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SEMI-FINALISTS CHOSEN

The eleven semi-finalists for Alma's 1969 Snow Queen are all different in her own way. Narrowing the candidates down to five finalists may prove to be very difficult. To familiarize you with the nominees, a brief sketch of each of them follows.

Judy Kebler, one of our cheerleaders for this year, eventually plans to be an elementary teacher. Right now she is involved in the women's intramural Council. Judy lists sports and knitting as her favorite pastimes.

Helen Bendall, another cheerleader, is busy with her job as an R.A. in Gelston and as a member of Student Council. She describes her future plans as "ambiguous" but definitely wants to continue her education. Antiques and antique collection are among Helen's special interests.

A member of the Alpha Theta Sorority is Sue Garrard, interested in theatre productions, folk singing, and athletics. Sue plans on majoring in Speech and Theatre.

Active in the Kappa Iota Sorority, Panhellenic Council, and the Kiltie Lassies, is Bev Schmidt. Her

future plans are not yet final though she does intend to major in biology. Music, art, and sports head Bev's spare time activities.

Marsha Andrews is a music and French major, active in Kappa Iota Sorority and the Alma Singers. She places singing and skiing at the top of her list of interests.

Karen Frost, also of Kappa Iota plans to major in education and speech. Sports are among Karen's pastimes, including swimming and water skiing. She especially enjoys singing and playing the guitar in her spare time.

As a member of the Curricular Evaluation subcommittee of Student Council, and a participant in women's intramural sports, Heather Neary manages to keep busy. Since Heather likes to travel and to meet people, she hopes to go to France next year where she will study towards her majors in French and English. Eventually she plans to work for the State Department.

Jo Fidler, a member of Kappa Iota sorority, intends to major in English and minor in education. Her future plans include teaching. Swimming and spectator sports are

her most important means of enjoyment.

Karen Lovett, president of Kappa Iota Sorority, is a ski fan and participates in intramural sports. She will major in sociology and elementary education. One of Karen's foremost interests is "people".

Debbie Sadler is undecided about her major field, but someday would like to become a professional guide scout. Debbie "loves" camping, swimming, the state of New York, and finally, pizza with cheese and bacon!

Sue Pike, active in sports, is on the women's varsity basketball team and likes skiing. Her future plans are to major in biology but she definitely does not want to teach.

These are the eleven semi-finalists for Snow Carnival Queen.

SNOW CARNIVAL

Snow Carnival will be held the

first week-end in February. This year's theme is "Folklore."

The judging of the snow sculptures is scheduled for February 1, in the afternoon and the coronation of the Snow Queen will be between Tyler and the Chapel that evening. Josh White, Jr. will give a concert Friday night and the Strawberry Alarm Clock will provide entertainment at the dance Saturday night to be held in the Memorial Gymnasium.

There will be two movies, "Dead Heat on a Merry-go-Round" and "African Queen" shown during the week end.

Tickets for the week-end including all planned entertainment are \$3. Separately, the dance is \$1.50, the concert: \$1.50 and 50 cents and 25 cents for the perspective movies.

Kolb Named Reform Chairman

Dr. Eugene J. Kolb, Professor of Political Science at Alma College, and Chairman of the Gratiot County Democratic Party, has been appointed a member of the Michigan Democratic Party Commission on Party Reform. Kolb is the only member on the commission from the 10th Congressional District, and as such is charged with maintaining close contact between the Commission and Democratic Party members and organizations throughout the 10th District.

The overall task of the Reform Commission will be to examine Democratic Party organization, procedures, and activities at all levels, from the national convention and committee system down to the local precinct organization, to determine where changes and reforms seem to be necessary or desirable. The main objectives of reform will be to expand opportunities for meaningful participation in party processes for all citizens, to provide fair representation of voter preferences in nomination processes, to provide fair representation of party units at

all levels of party organization, and to strengthen the role of political parties in the political process. For these purposes, the Commission has established seven committees, each of which will study various levels of party organization and various aspects of party activities, and formulate recommendations for changes and reforms. The committees include:

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DR. EUGENE KOLB



"GOING, GOING, ... GONE"

On Friday, January 24, 1969 at eight o'clock in Dow auditorium just about anything can be bought. Anything from the faculty that is, The auctioneer for the Faculty will be the ever popular Dr. Walser

and for the students will be Dick Landers. This annual event is sponsored by the APO Fraternity and all proceeds will go to the African Fellowship Fund.

A committee on county, district, and state party organization, chaired by William Thornton, a prominent Detroit attorney. This committee will examine such aspects of party procedures and activities as the selection and roles of county and state convention delegates, convention organization and procedures, and the structure and functions of county executive committees and the State Central Committee. The work of this committee may produce major changes in party rules, as well as recommendations for legislation affecting Michigan political parties and election activities.

The committee on national party reform, chaired by Kolb, will study

primary systems, other alternative ways of nominating a president, and the organization and procedures of national conventions. The electoral college system will also be reviewed to determine whether it should be retained, reformed, or scrapped entirely in favor of the direct election of the president. This committee will probably work closely with national level commissions shortly to be established by the Democratic National Committee.

The national level of party activity will also be examined by a third committee, chaired by Democratic Party Vice-Chairman Kenneth Hylton, which will review the structure, authority, and role of the

TO: Editors, Persons related to Draft Counselling Programs, School and Guidance Teachers.

Just published, one of the best explanations of the Selective Service System and how a registrant should proceed through it:

THE DRAFT LAW, A "College Outline" for the Selective Service Act and Regulations, published by Yale University, written by John Griffiths, Assistant Professor of Law Yale University Law School.

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This 72-page pamphlet takes the layman through the maze of Selective Service law in a highly effective way. Not a substitute for a good lawyer, but extremely helpful. It was described in THE NEW YORK TIMES, Sunday, December 8, 1968.

It should be in every college, high school, and other types of school bookstores and libraries. Also in guidance and personnel offices. Church groups and others with programs of draft counselling would do well to distribute this document to pastors, and have available in churches and other places for reference and purchase.

The writer of this letter has read most similar literature written since the draft law was passed in 1940

and recommends that this piece be given widest possible publicity and sales. Just having it may keep many a young man from making fateful mistakes.

Sincerely Yours,
Graham R. Hodges, Chairman
Social Action Committee
New York Conference
United Church of Christ

TRUST NO ONE!

"I get by with a little help from my friends,
I get high with a little help from my friends.
I get busted with a little help from
my 'friends'".

As a couple of concerned Alma freaks, we feel an immediate demand to voice a warning to fellow students. Anyone who has not been aware of the "scare" existing since last term should consider himself aware of it now. This article, however, was prompted by a much more deceptive infiltration: that by students themselves. Tweetie Pidgeon from the Ad building definitely has some foul [fowl] friends among the student flock. These song birds are "compensated" to sing to the administration about certain illegal transactions which [now and again!

KIRBY'S SCULPTURE WINS PRIZE

A plastic, lacquer and light sculpture entitled "Diptych" by Kent B. Kirby, associate professor of art at Alma College, has won the Louis G. Redstone Associates, Inc., prize at the Detroit Institute of Arts 57th Exhibition of Michigan Artists.

The Redstone Associates prize, including a cash award of \$100, is for sculpture which could be inte-

grated into an architectural setting, interior or exterior.

Before his appointment to the Alma faculty in 1962 Kirby had been on the staffs of Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio.

He is a graduate of Carleton College and has a master's degree from the University of North Dakota.

He is the author of several articles on art, and his works have been exhibited throughout the United States.

KIMBALL PRESENTS RECITAL SUNDAY

Mrs. John R. Kimball, soprano, will present a recital at 7 p.m. Sunday [Jan. 26] in Alma College's Dow Auditorium.

Included in the recital Sunday will be operatic arias from Gounod's "Faust" and Puccini's "Tosca." She will also sing "Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre" from Handel's oratorio "Joshua;" a song cycle, "Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes" by Bainbridge Crist; a group of Spanish songs; and songs by the American composers Hundley and Bergsma.

There is no admission charge for the recital to which the public is invited.

take place on our beloved campus.

"We don't really want to stop the show,

But we thought you might like to know.

That your friends might sing a song

And you won't be here for very long."

We admit it's a hassle, but it is also a CRITICAL (life or rap) hassle. This should serve as sufficient warning not to hawk! The friend that turns you on may turn you in.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

VIEWPOINT

Dear Students:

A term has ended. For many of us it has been the waking from a bad dream, and for many more it has been the beginning of an incredible and wonderful odyssey that may one day lead them to the zenith of academic and social understanding.

To me the end of the Fall Term has been more than the end of a quest for academic or social appraisal, It has been the sights and sounds of two peoples yearning for understanding of each other. It has been the warm smiles of integrated couples who suddenly found that life is a combination of the experiences of more than one race. It has been the tears shed in front of a stage which provided the setting for a true story of America. It has been a step on the stairway that will end with an harmonious conquest of the bias and prejudices of men's minds. It has been good.

I believe that I have seen more

STUDENTS OFFER 40 PROPOSALS

The contents of these pages is the predict of the work and concern of the Committee for Student Rights (CSR), an organization devoted to the realization of student rights in the Alma College community, a community which vigorously maintains the importance of student rights on campus only. The basis for the following suggestions is largely the Ad Hoc Committee Report on Student Life, May 1966 (a community-wide effort to discover solutions to our problems, a report which has in the main been ignored and forgotten), as well as the Resolutions of the Black Symposium, April 19-21, 1968, our own dissatisfactions, and the long standing and usually covert dissatisfactions of many students and faculty members.

In the spring of 1968, "Community Government" was established at Alma College. The hope was that this system would enable students to implement their needs more effectively; however, the opposite has occurred. Now student proposals are forced to go through the sluggish red tape of both the administration and student government. However, we are sure that it is within the structure of Community Government to better serve the interest of all its participants, and we express the urgency that all of its members work toward student needs.

The urgency of this community's needs is so great that this term is the crucial period for community government and for this community, for only structurally is Alma College a dynamic, progressive, liberalized institution; in reality the antonyms of the above pleasurable adjectives are more applicable. If these proposals do not stimulate meaningful action, it will be obvious that the present structure is either unwilling to or incapable of fulfilling student needs.

We urge your careful consideration of the following:

I. Admissions

- A. We recommend that the Board of Admissions retain as voting members at least one student for every four regular members of the board.
- B. We recommend that the admissions office direct its efforts to include recruitment of students from lower economic sectors, particularly within urban areas. (See Ad Hoc Report, page 9, section D)
 1. The ratio of black students to white on the campus should be raised to the national ratio over a period of five years, beginning next fall by doubling the number of black students at Alma.

2. For students from sub-standard high schools, the admissions standards should be lowered with compensatory remedial programs on campus for these students.

- C. We recommend that a student accompany each admissions staff member for recruitment in high schools, and that a student be elected from the black community to accompany admissions staff to high schools where there are predominately black students.
- D. We recommend that a black admissions officer familiar with conditions in ghetto schools be employed. (See Black Symposium Resolution *1, e)
- E. We recommend further that a particular effort be made to represent the Mexican-American population which is dominant in certain areas of Michigan.
- F. We also point out that the percentage of out-of-state students at Alma is the lowest in the MIAA; and we recommend that more recruitment be carried on out of the state. (See Guide to Colleges, Gene R. Hawes)

II. Administration

- A. We recommend that the Deans of Men and Women be subject annually to review by a special board comprised of students elected by the student body. This board shall be made up of 20 upperclass students with cumulative averages of 2.0 or above. The review will concern the degree to which the deans are functioning in their positions, in terms of their ability and the amount of rapport which they have with students. If they are not considered to be meeting the requirements, they will be placed on probation for one term, after which time they shall be again placed under review. If the decision of the board is still negative, the deans will be removed from their positions.
- B. We recommend suspension of any campus employer who discriminates against students on the basis of race, hair length or facial hair.
- C. We recommend annual approval of Alma College advertising brochures, the handbook, and the bulletin by the aforementioned student review board.
- D. We feel that because of its ambiguity, the section concerning assembly on page 68 of the 1968-69 Alma College Handbook be removed.

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III. Housing . . . PROPOSALS con't.

- A. We recommend that the college provide a more diverse housing program, including more small housing units, and off-campus college approved housing for students who are 21, or who have parental consent. (See Ad Hoc, page 10, section E)
- B. We recommend that there be a thorough investigation of the Resident Assistant Program. In the event that the present system is continued, the retention of any R.A. shall be subject to the approval of the students on his or her corridor.
- C. We recommend that no member of the administration or staff shall be allowed to enter a student's room without the student's permission.

IV. Curriculum

- A. In light of the fact that Alma College has the poorest faculty-student ratio in the MIAA (17.4-1), we recommend that this ratio be lowered to a maximum of 15-1 by the hiring of more faculty members. (see Guide to Colleges, Gene R. Hawes)
- B. We recommend further that introductory classes be made smaller, specifically 25 students maximum.
- C. We recommend that work-study programs be instituted, whereby a student will receive academic credit for work done in a field related to his major.
- D. We recommend student designed seminars for credit. A minimum of five students may choose a topic and invite a professor to participate in the seminar.
- E. The introduction of Black History courses and the modification of present existing U.S. History courses, so as to include proper consideration of the role of black people in the world and in the country is essential. (see Black Symposium Resolution #4)

We should note that Mr. M.J.J. Smith, Dr. McGill, Mr. Yavenditti of Alma College's History Department have made substantial contributions by presenting the black man's role in history. —SD.

- F. We recommend that tenure of a faculty member be granted only with student approval. Students who have taken a course from a particular faculty member and who have received a passing grade may vote on tenure. The voting will be in the form of a questionnaire sent by the registrar to each student qualified to vote.

V. Medical and Counseling Services (see Ad Hoc, page 10, section F) The following recommendations are made concerning this subject:

- A. That a full-time resident psychologist be retained by the college.
- B. That a full-time physician be retained by the college.
- C. That there be a counseling program specifically related to problem drinking, sex, and the use of drugs. A distinction should be made between disciplinary measures and counseling needs in this area.
- D. That there be a program incorporated into orientation informing incoming students of the above counseling facilities, as well as providing instruction in birth control methods.
- E. That the resident physician be authorized to prescribe birth control pills without regard to age.

VI. The Student Union

We recommend the following concerning this subject:

- A. That the snack bar in the Tyler Student Union be kept open until one hour past per each night.
- B. That Armed Forces recruitment be conducted in the Placement Office, rather than the union.
- C. That the removal of articles from the union bulletin board by faculty members and administrators be prohibited.
- D. That the union be open 24 hours a day.

VII. Food Service

- A. We recommend that breakfast be served from 7-9 A.M. on week days, and from 8-9:30 on Saturdays and Sundays.
- B. We recommend that no one be required to buy meals from the college food service, and that any student wishing to eat on campus may choose which meals he will attend. In this case meal tickets would be sold for particular daily meals. (For example, a student wishing to attend dinners would buy a ticket for dinners for the whole term.)

VIII. Cultural Life

- A. We urge better quality and more controversy in lectures and cultural events. (i.e. Clack Pollack from the Homosexual Law Reform League was prevented from speaking here last year.)
- B. The white community should be exposed to black culture through such programs as black speakers, drama groups, art exhibits, etc. (see Black Symposium Resolution #8)
- C. We recommend better and more efficient use of departmental cultural budgets for events pertaining to those departments. We also recommend inter-departmental cooperation concerning the use of these budgets. (see Ad Hoc, page 9, section C2)
- D. We recommend the abolition of the convocation requirement.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. Defective televisions on campus should be repaired.
- B. We recommend the abolition of all women's hours. (see Ad Hoc, page 12, section G)
- C. We propose the establishment of a student operated radio station on campus.
- D. We recommend that a symposium be held at the end of each year to evaluate what progress has been made and to project programs for the following years.

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CAMPUS NOTES

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Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

WITH THE GREEKS

Tuesday, January 28th, the Phi Omicron Sorority will sponsor a fashion show entitled "Step Into Spring". The price is fifty cents per person and tickets can be purchased at the door or from any Phi O member. Signs will be posted concerning the place where the show is to be held. All fashions featured will be from Gittleman's in Alma; shoes and accessories from Lamerson's, also in Alma.

The Men of Tau Kappa Epsilon wish to announce their new officers for the remainder of winter quarter and all of spring term. They are, as follows:

- President — Roger Frayer
- Vice-President — Dave Kosteva
- Secretary — Dick Walker
- Treasurer — Steve List
- Pledgemaster — Jay Davies
- Histor — Don Yehle
- Social Chairman — Al Platteis
- Chaplain — Birge Watkins
- House Manager — Tom Doty
- IFC — Pete Schmidt
- Assistant Treasurer — Paul Thomas
- Special Activities — Al Platteis, assisted by Bill Moss and John Mueller.

The International Film Series announces a bonus feature for this season — at no extra cost to those who hold series tickets.

The bonus is a W.C. Fields festival to be presented on Monday evening, March 31 (the evening of registration day for spring term). The festival presents Fields in a number of his shorter works — some ten minutes, a couple twenty minutes in length. These include several of his famous portrayals.

Titles are "The Great Chase," in which Fields involuntarily drives a getaway car; "The Big Thumb," in which he is a sticky grocer; "The Great McGonigle," in which he is a master juggler with a problem; "The Barber Shop," in which he is purveyor of town gossip who gets involved in a chase after a bandit whose hair-do he has just remodeled; "The Fatal Glass of Beer," in which he is a teller of tall tales; "Hurry! Hurry!," in which he gets his kicks in some mad motor-car scenes; "Circus Slicker," in which he does his famous Whipsnade routine. These make a full ninety-minute Fields festival.

General admission charge will be the regular 75¢. But there will be no admission charge for those who hold series tickets good for at least two terms.

Series tickets good for winter and spring terms are now available at Hood 204 and will be available at Dow Sunday evening. That \$4.75 ticket will be good for the FOUR features remaining in the winter terms, the FIVE features previously announced for the spring term PLUS the W.C. Fields bonus just added to the schedule.

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Democratic National Committee, and the relationship between the national party organization and the state parties. Other committees will deal with matters related to the election process and with improvement of registration and voting procedures; the financing of political parties and campaigns; the use and expansion of channels of political information; and means of attracting greater numbers of citizens into the political process and increasing their involvement in politics.

Kolb emphasized that the launching of this ambitious reform program does not mean that most party officials and members think that the party's organization is outmoded or that its processes are out of tune with meaningful democracy. "On the whole, most of us are convinced that the party's basic structure is sound, that representation within the party is basically fair, and that party processes are generally geared to reflect the popular will. However, widespread dissatisfaction with the national convention system and with the electoral college, rising disenchantment among youth with the political process, and the need to thoroughly implement the principle of one-man one-vote, all indicate the need for some substantial changes. Also, parties must periodically take a hard look at themselves to see if they really are adequately carrying out their public duties, and to insure that party processes and decisions really reflect the popular will within the party. And they must also insure that they stay abreast of the times, adjust to change, and even anticipate needed changes. But we must also see to it that any changes will strengthen and not weaken party organization, for American Democracy depends on strong political parties and a strong two-party

system."

Kolb also emphasized that the Commission will be an action and not merely a study group. Each committee is charged not only with studying its subject matter, but with formulating specific recommendations to improve party processes and organization. Hearings will also be held around the state to gather the viewpoints and recommendations of individual citizens and party members, and to hear testimony by local party officials and by experts on political processes and government. A number of state and national senators and representatives have been appointed to the commission to facilitate legislative implementation of some of the commission's recommendations.

Following the completion of the commission's work [which is anticipated to take at least six to eight months], a full report with specific recommendations may be submitted to a special state convention of the party. The final result will be an action program which will involve changes of party rules and organization at state and lower levels, recommendations to the national party organization for changes in national organization and procedures, as well as recommendations to the state legislature and to the national Congress for legislation in the field of party organization, election activity, registration and voting procedures, and campaign financing. Considerable emphasis will be placed on launching a bipartisan effort for needed election and campaign reforms.

—Eugene J. Kolb

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