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Michigan higher education: a system at the crossroads?

By Cindy Johnson
Executive Editor

(Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part series examining the condition and future of collegiate education. This week's article will focus on the condition of higher education within our state.)

Although Michigan's system of higher education receives great national respect, it is a great system in danger. That is the assessment of The Governor's Commission on the Future of Higher Education as reported in the group's final report, *Putting our minds together: New directions for Michigan higher education*.

The Commission was formed by Executive Order in September of 1983, "in response to a series of critical problems affecting higher education."

James K. Robinson, an adjunct professor at Wayne State University and an attorney, was named as chairman for the Commission.

According to the December 1984 report, "In examining these problem areas, the Commission held monthly public meetings; conducted extensive discussions with experts and consultants; held statewide public hearings; sought advice and data from a broad range of leaders and policymakers throughout the state; held student workshops; visited every four-year institution and many community college campuses; examined information shared by higher education

sources across the country; and studied more than 20 comprehensive staff background papers."

Views of Michigan residents were surveyed for the Commission through a public opinion poll conducted by Frank N. Magid Associates, Inc., Iowa.

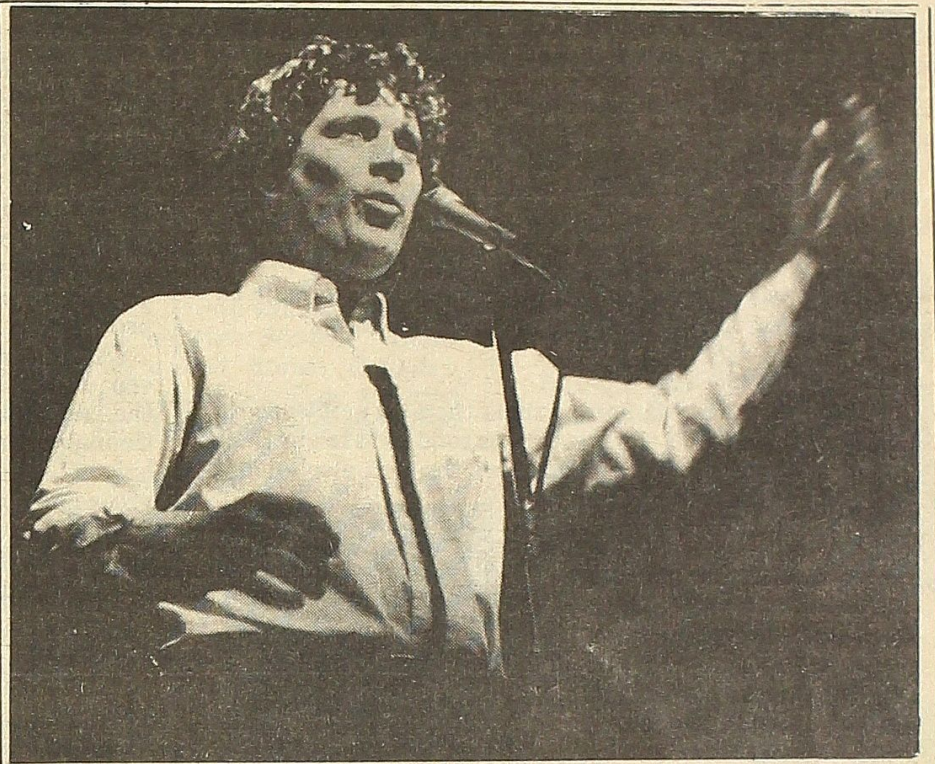
The survey consisted of telephone interviews with 500 randomly selected Michigan residents age 18 and over, according to a Dec. 4 Commission release. Results of the survey include the following:

- "Eighty-three percent of Michigan's residents gave positive ratings to the overall quality of the state's public colleges and universities."

- Seven in 10 residents "feel the state has about the right number of public colleges and universities to meet current needs."

- "...A majority of residents say colleges and universities should have more control in making policy and on-

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IMPROV Chicago City Limits used improvisation to turn any spoken word into fun Saturday night.

photo by Peggy Grover

Calendar change being proposed

By Jodie Hernandez
Staff Writer

A proposal to change the Alma College calendar by shortening breaks has been made by Dr. R.W. Smith, instructor of speech.

"I believe that the typical student, whether at Alma or probably at any other school, is one of the few consumers in our country who wants to be defrauded," Smith said.

"The students at Alma are paying thousands of dollars to get a good education, but I wager that fully half of our student body are delighted (by long breaks)," he continued. "The more vacations they have, the less they are exposed to what they pay for. That is fraud. I think they are delighted to be defrauded and that really bothers me," he continued.

At the present time Alma's calendar is set up to include a two-day fall mid-term break and a six-day winter break, Smith said. Students also enjoy a five day break for Thanksgiving and a two to three week break for Christmas, Smith added.

This calendar has already been scheduled for the next two years, Smith said.

Smith has proposed to the Educational Policy Committee (which referred the issue to the President's Advisory Council) a calendar which would eliminate the fall term break. He said, "I think that we have students with such resiliency, with such boundless energy that we can go very easily from the beginning of the fall term until Thanksgiving."

"(Students) are just beginning to build their momentum in their classes; then this break comes and it is hard to get back into the swing of things," he added.

Smith also favors cutting winter mid-term break down to two or two and a half days at the most.

He would like to see registration day used as a class day and have registration take place alongside of classes. Also, he proposed that winter term be extended an extra week and Christmas break shortened.

"I think that the college calendar is an unreal calendar compared to what the students are going to face real soon."

—Dr. R.W. Smith

The President's Advisory Council has initiated a questionnaire concerning these proposals to measure faculty and staff opinion on the matter.

A member of the President's Advisory Council and Student Congress President, Kevin Dean, feels that there will be a big uprising if fall break was deleted from the calendar.

"I think students need a break from the first day of school to Thanksgiving so they can let all the pressure off or catch up on some of their homework," he said.

Smith concluded, "I think that the college calendar is an unreal calendar compared to what the students are going to face real soon. I would like to see us do more with the time we have available than to allow so many vacations."

Africa Fellow applications available



Phil Robinson

photo by Brenda Baxley

By Diane Schefke
Staff Writer

"I wouldn't trade my year in Africa for any year that anyone could ever possibly imagine because it was such a fantastic learning experience," said former Africa Fellow Phil Robinson.

Students may now apply for next year's experience with Dean of Students Dr. Anand Dyal-Chand or at the Kirk International House.

The application process includes a self-evaluation of goals and plans, some teacher recommendations, a written form, and several long interviews.

A selection committee will review approximately four to seven applicants based on their knowledge of the fellowship program, academic credentials, personal health, previous cross-cultural experiences, teaching experience or potential, and an overall impression of the candidate.

"Most people really couldn't find the time to take a year out of their lives to see FELLOW page 11

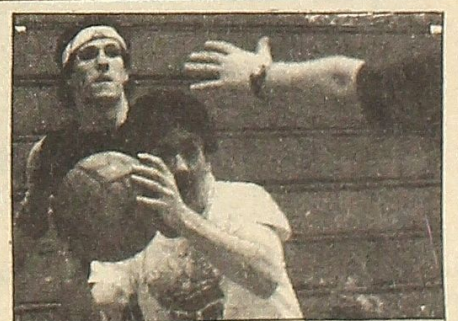
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By John Dunning
Staff Writer

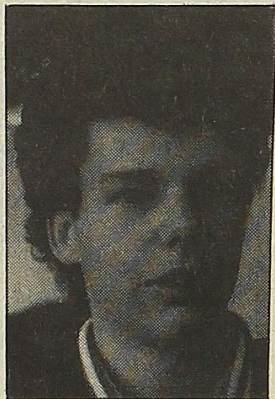
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Q. Do you feel there is a problem with alcohol on campus?

A. Laurie Hauet: "Yes, to an extent, but I think there's problems with it everywhere."

A. Lori Wiest: "No I don't. When I go to parties I don't feel any pressure to drink, and I don't put any pressure on anybody else. I don't think it's a problem at all."

A. Judy Braisted: "I definitely think there's a problem with alcohol on campus. I think students tend to take out their stress of the academic environment through alcohol and other non-constructive ways."



A. Martin Topliss: "No, I don't think there is a problem with alcohol on campus. I thought the editorial that was put in the paper came at a very inopportune time, and I think the headline was sensationalism. I don't think there is a problem with alcohol on campus."

A. Colleen Reid: "I think certain individuals may have a problem with drinking, but on the whole I don't think there is any major problem with drinking, any more so than there is on any other campus."



A. Kara McArthur and Chris Haddad: "It is more visible on a smaller campus, like the size of Alma, but it's not as exaggerated as it's made out to be, no more than on any other campus."

A. Don Liepa: "No, I don't think so. I transferred here from Michigan, and compared to Michigan it's a lot stricter. There's definitely not as much alcohol on campus and it's a lot harder for people under 21 to get it, obviously. So I think there's not any problem."

A. Ian Duncan: "I don't really think there's a problem here. In fact, I think it would be even better if we got some sponsors or representatives from brewery companies, like other colleges have, to make people aware of the different varieties. I don't think we have a problem at all."



A. Matt Stolly: "I think that the only time we have a problem with alcohol is when people get worried about its effects on students. I think the major problem is you have to be 21 to drink alcohol."

A. Betsy Fleming: "I don't think there's a problem with alcohol on the campus now. There isn't any pressure for anybody to make you drink; if you drink it's your own choice."

A. Colleen Warren: "I would have to say yes and no. Yes, because most of the campus does it, and it seems as though when every weekend comes around, that's all everybody seems to talk about. I would have to say no, because of the fact that there isn't much else to do. But it's probably more of a problem than it isn't."



U.B. denied budget increase

By Kerry Wilson
Staff Writer

The Student Budget and Finance Committee (SBFC) voted last Wednesday to keep the Union Board budget for 1985-86 the same as its 1984-85 budget, denying a requested \$1300 increase.

Also at the meeting, proposed bylaw changes were approved by the SBFC body.

Cathy Lombardo, chairperson of SBFC, also informed the committee that the questionnaire she is doing with the help of other Student Congress members, is one quarter complete and she hopes to have it done by this Wednesday's meeting.

This questionnaire is a survey of about 200 people over the phone for informative purposes only, Lombardo said. Questions deal with the organizations whose budgets are recommended by SBFC.

Last week's meeting began with more questions to the Union Board representatives. The questions again focused primarily on the video-film budget.

Union Board member Tait Norton reported that a final fee for the proposed video license was established during the week. This license will cost \$1525.50 (with no videos rented) for a one year period.

Questions to Union Board President Cathy Lazar included inquiries about ACUB con-

vention and the placement of revenue money. Lazar also defended keeping the concert budget. "We're trying to increase the quality of fall term events," she said.

The meeting then closed to voting members only and a lengthy debate followed. Because of the lengthy discussion, *The Almanian's* scheduled budget proposal was postponed to tomorrow's meeting.

In reference to the \$1300 that Union Board requested but that was not approved, SBFC voting member Larry Baker said, "We're recommending it come from the film budget. We considered taking it out of the concert budget but that was voted down."

Almanian Editor-in-Chief Bob Needham said of tomorrow's budget proposal, "We are requesting the committee approve a budget with a decrease of \$9.73. Since most groups will ask for an increase, I'm hoping we won't have much trouble getting it passed."

Phil Robinson wins TKE Reagan leadership award

Senior Phil Robinson has been awarded the national 1984 Tau Kappa Epsilon Ronald Reagan Leadership Award.

The \$1,000 scholarship award, a special project of the Teke Educational Foundation, is given to an outstanding TKE undergraduate.

Robinson was selected from a field of 15 finalists by the Scholarship Awards Committee headed by Dr. D. Thomas Ramey, a vice president at Franklin College.

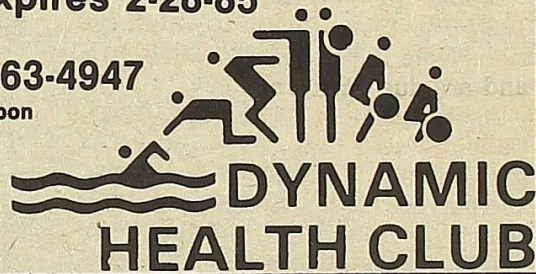
The award is tentatively scheduled to be awarded by TKE Grand Prytanis Dwayne R. Woerpel at the Regional

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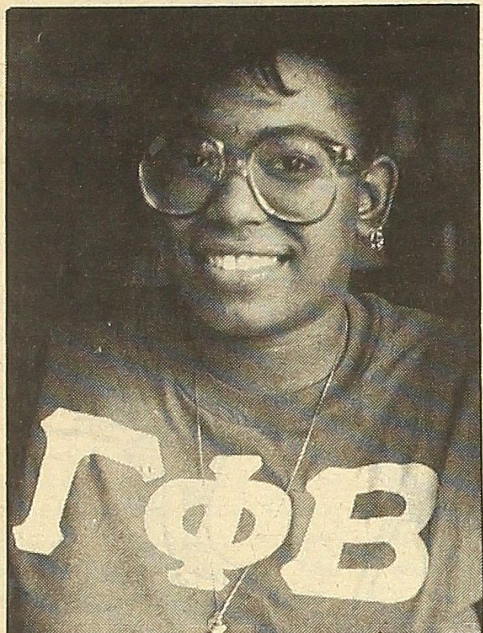
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Dalbec, Terry named new dorms resident advisors



Teresa Terry

Almanian file photo

By Kathy Eno
Staff Writer

Teresa Terry and Bill Dalbec have been named South Complex Resident Advisors for next year, Dean of Students Anand Dyal Chand announced recently.

"I am thrilled by the choices—there were several strong candidates for the two positions—but I am very satisfied with the team and have no doubts that they will do a great job," Dyal Chand said.

South Complex is unique in that it is entirely student operated, unlike the underclassmen dorms.

Resident Advisors serve both as Head Resident and as RAs for their own corridors.

Terry will head Nisbet and Brazell; Dalbec will be in charge of Carey and Bonbright.

Some of their duties include respon-

sibility for the entire staff (chosen in part by them), physical maintenance and functions of South Complex.

The job of overseeing the RAs includes programming, motivation, new ideas, discipline, and team spirit, said Dyal Chand.

Terry and Dalbec will function as a direct link between Student Affairs, maintenance and South Complex, Dyal Chand explained. They will meet with Dyal Chand and their staff once a week.

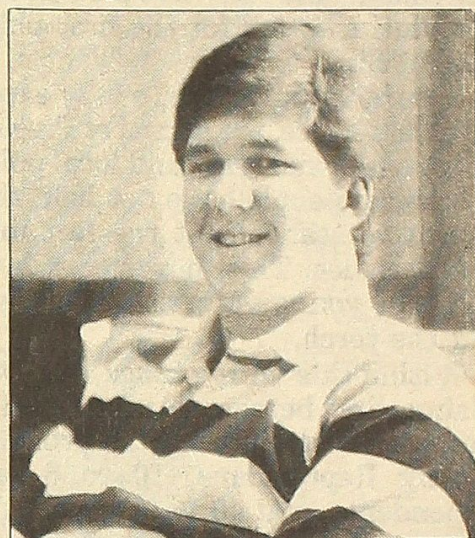
The reactions of Teresa and Bill were a combination of excitement and anticipation for next term.

"When I was informed that I was chosen for the job, it was a big relief," Dalbec said.

"I worked hard and really wanted the job. There were a lot of qualified applicants, so it makes me feel good to know that I was considered most qualified," he added.

Terry said, "I was really happy

when I received notice that I got the position. I wondered if it would be too much responsibility, but their faith in us is a good indicator that we'll do a great job. I'm looking forward to the challenge."



Bill Dalbec

photo by Peggy Grover

Selection of O.C. members now underway

By Kerry Wilson
Staff Writer

Applications are now available for 1985 Orientation Committee (OC) positions from the Student Affairs Office and are due back Feb. 7.

Assistant Dean of Students Kathy Callahan said that there will be approximately 25 committee members and two co-chairs selected for the 1985 OC staff.

The members will be as evenly divided between grade levels and gender as much as possible, Callahan said.

She added, however, that quality of the applicants would be the prime consideration for selection.

The jobs of co-chairs are filled through an application and interview process. The co-chairs must be former OC members.

The interviewing committee consists of Callahan, Dr. Joseph Walser and this year's co-chairs Diane Hogeboom and Lynette Hanus.

The applications for committee members are reviewed by a committee of Callahan, Walser, the two new co-chairs, a Student Life Committee member and a faculty member.

The qualifications for all OC positions, according to Callahan, include the applicant's view of what pre-term should be, the purposes of Explo, and the importance of pre-term.

The committee is also looking for some fun activity ideas for pre-term that will make the improve the experience for the incoming freshmen.

Callahan described the job of OC members as "10-day RAs...They need to have the same characteristics as RAs, but it's a 10-day learning process."

OC members' responsibilities include writing to prospective Explo participants, serving as group leaders at Explo, answering questions from their group, serving as tour guides and letting the prospective students know that they can contact their OC member if they want to.

OC members return to campus three days before the start of pre-term to set up the necessary programs.

The major job of OC is "To plan and implement the entire pre-term program with the exception of the educa-

tional classes," Callahan said.

This planning begins immediately after selection of OCs is completed. The committee finds a theme and then develops programming around the theme.

Callahan said, "Every year has a new

twist with whatever they want to do or add."

Callahan encouraged everyone interested to pick up an application.

Jamey Basham, a 1984 OC member, said, "Being on OC gave me a really good chance to meet the freshmen. It

was a lot of responsibility and we met it. That felt really good."

OC is done on a volunteer basis with "Room and board all they receive as payment," Callahan said. This room and board is for pre-term and the three days preceding it.

Student Congress to study snow removal

By Larry Baker
News Editor

Due to concern over the safety of sidewalks after snowfall, Student Congress has set up a committee to look into the Physical Plant's handling of snow removal.

The committee, to be headed by Congress member Joy Miska, will examine the Physical Plant's priority list for snow removal, with the possibility of developing their own priority list.

"Their priority list had no really standard plan to follow," said Miska after a preliminary examination of the list.

"It would be worth the time to get a plan of attack to get the snow out of here," she added.

Congress also approved \$750.00 from the contingency fund to help pay for the new chimes for the chapel.

The chimes will cost approximately \$10,000.00 said Dean of Students Anand Dyal Chand.

Dyal Chand said that he has raised over half of the money already and is hoping to have the chimes installed in time for graduation.

It was decided that a plaque should be made to honor the contribution of the student body for this project.

\$600.00 was also approved to help establish the Vespine Literary Society and its new monthly literary/arts magazine (see related story on page 6).

The election committee was also approved by Congress. The Committee will consist of Chairperson Cathy Lombardo, Melinda Cronk, Stewart Sarkozy, Heidi Spindler and Colleen Warren.

A delegation attending a student government conference this weekend will report at next week's meeting.



Dunning Memorial Chapel will house the newly purchased chimes. It is hoped that the chimes can be installed in time to play the Alma Mater at graduation.

photo by Rodney Curtis

Editorial

Democrats must find new leader

A scientific poll in the February 3 edition of *The Detroit News* presents data regarding trends of political partisanship. According to the study, "more Michigan residents call themselves Republicans than at any time since the Great Depression." These numbers reflect a national trend.

A separate ABC-*Washington Post* survey shows that on a national scale, forty-six percent of the voters identify themselves as Democrats, nine percent as independent, and forty-five percent as Republicans. The foundation is set for the first political realignment since 1932.

For the Republicans to fully exploit their national-level laurels (i.e. the appeal of President Reagan), they must overcome state and local political hurdles. The American people have not held the traditional conservative stance that the Republicans espouse on social issues. This, however, may begin to change, with the young voters (age thirty and below) carrying the torch.

Within this voting block, the *Detroit News* study claims that between August and December of last year, partisanship shifted from 50 to 60 percent among Republicans, 10 to 8 percent among independents, and 40 to 31 among Democrats. These young voters are also the key to the future of the Democratic party.

Presidential candidate Gary Hart tried to capitalize on this idealistic and enthusiastic group. To the relief of the Republicans, the Democrats ignored Hart and stuck with their traditional message. Because of their tunnel vision, the Democrats are now floundering due to the lack of a national leader; the Republicans are taking sweeping advantages of the blunder.

What is in store for the future, especially the 1986 mid-term elections and the 1988 presidential contest?

First of all, the Democrats will try to contain the Republican victory tide to the national level. Control of the U.S. House will be the priority in 1986. Those elections will be the last chance for Republicans to use the popularity of Reagan. Look for some very heated elections.

A national leader is also needed for the Democrats. The sooner one is found, one who unifies the party and appeals to the new powerful voting groups, the better. Who will it be?

Reagan should see folly in arms build-up

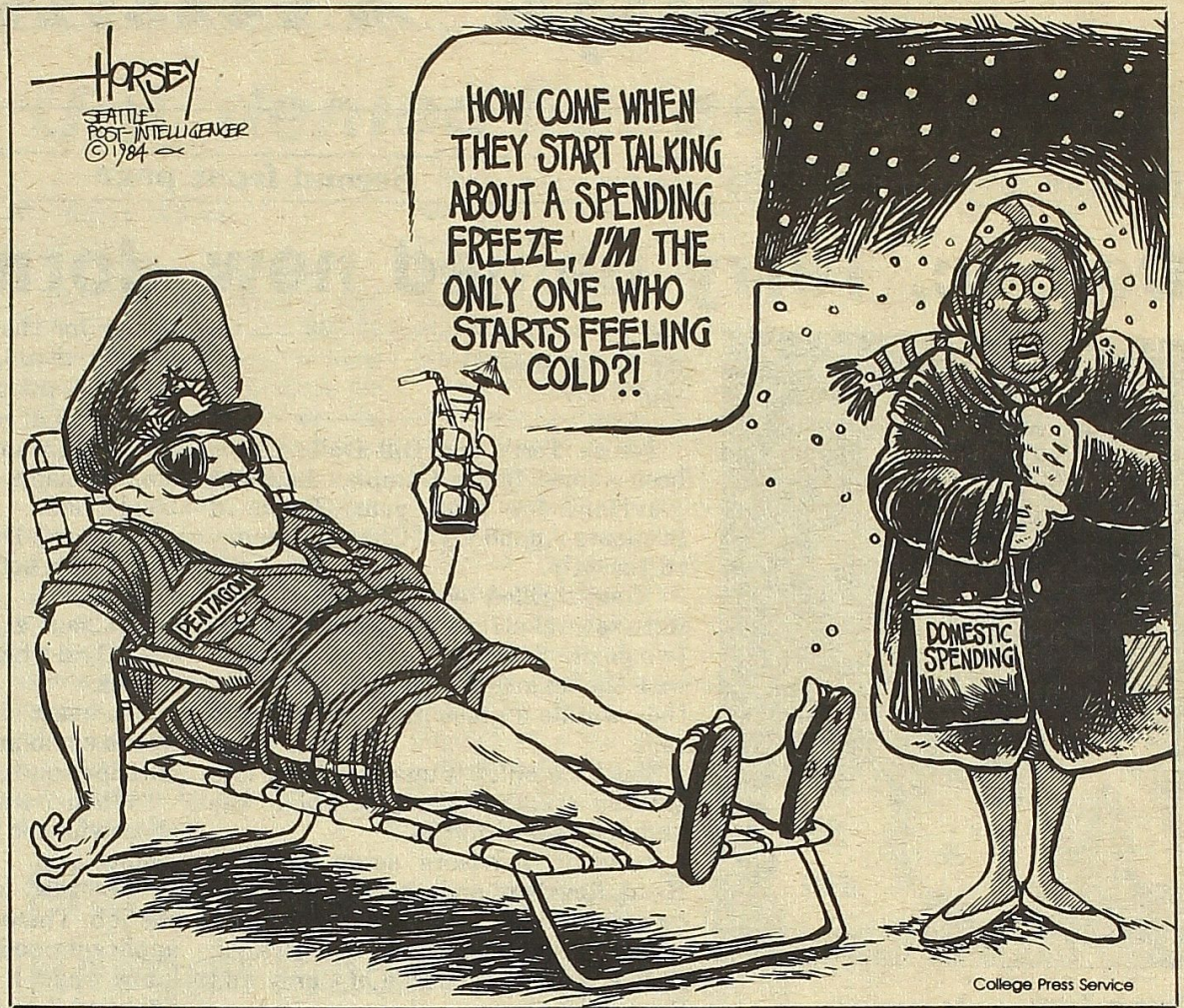
President Ronald Reagan unveiled the fiscal 1986 budget last week, a relatively unsurprising proposal which allows for a \$180 million deficit and predictable increases in defense spending.

Reagan has defended the proposed budget by calling it "the most exhaustive effort ever made to rein in government's chronic overspending." He explained his proposed program cuts by saying that they are "based on a careful review of what government should and should not do, what's worked and what hasn't, what we can and can no longer afford."

Ironically, though, what we can no longer afford is increases in defense spending. Even after inflation, Reagan plans to spend about six percent more on defense next year than this year.

These increases come at an important moment in our history. People the world over are terrified of a nuclear war, and tell their governments so through demonstrations, letters, movies, publications and a host of similar methods. The message of the people is clear: work to end the arms race, not win it.

Reagan's proposed increase tells the people once again something we already knew—the government of the U.S. just doesn't want to listen to the message of its people. This is a sad situation which may become tragic if Reagan's emphasis doesn't change. We hope the President wakes up to the people before he realizes his mistake the hard way—involvement in an unwinnable war.



'Alcoholism' too loosely applied

Editor:

In response to Dale Martin's article "Frats flaunt alcoholism" I wish to clarify the difference between alcoholism and heavy drinking patterns.

I agree that alcohol is overused, but as far as alcoholism is concerned I know of only two cases at Alma College. Alcoholism is a technical term referring to a particular disease with specific symptoms.

Mr. Martin, I believe, is referring to students displaying heavy drinking patterns, which does not necessarily constitute alcoholism.

At Alma College an example of a heavy drinking pattern is the "purge-binge" pattern, in which high levels of academic discipline (e.g. studying, meetings, tests, etc.) are displayed by students from Sunday night to Friday afternoon and heavy drinking (or partying as Mr. Martin terms it) from Friday afternoon to Sunday night. Thus, students "purge" from Sunday to Friday and then "binge" from Friday to Sunday.

The real question that should be asked is, why is alcohol such a focal point at Alma College? What can be done to change this and the drinking patterns displayed?

These are two of the several questions that ACAAP (Alma College Alcohol Awareness Program) addresses. If you have input on these questions we appreciate your help and support—if you are interested please contact Bill Wilson or ACCD for more information.

Jennifer Lorimer
Member of ACAAP

Dear Editor

I feel that I must voice my feeling of frustration with Dale Martin's Jan. 29th editorial "Fraternities flaunt alcoholism."

Mr. Martin is correct when he states that alcohol abuse "is an attitude that pervades the entire college community." Alma students seem to feel a need to drink to excess on weekends as a quick fix for stress felt during the week. Nationally, 72 to 90 percent of all college students drink, many of these to excess. Furthermore, the high risk category for alcoholics is the group containing intelligent, wealthy, and high striving individuals—typical Alma College students.

However, the article misstates the problem, beginning with the sensationalistic

title "Fraternities Flaunt Alcoholism." Mr. Martin's editorial attempts to make a meaningful statement regarding alcohol mis-use at Alma College, but the content of the article is overshadowed by the title. It is impossible to flaunt alcoholism; alcoholism is a disease that can be treated and diagnosed only after a person has admitted that he has a personal problem with alcohol. I find it a sad indictment of the quality of *The Almanian* when such emotion tugging headlines must be used erroneously to gain reader attention.

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Opinion

Blanchard should sign abortion bill

For the first time in numerous years, the Michigan Legislature has a somewhat conservative bias. Many thanks to Governor Blanchard are in order for this development, especially due to his massive income tax increase. This tax increase led directly and immediately to Republican control of the Senate. This occurred through two recall elections in Macomb County, both of which resulted in Republican victories.

In the long run, the tax increase, while not leading to a loss of Democratic control in the House, did also contribute to an ideological shift in overall balance in the House. Six new Republicans (three from anti-tax Macomb County) and at least one new Democrat have altered the political equilibrium to slightly right of center.

Because of this shift, issues previously discussed for primarily symbolic reasons (to satisfy constituents and special interest groups) can now be debated with the serious possibility of becoming law. Two such issues brought under contemplative deliberation by the current Legislature include the death penalty and mandatory seat belt laws.

The major issue currently being argued by the Legislature is the Medicaid funding of abortions. A bill to ban such abortions passed the Senate on Jan. 17 by the lopsided vote of 25-8. While the ban has not been voted on in the full House, a formidable obstacle was cleared last week.

The House Appropriations Committee approved the ban by the narrowest of margins, 11-10. The measure was supported by seven Democrats and four Republicans; opposed by six Democrats and four Republicans. It is now expected that the entire House will approve the ban.

If the House does pass the bill, it will mark at least the

thirteenth time in recent years that a measure to cut state funding for abortions has cleared the Legislature. Each time, however, the governor (either former governor William Milliken or Blanchard) has vetoed the bill.

The highly unusual occurrence of an override of a governor's veto has never occurred on this issue. Last year, though, while easily garnering the necessary two-thirds votes in the Senate, the override fell just one vote short in the House.

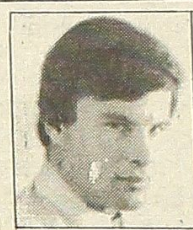
Once again, the stage is set. Another veto is expected from Blanchard. Due to the ideological shift, however, an override is also expected.

In the Senate, the override should pose no problem. The House version of the ban has 69 sponsors; to override a veto, 74 votes are needed. The extra votes are reported lined up. Mary Mansour, State Director of Social Services, has already conceded the override.

If Governor Blanchard wished to represent the people, he would simply sign the bill into law, bypassing the futile veto. The Legislature more directly represents the people, and each year, the ban on state-funded abortions has gained in appeal.

It has become clearly evident that a majority of citizens disapproves of \$5.7

million of state funds being paid for over 20,000 Medicaid abortions. For the first time in his entire term, Blanchard can both be in line with the people and do something substantive for Michigan. Save yourself the political embarrassment, Mr. Governor, of an overridden veto and sign the bill into law.



Dale Martin



Latest developments in satellite signalling will give cable operators a veritable monopoly

Paul Winter



The telecommunications industry entered a whole new era with the rise of cable television. Over the last five years this business has taken off.

Typically, a city or area will allow a number of contractors to come in and give a bid on setting up cable services. The package will include rates—both installation and service—a listing of stations it will offer, and other services.

The city's planning committee will then choose one contractor to service the area based on those bids. When cable contractors first bid on jobs, they will usually try to make their bids more competitive by offering free installation to customers, and low monthly fees.

Cable television will soon be out of the expansion stage. It started in eastern states ten years ago, but new markets will be difficult to find. Because cable operators have been unable to find attractive markets, they have begun to raise their rates. The sweetener most cable operators offered was a freeze on rates for two to three years.

That freeze ended or will end in most Michigan locations this year. One cable company in the Detroit area plans to raise the price of premier services (HBO, Showtime, etc.) between \$2 and \$5 per month.

There is no recourse for most subscribers except to have the service discontinued. In accordance, cable operators will lose some customers, but

the majority will continue to subscribe. Why? Because rock stars like Cindy Lauper declare "I want my MTV."

Cable television has spread like cancer throughout the U.S. Millions of Americans are addicted to the service and would sooner pay the cable bill before rent and gas bills.

Cable companies have grown strong because they are granted a monopoly in the area they service. It would be unfeasible for another company to step in and set up their own lines to distribute cable services. The cable industry is very similar to public utilities, but they have less responsibility to the customer when it comes to raising rates.

Customers may wish to bypass the middle man if they still desire a wide variety of stations and isolation from future rate increases. This entails the purchase of a satellite dish. With a dish in the backyard, the consumer may reduce monthly service charges to zero and even pick up more signals.

Most operators only broadcast on about 30 stations—this varies from operator to operator. With your own dish, you can receive up to 40 channels from each satellite and there are 12 satellites now in

orbit. And more stations are being added constantly.

There are drawbacks to satellite antenna reception. The initial cost is high. \$1000 will buy a basic antenna which must be hand cranked into position. More elaborate models include remote control operations.

Since more and more satellites are being placed into orbit, it will be more difficult for smaller dishes to distinguish reception between two satellites in close proximity.

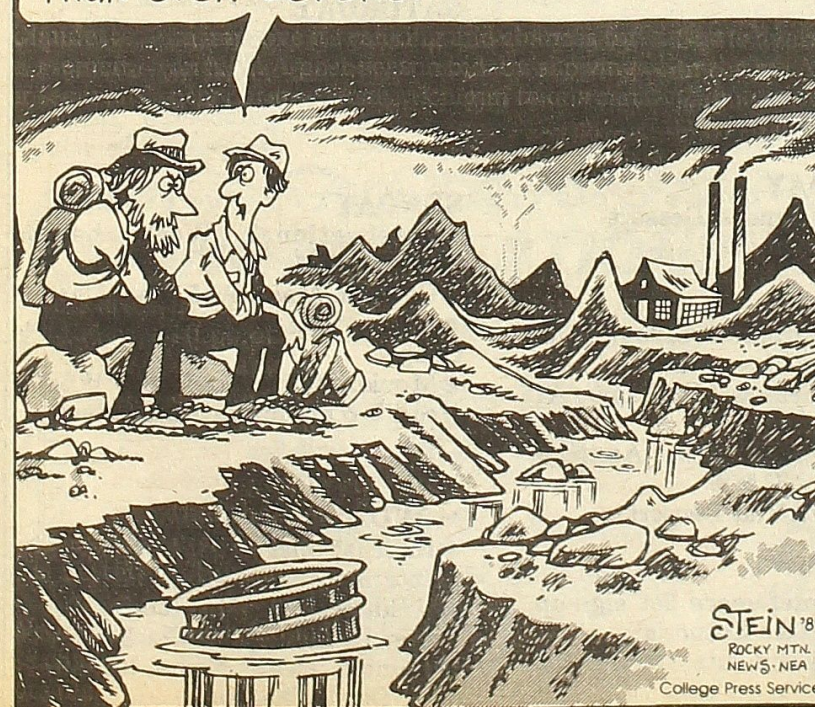
Most importantly, however, cable operators have formed a powerful lobby aimed at increasing the regulation of cable reception. They have also gotten together with the transmitters of premier programming. Beginning in March, HBO will scramble their signal at the satellite, so that owners of backyard dishes will be unable to receive a clear signal. Showtime, The Movie Channel, and others will follow suit later this year.

Clearly, cable operators have grown too powerful; these businesses are openly colluding. The necessary economies of scale will preclude a more competitive market, and consumers will be subject to price fixing.

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Feature

Alma students to produce monthly magazine

By Melissa Birks
Feature Editor

At the very top of the "Vespine Manifesto" are written in ink three words: "We Got It!" Obviously, Bo Kojich was extremely pleased to find that his proposal for a literary publication was accepted by the Executive Council and the Student Affairs Office.

With \$600 behind them and several manuscripts ready to be published, Kojich and co-worker Patti Bornhofen are on their way to producing Alma's first monthly literary magazine.

"It was Bo's brain-child," said Bornhofen. "About three weeks ago we started talking about it, and we just took off."

Kojich added that the idea came to him in his painting class. According to him, "People have a tendency to complain about things but never do anything about them."

"This is not to be a privilege of few," he went on, "but a privilege of those who feel they can say something interesting, something new, but at the same time, do it in a quality format."

That is probably the closest he can come to the actual goal of the magazine, as quoted in the proposal.

The object of *The Vespine* is "to create a forum for artistic and intellectual expression: a spectrum of intriguing voices, thoughts, and experiences."

According to Bornhofen, this "spectrum" has already been well received

by faculty and underclassmen. Waiting in the wings for printing are a provocative interview with Dr. Arnold, a satire on the typical Alma College graduate, and a few psychological short stories.

The publication is open to the prose, poetry, rhetorical essays, interviews, and visual art of any student or staff member. Bornhofen and Kojich define their role on the magazine as "editors and co-ordinators," adding that they are basically looking for two things in the work that is submitted.

Anything provocative, unique, "not mundane," and, Bornhofen threw in, a little controversial, promises to catch the editors' eyes.

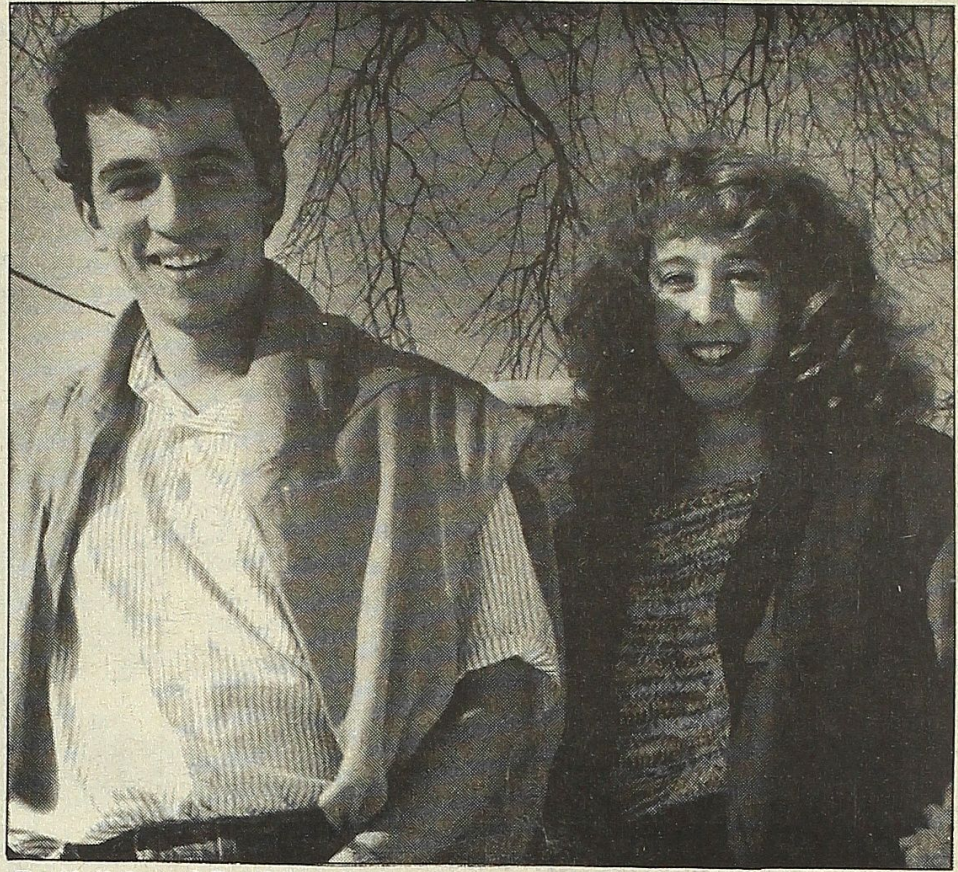
"Secondly," Kojich continued, "we are looking for a certain level of artistic or literary quality."

It is with this high quality of literary and artistic work that Kojich and Bornhofen hope to produce a more timely, more popularized publication with "something in it for everybody."

According to Bornhofen, *The Vespine* will contain works that neither *The Almanian* nor *The Pine River Anthology* have the space or the interest to publish.

If all goes well for Kojich and Bornhofen, their first effort in an "invitation not to talk anymore" will come out this March.

Literally, *The Vespine* means "biting or stinging, as pertaining to a wasp," its creators hope, however, that it will soon come to mean "Alma students have interests different from their safe, comfortable environment."



Bo Kojich and Patti Bornhofen: creators of *The Vespine*.

photo by Rodney Curtis

Visit from foreign consuls to highlight International Week

By John White
Staff Writer

Enough of trying to broaden your horizons just once or twice a month. Alma College's Association for International Understanding (AIU) is launching a major offensive. Feb. 10-15 will be international week, and AIU will do its best to make it a mind broadening experience.

"The basic goals of AIU are met with international week. We are trying to bring the world to Alma College, and tell people what's going on out there," said Jim Elsenheimer, AIU member.

AIU will attempt to enhance international understanding through the week's programs. "Hopefully by exposing people to different types of things, they can come out with an appreciation of other ways of life," said Elsenheimer.

International week will begin Sunday at 4 p.m. with an International Chapel Service. The service will involve international students past and present, and will be based on an intercultural theme. Monday will be international tee-shirt day, so the AIU is asking everyone to wear any worldly shirts they may own.

At Monday's 4 p.m. coffee house in Clack Theater, Bo Kojich will relate his experiences in the USSR with a discussion and slide show. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday there will be informal displays of other countries in the lobby of the academic center.

The high point of the week, according to AIU members, will be the visit of two consulates at Alma. The Israeli consulate member will arrive Tuesday, and the German consulate member, Wednesday. Though it was difficult to coordinate the two visits, the members were eager to come. They will speak about their own countries

see AIU page 11

Common Hour features Quiz Bowl

Jennifer A. Williams
Staff Writer

College Bowl has been deemed "the varsity sport of the mind," having become rather a custom for the past thirty years on American college campuses.

Such is the theme of the Common Hour on Thursday, Feb. 7. The Quiz Bowl team "First North Bruske: The Circus," consisting of Boyd Farnam, Brian Simmons, Chuck Scott and Dean Winn challenge faculty members Scott Messing, William Potter, Richard Roeper and James Schmidtke.

"It's a chance to see the faculty and

the students going at it," said Union Board Recreation/Special Events Coordinator Tait Norton.

"Students don't get much of a chance to show superiority over faculty in a field. It may show just how much the faculty knows."

Questions range from literature and science to music and mythology. The emphasis lies in quick recall. Participants in Quiz Bowl have five seconds to answer questions.

The purpose of Thursday's Quiz Bowl is to prepare the team "First North Bruske: The Circus" for the College Bowl regional competition among 16 teams, to occur Feb. 15-16 at Eastern Michigan University.

1985 Writing Contest Winners

Essay Division

First Place:

The judges awarded a tie:
"Exercise of the Mind Works on the Behind"—Lora Helou
"A musing"—Meg MacDonald
No second or third place prizes were awarded.

Short Story Division

No first place prize was awarded.

Second Place:

"Hail Storm"—Bill Alward

Third Place:

"Men's Section"—Lora Helou

Poetry Division

First Place:

"Smoking"—P. L. Bornhofen

Second Place:

"The Nightcrawlers"—David Freudenburg

Third Place:

"Luke"—Michelle Curry

Judges:

Essay:

Professors Joe Sutfin, Burnie Davis, and Peter Dollard.

Short Story:

Professors Robert Wegner, Ute Stargardt, and Scott Messing.

Poetry:

Professors William Palmer, Carol Slater, and Julie Wegner.

The English Department thanks professors Davis, Dollard, Messing, Slater, and Wegner for helping judge the contest.

This week...

TUESDAY

- Lecture: Michael Manley, 8 p.m., Chapel
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon Smoker
- Gamma Phi Beta Dessert

WEDNESDAY

- Delta Phi Omega Dessert
- Theta Chi Smoker

THURSDAY

- Common Hour Program: Quiz Bowl Spectacular—Student Champions vs. Faculty, 11:30 a.m., AC 113
- CPP Module: Test Anxiety, 4-5:30 p.m., AC 209
- Alpha Zeta Tau Dessert

FRIDAY

- Sorority preference list sign-up, 8-10 a.m., Tyler Rotunda
- Fraternity run-outs, 10 p.m., P.E. Center

SATURDAY

- Wake-ups/Sorority Bids day
- Movie: *If You Could See What I Hear*, 9 p.m., Jones Auditorium

SUNDAY

- International Week begins (through 2/15)
- Catholic Mass, 9:15 a.m., Chapel
- International Chapel Service, 4 p.m., Chapel
- Movie: *If You Could See What I Hear*, 9 p.m., Jones Auditorium

MONDAY

- International tee-shirt day
- International coffeehouse; Travel and Educational Possibilities in the Soviet Union, 4 p.m., Clack Theatre
- Gamma Delta Alpha lecture, 7 p.m., Clack Theatre

Entertainment

1984-85 theatrical season continues

Alma Players to stage *The Glass Menagerie*

By Meg MacDonald
Staff Writer

The 1984-85 season continues for the Alma College Players with their up-coming production of Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*.

Set in St. Louis in the early 1930's, the drama is one of growth and separation, family conflicts, and the eternal search for "a gentleman caller."

"I think it's our responsibility as a theatre company to preserve our dramatic heritage."

—Phil Griffiths

The play promises to be a challenge for the troupe unlike the classics and musical comedies seen in the past because it touches on emotions and situations which many people try to avoid. Casting was not an easy task, but director Phil Griffiths is pleased with his selections.

The four member ensemble includes Patricia Bornhofen as Amanda, Martin Preslar as Tom, Barbara Hess as Laura, and Kurt Martin as Jim O'Connor.

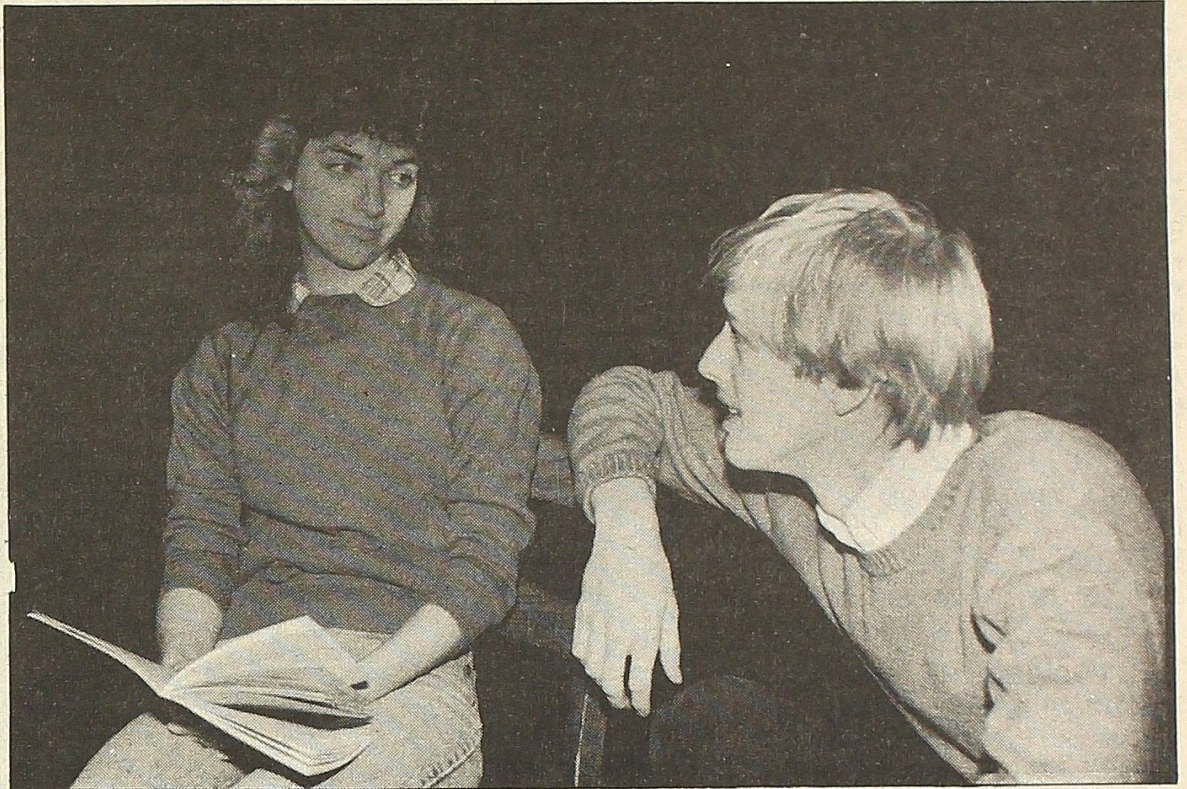
Bornhofen and Martin are newcomers to the Alma stage, each making a strong impact on Griffiths when auditioning. Martin's easy, relaxed personality promises to lend itself

well to the character he will play; Bornhofen's expressive manner and flexibility of voice and motion were keys in securing the role of the tragic Amanda.

Hess and Preslar both appeared in last term's highly successful *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and will be lending their skills this time in portraying vastly different kinds of characters.

A classic American drama, *The Glass Menagerie* will be an experience for both cast and audience. According to Griffiths, the troupe is obligated to produce a play of this kind. "I think it's our responsibility as a theatre company to preserve our dramatic heritage."

The play, with set design by Ray Fike, shows on March 15-16 and 22-23.



Barbara Hess and Kurt Martin practicing their roles of Laura and Jim O'Connor.

photo by Rodney Curtis

CMU grad to exhibit photography

By Lora Helou
Staff Writer

Photographer Don Barber, who grew up in Alma and graduated from Central Michigan University, is now coming back to Alma to show his art.

Barber uses a large format

view camera for his work, which, he says, deals mostly in nature abstraction segments.

"I don't take the total landscape, but I focus on small details—images that deal with ice, water and plants for example," said Barber.

Most of what Barber will exhibit in the Clack Art Center's Lounge Gallery are photos

taken from Michigan scenes.

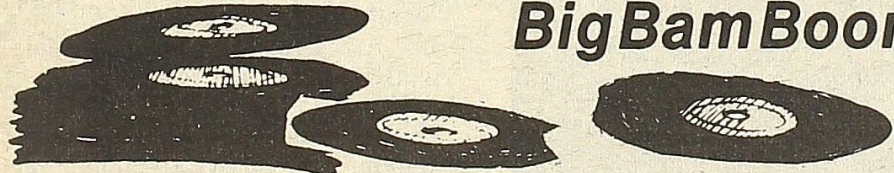
Barber received his bachelor of fine arts degree from CMU in 1980 and then went on to earn his master's in 1983. Since then, he has also been showing much of his work around the mid-Michigan area, including such places as Saginaw, Mt. Pleasant and Midland. This is the first time,

however, that he has had works shown in Alma.

Alma College's Gallery Director Robert Rozier said of Barber's work, "Don is just starting out, and I think he has a lot of talent, a lot to offer. His images from outdoor scenes and abstract color concerns add another dimension to his photography."

Barber's photographs will hang in the Lounge Gallery from Feb. 4 to March 8. The showing of Barber's work will roughly coincide with Alma's Fourth Annual Statewide Print Competition, which is Feb. 16 to March 15.

BigBamBoom doesn't stand up to close examination



By Don Wheaton
Staff Writer

HALL & OATES—
BigBamBoom

★★★

The arrogance of Hall & Oates listing all nine songs of their *BigBamBoom* album under the label, "containing these hits:" is unrivaled. However, Hall & Oates have such a popular command, it is not unlikely that all nine will be hits.

We've already heard enough of "Out of Touch" and "Method of Modern Love." Their hooking melodies have clicked, quickening the pop pulse of the country.

These two tunes, which kick off the LP, are by far the strongest. Much of the rest is pop filler, unsubstantiated fluff.

For instance, "Some Things Are Better Left Unsaid" has an unconvincing lyric and repetitive, overused and worn-out undercurrent (similar to that of "One on One," "Say It Isn't So," and other Hall & Oates staples). Yet it will still probably have massive appeal because of its rather engaging hooks and the mentality of Top 40 radio.

Other tracks that miss their mark are "Possession Obsession," "Going Thru the Motions" and "All-American Girl." Although a bit different

from the typical H & O mode, they really are not too special.

"Cold & Dark Yesterday" is a solid track which features Oates' baritone voice; it is a welcome relief from Hall's tenor lilt.

"Bank On Your Love" is a good pop/rocker, working well despite obvious hooks and basic rhythms.

Overall, *BigBamBoom* is an OK pop LP; it just doesn't hold up to close inspection.

ACCD writes about student concerns

Career planning can create anxiety

(Editor's note: The following is the first in a series of bi-weekly articles on issues affecting the lives of college students. The ACCD staff is interested in your reactions to the material presented.)

There are a number of

developmental tasks with which students are confronted during their college experience. Chief among these are the change in relationship with parents, learning to live independently, developing a sense of identity, determining

one's sexual values, and establishing educational and career goals.

But it is the task of planning one's education and consequent career which creates the most anxiety for today's college student.

Indeed, for the past several years, Alma College students have listed getting better jobs, making more money, and preparing for graduate school among their top reasons for attending college. Of less importance are developing a philosophy of life, meeting new and interesting people, and becoming a more cultured person.

Unfortunately, many of today's college students are more concerned about getting a job than developing a career. And a significant number of

Winter Concert to focus on international theme

Alma College
News Services

An international flavor marks the Alma College Kiltie Winter Concert being presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, in Dow Auditorium.

Among the program's featured works are "Variations on a Korean Folk Song" by

John Barnes Chance, "Four Scottish Dances" by Malcolm Arnold, and "Rhosymedre," a Ralph Vaughn Williams prelude based on a Welsh hymn tune.

Other features include selections by the Jazz Ensemble and a performance by the Kiltie Dancers. The free concert is open to the public.

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Sports

Men hoopers notch two league wins

By Mary Douglas
Sports Editor

Alma's men's basketball squad upset the league's second place team, Albion, with a 80-76 win on the road Saturday. Along with Wednesday's come-from-behind, 87-82 win over Kalamazoo, the Scots' successful week lifted Alma's record to 3-4 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, only one game out of third place.

Calling Wednesday's win a "big game," Ragsdale cited tri-captain Billy Core's "presence on the floor" as the factor that switched the game's momentum to the Scots.

"With our second conference win in a row, the Albion game has brought our standings to within one game of third place."
-Chris Ragsdale

"Core was the catalyst for our team. It's his desire to win that made the difference," Ragsdale said. "He didn't score, which shows what an unselfish player he is, but with his hustle and hard play, the whole team picked up the tempo. We seem to play a step or two quicker when he's on the floor."

The Scots trailed 40-33 at halftime after playing what Ragsdale called "less than enthusiastic basketball" in the first 20 minutes of the game. Alma was 9-24 from the floor and 15-21 from the line in that half. Kalamazoo was 18-27 from the floor and 4-4 in freethrows.

"If it wasn't for our freethrows we would have been completely out of the game," Ragsdale stated. "We were fortunate to be down by only seven points."

"We weren't active offensively and we weren't taking the ball inside," Ragsdale said about the first half. "But in the second half we got our inside players involved more, creating scoring opportunities from inside and outside."

Scott Lewis came off the bench in the second half, scored eight con-

secutive points, and helped the Scots to an eight point lead with 10 minutes left in the contest. Lewis ended the game with a game-high 27 points.

Ragsdale cited the "outstanding" performance of 6'7" freshman Mark Bussell in the win. In his first start of the year, Bussell was assigned to contain Jeff Koch, Kalamazoo's 6'10" center. Bussell not only held his man

scoreless, but he also allowed him only one rebound and caused him to foul out of the game.

At the same time, Bussell managed to claim seven points and eight rebounds.

Besides Lewis, three other Scots scored in double figures. Phil Young and captain Chuck Holmquist each hit for 16 points, while Jim Kramer, also

a captain, added 14 points. All of Young's points came in the second half.

To explain why this was a big win for Alma, Ragsdale split the league into divisions of three, with Hope alone at the top. In a group of equal skill and effectiveness were Adrian, Albion and Calvin. Alma, Kalamazoo and Olivet were in the third group.

"We aren't going to be contending for the league championship, Ragsdale said, "but we have established other goals. We are 2-0 against the teams we felt we could beat, and this win over Kalamazoo put us at the top of that third pack. We are in fifth place with a 2-4 record, which is better than being tied for last place at 1-5 with two other teams."

Three days after making that statement, Ragsdale took his team to Albion where the Scots notched another win to improve their league position even further.

"With our second conference win in a row, the Albion game has brought our standings to within one game of third place," Ragsdale said after Saturday's game.

In field goal shooting, both the Scots and the Britons shot at a 56 percentage. It was freethrow shooting that made the difference for Alma. The Scots shot 87 percent from the line. They controlled the game, never losing the lead.

Lewis led all scorers with 21 points, followed by Core with 15 and Kramer with 10.

Ragsdale stated: "Lewis, averaging 24 points in our last two games, showed his true ability Saturday. He was a great asset to the team in a very emotional game."

"Mark Bussell shut down Albion's Bruce Armstrong," added Ragsdale. "Armstrong was last week's Player of the Week in the MIAA."

The Scots' next game is Wednesday at Calvin, both varsity and junior varsity. On Saturday Alma's varsity will host Nazareth College beginning at 3 p.m. The JV's will open with Michigan Christian at 12:55 p.m.



Chuck Holmquist checks out the coverage between himself and the basket before attempting to convert his rebound into two points.

photo by Rodney Curtis

Women use week to improve bid chances

By Mary Douglas
Sports Editor

When playing a weak team like the Kalamazoo women's basketball squad, it's often difficult to get your own ball club up mentally. But Claudette Charney, coach of Alma's women, established other goals for her team on Wednesday to give them something to work for.

"Kalamazoo is one of the weaker teams in the league," stated Charney, whose team is leading the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a perfect 6-0 mark. The Scots are also ranked third in the Great Lakes Region in the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

About the Kalamazoo game, Charney said, "We wanted everyone to play and to score. And we wanted to hold them under 50 points. We wanted to improve our offensive and defensive statistics to get a better overall national ranking."

Saturday's game at Albion was also an attempt to improve Alma's chances for post-season play. The Scots played

Elmhurst College, a Division III team who lost to Wisconsin White Water, 80-53, earlier this season. White Water is currently ranked second in the region behind St. Norbert of Wisconsin. By playing Elmhurst, Alma hoped to improve its ranking and chances for an NCAA post-season bid, by showing other states what Michigan teams can do.

Sue Spagnuolo led all scorers with 23 points. She also led in rebounding with 11. Kris Johnson followed with 18 points, Ann Sheedy hit for 14 points, and Tammy Feenstra added 12. Also in double figures was Sal deGraw with 10 points.

Against Kalamazoo, Alma tallied 28 assists to the Hornets' two, and every Scot scored.

"We still had some turnovers but when you're running the fast break that happens," Charney said. "We just had to cash in their turnovers."

Spagnuolo led the way with 17 points and eight rebounds. Cindy Short added 15 points, followed by Johnson and deGraw with 10 points each. Cindy Tully had nine rebounds.

Last week Johnson, a sophomore, was named Player of the Week in the MIAA after scoring 32 points in two league games. She scored 21 points to lead the Scots past Hope (79-69) and 11 points in the 82-58 win over Adrian. She is averaging 12.4 points per game in the MIAA, to put her eighth in the league in individual scoring.

As of last week, Spagnuolo was still

leading the league with a 19.6 scoring average and a rebounding average of 10. She was third in field goal shooting with a 59 percent average, and sixth in freethrows at 73 percent.

"Sue is starting to pass really well, (six assists on Wednesday), which only adds to her overall game. She's a good all-around player," Charney noted.

Week At A Glance

Men's Basketball (Varsity):
Wed.....at Calvin.
Sat.....Nazareth (home) at 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball (Varsity):
Wed.....Calvin (home) at 8 p.m.
Fri.....Albion (home) at 8 p.m.

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving:
Wed.....Grand Valley State (home) at 7 p.m.
Sat.....Albion (home) at 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball (Junior Varsity):
Fri.....Albion (home) at 6 p.m.
Sat.....Glenn Oaks (home) at 5:30 p.m.
Mon.....at Delta

Men's Basketball (Junior Varsity):
Wed.....at Calvin
Sat.....Michigan Christian (home) at 12:55 p.m.

Intramural Update

IM Basketball Results, as of Thursday, Jan 31.

Men - A league

Fast Food Music II.....	3-0
Legal Tender.....	2-1
Midnight Funk Train.....	1-1
TKE (A).....	1-1
Jimmo's Library.....	0-2
ZE (A).....	0-2

Women

Field Hockey.....	3-0
Piza Sam Slammers.....	2-1
The Evolutionists.....	2-1
AZT.....	1-2
TBA.....	0-2
Zapa.....	0-2

Men's B League - Division I

TKE.....	2-0
In Yo Face.....	2-0
The Team.....	1-1
Heartbreakers.....	1-1
Sigma Chi.....	0-2
H.T. Bombers.....	0-2

Men's B League - Division II

Mitchell Midgets.....	2-1
ZE.....	2-1
Lumberjacks.....	2-1
Multi-Color Boarders.....	1-2
Bachelor Buddies.....	1-2
Staffers.....	0-1

Men's C League - Division I

TKE - Greco.....	2-0
C-Men.....	2-0
Cherry Pickers.....	2-1
Brew Crew.....	1-2
Parthenophobic.....	1-2
Shooting Bricks.....	0-3

Men's C League - Division II

Dusty Old Bears.....	3-0
Circus.....	2-1
Porifera.....	1-1
After the fall of Adam.....	1-2
Sigma Chi.....	1-2
TKE - Ocerg.....	0-2

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Swimmers eye Conference to reach individual goals

By Mary Douglas
Sports Editor

The five-time women's swimming league champions of Hope College poured it on against Alma's women Saturday, taking a 83-28 win in their own pool. Alma's men fared slightly better, but still took home a loss at 67-32.

"The team swam a 'mix-it-up' line-up, aiming for individual time or score goals, in swimming against the five-time league champions, Hope College," said the Scot women's coach, Sue Bloomfield. Renee Allen, coach of the men's team, said she mixed up her squad's line-up also.

Although their team records have erased any chance of Alma capturing the league titles, Alma's swimmers are trying to improve on their own individual performances to prepare for the Conference Meet scheduled for Feb. 21-23.

An important aspect in collegiate swimming and diving is qualifying to compete at the national level, and these qualifying times are often met at the Conference Meet.

Against Hope, two Scot men picked up individual first places for Alma: Jeff Schamanek (100-yard

cond place, 10:47.06 performance in the 1000-yard freestyle, in which he clipped four seconds from his previous best time. Since the beginning of the season, Fields has improved on his personal 1000 time by a total of 10 seconds.

Schamanek also swam his fastest time of the year in his

"The team swam a 'mix-it-up' line-up, aiming for individual time or score goals."

-Sue Bloomfield

backstroke in 59.45), and McKinley Mercer (one-meter diving). The 400-yard free relay team of Tim Fields, Paul Kurtzhals, Chris Slater and Schamanek also notched a first place with a time of 3:34.19.

Swimming to a first place for the women was the 200-yard free relay team of Suzie Wolf, Amy Hooton, Trish Howrey and Lynne Harvey in 1:58.35.

Coach Allen noted Field's se-

leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay.

"If we continue to improve and swim consistently hard, I am sure we will have a really good showing at Conference," Allen said.

Highlights for the women included the fact that they reached 17 of their time or score goals

Diver Cathy Collard's improvement off the three-meter board. She topped her personal best dive by 22 points, good enough for a second place in that event.

Bloomfield's "Outstanding Swim of the Meet" nomination went to sophomore Amy Hooton who dropped 16 seconds from her season best in the 1000-yard freestyle, finishing third in 13:16.83.

Bloomfield cited Suzie Wolf's second place finish in her first attempt at the 200-yard fly (2:40.04) as the "Iron Woman Swim of the Meet."

"Suzie held her form and turnover really well for the entire distance, a difficult feat in this extremely demanding event," said Bloomfield.

Divers Collard and Julie Miller debuted as swimmers in the 200-yard medley relay, and, according to Bloomfield, this change "opens up new options for our conference line-ups."

The Scots' next two meets are both at home, beginning with Grand Valley on Wednesday at 7 p.m. On Saturday the Scots host Albion in a league meet which opens at 1 p.m.

Bloomfield added, "We should have a number of closely contested events and strong home crowd support could make the difference for the Scots."

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Greek Spotlight

ΣΒ

Well, has everyone survived the weekend? I hope so. Meg, how goes the two worlds? Does anyone know how many points you get for bouncing a Hacky Sack off your eye? How can anyone have so much fun bouncing small leather objects off various parts of the body?! Ouch! The question for this week, boys and girls, is: Does anyone have an extra towel for Dave?

AZT

What on incredible NIGHT ON THE TOWN! We're anxious for Desserts, hope you are, too! Heard Miller the Mom is getting labor pains. Any of you actives thinking about family traditions? Two classics this week. "I have to curl my hair." "If you can't put your cards on the table, don't bother picking up the

Letters

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Mr. Martin makes a major mistake when he identifies fraternities as the major propagators of alcohol abuse at Alma College. Fraternity drinking is only a subpoint of a symptom of a major campus-wide problem. It is time that the campus realizes that the roots of alcohol abuse are buried beneath stress and deep-rooted acceptance of alcohol as a crutch.

Acceptance of alcohol has its origin for most students in middle school and high school, where alcoholic parties are the major social outlet on a Saturday night. In addition, parental use has made it clear to the student that alcohol abuse is both fun and acceptable.

In addition, Alma's intense level of academic competition among students places undue stress upon the student body. Educators agree that grades

deck to deal." Have you signed the Amo-Te date list? A dozen days are we're going to HOLLYWOOD!

ΖΣ

The Sigs proudly welcome fifteen new women into the family. We really dig partying with you, and you all look good in yellow. To all of the sisters, your Mama loves you. Old Time Rock and Roll Lives upstairs at the House! To a few good men, in the famous words of General Patton: "When the time comes, you'll know what to do."

ΓΣΣ

Thanks to all of you who caught our sneak preview. GSS carries on the tradition of excellence with relevance, in more ways than service. Our Valentine's Flower Sale is in full bloom—watch for us during lunch and dinner until Friday. Thought for the day:

have little relevance to the amount of learning that takes place, and in fact, hamper the educational process. With Alma's emphasis on success and society's deep-rooted acceptance of alcohol, it is little wonder that there is an alcohol problem.

Adding to the problem is the fact that except for the much maligned fraternity parties, there are few participation-oriented activities that allow students to blow off tensions. Instead of creating a problem by "flaunting alcoholism," fraternities serve as much-needed outlets for tensions, thereby alleviating more serious nervous problems.

Second, it is a misconception to think that alcohol abuse is basically limited to fraternities, and in fact, the opposite is true. Fraternities act as a safety net for their members. When a member develops a problem with alcohol, he has much needed support from his peers to battle his problem. This is not true among the independent population where students are

Behavior is a mirror in which everyone shows his image. Go Greek, and become the best image possible.

ΘΧ

Let us all become one, that we may feel this "togetherness," this "oneness." Miles, miles, miles. Who says Wednesday is in the middle of the week? To all rushees: A Sage is one who contemplates his decision, carefully considering each of his options. Then, after examining the virtues of each, he reaches a decision. Be a Sage. Auf leben.

KI

And now it's time for the curtain call...The KIs will soon be adding some new, and very welcome, players to the cast! More involvements—look to see the KIs supporting the Africa Fellow auction in

March. Welcome back, Susie—we miss your smiling face! The over (under) seas KIs write that all is "tres bien" in Europe. Kiotes of the week: it's a pack! Judy & all those who helped with teas, Susan and Kerri for our new bathroom, and Carolyn for doing the dishes. And lastly, our love and prayers to Kerri—hang in there, hon!

ΣΧ

Hello again. I hope you enjoyed yourself the other night. As for the smokey ones, oh well, it was quite a smoker. To those who choose to make the decision, I hope it is best for you. For those who will be an addition to us this Friday, a word of encouragement: Myron and Euge will be out of town. Go Greek. Go blue and gold! In hoc.

Council has even initiated a program on responsible drinking for those who go through rush. It angers me that the Greeks are trying to prove to the administration (and campus) that we are responsible drinkers and promote such thinking, only to have you negate our attempts with such an outrageous headline.

Not only do Greeks promote responsible drinking on campus, but we also provide an alternative. At many houses, there are always non-alcoholic beverages available to those who don't wish to consume alcohol.

The Greeks do much more than drink on this campus. Two weeks ago the entire Greek community (men and women) united to work together to help raise money for the people of Ethiopia. Fraternities and sororities also do individual projects to assist, inform and entertain this campus and the Alma community. I think you owe the Greek community an apology.

Bob Barnett
President, Sigma Chi

ΣΑΕ

Greetings pleasure seekers. Prepare for the week's report. Siggie is relaxing on the throne after a week of might be's. Jomo is pleasantly plowed at the P.K., Shoe is freaking, Pitt is whimpering, Don is complaining about dues, Borgie is studying, Somchai is leaving off pronouns, Hank and Dags are keg hunting, Conley is rushing, Jon-Jon is bargaining for drapes, Beagle is swimming, Hogie is hooping, and last but not least, the dormies are plotting to take over the house. Phi Alpha.

ΑΓΔ

Yo! Ho! Ho! Senioritis has hit the spotlight...watch out! Well, girls, we finally did it! We're officially Alpha Gams! What a groovy performance, Julie and Deb. Congrats to Laura and Barb—you were voted most decorative chests! Hope a good time was had by all. By the way, what happened to the Jan. birthday bash? T.D., Berlin, Reckless, and Mind—we'll make it up to you. Go green, red and buff!

TKE

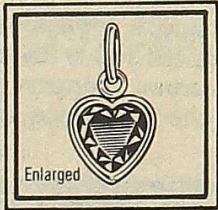
Thanks to everyone who attended TKE on the town, and to all those who helped. Don, it wouldn't have been any fun if it was done early. There are still plenty of Amo-te dates available; call 7782. Good luck to all those who decide to go Greek this weekend. Make the choice you can live with.

ΓΦΒ

Hey rushees, thanks for the "sensational" time at the spread. What a great group of footloose females! Sarah, thanks for all your hard work. Keeping your hands clean, Tania? Watch your manners this week, girls. Tonight's your night to shine, seniors. Don't forget your hankies everyone. Let's show these rushees how to be rugged but right. Yea, rah, Gammys!

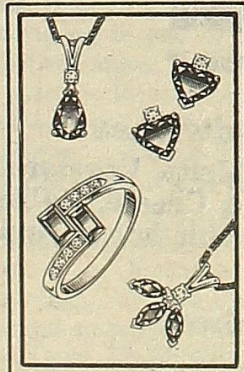
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Education

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ly one in 10 say state government should have more control."

● "...Nearly all (96 percent) of those surveyed said that more financial aid should be available to members of lower-income households (\$20,000 a year or less)." Furthermore, "a significant number of Michigan residents perceive that students trying to obtain financial aid in order to attend public colleges and universities in Michigan have at least some difficulty in doing so."

● "...Two-thirds of the state's adults support increased spending to repair and maintain buildings to permit more research on college campuses, and to allow colleges and universities to hold tuitions stable." "However," Robinson said, "the survey was clear

in pointing out that residents don't support the construction of new buildings on college campuses."

In the Commission's Dec. 4 release, Robinson commented, "It's good news that Michigan residents have not yet perceived any decline in the quality of Michigan's public higher education system during the past 10 years."

Perceived or not, there has been a decline. Michigan's educational system has been labelled as "a great system in jeopardy" in *Putting our minds together*.

Issues of finance, political dynamics, tuitions, declining enrollments and a fundamental change in Michigan's economy all contribute to the problem, according to the report.

A main issue is the financial problem. The Commission's report indicates that,

"From the fiscal year 1979 to fiscal year 1983, per capita state support to the four-year colleges and universities dropped from 14th in the nation to 37th in the nation."

A *Detroit News* article ("Hidden recession hurts schools," Jan. 16, 1985) also mentioned this slip in support ranking. The article went on to indicate that "at the same time—because of budget cuts—the state's universities have accumulated a massive \$115 million in deferred maintenance, repairs and upkeep to things like walls and roofs that should have been fixed but weren't."

Another dimension to the problem is that of political dynamics, according to the Commission's report. These dynamics "have also threatened quality by compelling across-the-board reductions regardless of program value, costs or educational missions. At the same time, pressure was brought to approve new buildings, new programs and new schools resulting in further diffusing of state resources."

The dimension of tuition hikes also adds to the problem. The Commission's report indicates that, "In an attempt to maintain historical program quality and offerings, Michigan's colleges and universities were forced to raise tuitions. Beginning with a fee structure that was comparable to other Great Lakes states' institutions in the 1960s, fees started to rise dramatically throughout the system in the mid seventies. Today, Michigan tuitions are 42 percent higher than the average of other states."

Wayne State University President David Adamany commented on the tuition problem in the *Detroit News* article: "Among the nation's public research universities, the University of Michigan charges the highest tuition, Michigan State University the third highest, and—after two successive years of tuition freeze—Wayne State's tuition stands fourth. It is now possible for Michigan students to attend colleges in the South and Southwest as nonresident students at less tuition cost than they will bear as resident

students at Michigan's three great research universities."

The Commission's report indicated that "faced with rising tuitions and static student aid programs, Michigan's families are struggling to finance higher education for their children."

The system faces a future of declining enrollment, according to the Commission's report. "The baby boom that had fueled the system's successful expansion in the 1960s began to wane in the 1980s," the report said. The Commission estimates that demographic trends alone may reduce enrollment in the higher education system by at least 15 percent by the mid-1990s.

A shifting economic base for Michigan compounds the economic and demographic problems, according to the report. "Our economic base, supported by the automobile industry, is slowly but surely shifting. An education system which has contributed to Michigan's economic strengths—mining, agriculture, lumber, automobiles—is now faced with a new challenge: to help reestablish the diversity of Michigan's economy."

After its studies and the survey, the Commission concluded that we are at a pivotal point in preserving the quality of Michigan's system of higher education.

"The Commission's main conclusion is clear: public higher education in Michigan is at the crossroads. If nothing is done to address the various problems confronting the system it is likely to face a future in which mediocrity is coupled with inaccessibility, a totally unacceptable result for Michigan's citizens. If sensible, imaginative and tough measures are taken now, however, the system can be everything it has been in the past and more."

The Commission offered an extensive list of recommendations, to improve Michigan's higher education system.

They were generally divided into four categories, "Investing in People," "Focusing Priorities," "Supporting Economic Progress," and "Creating a Partnership for Action."

Fellow

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do something like this, but those who could and feel that they could do (something) good over there should definitely apply," said Robinson.

The Africa Fellow is a teacher at Mayflower high school in Nigeria with other volunteer students from various European countries.

The Fellow usually instructs courses in English, math and science.

"There is a great demand for science teachers in Nigeria," stated Robinson.

Quoting Tai Solarin, founder of Mayflower school, he added, "An American with a high school diploma can teach just about anything that needs to be taught in Nigeria."

The teaching aspect of the Africa Fellowship program makes it unique, explained Provost Dr. Ronald Kapp.

"Most of the overseas programs are to go over and take classes. This program is quite different. It is a service year," Kapp said.

"Most Americans suffer from an acute case of egocentrism. I was able to break out of that," Robinson said.

"This experience gave me a whole different perspective on myself and the world," he added.

Aside from the individual fellow's gains, Kapp said, "The program also brings some cultural enrichment to our campus through the returning fellow and the contacts with Nigeria and (the) Mayflower school."

The fellowship is funded entirely through the college, including a subsistence allowance for the student.

According to Kapp, over half of the cost for the program is allocated from the student activity tax. The remaining expense is covered by monies earned in the Africa Fellow auction and furnished by a few smaller funds.

The auction, which raised approximately \$1700 last year, will take place on March 16 in Van Dusen.

A 15-member committee has been formed to coordinate the auction this year, aiding the disbanding Sigma Beta fraternity, which previously organized the auction.

"The committee consists of presidents of many campus organizations, Dr. Kapp, and myself," said Assistant Dean of Students Kathy Callahan.

All of the funds raised by the auction are donated in support of the Africa Fellowship.

PLANS

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students believe that obtaining a high salary is more important than finding a position that provides career mobility and opportunities to fulfill their potential in life.

Although this may be an understandable response to an unstable economy, highly competitive job market, and a future marked by uncertainty, it also has a tendency to accentuate the problem.

It is a known fact that as individuals become more anxious, they tend to pay more attention to their own thoughts and fears, and less attention to what is going on around them. Their thoughts and actions become more conservative and their lives more restrictive.

Consequently, they also tend to avoid taking risks, engage in fewer meaningful relationships, and often fail to take advantage of various opportunities that might alleviate some of their concerns and contribute to their self-growth.

Such actions on the part of college students are unfortunate given the variety of educational programs, student services, and social activities offered on most campuses.

There is probably no other time in one's life when there exists such an abundance of opportunities for self-exploration and growth. This issue was a major theme in the popular movie *The Big Chill*.

A recent advertisement for General Electric states: "The next time you're in a meeting, look around and identify the 'yesbutter', the 'notnowers' and the 'whynotter.' 'Whynotters' move companies."

If one looks around a college campus, it is also possible to identify students who fall into these categories. More commonly referred to as unmotivated, less serious, or uncommitted students, the "yesbutter" and the "notnowers" often enter their junior and senior years with little or no idea where they would like to go with their lives.

The "whynotters," on the other hand, take the role of active participants in their college experience. They take advantage of the opportunities offered and responsibility for their decisions. And unlike the others, they develop a sense of direction and purpose, and a plan for their future.

The Advising, Counseling, and Career Development Center provides a wide range of programs and services to assist students with their educational, vocational, and personal concerns in an atmosphere of confidentiality and support.

Regardless of the type of assistance provided, the ultimate objective is the

same: the development of a more effective and adaptive individual, increasingly able to capitalize on his or her own resources, and to cope with future situations.

Correction

In last week's Almanian Student Congress article a quote from Cathy Lazar was erroneously attributed to Cathy Lombardo. The paragraph should have read, "This requires organizations to pay prices such as '\$8.50 per hour for two bartenders to ladle wine punch and \$5.50 for a gallon of orange juice,' said Union Board President Cathy Lazar."

AIU

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and about current international issues.

To lighten up the week's activities, AIU and Alpha Mu Gamma will sponsor an international coffee hour on Thursday in the Tyler Rotunda. Students are invited to freely partake of the coffees of other countries. On Friday, Saga will have its annual International Dinner, and by coincidence, a Japanese mime troupe will perform that evening.

In the past, international week activities have included such events as the Saga dinner or foreign films. This year, it is aimed at getting interaction between students, the speakers, and the AIU. And that seems to be in line with the goals of AIU and international week.

Classifieds

Calligraphy done on certificates, invitations, or publicity. Call Barb at 7724.

Attention: Bill Wilson
You are wanted for amphibicide! We know that you've confessed to the senseless murdering of innocent newts. Your punishment has been chosen-you will be fed to the piranhas!! Enjoy your last days and remember all the amphibians that you brutally slaughtered!
Cordially,
the Newt Protection Agency

Dear Larr-Bear,
Hi Fuzzy-Wuzzy Friend! Is the static gone yet? Where's the fire? Two basement-dwelling weirdos.

Gamma Delta Iota will be having its smoker tonight at 8:00 p.m. in 116 Gelston. All prospective GDI's are welcome.

Miss Judy Braisted,
SMILE! God loves you!
Hose Nose

Winter Term textbook returns will begin on February 18th. If you still need books for Winter Term please stop by the Bookstore before they are returned.

Thank you,
Chris Avison

Women as Leaders: Preparing Early for Jobs at the Top (Symposium in Washington, DC, May 19-June 1, \$405 transportation). For further information see Dr. Lynda Markham, AC 133, 7244. This could be a part of a practicum experience.

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 an 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 Thursday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. WSP alumns Todd Beeson, Mark Konecny, and Professor Davis will explain the program and answer questions. Deadline for Fall, 1985 applications is March 25, 1985.

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AMO-TE '85

Newt Nukers of Alma:
Don't let those lizards take over. Unite and nuke a newt today.

Interested in working for Union Board next year? For info on jobs available, come to the ACUB prospectus night, Feb. 13 in Tyler (Jones Auditorium) at 6:15 p.m.
Cathy Lazar 7956

Anyone interested in writing a short article to the published in the Alma Highland Festival Program should contact the program chairperson, Cathy Lazar (227 Carey, Ext. 7956) as soon as possible. Original artwork may also be accepted.

Attention:
A nasty rumor has been circulating around this campus. Word has it that men are not asking women to Amo-Te. Any information regarding the validity of this nasty rumor should be reported immediately.

Newts of the world, UNITE!
Stamp out sign makers!
The Masked Newt

To the Ray Bloch fans of Alma College:
Remember to follow the ways of that multi-faceted yet simple man!
The No. 1 fan.

Alma students: BOO!
—The Holy Spirit

Nuke the Newts!

Dear Mister Adrenachrome,
I'm dealing with your psychy. It kills me.
—Mademoiselle Nej

Coo coo cachooo.

...to what degree will a drug culture accept a drug subculture whose drug choices are different?
—William Emboden

Can God create a stone so great that even he cannot lift it?

Don't take life too seriously, you'll never get out of it alive anyway.
—Bugs Bunny

Bebe: Welcome to the clan! It's about time, huh? We love you.

Dangerous Disciples:
Thanks for the kind words, but I want to know more about God: Its nationality, where it went to school, what degrees it holds, its basic anatomy...If God is everywhere, it must also reside in me; am I GOD?
—The Inquisitive One

Mon Bon: We refuse to grow up.

L.A. and L.B.: your Bathroom apt. is ready for immediate occupancy. See MK, GM, or SQ for details.

D.B.O.,
Sigs are everywhere!
—Nosirrom

Need an identity? Try the Greek system!
—The Adrenachrome Hunter

Applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the 1985-86 Scotsman will be available Wed., Feb. 6th in the Student Affairs Office. Applications are due Fri., Feb. 22.

Dangerous Souls,
Should I feel safer now that Alma has been overrun with dangerous people? It's nice to have you around, but what is the essence of dangerousness, who is in danger, and why can't you be safe people (i.e. a sanctuary)?
A Confused Follower

Love is blind;
Ray Charles is blind;
Ray Charles is love.
—Nwonknu

Dear Dangerous Disciples:
Please keep trying to explain things to our inquisitive one. SHALOM.
—We who are concerned

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Pat-
Send peanut butter and taco bell! Next demand, next issue!
Your brother,
Vince

Dangerous Question
From whence came God? Were there letters before the Word? Note: 'Alpha' is unacceptable.
An Enquiring Mind

Menu

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Tuesday	Homemade Donuts Applesauce Fritters Scrambled Eggs Fried Eggs Hearty Fried Potatoes Bacon	Cream of Potato Soup Hamburger on a Bun Fettucini Carbanara Egg Salad on Rye Potato Chips	Garden Vegetabe Soup Baked Ham Chinese Pepper Steak Cheese Enchiladas Potatoes Au Gratin
Wed	Sticky Top Rolls French Toast Warm Syrups Soft & Medium Cooked Eggs Scramble Eggs Home Fried Potatoes	Beef Barley Soup Bacon, Lettuce, & Tomato Chili Nachos Turkey Salad on Whole Wheat Peas and Carrots Potato Chips	Turkey Rice Soup Philadelphia Steak Sand. Spaghetti w/meat sauce Oven Brownd Potatoes Cauliflower Garlic Bread
Thursday	Blueberry Pancakes Warm Syrups Scrambled Eggs Poached Eggs Hash Browns Bagels w/cream cheese	Mock Turtle w/sherry Hot Dog on a Bun -grilled Macaroni & Cheese Tuna Salad on French Bread Mixed Vegetables Potato Chips	Egg Drop Soup Fried Chicken Beef Tacos Zucchini Mushroom Crepe Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Cuts
Friday	French Toast Warm Syrups Soft & Medium Cooked Eggs Scrambled Eggs Hearty Fried Potatoes English Muffins	Cream of Tomato Soup Fishwich w/lettuce & tomato Beef Biscuit Roll w/gravy Egg Foo Yong w/oriental sauce Rice	Dutch Green Bean Soup Veal Parmesan Batter Fried Perch Hungarian Noodle Bake European Vegetables Homemade Bread
Saturday	Waffles Warm Syrups Scrambled Eggs Fried Eggs Hashed Brown Potatoes Bagels	Beef Noodle Soup Hot Turkey Sandwich Homemade Bread Sausage and Shells Scrambled Eggs w/ham Scrambled Eggs	U.S. Senate Bean Soup Top Sirlion Steak Boneless Breast of Chicken w/supreme sauce Breaded Shrimp Scalloped Potatoes
Sunday	Applesauce Coffee Cake Pancakes Warm Syrups Soft & Medium Cooked Eggs Scramble Eggs Hearty Fried Potatoes	Chicken Gumbo Soup French Bread Pizza Veg. Cheese Fr. Bread Pizza Turkey Croquettes w/cream sauce Mushroom Omelet Vegetable Trio	Split Pea Soup Swedish Meatballs Fr. Waffles w/strawb. sauce Mashed Potatoes w/beef gravy Whole Kernel Corn Egg Noodles
Monday	Banana Bread French Toast Warm Syrup Scrambled Eggs Poached Eggs Hash Brownd Potatoes	Canadian Cheese Soup Hamburger on Bun Tuna Noodle Casserole Ham Salad/whole wheat Cold Cut Tray Spinach	Breast of Chicken Sandwich Pork Chow Mein over Chinese Noodles Beef & Bean Burrito Bean Burrito Oven Brownd Potatoes
Tuesday	Blueberry Fritters Warm Syrups Fried Eggs Scrambled Eggs Home Fried Potatoes Bacon	Tomato Beef Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Grilled Ham & Cheese Sand. Ground Beef & Potato Pie Quiche Lorraine Peas and Mushrooms	Turkey Rice Soup Salisbury Steak w/br. gravy Breaded Baked Cod Corn Dogs Oven Brownd Potatoes Buttered Green Beans

V-8 International! No wonder Frenchmen drink wine. Try as they might, they can never have a V-8.
J and J

Rob, Mark, and Doc!
HAPPY TROLLING! As track season is rapidly approaching we hope that you have cut down on all alcohol consumption and are diligently preparing for your trip to nationals—we know you can do it! Watch out for those Florida stop-signs (fwip-fwop)!

Rob, Mark, & Doc (cont'd), the track stars:
Beware of falling tents and the influences of alcohol. The result could be unexpected visitors late at night. Hope you won't have to take your sleeping bags to the pool. We expect a postcard! (please!) HAVE FUN!
Your ardent admirers and alcoholic accomplices.

Inquisitive One:
Give it up. You're even more boring than the Renaissance Man.

Richie-
We are gone but you are NOT forgotten. We'll write soon!
TKE love, KT & JMC

Dear Inquisitive One:
To find what you seek, look first in a mirror. Look second into a friend's eyes. Look third into the honesty of your questions.
--Another Inquisitive One

BP
We have everything to gain and nothing to lose.
Always, LG

Dear Babycakes and all the other members of the Alma College Kiltie Band,
Let's show Chicago what we've really get!! Jam-on-it!!
Love, Pooky

Dear Kristin and Leslie,
Really wish you could have gone home with us. It would've been terrific. Let's go GREEK!!!! Oui, Oui, O.
P.S.: Kristin, what ever happened to Naughty and Nasty?
Love, Pooky and Babycakes

Dear Marty,
Thanks for the gun, what would Annie Oakley do without a gun? No, forget it don't even answer this one.

The Departmental Comprehensive Exam for history majors will be administered on Thurs., March 7, in AC 104 from 7-9 p.m. This exam is required for students seeking to graduate with departmental honors and optional for all other senior history majors. For further info contact Dr. Yavenditti at 7246.

The Publius Fellows Program is an intensive 6-week summer course in political journalism for college seniors interested in writing for the public prints. Each Fellow receives a stipend of \$2000, plus up to \$500 travel allowance, and lodging at Claremont, CA will be provided. Deadline for application is March 31, 1985. More information and application forms are available from Dr. Davis.

Don't forget to keep saving Ashcraft grocery tapes to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters. So far the total in tapes has come to \$139. Deposit your grocery receipts in the box located in Newberry Lobby.

Mark it on your calendar!
The Sisters of Kappa Iota are sponsoring a skate-a-thon for muscular dystrophy. The date is March 6, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to get sponsors and skate. Stay tuned for further details.

The recent blood drive on Alma College campus produced 116 pints of blood. The goal for the drive was 125 and there were 129 presenting. Members of Gamma Sigma Sigma cosponsored the drive. Also assisting, as volunteer workers, were members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. There were 27 first time donors and 9 recognition donors. Mary Jacques, Coordinator of the blood services program, expresses thanks to all of you who worked at the drive and to all who donated blood. The next drive at Alma College will be on March 14.
The goal for the drive is 150 pints.

Sorry guys!
Alma College doesn't like to play 'Let's Pretend'! We'll just have to play for real. But it will be worth your while. Reply to Princess.

It's coming-
March 18-22

Adrenachrome Kneebiter,
Don't get your glands all worked up, we'll give you a buzz sometime.
Love, BAMFS

Dear Suzie and Barb,
You're the greatest!
Love, Your not-so-secret admirer

Scott, Dave, Del, Kevin, Jesse, Mattie, Kas, Scottie and Amy:
Just wanted to let you guys know that you are thought of often and missed much. Mo fe ran re,
Lovey

Dear Batchelders,
Thanks for thinking about me. I miss you.
Lovey

African Correspondent:
A long letter is on the way—I promise. Hope you're doing well. I miss you—
Love, Bob