. At the risk of sounding like a conservative myself, or perhaps an isolationist, I believe that our policies of pouring millions, or billions, of dollars into foreign nations to keep them from the stifling grips of communism are atrocious.

We play this game with the Soviets to see who can give more aid to a country and win the hearts of its governments. Meanwhile, in our own country, small farmers are going bankrupt, our federal deficit soars (along with its cohort, the defense budget), and our social programs suffer (along with many other needed programs).

Of course this is all subjective "need," but it seems that

our government is more concerned with sticking its nose in the business of other countries, while our own nation suffers from malnutrition and indigestion at the same time. On the other hand, President Reagan, in his latest press conference, stated that the U.S. would keep its nose out of the election in the Philippines.

If this is so, then why do we choose to interfere in other cases? It all seems a bit arbitrary to me. In any caes, Mr. Slater, though he writes his column with intelligence, is guilty of that disheartening fear which plagues our high and mighty nation.

I might add that I do respect anyone's freedom of speech and thought (including GDI, Jim Elsenheimer).

Robert M. Henry

Editor:

A couple of weeks ago you ran an article on AIDS. I don't feel the story reflected the true nature of the disease's infection cababilities—AIDS, by all studies of leading researchers, is not easy to catch. The only ways of communicating the virus are through blood and semen. Casual contact myths such as those reported in the

Almanian's recent article have only led to the hysteria that has been needlessly sweeping our country.

Lori J. Woodard

Editor:

Since I did not get a second response in last Thursday's stimulating and informative discussion on fraternity sisterhoods, would you allow me two notes?

First: In my fraternity's 1983 convention my undergraduate brothers and I voted against the proposal to restrict our Order of Diana membership to mothers, wives, fiances, pin-mates, etc. Since the proposal did not pass, at the time we succeeded in preserving local option for the kind of discussion we had here Thursday. We *voted*; we did not "walk out laughing" (the ancient Greeks had a name for walking a separate path; they called it "idiocy").

Second: For what it's worth, and what it may mean: since my national fraternity never had any racial or religious restrictions on membership, it never had to face that question, and consequently may not be able to apply Dr.

Kaplan's parting analogy. Our chapter at Alma pioneered in using the national's freedom, to pledge blacks and orientals. Alfred McClung Lee's *Fraternities Without Brotherhood* could not have been written about that bias in our chapter and, at least in that respect, the book was not about us.

Eugene H. Pattison '56
Zeta Delta chapter of TKE

Editor:

The February 13 meeting on fraternity sister organizations will turn out to have been one of the most significant discussions of the social life of this campus. I was privileged to be moderator of the panel. I learned a lot; I think we all did.

No person who attended that meeting believes that the issue was resolved or that discussion can stop here. That is the reason for this letter; several perverse things could happen now that would either prematurely stop constructive dialogue or drive it in a very unhealthy direction.

My key concern is with regard to the reactions of this campus to the women who spoke their minds and publicly exposed their hearts at the values workshop. The women on the panel—fraternity sisters, sorority members, and others—took considerable

risk.

The same may be said of many women in the audience who spoke candidly. They spoke in these ways out of deep caring for relationships among women and men on this campus. They were generous and helpful.

These issues are complex and good friends commonly hold diametrically differing views. In some instances the voicing of these views was met with stares, glares, and contempt. This not only hurts personally, but, if perpetuated, will seriously damage social relationships on this campus.

I urge the following: respect for and honest consideration of differing views, patience and love so that relationships are not fractured, and serious efforts to create new and better relationships (individual and organizational) that will promote equality, opportunity, maturity, respect, and love.

Prejudices, narrow self-interests, distrust, emotionalism, put-downs, and rejection will cause serious social and personal damage rather than achieving the objectives we share. I urge that we listen patiently and open-mindedly to one another in the weeks ahead. Even good things can be made better.

Ronald O. Kapp

Past

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the college got its first "community government," a cooperative council of five faculty and five students; a higher enrollment goal was set, and by September 1938 enrollment had risen by a third.

There seemed to be optimism about making the college what Dunning called "a laboratory of Christian living." The college *was* going to grow, and the campus was going to be a place where people *could* learn to get along together!

So it's not surprising that "Wirts" Dunning worried

about things that excluded students or made them uncomfortable. The fraternities seemed undemocratic, he told the trustees; a number of students left Alma each year because they weren't invited to join. Because of this, he thought the trustees should consider whether to close them.

In those harsh times, Alma College, her students and faculty lived a hand-to-mouth existence. In June 1939, Dr. Dunning reported that finances were worse than he had realized: several annual deficits had been under-

reported by over half, because building repairs were left off the expense side. They still thought small deficits were necessary; they had strict budget controls, but got bank loans.

And an Alumni Association president named Adelbert H. Lindley tried several ways to help the college gain financial support. But in 1942 the total debt stood at over \$147,000; the end of the National Youth Administration, plus other adverse economic factors, boded the imminent closing of the college. In ill health since 1940, Dunning resigned in

May 1942, and at student request the trustees named the new chapel in his honor.

Alma College lived that hand-to-mouth existence for another ten years, under three more presidents, before things began to turn to the better. Now the campus is three times the size it was in Dr. Dunning's day.

The endowment that supports students' education is several times larger, and still growing. But trustees who are wiser—and a college which has greater resources to depend on—no longer allow themselves to risk the future

by spending the endowment. Because no one expects the enrollment to rise as it did in 1938.

If there is a problem with "Greeks"—as many will argue—it is scarcely that their events are exclusive or undemocratic. And that is probably what our February debates will be about.

One can hope that with greater resources than our struggling college ancestors of fifty years ago (maybe some of them were your grandparents), we can still be optimistic about finding ways to live well together.

South Africa

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is for the release of convicted terrorist Nelson Mandela. Mandela was imprisoned in June 1964 for planning to overthrow the South African

government and for acts of sabotage. Mandela and his thugs were planning to manufacture 48,000 anti-personnel mines, 210,000 hand

grenades and other bombs of various sizes.

Even Amnesty International refuses to call for Mandela's release because of his refusal to renounce violence. Why would we want this man released? Who would be willing to take responsibility for the murders he would instigate?

I have come to the conclusion that South Africa is the victim of something I will call "selective indignation." According to my theory, American liberals (mostly, but

not exclusively) are more than willing to tar-and-feather nations that are friendly to the U.S. while ignoring or downplaying those actions by our enemies.

It follows that the American left eagerly laps up Bishop Tutu's endless blather about how black children are starving in the streets (questionable indeed since people from neighboring countries are constantly trying to immigrate into South Africa, presumably for other reasons than to see their children starve) while it

ignores the actions of the monster Mengitsu (a Soviet puppet) and his genocidal objectives in Ethiopia.

Those who are really interested in seeing apartheid dismantled and not just feeling good about themselves should not be afraid to ease up on South Africa just a bit. It should be clear to everyone by now that outside pressure is not going to change apartheid. South Africa needs the time, just as the U.S. did, to work out its discriminatory practices by itself.

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Students are reminded to complete the financial aid renewal applications and Financial Aid Forms that were sent to them prior to the Christmas break. Michigan residents should have their FAFs sent to the state by March 15 to receive first consideration for awards. The Alma form should be completed and returned by April 15.

The maximum Michigan Scholarship/Grant this year was \$2100. The state appropriations process is just beginning. It is possible that an increase in the scholarship/grant program could occur if the governor and legislature can come to an agreement.

Federal aid programs are in the process of being reauthorized by Congress this year. The House has passed their version which renews existing programs with some minor changes. The Senate is still working on their portion of the bill. The Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction act could affect federal financial aid in 1986-87 by reducing appropriations 4.6 per cent. The process is still somewhat uncertain. More details will be known by spring or early summer.

If you have any questions about your financial aid or the renewal procedures, feel free to contact the financial aid office in the Kehrl Building.

STUDY IN WASHINGTON! The Washington Semester Program at American University allows Alma students to receive a full semester's credit while studying national government, economic policy, foreign policy, justice, or journalism in this wonderful city. Each program consists of intensive seminar, an internship, and either a research project or elective course from the large AU catalog. Recommended for juniors and seniors, though exceptional sophomores may also apply. For more information and/or application forms, bring your dinner into the Faculty Dining Room on Monday, Feb. 17, anytime from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Professor Davis will explain the program and answer questions. The deadline for Fall 1986 applications is March 17, 1986. (If you want more information, but can't attend this meeting, please see Prof. Davis in AC 324. Regular office hours are 10:30-Noon TWTh.)

When something goes wrong/I'm the first to admit it/The first to admit it/And the last one to know/When something goes right/It's likely to lose me/It's apt to confuse me/Because it's such an unusual sight/Can't get used to something so right/Something so right

(Paul Simon)

Maybe you'll get used to something right about Mass on Saturday, chapel services on Sunday, FCA on Monday, Vespers on Wednesday, Bible Study on Thursday, Prayer Breakfast on M-W-F. (Take Tuesday off.)

Cathy Carpenter, Chaplain, 7598

Larry: Welcome back. St. Elsewhere, Hill Street, and Horoscopes weren't the same without you. Hope that you enjoyed the 'heat', after all 35 is better than -5. Now take a deep breath—Tuesday will be awful—but Thursday G & Ts will make it better. Washington's only a week away!

Roomie 2

PLW:

In just four short days we will be together—I'm so very excited! Valentine's number four just wasn't the same without you here—we will have to make up for it at a later date. Keep smiling!

Love, Elyse

Heathen Goddess: GOTCHA!

JJ and the CC: I'm not trying to give wisdom, but rather provoke thought be saying what's on my mind. Maybe if you thought more of yourselves you would get farther. Before saying you are blind, try to open your eyes—you may be mistaken.

E.A.R.

The time grows near for Indiana Will, et al to journey to the peninsular state. Will it be hot tubs in the Windy City or will roaming in the Furniture City be all the excitement? In any event, I'm sure the Temple of Doom (?) will be tons of fun. Who's got the blender?

Dear eds,

The only words you left out of your "editorial guidelines" were "obscene" and "harsh."

"God," version 2 (A.K.A. "rational sexist")

TKEs,

If we wanted to apologize—we'd have done it by now.

Zeta Sigmas

Keep up the good work Roaring 20s, Stephanie, the gym won't be necessary, we're just a small group! Ann Y. is copying so horrible? Mrs. Carthur good thing you have your family to look after you. Burp! Julie H., you're not as clean as you think. Arthur, welcome back to the living. Julie P., how's couch life& (hee hee) Who's in the living room? Thirsty Niemeyer, don't worry, Meg's around! Wynne, midnight breakfast, huh? Good luck on all midterms and enjoy your breaks (not too much!) And don't bother coming back if you have a tan! Or else!

Click, Click, Click

Ruth

I miss you! Bag ladies are where it's at. See you in Chicago!

A Bag Lady to be

Ice cream anyone, Triple A and family know where it's at. Anyone for a ride—we're fitness queens at the house, thanks, Tracy. Friend of Dog, how's Saga? Sweetheart, what a bash. Men problems, ask Charlie's angles, NOT, we're in the clear. Patty M., locking out your own corridor, why? There are two rocks at the house? Tami, how's computer life?

Click, Click, Click

Dealing Blackjack,

Thanks for the entertainment; it was, well...interesting. Hope you enjoyed Valentine's Day. Hang in there; you're all doing great.

Love, your sisters

Sean,

Don't worry, March 11 is definitely on. You are a great friend (impartial) and I know that.

P.S. Get some sleep!

Deb!

What is happening?

Ring Ring!

Don't answer that.

The administration is coming! The administration is coming!

Tom: does your mother know you have that?

People look different when they go to bed.

Response: And even more different when they wake up.

Happy Valentine's Day Michelle Brindle!

Love, grandma

Have a sweet day, Nelson!

Love, your baby

To: Lisa B.

Have a "heartly" day!

Love, your baby sister

Happy Valentine's Day AGD pledges! We love you!

The love in your heart

Wasn't put there to stay

Love isn't love

'til you give it away.

Library's Winter Recess Hours:

Fri. Feb 21.....8am-5pm

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Mon-Fri Feb 24-28....8am-5pm

Sat. March 1.....Closed

Sun. March 2.....6pm-midnight

Indiana Will and the Singers of the Lost Choir hit the roads again. "I know Chicago is here somewhere, I've been there before." We better have plenty of Dill Pickles on board.

Happy Valentine's Day, AGDs!

Happy Valentine's Day SAEs!

Love, your sisters

Thanks to all of the guys who helped with tuck-ins. We hear you were great!

Well, our next meeting is Fe. 19 at 7:15 p.m. in SAC B-11. If lack of information is keeping you from attending Amnesty International meetings, please call one of the following people:

Rachel Federowski, 7127

Joy Miska, 7788

Beth Ingle, 7584

Holly Clampitt, 7546

Elise Graveline, 7897

Sonya Beardslee, 7567

Lovey Jones, 463-3088

Tom Batchelder, 7206

Call, learn, and then do something for the other inhabitants of Mother Earth.

Rob,

Are romantics and liberals really doomed to alienation and defensive posturings? I am not sure, yet. Just beware of cynicism and arrogance. It is an easy line to cross.

Yours in vigilance,

John

Cindy H.- Congrats on your job offer- we're so proud of you! Watch out, Memphis!

Alpha Xi Love

Judy,

OH MY!

Fido

Kari: How's life in Spain? I promise you I will write someday (promises, promises) Remember, you do have to come back, so have a good time while you're there.

Karen

Lapel, El Sheff is it (or is it Shelf?), R.T. and Treesh; thanks for being such good friends, for listening, and especially for caring.

Karen

Lynne W.; You're a super daughter, welcome to the family. Don't worry, we will get your pledgebook finished sometime before pledging ends.

Karen

Suzy and Sue: 'Borrow' me soon, please. I need it.

The first pledge.

Wiester and 4: I have a dusty room and a dirty bathroom, too. Remember, there's always turnabouts day. Besides, forewarned is forearmed.

To the 7pm Tuesday discipleship group: Remember, faith can move mountains (or solve problems).

To whom this may concern: 3am pin checks are nice but lets not make this a habit, OK? KI love, the one who wears her pledge pin to bed.

Wiester, is Thursday really 'be nice to Lori day'? If so, when is 'be nice to pledgii' day?

Karen

Todd, Ric, and John:

You guys are the greatest! Thanks for making my evening. To all Sigma Chi pledges- I love you and I hope you all have awesome breaks!

EX Love,

Elly

To the Roaring 20's: You sure are one group of red HOT Tomatoes. Enjoy break and fire up for the rest of pledging. I heart all of you.

In PKE,

Elyse

Yes, Mr. Intriguing knows who he is. He's just a little pen-shy or something. By the way, Mr. I, did you like the card? It seemed pretty appropriate.

--Intrigued

TO ALL THOSE UNFAIRLY AFFECTED: I 'genius' have come to a realization of the errors of our ways. I owe an apology. I believe I have matured in my 'understanding' and 'depth'.

'God', version 2

MENU

Sorry folks, Saga wasn't on the ball this week.

Bill (Opus)- you're an awesome bro! love ya!

Colleen: Where does time go when it's finished with me? It certainly is always in a rush to get there! I can't believe it's already now. Please don't give up on me—I might write.

KH

Dear Quad: Thanks for the letter writing! Amnesty International appreciates it and so will Vladimir.

Love, Elise

Colleen: I really do miss you horribly. I sure could go for a mint shake and some heavy duty brain-washing. Remember that?!

Your Dear Granddaughter

T & A: Don't ever try to understand everything. Some things will just never make sense. I'm a prime example!

K

M.A.I.: Sorry, but I'm not the Renaissance Man. I agree that originality on the inside is important, but it does no good to anyone if it's kept there.

E.A.R.

Children of Socrates: People do learn a lot from role models, and that is what I have tried to be. It's okay to think and ask questions, as you have discovered, and it may even lead to learning something.

E.A.R.

Wendy-does your leg still hurt? Trivial Pursuit! Bea, do you party often in your sweats? Lynette-wicked witch of the west-do you remember? Julie, Mimi wants her keys back. Hey Michelle-how do you answer the phone? Jeanne learn to control your parties!

Alpha Xi

Hey Behring-why don't we have Jas and wham? Congrats on our new additions! Patti, how did you lose it? Laurie-'But your eyes are so beautiful' B.B. colleen, at least you don't fall out of your dress! Kathy E. why did your bro have to carry you home?

Alpha Xi

Bob B: Got a moustache yet? How's the diet coming? I miss your slimness.

Splash

Gramps: Passed out lately?

Dan's kid

Barb: Take care of Pubes and stay out of trouble!

Your brother

Fagdody: Think of you often and miss you bunches!

Love, Ed

B. Needham: I'm working on starting a chapter of your fan club here. Wish me luck!

Ed

Tom: Remember me the next time you're a little 'goul-ish.' Tu me manques!

(Sp) Ed

Just when you thought it was safe to go on tour...

...poor tone quality is loose in the streets of the city...

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...voyaging to show off in churches and high schools near Grand Rapids...

...conquer poor vowel formation in Hillsdale...

...and provide "cultural" experience in the big city...

...it's the Adventures of Idiana Will, and the Charter Bus Singers, in Winters of Western Michigan.

Sophomore Sequence

Thursday March 6

Fireside Lounge

Sigs: While Randy puts on a show for passing cars, Woody tries to find his room. Pink eye's latest victim is the Gorn. We know who the OTHER EYE is after. Wham shakes the foundations of the Sig House with his snoring. Yogi has to decide whether he wants one or two large lumps on his head after the next sister party. Pledges, keep fired up.

Beth, Lisa, Sarah, Rachel, and Kris: You are welcome.

TKE Sisters—Stomp, Stomp, Stomp.

Puppy—Who's the taxidermist?

If you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

Do not even the Deanos and Anglofops do as the tax collectors?

Majaja K. Ironwright

T-squared and Jungle Woman: Miss midnight 7-11 runs, Scritti Politti, Arnold, management, et vous!

Spedly

Mom: Miss my "poletta" more than words can say!

Your son, Winnie

Joon Mo: How's that presidential campaign going?

Doo

Attention all Circle K members! Don't forget...there is a Circle K meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Fireside Lounge in Tyler. It is always great to hear any new ideas or any comments on old ones. We will discuss the success of our First Annual Sexy Legs contest along with other programs and activities. Have a great term!

Out of the match-making business, into the pet-brokering business. Free to good home—puppies of adorable mother and uncertain paternity. Litter due in May.

Princess

E.A.R.: I was kidding. But you and old R.M. are rather similar, namely in your ivory-tower, guru-enlightening-the-masses pose that I find really irritating. What good does it do to point out problems without offering any solutions?

M.A.I.

P.S. I do like the cartoons, though.

"I have always known that the pursuit of excellence was a lethal habit."

T.S. Garp

Charlie Brown: "I have 'followed you'; does it look like you'll be able to 'follow me'?"

Snoopy

Kolanski: I miss you lots, dude. Hope that you haven't been mixing your scotch with too many kitchen sinks.

Dan Roo

Mr. Haran: A belated congratulations on your R.A. position. Glad you'll still be around when I return.

Dan Roo

EX: Thanks for all of you support. Please forgive me for not answering promptly. A long letter is in the works.

Dan Roo

AFRICA FELLOW: It's not just a job—It's an adventure!

Which way to Chatou?

Poisson!

Simone- get any late-night surprises lately [like 6 am]?!

Scott, do your duty!

Big John

To the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta: Thanks a whole bunch.

A.B.M.