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BOOKS ARE NOT EXPENDABLE

What if a coalition of extremists proclaimed their intention of fire-bombing every school and public library in the country?

The public outcry would, of course, be memorable. Not only would riot police hit the streets in force, but reasonable people everywhere would set up an anguished outcry and take the sternest possible line with the trouble makers. Our schools and libraries are, the cry would go, the backbone of the nation and the arsenal of democracy--who diminishes them diminishes America. And if, in the face of the riot guns and outraged public feeling, the extremists did manage to level a few libraries and classrooms, popular opinion would soon force the government to build even statelier mansions of learning on the bombed-out sites.

But there is, of course, more than one way to put schools and libraries out of commission. There are ways of doing the job in broad daylight, right under the nose of a somnolent American public. Consider, for instance, the recently announced federal budget allotments for books and educational materials for the coming fiscal year. Where \$237 million was made available a year ago, the Nixon Administration has slashed that amount by almost 87.5 per cent. Yet the public outcry has been, at best, muted.

Spelled out, this wholesale slash means that no federal funds at all will be given to elementary school libraries, and that only minuscule amounts will trickle down to the public and college libraries....

Ironically, Washington's budget-slashers have chosen to hack away at federal grants at a time when their counterparts in the cities and localities are also finding it expedient to skimp and scamp on educational services. The effect of this dual barrage may well prove devastating.

But surely no one in government is against education and the reading process? If, as Senators are

forever telling us in commencement day speeches, education is the backbone of our country, why would sober, well-meaning budget experts want to bend their country's backbone to the snapping point? The unofficial explanation out of Washington has been that the programs hit were of "low priority" in this "period of inflation and budgetary stringency."

This explanation would be moving and persuasive if only the pesky daily papers would stop printing stories that give such explanations the lie. Recent news stories tell, for instance, how the Air Force, sans congressional authorization or appropriations, approached an aircraft company and ordered up fifty-seven monster-sized C-5A transport planes, without having any clear idea of how much the planes would cost. The price will depend, it came out, on how much an earlier order of fifty-eight C-5A's costs to build. If the first group of planes turns out to cost more than expected, no sweat; Under its contract with the Air Force, the aircraft company is free to jack up the price of the second group of planes as much as is necessary to insure a tidy profit.

Meanwhile, each week we read other reports of massive military waste and sloppy bookkeeping that do little to convince the electorate that the values of the society are in sorry balance. Fortunately, various groups and individuals are currently pressing Congress to restore these budget cuts--which is to say, they are trying to restore the nation's educational background to its original shape. During this month and July, the Congress will be holding hearings and voting on the 1970 appropriations bill. If every American who feels strongly about these misappropriations of educational funds would visit, write, or call his Representative and Senators, there is every chance that the cuts would be restored. If they are not, the bureaucrats--or, as the Germans call them, "desk murderers"--will with a pen stroke have done more damage to the life of the mind in this country

HEYWOOD EXPLAINS UNION BOARD DEFICIT

Alma College's scandal. Why did Union Board spend all that money? Why did Heywood do that to the students? The answers are simple--human error. The abuse leveled at my office and myself has been enormous and many of the students will probably discount every word of this article, saying that he's getting even or covering up. That decision is yours, mine is to tell you where the staff and myself had our problems and made our mistakes.

The entire process of planning a program this year started last spring and continued through the summer. Lacking any real experience in the area of larger concerts, contracts, etc., the staff began to learn as much as it could, as fast as possible. Last July the entire staff went through a workshop in Rochester, New York, sponsored by the Assoc. of College and University Concert Managers. The sights were set pretty high by August.

The first bad idea appeared the first day of school. A band like the Ohio Express, who are on the top 40, does not make a dance band. This, of course, meant that the Blues Magoos were probably going to flop for Bust-out First lesson.

Some problems came up right away too. Equipment had to be built or bought so that concerts could be staged in the new gym. John Plowman spent over 5 weeks finding the right sound equipment. Larry Bryant found the lights, and they both had the stage built. It cost over \$2500.00, but it's the Union Board's now,

than a regiment of fanatics and incendiaries could do if they worked around the clock. Books are not expendable.

The above is excerpts from an article by Hallowell Bowser in The Saturday Review, June 7, 1969, p. 22.

and it won't have to be built again. The new gym had not been completed by the first concert. This meant that the seating would have to be cut by two-thirds. This led to probably the biggest mistake.

Even with the realization that hard blues or hard rock doesn't go with an audience like Alma, the staff thought that the financial loss on Procul Harum and Beck would be made up on the next concert (soul). The seating caused our problems. (At least that was our rationalization.) The gym would be finished by January, and Martha Reeves would bring people to Alma. It's been shown now that Alma is not the place for large concerts unless some kind of agreement with other schools has been made for an audience. We do not have the drawing power because of our location and lack of reputation concerning concerts. No matter how much advertising is done, a concert at Alma will draw only people from the area.

Human error, some trouble, and a few bad assumptions have caused the problem this year. No one on the staff, least of all me, has had any illusions about being held responsible. The blame rests with us. But a few things should be remembered. A number of concerts like Josh White and Chris and Peter Allen proved successful and these give next year's staff some directions. This was the first year and a lot had to be learned. We've gone a long way in nine months. Naturally people are mad and confused, but don't think that anyone

connected with the board is happy about the situation. I had a job, the staff had a job, and you have your job. The best was done this year. It wasn't enough.

--Tom Heywood

MASON CLARIFIES HIS POSITION

To the Alma College Community:

In the June 2nd Almanian was a notice entitled "Mason Meeting Tuesday." The wording of this notice was such that readers were lead to believe that I, Jon Mason, wrote it or fostered its writing. For the record, I did not write this notice: I did not foster the writing of this notice; I did not aid or abet the writers of it nor have I encouraged any student or students to initiate such actions. However, Mr. Franklin in a recent conversation with me did ask, "If students, a large number of them, asked you to return to Alma College next year, would you return?" I replied "Yes." (But more was said and this I will shortly discuss.) Nevertheless, the notice which appeared in the Almanian and any movement which may arise from this notice is not my doing, directly or indirectly.

In returning to and summarizing that previously mentioned conversation, it is necessary to give some background information which I am wary to discuss but believe necessary to clarify this situation. I intended for the school year 1969-70 to return to graduate school, and in a conference with Dean Cornelius on December 16, I

told him this. I asked Dean Cornelius if I should formalize this conversation by writing a letter to the appropriate authorities. Dean Cornelius did not feel this to be necessary. (The American Association of University Professors recommends that teachers whose appointments are not to be renewed be notified by December 15.)

President Swanson in a February 19 letter asked that I formalize my conversation with Dean Cornelius of December 16 and stated "...it is our intention not to continue your appointment for the academic year 1969-70." For professional reasons, I did not answer President Swanson's letter.

Only recently have I discovered that my placement service did not include my transcript of grades with the various credentials mailed to graduate schools. Therefore, at this late date the possibilities of returning to graduate school with financial aid are slim.. Within the last weeks I have applied to teach at other schools, but at present, I do not have a position for next year. Next year I will return to Alma College only if I am wanted. (This letter will also appear in the next Almanian.)

Sincerely,
Jon Mason

The issue of sophomore key privileges has been one of concern for many people at Alma College this year. Since winter term, when the Student Council appointed a committee to investigate women's hours, I, too, have been actively pursuing the question, instead of idly complaining about "having to be in at per" as had been the case.

The sophomore key committees from Student Council and Student Affairs have been plagued by inefficiency and lack of cooperation. I offer this not as an excuse, but as an explanation. People didn't come through with their work. Surveys were put off, letters long detained from mailing were not answered, committee-meetings were avoided; no noticable results were forthcoming, until a new committee—an Ad Hoc committee organized by Student Affairs about a month ago—began to compile and coordinate all former attempts at producing a rationale for sophomore keys. I honestly feel that this new committee has made much progress in a short amount of time.

The committee, composed of students, faculty, and an administrative consultant, will draw up a report containing both majority and minority opinions which will include a plan of operation for sophomore key privileges. This rationale will be based on extensive surveys of Alma College women already a-

available, and other information. (By the way, the Pioneer "experiment" is not to be considered an "effective study" because of the selective criteria for admission to the dorm.) The report, upon completion, will be sent to Student Affairs and to Student Council for approval and must continue through the channels of community government in order to become effective.

Look, it's like this. You can't submit a proposal with the far-reaching emotional and mental effects which key privileges will have, and support it solely by student opinion. Many attempts have been made at proposing a stronger rationale, but they've all been "bogged down" because people got discouraged and didn't keep working at it. The report should soon be in its final stages. Next Fall (the only time left now) the plan can be approved and put into effect as soon as possible. (Not to be confused with the false rumor that if it was not done this Spring, sophomores would not have keys at all next year.) This is the way it stands. As a sophomore, I'm disappointed. But you can only change it through a lot of hard work, not simply with a complaint. And I hope, next year, you do.

Kathy Kaufmann

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MR. MASON

This letter was written prior to the President's official reply to those of the student body concerned with the discontinuation of Jon Mason as a member of the Alma College faculty. In short, President Swanson stated that Mason was not dismissed, but that in light of his expressed desires to leave Alma for graduate studies, his contract was not renewed. Although this fact serves to alter certain contentions expressed in my letter, I still feel that many of the viewpoints stated there are not only relevant, but paramount to the rightful solution of this conflict. My apologies go to President Swanson concerning the formal nature of Mr. Mason's resignation, although I remain uncertain as to whether Mason's expressed desire to leave was not prompted by those authorities involved.

J. Gardner

Dear Sir:

I am a freshman honors student at Alma College who feels it necessary to write to you in regard to the dismissal of Jon Mason, as a member of the Alma College Faculty.

Earlier in the year, I was invited, along with several of my contemporaries, to luncheon with you and to discuss the various aspects of Alma College life. We were asked, if we could change any one policy concerning our educational environment, what we would change. Today, given that same magic wand of power, I would not hesitate to use it to bring back a faculty member whose presence on campus has been instrumental to the generation of thought and the circulation of ideas among students.

It has been my observation that such thought and such ideas are vastly underproduced on this campus, and that, although Jon Mason is a controversial person, his presence here has

been helpful in forcing those people around him to ask, "why?" and to develop

a sound reasoning for their hitherto unquestioned beliefs. If Alma College is to produce educationally mature individuals for tomorrow's world, it is paramount that we cultivate and preserve such interchange of ideas.

If you are allowing this man to leave for non-professional reasons, you do so in overt opposition to our ethical standards; if you are allowing him to leave for purely professional reasons, then you have severely misjudged his ability as a professor. One should never confuse a person's personal life with his professional ability. The Administration owes it to the students of Alma College not to allow personal disagreement to interfere with the quality of education available at these schools. In so dismissing Mason from your teaching staff, you are in reality cutting

off a great deal of promise for educational enlightenment at this school. His teaching methods are thorough yet demanding, yet he is quick to notice and develop talent. Furthermore, he treats the student straightforwardly, as an equal, a trait rarely found among many Alma College administrators.

If you continue to exclude such men from your employ, you will lose what intellectualism there is here at Alma. Those people truly interested in knowledge and wisdom are those who realize the necessity of integrated experience. The C.S.R.'s Teach-In this spring, sponsored by Mason, is just such an example of the peaceful and informative exchange of ideas instrumental in keeping us abreast of our times. It allowed both sides to present and argue their case; probably, the first time in Alma College history that the freaks ever under-

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stood the Greeks, or visa-versa. Without such programs and without such men, this school would be educationally insipid, realistically vague. Those intellectually stimulating people that you seek as students would not respond to such offers of "higher education."

Again, I ask you to reconsider the dismissal of Jon Mason. What I have said concerning the issue is a belief held by many, but I write independently. I feel it is my duty and my right to express my sentiments to you, and I feel it is your responsibility to consider these sentiments with sincerity. My concern involves the future of Alma College as in educational institution. God help us all to act straightforwardly and without prejudice.

Sincerely,
Joann Gardner

GREEK SQUEEK

The Kappa Iota Sorority

The Kappa Iota Sorority's newly elected officers are:

President: Karen Lovett
Vice President: Marty Sill
Recording Secretary: Laurie Maxwell
Social Chairman: Gwynne Olson

Congratulations from all to KI's to:
Janet Cook on her pinning to Tom Schumm of APO; Marsha Andrews on her pinning to Robert Farmer of TKE; Sue Sweet on her pinning to Rich Cain of DSP; and to Judy Hudson on her engagement to Roger Bishop.

The Brothers of Delta Sigma Phi wish to congratulate brother Ed Millson on his pinning to Tana Karnish, brother Tom Gray on his pinning to Sandy Boyd, and brother Rich Cain on his pinning to Sue Sweet of Kappa Iota.

Harlow Trophy

Competition for the Harlow Trophy will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday, June 12, at Gratiot Lanes. Only Seniors are eligible for the award, but all majors are invited to attend and enjoy the festivities. If you have any questions, contact Dave Freestone in Wright Hall.

Senior Party

The Annual (Unofficial) Graduation Day Eve Party will once again be held at the Lakeside Bar & Grill in Crystal, Michigan, immediately following Friday's Commencement Rehearsal. A band will play from 9:30pm to 1:30am. All Seniors are urged to attend this last Big Bash of the Year. See Mike Olson or Dave Freestone if you have any questions.

CAMPUS CRAT

Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honorary Society, recently held elections. The following were elected:
President: Rich Thurston
Vice-President: Ted McConnell
Secretary: Linda Hoff

A Cappella Choir officers for the year 1969-1970 were recently elected. They are:

President: Mark Foster
Social Chairman: Tom Bothwell
Business Manager: Tom Schumm
Secretary: Pat Bothwell
Historian: Melody Sischo
Librarian: Diane Morris

Steve Gibson of Mitchell Hall was recently elected to the office of president of CSR (Committee for Students' Right)

STUDENT BUDGETS AUDIT

All excess student monies will be placed in a contingency fund at the end of the year.

General Summary of Student Budgets Ending May 23, 1969

STUDENT COUNCIL	Appropriated	Balance
	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 162.04
ALMANIAN	Appropriated	Balance
	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 6,489.08
SCOTSMAN	Appropriated	Balance
	\$ 9,970.00	\$6,797.70
UNION BOARD	Appropriated	Balance
	\$22,405.00	\$ -601.78
RAND TOTAL	Appropriated	Balance
	\$42,300.00	\$12,847.04

Itemized Accounting by Classification

STUDENT COUNCIL	Reference	Appropriated	Balance
#1-10642	Salaries	\$ 400.00	\$000.00
#1-10644	Supplies	400.00	7.01
#1-10647	Travel	200.00	57.96
#1-10648	Dues	50.00	00.00
#1-10650	Entertainment	50.00	20.07
#1-10651	Special Projects	300.00	75.00
ALMANIAN	Reference	Appropriated	Balance
#1-10602	Salaries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -49.94
#1-10609	Supplies	500.00	200.71
#1-10610	Equipment	50.00	-3,695.84
#1-10614	Pub & Print	5,000.00	6,252.80
#1-10616	Miscellaneous	100.00	86.31
SCOTSMAN	Reference	Appropriated	Balance
#1-10622	Salaries	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 33.42
#1-10624	Supplies	600.00	-16.62
#1-10629	Pub & Print	6,870.00	6,464.60
#1-10631	Miscellaneous	400.00	316.30
UNION BOARD	Reference	Appropriated	Balance
#1-10669	Supplies	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
#1-10674	Pub & Print	4,290.00	90.17
#1-10675	Professional Ser	16,140.00	-479.82
#1-10676	Miscellaneous	1,975.00	-212.13

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COMMUNITY GOVT PERSONNEL CHOSEN

Faculty Liason

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The following are the elected members of the various Community Government Committees for 1969-1970. Anyone interested in the entire committee membership, including ex-officio, may obtain a constitution at the Student Council Office in Tyler.

Administrative Council

Faculty: Wegner, Kolb, Potter, Dykstra, Linder & Edgar.
Students: Edgar, Casey, Blugerman (alt.)

Educational Policies

Faculty: Vanden Bergh, McGill, Oltz, Luke, McCall & Klugh.

Students: Coleman, Foster, Morris, Gill (alt.).

Teacher Education

Faculty: Azarian, M.J.J. Smith, De Young.

Academic Review

Faculty: R. Smith, Kolb, De Young, Stoltz, Gazmarian, Oltz & Walser.
Students: Falk, Thurston, Scatterday, Hoekje (alt.).

Co-Curricular Affairs

Faculty: Pattison, Slater, Utech.
Students: Schumann, Worth, Schram, Engle, Rogers (alt.).

Student Affairs

Faculty: J. Bowman, Hayden, Skinner.
Students: Susag, Palmer, Lovett, Schwytzer, P. Miller J. Green, Goodman, Boughton (alt.).

Publications

Faculty: Miner, Economou.
Students: Stephy, Cameron, Croom (alt.).

Judicial Committee

Faculty: Babcock, Beaumont, Edgar.
Students: Edgar, Dean, Sadler, Reath (alt.).

Faculty Personnel

Faculty: Storey, Dykstra, Bechill, Hall, Splitstone & Toller.

Faculty: Kaiser, Walser, Hall, A. Smith, Splitstone, Eyer.

Board of Associate Trustees

Faculty: Edgar, Jackson, Storey, Klugh.
Students: TO BE ELECTED TODAY!!

BOOK-IN THIS SUMMER

In order that A.C. students, who want to inform themselves about current issues concerning our country, have some sort of starting point, the Almanian, has drawn up the following book list with the help of Mr. James Babcock and Mr. Steve Gibson.

STUDENT MOVEMENTS

1. Grant, Joanne. Confrontation on Campus: The Columbia Pattern for the New Protest.
2. Mailer, Norman. Miami and the Siege of Chicago.
3. Rights in Conflict: The Walker Report.
4. Schneir, Walter (ed). Telling It Like It Was.

VIET NAM

1. Fulbright, J.W. Arrogance of Power.
2. Mailer, Norman. Armies of the Night.
3. Read back issues of:
a. The Nation
b. New Republic
c. Ramparts

RACE

1. Baldwin, James. The Fire Next Time.
2. Bennett, Lerone. Before the Mayflower. A History of the Negro in America.
3. Cleaver, Eldridge. Soul on Ice.
4. Carmichael and Hamilton. Black Power: The Politics of Liberation in America.
5. Ellison, Ralph. Invisible Man.
6. Gregory, Dick. Nigger

7. Kerner Report.
8. Killens, John. Black Man's Burden.
9. Kozol, Death at an Early Age.
10. Malcolm X, The Autobiography of Malcolm X.
11. Silberman, Charles. Black Rage.
12. Silberman, Charles. Crisis in Black and White.
13. Styron, William. Confessions of Nat Turner.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Batton, Louis. The Unclean Sky.
2. Rene Dubois. So Human an Animal.
3. Liston, Robert. Downtown.
4. Michener, James. America vs. America
5. Morris, Desmond. The Naked Ape.

SIGS TAKE FIRST PLACE

SOFTBALL 'A' LEAGUE

The Delt Sigs have captured first place in softball "A" league competition and, with one game yet to be played, the TKE squad holds a slight lead over Mitchell Hall in "B" League action.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon "B" team won three games last week; trouncing Wright Hall 24-6, edging Bruske 18-17, and defeating Mitchell 2-0. The Mitchell Hall-TKE contest was a continuation of an earlier game which had ended in a tie between the two teams. Against Bruske, the TKE's had to come back from behind after Bruske scored eight runs in the first inning.

Advertisement

WILL YOU SUPPORT JON MASON ?

Dear Fellow Students,
Professor Jon Mason has applied for a position at Alma College. Earlier this year Mr Mason had planned on returning to graduate school. However, he now wants to continue his teaching here. We believe that Mr. Mason is an asset to the Alma College community. We do not agree with everything Mr. Mason has to say. It is not our position to judge him right or wrong. As students, we believe that an essential element for our growth is diversity. We believe to ascertain our educational and human goals we need to possess an open mind that will allow us to grow as total people. (It is not a demand)! We believe that people of reason can work out their problems collectively. We are asking the support of our fellow students in our cause. If there is any question in your mind why we are doing this, please feel free to approach any of us at any time. Please fill out the following ad.

Sincerely, Tom Schumm,
Joe Green, Dann Peacock,
Sue Cook Larry Clark

Dear Dean Cornelius:

I believe Jon Mason is an asset to the Alma College Community, I would like to see him given priority over the other applicants.

Sincerely,

please leave at your dorm switchboard.

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Jerry's Barber Shop

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SPORTS

GRAY ACCEPTS NORTHRUP AWARD

Detroit Tiger outfielder Jim Northrup was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, June 8.

Accepting the award on behalf of Northrup, a former Alma College athletic standout, was Charles A. Gray, director of athletics at Alma College and President of the NAIA Coaches Association.

Northrup is the only 1969 addition to the NAIA Baseball Hall of Fame. The presentation was made at the NAIA Baseball Championship Banquet in the Hotel Rabideaux, St. Joseph, on Sunday.

Gray has been on a tour of NAIA tournament sites and had been in Billings, Mont., Thursday through Saturday (June 5-7) for the NAIA Track Championships.

He will take in the NAIA Golf Championships in Fort Worth, Texas, on Monday and Tuesday and the NAIA Tennis Championships in Kansas City on Wednesday.

On Friday and Saturday, Gray will be in Ashland, Ohio, to watch Alma Distance runner Don Yehle of Midland compete in the three-mile run of the National Collegiate Athletic Association meet.

Yehle, captain-elect of both the Alma College cross-country and track teams, set school records in both the mile and two-mile runs this year. His record in the mile is 4:23.4 and the two mile, 9:27.7. He also set a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association record of 9:29.4 in the two-mile run at the MIAA meet this spring.

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The Calm Before..... A LAST WEEKEND

It was the last weekend of the term. A "last" weekend in every sense. Kind of a warm, lazy weekend. For many it was a time for going off campus. For others it was a last chance to finish papers and assignments. Some used it to catch up on sleep or last dates.

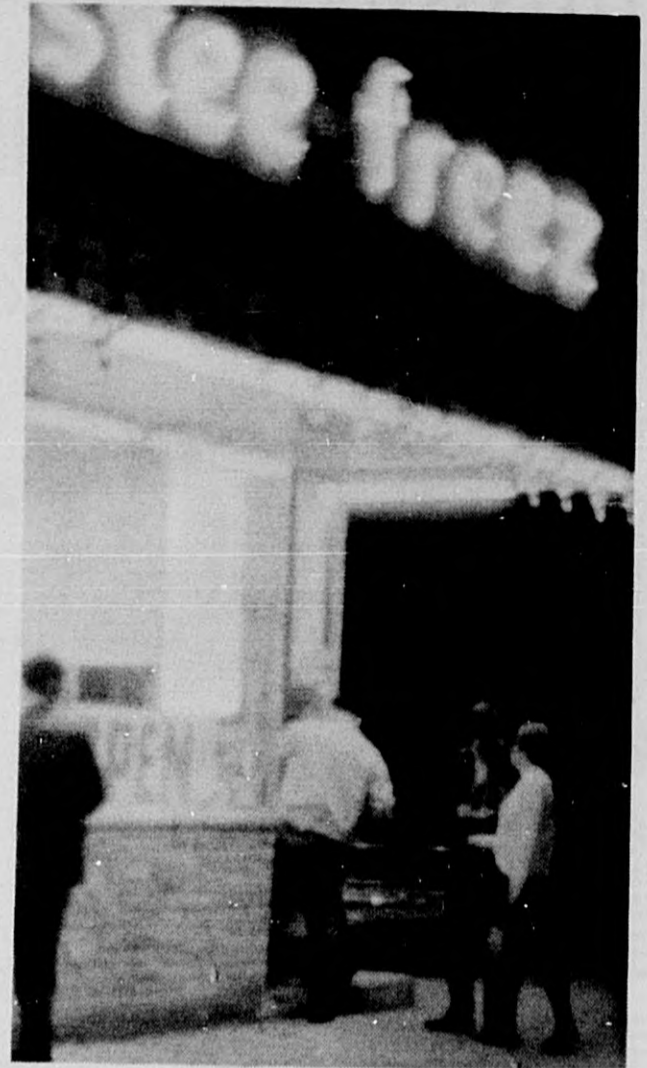
It was a last chance to play Frisby on the lawn.

A time to have the tennis courts to yourself.

To wander down to the Tastee-freez in the evening.

A quiet time to go walking with that special friend.

Or a time to just sit.



Photography and Story
by
Mike Sullivan



For with Monday morning Exam Week would be here. Breakfast lines would be longer, dorm lights would burn late into the night - and early in the morning, the library would be filled.

And then, a time for some goodby's; a parting of friends.

Commencement.

Another class would have had its last weekend in a very real sense. They would be leaving for good, taking with them four years of pleasant and bitter-sweet memories.

The campus will then settle down to its summer routine. Awaiting fall and the return of its students. A new freshman class and the cycle begins anew.