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## Mid-East Conference Tonight



### Attendance Of 200 Expected From A Number Of States

Attendance at the Mid-East Conference on the Middle East, to be held at the Kuhn College, Kuna, Wisconsin, on Friday, November 17, is expected to be in the neighborhood of 200. Speakers at the conference will include Leonard Bohmer, Director of the Middle East Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison; and other speakers from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and even one from Kansas. The College's Middle East Study Group, under the leadership of Leonard Bohmer, will be presenting the conference. Leonard Bohmer is a visiting professor at the Kuhn College and is also a member of the Middle East Study Group. A program for the evening will include a presentation by Leonard Bohmer on the Middle East and its role in the world. The program will also include a presentation by Leonard Bohmer on the Middle East and its role in the world. The program will also include a presentation by Leonard Bohmer on the Middle East and its role in the world.



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### Commencement Date Unchanged Remains June 11

The date of the commencement ceremony at Kuhn College will remain unchanged at June 11, 1962. The college's board of trustees has approved the date. The commencement ceremony will be held at the Kuhn College, Kuna, Wisconsin. The ceremony will include the graduation of the class of 1962. The ceremony will also include the presentation of the college's annual award for the best student. The ceremony will also include the presentation of the college's annual award for the best student.

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### Honorable Roll

The Kuhn College is proud to announce its Honorable Roll. The roll includes the names of students who have achieved outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements. The roll includes the names of students who have achieved outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements. The roll includes the names of students who have achieved outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements.

### News

The Kuhn College is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will be used to support a variety of programs and activities. The grant will be used to support a variety of programs and activities. The grant will be used to support a variety of programs and activities.

## a peek at the world . . .

The world is a vast and diverse place. There are many different cultures and traditions. There are many different ways of life. There are many different ways of thinking. There are many different ways of feeling. There are many different ways of being. There are many different ways of living. There are many different ways of dying. There are many different ways of everything. There are many different ways of everything.

As the Middle East Conference opens this evening, Alma students can experience a feeling of pride that an event of this scope is taking place on our campus and that many guests will be visiting from several states.

Speaking for the students of Alma, we

## something missing . . .

Several students have expressed disappointment over the faculty denial of a petition by members of the senior class to reschedule Commencement a week ahead of the end of classes. We see some justification behind the attitude of these students.

For a number of reasons, members of the faculty felt that the date should remain as scheduled. Some reasons given at the meeting were: 1. Seniors leaving a week early tend to have a disrupting effect upon the classes they leave; 2. One week is a bigger percentage of a term than of a semester; and 3. Many professors dislike being required to write up early exams. These and other reasons given seem valid.

It must also be noted that the final decision came only after "lengthy discussion and extensive debate," with some faculty members supporting the position of the seniors. Though the final decision came from a significant majority, the petition did receive serious consideration.

In spite of these factors it is difficult to accept the proposition that arguments against an early Commencement outweigh those favoring it.

First, Commencement is a function of the College as a whole and setting the date

welcome our distinguished guests and the many interested students who have come from many other states to attend the Conference. We are certain that the Conference will be an exciting and enlightening experience for all who are a part of it.

after the end of the school year takes away some of this significance, whether or not some underclassmen remain on campus for the event.

Second, although the faculty motion will allow underclassmen to stay for Commencement, the original initiative to attend will be somewhat lessened under the present plan. A feeling of relief from the tensions of college studies which climax in final exams culminates in a strong attitude of "we're through, let's get out of here!"

Third, allowing seniors to graduate early adds something to the honor and privileged status which ought to be enjoyed by persons successfully completing four years of College.

Although such arguments are based to an extent on sentiment and tradition, these factors seem close to the essence of Commencement exercises. We agree with the faculty that Commencement should be made more meaningful and support the idea of proposed discussions which can lead to this. However, with Commencement taking place after the school year ends we feel that some of the more significant factors contributing to the importance of the occasion will be missing.

## demonstration . . .

The following press release was sent to the almanian by Lieutenant Governor William G. Milliken as a statement of his position concerning demonstrators against our Vietnam policy. We feel that this statement presents a good summary of the situation.

"Legislators and private citizens have expressed to me their anger and concern about students who are attacking U.S. policy in Vietnam or even offering aid to the Viet Cong.

"Heads of colleges and universities will deal with these students in an appropriate manner and investigations are under way to determine where they may be violating state or federal laws, particularly in burning draft cards and in offering help to those we are fighting.

"I deplore the actions of this fringe minority. They reflect unfairly on the 80,000 draft-age men on Michigan college campuses. They are clearly out of step

with the vast body of state and national opinion.

"Nevertheless, we must not forget the vital difference between honest protest against our nation's policies and disloyal assistance to our nation's enemies. It is precisely when our anger and disgust are most intense that we must guard most against the suppression of legitimate dissent in the name of patriotism.

"We must remember that since the adoption of our U.S. Constitution, freedom of speech has been, and is, a gift from each individual to each individual. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, 'Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.'

"It's difficult to grant freedom to immature individuals who remember their rights and forget their responsibilities. Yet, by its very nature, freedom must be complete and indivisible. Each person has it, or no person has it."

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 19—Friday	Middle East Conference Focus UAR, November 19-21 Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity Open House 7:30 p.m. Film—"Bridge on the River Kwai"	Delt Sig House Dow Auditorium
November 20—Saturday	9:00 a.m. High School Music Day 10:00 p.m. Film—"Bridge on the River Kwai"	Dow Auditorium
November 21—Sunday	Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity Apple Polishing Tea 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Forum	Delt Sig House Dow Auditorium
November 22—Monday	Mary Gelston Hall Thanksgiving Vespers	Gelston Hall
November 23—Tuesday	Helen Newberry Hall Thanksgiving Vespers	Newberry Hall
November 24—Wednesday	12:00 noon THANKSGIVING RECESS BEGINS	
November 29—Monday	8:00 a.m. CLASSES RESUME	
December 1—Wednesday	Basketball at Eastern	
December 3—Friday	7:30 p.m. Film—"Straight Jacket" Band Pops Concert 8:00 p.m. "Half Horse, Half Alligator" —One Man Humor Number	Tyler Auditorium Dow Auditorium
December 4—Saturday	Institute for High School History Teachers 7:30 p.m. Film—"Straight Jacket" 8:00 p.m. Basketball with Adrian 8:00 p.m. Choir Concert	Dow Auditorium Phillips Gymnasium Chapel

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Please permit us to use this column to say our thanks to the Alma students and faculty for their generous response to International Film Series IX. We heartily appreciate it.

The measure and kind of support given this series encourages us to complete plans for a winter term program. We shall

soon be ready to announce the schedule for Series X.

This announcement was made last Sunday evening: series tickets for this fall's series are worth 25c toward the purchase of a ticket for the winter series.

Yours truly,  
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley  
C. Dykstra

## 'Antigone' Is Tragedy In Final Performance

By Peter M. Scott

While walking home after viewing Jean Anouilh's *Antigone* in an auditorium which was one-quarter filled last Thursday evening, I was puzzled by the performance I had just seen.

All things considered, it was basically a good production, but fell short of arousing a sense of conflict between Antigone and her uncle Creon.

Certainly Miss Kathy Ferland's interpretation of Antigone was excellent -- she moved with an inner strength which sustained throughout the play, and the actions of the other players were dependent upon and revolved about her.

But in what way? Haemon was little more than a lumbering bear, incapable of expressing his emotion for his wife-to-be except in crushing embrace, with no reaction to her person, no awareness to what she felt or thought.

Creon was a middle-aged executive who was nervous and somewhat disturbed that his niece would disobey his order, and would choose to die rather than live. And after discussing the matter with her, he decided that he could do no more and calmly called for his guards to take her away and fulfill her wish.

It remained for the guards to react to Antigone's strength, and this was perhaps the saving grace of the performance.

Eagerly I attended the Saturday evening performance, hoping that time had healed and strengthened. My hopes were not in vain.

Antigone had matured. Ismene, the old nurse, the guards -- all moved with greater sureness, with more life, taking Antigone's strength and developing it and using it in dialogue.

Haemon was more responsive more aware of his lover's presence and need.

Creon was an old tyrant, a politician who was struggling to maintain order. In the dialogue between Antigone and her uncle, both achieved a fullness and richness of character which neither had possessed before.

Both drew from the other's rage and frustration until Creon in a gony shouted for the guards.

The difference in the performances can be summed up in the distinction between melodrama and tragedy that was given by the chorus: in melodrama, death is horrible. In tragedy, death is sure and there is nothing you can do except shout about it, and through the shouting comes an awareness and a maturity which was not present before.

## Varied Recital Given Sunday Afternoon

by Sandy Sinclair

Last Sunday afternoon Mrs. Jean Kimball, soprano, and Dr. Paul Russell, pianist, presented a recital in Dunning Memorial Chapel.

The program started with Mozart's "Exsultate Jubilate," continued with four short love songs by Brahms, "In Quelle Trine Morbide" by Puccinni, three classical Spanish songs by Obrados and was concluded with three contemporary songs -- "Lullaby" by Scott, a "Weather Forecast" and "Jack-in-the-Box" by Wolf.

The entire recital was characterized by good tonal quality and balance between solo and accompanist except in the "Lullaby" where the words tended to be overpowered by the piano.

In general the selections on the program enabled both Mrs. Kimball and Dr. Russell to demonstrate their versatility and competence. The numbers also provided the audience with a varied musical experience, ranging from Mozart's classical style to the contemporary

somewhat puzzling message of the "Jack-in-the-Box."

Following the program, the Faculty Wives were hostesses at a reception for the musicians in Van Dusen Lounge.

### COMMENCEMENT

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iors in making Commencement more meaningful and seek ways to do this "within the framework of the existing academic calendar."

These decisions resulted from a letter sent earlier in the year by senior class president Terry McKinnon to the faculty and administration requesting that Commencement be moved up one week. His first reason for this move was that non-graduates would not be able to attend graduation because of college policy requiring students to vacate their rooms within 24 hours of their last final exam. The letter stated that Commencement was an incentive to students and they should be able to attend.

McKinnon suggested that under the 3-3 plan the most exams any professor will have to prepare is four. This number is considerably less than on the semester plan making it easier for professors to prepare early exams for seniors.

Another reason stated for re-scheduling Commencement is the number of band and choir students who cannot practice during exam week and possibly would not make a respectable appearance a week later.

Aside from the fact that many seniors were in favor of changing Commencement, questionnaires were sent to non-seniors asking if they would attend the graduation exercises this year. A sizable number said they would attend if graduation were on June 4.

### Placement Casement

Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, an Accounting firm located in Detroit, will have a representative on campus on Wednesday, December 1, to interview accounting majors, business administration, and outstanding liberal arts majors who are interested in becoming Certified Public Accountants. Interested seniors may make appointments for interviews through the Placement Office.

Michigan Bell Telephone Company will have a representative on campus on Thursday, December 2, to interview seniors with any liberal arts majors or business administration who are interested in positions with this company. Make appointments through the Placement Office.

The following school systems will have representatives on campus on the dates specified. Check the specific openings on the bulletin board 1st floor, Old Main and if you are interested in interviews for teaching positions make appointments through the Placement Office. Monday, November 29, Kingsley Area Schools and Tuesday, December 7, Ferndale Public Schools.

# Ad Hoc Meetings Emphasize Rules

## Students Ask Less Regulation

By Trudy Evans  
And Carol Watkins

Alma College: an island entire unto itself, a babysitting institution, a sheltering wing with all the maternal strings and regulations attached?

The mood was bitter, frustrated and thoughtful; the scene was the Ad Hoc committee meeting concerning Alma's social climate, held in Newberry Lounge last Wednesday with Mr. Kent Kirby of the art department and Mr. Joseph Walser of the religion department presiding.

While the last meeting in the series was concerned with dating problems, this meeting occupied itself in digging out the 'why' of the much-bemoaned student apathy and irresponsibility.

A vivid and somewhat shocking image of college life was created: a mass of students often disgruntled and resentful of the rules that seem to come out of the sky to hamper their freedom; an Administration acutely aware of the college as a 'goldfish bowl', an example to outsiders; a tiny group of 'representative' student leaders who are never representative.

In short, a futile-seeming world where all the telephone lines are down between students longing for adult freedom and administrators trying to

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"It's like when you first get your license and your parents won't let you take out the family car. We've got the equipment to be responsible adults, but they just won't give us a chance."

At this juncture many of the more irritating rules were brought up: late minutes for every minor misdemeanor in the dorm, a too-early performance women, and countless other petty restrictions.

Dick Dennett emphasizes a point during the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee in Newberry Lounge. The meeting was held Wednesday, November 10, and was open to all students,

Several ALMANIANS have recently been returned to the Pub from the Alma Post Office from students who were attempting to mail the paper home using the ALMANIAN'S postage permit.

It is not only illegal, but impossible for students to mail the paper in this way. The Post Office recognizes only those issues of the paper which are mailed and paid for by a member of the ALMANIAN staff. Others are merely returned to the Pub.

Walser fired a small cannon into responsible and honorable

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"The responsibility to change things lies with the students themselves," seconded Kirby. There was a startled silence. The climax of the evening. The administration haders a nudge to wake them up, ceased to be the dartboard; too could it be that responsibility that students who flaunt their

immaturity should simply be thrust upon a student, but which must come from within? But the biggest question remained: How; What wizard's wand could he waved over the student body to transform them

## Tuesday Meeting Ends First Phase Of Program

by Trudy Evans  
and Carol Watkins

The Ad Hoc Committee gathered last Tuesday night to wind up the series of discussions, which represented the first step in the program instigated last spring, and hear reports summarizing the discussions from the sub-committee heads.

Dr. John Kimball opened the meeting by outlining the overall Ad Hoc program. Titled, 'Plan For Change', this is a dynamic step-by-step program with both faculty and students working together to discover and solve campus problems.

The problems that the students themselves brought up in the free-for-all Ad Hoc discussions will form the basis for the changes to be made, although the Committee will interpret, summarize, and generally separate the wheat from the chaff.

Kimball listed six steps in the Ad Hoc program: first, the already-completed series of discussions; second, committee members will travel to various colleges for purposes of comparison. Next a summary of these findings will be made and concrete proposals to solve campus problems will be drawn up.

When these proposals are formulated, they will be presented and evaluated at a series of open

separate and fragmented, with no clear relation to each other.

The committee on religious programs marked that if the religious organizations were really doing their job more students would be interested in the humanitarian aspects of campus life; foreign affairs, civil rights and morality in general.

Several of the subcommittees set forth possible solutions to the diverse problems. The problem of a disconnected student government might be solved by having a higher body made up of the presidents of each of the smaller student governing bodies, in order to unify and supervise the smaller branches. This president's council would meet with representatives of the faculty and administration to really consolidate and unify the structure of the government.

The possibility of establishing a chapter of ROTC at Alma was mentioned. The subcommittee on housing, health and food service contemplated the possibility of a book store and coffee house on campus. A delegation from several other colleges will be coming to gauge the quality of Alma's religious climate.

Students with questions concerning the findings of the various subcommittees should see the heads of the committees in which they are interested.

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mittee attend these hearings.

"The purpose of the Committee is not just to discuss problems, but to solve them. We're playing for keeps," Kimball

stated firmly. After the open hearings the new proposals will go to the trustees for approval.

The summarizing reports by the subcommittees highlighted problems in all areas of campus life; the committee on social program produced the complaint that social life is couple-oriented and that even those couples had no worthwhile place to go on dates without a car.

**L O F O S**

James RosSi a 1965 Alma graduate from Cass City, has spent two years with the Peace Corps.

Ross majored in Spanish with long-range plans for a teaching career. After acceptance for service with the Peace Corps he was sent to the University of Washington where he trained for ten weeks during the summer. He spent a month in Puerto Rico and then returned home on a

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In New York City he joined the rest of his unit, which will do work in public health, part of the community development program of the Peace Corps.

## Council Passes Two Motions

Two motions were passed under old business at a business session.

## Frosh Co-ed Selected For Beauty Title

by Kelly McDowell

Janet Hill, a freshman from Vermontville and a reporter for the almanian, was chosen Miss Michigan Farm Bureau at the annual Michigan Farm Bureau Convention in Lansing last Wednesday, November 10.

Twenty-four contestants vied for the title by giving interviews and speeches before a panel of six judges in the Heritage Room of Kellogg Center.

Each contestant chose a topic from ten possibilities and was given twenty minutes to prepare a five-minute speech. Miss Hill chose the topic: "How would you propose to better the farm safety record through the Farm Bureau?"

From these, six semi-finalists were chosen on the basis of poise, charm, personality, and speaking ability. The semifinalists again chose a topic for a speech and were given twenty minutes to prepare it. Chosen as Miss Hill's second topic was: "In your life on the farm, what benefits have you received from

the Farm Bureau?"

All contestants were then brought before a crowd of 1700 people in the Lansing Civic Center, where Miss Hill was crowned. The Young People's Farm Bureau Group of Michigan presented her with a plaque and one dozen American Beauty roses.

From here, Miss Hill will visit various regional meetings of the Michigan Farm Bureau. She will also receive a four-day all-expense-paid trip to Chicago where she will participate in the national contest.

Miss Hill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hill who operate a 450 acre beef farm, was given a royal welcome by Newberry's third-floor-west, and a party was given in her honor Thursday evening. Her friends also sent a telegram for good luck, which she received after she had been crowned.

"I wasn't even crying until I got that telegram--! sure felt funny receiving it in front of 1700 people!" remarked Miss Hill.

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Janet Hill

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HE HIAS SUPPOSED TO WAKE A SPEECH AT THE PAISV HILL PUPPY FARM LAST SATURDAY NIGHT, BUT THEY CALLED AND SAID THAT HE NEVER SHOODED UP...

ILL BET HE SOT SCARED,

ill bet at the LAST MINUTE HE GOT COLD PAISV!

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# J. B. Speaks On Sports

by Jim Bristol

I think the defensive squad of Alma's football team should be praised for their fine effort against Anderson College last Saturday. In the first half Anderson rushed for 35 yards and passed for 89 yards. The second half was an entirely different story, as far as rushing was concerned. Anderson rushed for a negative 13 yards for the entire second half. In contrast, Alma rushed for 119 yards in the second half.

The following individuals ended up as leaders of various departments for Alma's football team. Dave Gierhart completed 48% of his passes for 431 yards. Steve Kovacs averaged 33.9 yards a punt for 50 punts. John Randall led the squad in interceptions with 3. Jim Gray led the team in scoring with 13 points, followed by Ron Loesel and John Milks with 12 points each. Bruce Haines had 15 receptions for 236 yards, followed by Dennis Lynch with 15 for 225 yards, and Jim Johnston with 9 for 169 yards. In the rushing department there was a tight race. Ron Loesel finished the season with 128 yards and a 2.97 average. M. J. Bauer had 147 yards for a 2.77 average. John Milks gained 156 yards for a 2.73 average.

As far as mention in the MIAA is concerned, the following people from Alma are included: Bruce Haines was first in the league in receptions with 15 for 236 yards. He was 44 yards ahead of his nearest competitor. Dennis Lynch was sixth with 10 receptions for 139 yards and Jim Johnston was 11th with 7 receptions for 75 yards. Dave Gierhart was third in the league in passing with 25 completions in 43 attempts for 238 yards. Roger Frayer was fifth in the league with 30 completions in 98 attempts for 299 yards. John Milks was tenth in the league rushing race with 122 yards in 43 attempts followed by M. J. Bauer in 18th place with 82 yards in 26 attempts. For total offense Dave Gierhart was seventh in the league and Roger Frayer 12th. Steve Kovacs was sixth in punting.

Alma was first in the league in passing yardage. One very interesting point is that Rick Russell, of Kalamazoo, was the only regular quarterback in the league with a positive rushing total.

There is at least one team participating in intramural volleyball which is out on the volleyball court solely for the fun received from playing the sport. The particular team I have in mind is Furtney's All Stars, from the C league. The name of this team was derived from the sign of a certain establishment located in Warren, Michigan. The sign was located next to Furtney's . . . and stated "This place really jumps."

Furtney's is composed of mainly post-grad students while the other members who are not yet in this position have the potential to be one. The members of this conglomeration of a team are led by captain Long John Goldner. He is ably backed up by Jolly Jack Baude, Terrible Tom Clippert, Dunking Dave Blanden, Leaping Lenny Coles, and finally but not least, Veritable Vern Bauer. If anyone on this campus would be interested in seeing the game of volleyball played for fun just go over to Memorial Gym some night and see these boys in action. They have a contest tonight at 7 p.m. and other games can be looked up on the schedules which are posted all over the campus.

# Jim Gray Wins Award As 'Most Valuable'

Senior Jim Gray, long recognized as one of Alma's outstanding athletes, closed out his college football career in grand style by being named co-winner of the MIAA's Most Valuable Player award, the Randall Bosch Trophy award. Named along with Gray was Albion star Ron Springer.

Gray was cited for his fine play both as a defensive line-backer and as an offensive line-man. During his stay at Alma, he has received four letters in football, and has been recognized for his prowess each year by the MIAA. Last year Gray was voted the team's Most Valuable Player, and was named as co-captain of this year's squad. He stands 6'1" and weighs 230 pounds.

Ron Springer of Albion was named as co-winner of the award. Springer has lettered for the past four years at Albion, playing on both the offensive and

defensive squads, during which time Albion has won three MIAA championships.

This is the first year the award was given to more than one player.

Gray is the fifth Alma football player to win this coveted trophy. The last man to win it was Jim Northrup in 1959. Before that Kirby won it in 1941, Rex Roseman in 1948, and Marvin Raab in 1955. The last Alma athlete to win recognition as a Most Valuable Player in the league was basketball star Bud Acton during the 1963-64 season.



by JIM BRISTOL

Senior quarterback Walter D. Gierhart has been named the athlete of the week. He is being given this award for his fine display of poise and leadership in the Anderson contest. "Walt" steered the Scots to three touchdowns in the second quarter of action. This was accomplished with a demoralized squad which had found themselves two touchdowns down at the end of the first quarter and was predicted to lose the game by every major paper in the state of Michigan.

Gierhart (14) is pictured here with Alma's head coach, Dennis E. Stolz, (center) and Dwight Conlan (67).

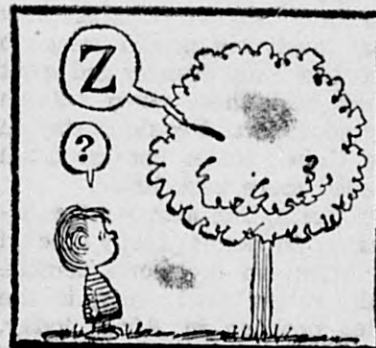
## Panel Debates Closing Law

Monday at 7:15 p.m. the Political Activities Committee will meet in the library basement room 5 for a panel discussion on the Sunday closing law that was recently considered by the Alma City Council.

The panel will consist of Dr. Frank Jackson of the economics department who will deal with the economic implications of the law, Dr. Verne Bechill of the sociology department who will consider the sociological aspects of the law and present the findings of a survey taken of the community on the question by one of his sociology classes, and Mr. John Agria of the political science department who will consider the legal aspect of the law in relation to the Supreme Court and religion.

The Alma closing law is being considered by P.A.C. because of its political significance that extends beyond the immediate community. Similar laws have been considered for other communities and at one time a closing law was considered for the state of Michigan. Though the Alma law was defeated by a vote of 4 to 1 at the city council meeting, the question remains a topic of interest because of its political and economic implications.

The meeting is for members of P.A.C. or any one interested in the discussion topic.



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Association—cont'd from P. 1 explained that the information gathered along these lines will be channeled to McCoy's office in Chicago and from there it will be sent to each member college.

Members of the Central States College Association, in addition to Alma, are four from Illinois, two from Iowa and one each from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana. The Illinois colleges are: Augustona, a Lutheran college of 1500 students; Illinois Wesleyan, Methodist affiliated with 1400 students; MacMurray, a Methodist college of 1100; and Millikin University, Presbyterian affiliated with 1300 students.

Iowa colleges in the Association are Luther, a Lutheran college of 1500 students, and Simpson, a Methodist institution with a student body of 800.

Remaining members of the Association are: Carroll College, Wisconsin, a Presbyterian college of 1000 students; Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota with 1400 students and Lutheran affiliated; and Manchester College, Indiana, with 1200 students and an affiliation with the Bretheran Church.

## With The Greeks

### Sigma Tau Gamma

We would like to welcome our eight new brothers who were formally initiated last Sunday. They are: Art Bova, Dick Jeruzal, Dave Warren, Jack Sluiter, Bill Petti, Steve Rehn, Jim Magee and Tim Lozen.

Congratulations to brothers Dean Schechter, Tom Shaw and Fred Calkins on their fine performances in "Antigone".

Belatedly, we also congratulate our adviser, Mr. Walser, on becoming a father.

### Tau Kappa Epsilon

The men of Tau Kappa Epsilon will serenade the new members of Kappa Iota this Monday evening. Congratulations to Frater Jim Gray and his wife on their new daughter, Julie Shannon Gray.

### Phi Omicron

Last Monday night following formal initiation the sorority went to the home of Mrs. Paul Russell, where we were served hors d'oeuvres by our patronesses.

Then several of our patronesses accompanied us to The Embers in Mt. Pleasant for dinner in honor of our new actives: Dallas Miller, Judy Shaffer, Marilyn Taylor and Margaret Mueller.

### Alpha Sigma Tau

The AST's extend heartiest congratulations to Jane Whitney on her recent engagement to Peter Marks, and also on her election to the office of president of Psi Chi, the national Psychology Honorary.

Delta Sigma Phi  
The brothers of Gamma Phi

are proud to welcome into their chapter nine new members. The following men went active Sunday morning: Rich Bandlow, Bruce Dean, Marv King, Charles Rodeck, Ron Sexton, Larry Sickle, Terry Taylor, Dave Warren and Roger Wills.

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# Student Council Makes Opinions Effective

Editor's Note: Students are often confused about the activities of major campus organizations due to a lack of a complete understanding of their purposes. The following article by President Bill Brown outlines his views of the function of Student Council.

by Bill Brown

The Alma College Student Council should "exercise a general supervision over student activities and make more effective the most worthy of student opinion."



This phrase from the Council constitution merits attention.

The conduct of student affairs and activities is now suffering from gross fractionalization. Student Affairs Committee, Student Council, Intrafraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, various dormitory councils, AWS, Tyler Board and Tyler Staff, all have their spheres of responsibility, and this is as it should be. However, presently, there exists no effective cohesion of these responsibilities to the welfare of the Alma community (students in particular) as a whole. This situation manifests itself in the so-called

"lack of communications." Students with special interests do not identify with the Student Council because that body has had no effective influence upon their behavior. Its action has not been very relevant to these students. In order that student welfare (for lack of a better word) in general be considered in the spheres of special interest, some streamlining of power must occur. There must exist some effective chain of responsibility. Dormitories, women, fraternity men, etc. must to some extent be forced to consider and implement the interests of the community.

With the investigation of the Ad Hoc Committee and council's search under Jim Beck's Constitution committee, hopefully some concept of remedy will be developed. Your suggestions will be solicited.

Just to cite what the council has done with regard to student opinion —

1. An attempt was made to follow up on the food service discussion. A volunteer committee was formed under the direction of Terry McKinnon who questioned students, administration and Saga personnel alike. Their findings were published in the Student Council

minutes and were outlined in the almanian. Also I kept in touch with some of those responsible for the food service. Notably, I believe, as do many students, the situation has been brought to light and has been improved.

2. Many students expressed concern with Alma's convocation policy. Through conversations with Dean Cornelius and Mr. Dykstra these concerns have been brought to the attention of those responsible for policy, and suggestions were reviewed for improvement. Their concerns and suggestions will be considered, and I believe that a more satisfactory situation will arise in future terms.

So you see, student opinion and thought are not in vain! Just in these two areas student opinion and problems of organization and communication — the Student Council is striving to be of importance. I believe that with the proper authority and energy student government can demand the identification and attention of the student body.

I urge you to express your opinions and suggestions as to these proposals when you are confronted. It is your responsibility to yourself and to Alma.



Jamshid Argomand-Kermani

## Wright Hall Features Persian On Council

By Peter M. Scott

Among the sixteen foreign students on the Alma campus is Jamshid (pronounced jahm-sheed) Arjomand-Kermani, who is a sophomore, president of the Students' International Club and vice-president of Wright Hall dorm council.

Jamshid was born in Kerman, Iran, and came to the United States in March of 1964 to attend the English Language Institute at the University of Michigan. After the Institute was over, he went to Perkiomen, a prep school in Pennsylvania, to attend summer school. In the fall of 1964 he enrolled as a freshman at Alma College.

Jamshid's father attended college in this country and is a Persian rug merchant in Kerman.

Jamshid had this to say about his native country: "Iran, which is also known by its ancient name Persia, is a country with a history of about 2500 years. Iran is located in Asia, bordered on the north by the Caspian Sea, the U.S.S.R. and Turkey, on the west by Iraq, on the east by Afghanistan and Pakistan and on the south by the Persian Gulf."

### Art Featured In Dow Lobby By State Artists

The art exhibit in Dow lobby represents efforts of amateur and professional Michigan artists. Sponsored by the Flint Institute of Arts, the show comes to Alma College as part of the Michigan artists series presented each year by the art department. The exhibit on display is a portion of a larger show recently presented at the Flint Artist's Market, a gallery which is offering for sale.

Some of the more prominent works are the three ink washes by Stefan Davidek and two paintings by Constance Palinsky, BLUE SUN, a water color and THE DEEP in polymer, PRE-MONITION, a vivid abstract oil by Lawrence Stewart is particularly eye catching.

Mr. Kent Kirby, art department professor, explains the purpose of these exhibits as being twofold. The first is that it gives art majors an idea of the type of art currently done in Michigan. Since this exhibit is made up of good amateur and professional artists it serves this purpose amicably. College support of Michigan artists is the second reason Kirby gave.

This last show of the term will end November 25th. Anyone interested in purchasing a painting, drawing or print may contact either Kirby or the artists.

"Iran has an area of 636,363 square miles with a population of twenty-two million, which makes its population density 33.5 people per square mile. The major religion is Islam, and the official language is Persian. The country is governed by a constitutional monarchy and the legislative body is elected every four years.

"The largest city in the country is the capital, Tehran, which has a population of two million. Other important cities are Tabris, Isphan and Shiraz.

"Shiraz is known as the city of poetry, flowers and wine. It was also the capital of ancient Persia, and the palace of the kings, Takhte-Jamshid, is located there. Many important and famous poets are from this beautiful city, among the Sadi and the great Persian love poet Hafiz.

"I should also mention Omar Khayyam, the world famous philosopher who was from Neishabour, which is located in the state of Khorasan. In addition to being a great thinker-poet, he was a famous mathematician.

"Of the universities in Iran, Tehran University is the largest, with an enrollment of approximately fifteen thousand students. The literacy rate remains very low, however.

"The main food of the people is bread, mutton and rice. Iran exports oil, carpets and pistachio nuts to many countries.

"I believe that most of you have heard about Iran's recent revolution, which had a great deal to do with the progress of the country. I hope that this useful reform will help restore Iran to the greatness of its ancient civilization."

Before coming to the United States, Jamshid attended school for eleven years in Kerman and one year in Tehran. In Iran, he pointed out, there are six years of grade school are six years of grade school in which everyone takes the same courses until the ninth grade. The students may choose among natural sciences, mathematics or literature. Some classes, such as English, remain obligatory, however.

Jamshid stated that he was glad to have the opportunity to come to the United States, and said that people were generally very friendly here.

Asked why he had chosen Alma College, Jamshid replied that he had heard about it from Persian friends at Ann Arbor, and he thought that a small school would be better for a foreign student. He also mentioned that there was a good relationship between the faculty and students at Alma.

Jamshid hopes to major in international politics, and upon graduation is planning to return to Iran to serve in the Iranian army for two years, and then continue his education, either at the University of Tehran or in the United States.

# Liberian Student Plans Prolonged Stay In U.S.

by Marcia Buhl

Feeling bad because you can't make it home for Thanksgiving? Then why not stop by Pioneer Hall some day and have a chat with Sophie Mends-Cole. A December graduate of a Methodist School in Monrovia, Liberia, Miss Mends-Cole expects to see nine Thanksgivings pass before she again returns to her homeland.

Miss Mends-Cole, whose African name is Fetu, attended the University of Liberia for one semester before coming to Alma. A biology major, she hopes that with her former credits and a summer school session she will graduate from Alma in three years. According to her present plans she would then continue on to medical school.

The daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Miss Mends-Cole learned about Alma College through a minister from Marshall, Michigan. She was preceded by a sister, Rose Mends-Cole who attended Alma for one year in

1961. Her adjustment here at Alma can best be summarized in her own words, "Alma is living up to my expectations. The professors here are very understanding, just as they are back home. The teachers and students have a very close relationship, which is one of the advantages of a small college. The students here are real friendly, and I think I have a much better understanding of the Americans by living together with them."

Liberia, with an area of 43,000 square miles, is a small country founded by the American Colonization Society in 1822 as a haven for the return of freed slaves. The main exports of the country are rubber and one of the highest grades of iron ore in the world. Although the native language of the country is English, only 30% of the people can speak English, while there are 28 tribal dialects. The small democratic nation has protected its natural resources from exploitation by foreign industrialists by restricting citizenship and land ownership to only those of African descent.

Miss Mends-Cole, who lives in the suburbs of the capital city Monrovia, has strong feelings toward her homeland. "You never

realize how much your own country means to you until you are away from it. I realize now how much my people mean to me. I love my country and want to go back there when I finish my education. I couldn't stay in the United States because I am needed more back home.

"Liberia, like many of the African countries, is greatly affected by prices on the world market. This, rather than unity, is the chief problem in Africa today. A common example in Liberia is the exportation of rubber and iron ore. Although the export quantity has doubled in the last couple of years, the income has only increased about 3%. The only thing we can do is use our own raw materials, which we can't afford to do right now.

"The one big thing we need at this time is education. If the people in Liberia were educated there could be great technological advances made."

Miss Mends-Cole exemplifies the determination of the Liberian youth to bring this education back to Liberia.

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continue the program the money must be raised here on campus.

GDA and OBK have tentatively planned several programs to increase campus awareness of this fellowship and to provide part of the finances to continue the program. Some of the future activities are a series of convocations concerning the program, display cases located in various campus buildings, a special Sunday morning Chapel service, an African booth at International Night and the sale of African souvenirs which were brought from Nigeria by Tom Auer. A GDA bake sale immediately following Thanksgiving vacation will kick off the money-making projects of the two groups.

OBK and GDA further hope that other campus organizations will participate in money-making projects and donate the proceeds to the African Fellowship Fund. Any organization desiring more information as to how they could help in this project should contact Sue Craft, president of Gamma Delta Alpha or Tom Auer, chairman of Omicron Beta Kappa.

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