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## Becker Receives Barlow Trophy

John W. Becker of Clyde, Ohio, has been named the recipient of the Barlow Trophy, highest honor conferred upon graduating seniors of Alma College. Winners of Presidents Cups for the best academic records in their respective classes at Alma College during the 1968-1969 academic year are: junior, Janice Wisniewski of Warren; sophomore, Peggy Book of Keego Harbor; and freshman, Diane Nelson of Saginaw and Richard (Rick) C. Scatterday, Jr. of Plainwell.



The Barlow Trophy is awarded on the basis of scholarship and leadership, and its recipient is selected by vote of the college's faculty and student council.

Becker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Becker of 812 S. Main St. in Clyde, Ohio, is also listed in the 1969 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America. Named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association all-MIAA Golf Team in 1967, '68, and '69, he was the MIAA medalist in 1967.

He has served as president of Phi Sigma Pi, Alma College scholastic honorary society, and as secretary-treasurer of the Alma chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, national men's leadership honorary society. He has also been a member of numerous campus committees.

Becker was awarded the Presidents Cups at the conclusions of his sophomore and junior years (These awards of top academic performance were not originated until after his freshman year). He will receive a bachelor of arts degree, *summa cum laude*, at Alma College's 82nd year commencement

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## DR. BOYD TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

A university president, seminary librarian, and a pastor will receive honorary degrees at Alma College's 82nd year commencement on Saturday, June 14.

Dr. William B. Boyd, president of Central Michigan University and former dean of the faculty at Alma College, will receive a doctor of laws degree.

The Rev. Mr. Calvin Henry Schmitt, professor of bibliography and librarian of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, will be given a doctor of literature degree.

The doctor of divinity will be conferred upon the Rev. Mr. Walter J. Teeuwissen, Jr., pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of Drayton Plains.

The commencement address will be given by Dr. Boyd. Approximately 250 Alma students will receive bachelor's degrees at the commencement scheduled to begin at eleven o'clock on the lawn in front of the college's Dunning Memorial Chapel. A concert by the college band will begin at ten-thirty, A.M.

Dr. Boyd, president of Central Michigan University since last July, was dean of the faculty and professor of history at Alma from 1958 to 1965. Previously he had been on the faculty of Emory University at Atlanta, Ga., and Michigan State University. In 1965 he was named associate dean and director of the Honors Program, College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio State University. He was ap-

pointed vice chancellor-student affairs at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1966.

A native of South Carolina, he holds a bachelors degree from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C.; masters degree from Emory University; and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.



PRESIDENT BOYD

The Rev. Mr. Schmitt served as a pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Las Vegas, N.M., and as director of Colegio Americano in Caracas, Venezuela, before joining the staff of McCormick Theological Seminary in 1949.

He has served as library building consultant to eight theological seminaries and two colleges

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## YOCUM GETS HARLOW

The stage was set - beer in one hand, pretzels in the other - lights were low and the crowds were hushed. Competitors John Patterson, Mike Brecken and Bill Yocum had five beers in front of them.

Dave Freestone, co-ordinator and chairman, called the signals and all contestants quickly chugged the first glass. On the rest Brecken took it slow and easy, while Patterson chose the famous "gulp method." The golden mean was utilized by Yocum, enabling him to reach the "pinnacle of success & glory" for any Alma senior. Bill Yocum won the Senior Class Harlow Trophy for 1969.

When asked to comment on the secret of his 37 second chug

(the record, held by Jerusal, still stands at 21 seconds), our hero responded with the most appropriate remark, "Belch..Burp!" Later he remarked that the true secret of his success lay in a "previous consumption of one Jim Beam and one beer."

On hand to present the awards was Mike Olson, Senior Class President. Yocum received the permanent trophy awarded in the tradition of Dick Jerusal (1968) and Ray Terwilliger (1967), and was also given a very large and aesthetically pleasing pitcher with the inscription, "Harlow Trophy-1969." The latter award was designated as a pitcher for "travel R.B's."

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and was consultant to five theological libraries in Argentina. A member and past president of the American Theological Library Association.

The Rev. Mr. Schmitt has been active in the church presbyteries of Sante Fe and Chicago. He was a member of the General Council and chairman of the Permanent Committee on History and Records of the Synod of Illinois. He prepared a survey on the needs and resources of the seven United Presbyterian Theological Seminary Libraries for the Council on Theological Education of the United Presbyterian Church.

He holds a B.A. degree from the University of Dubuque (Iowa) and B.D. degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. He has done graduate work at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University Library School.

The Rev. Mr. Teeuwissen has been pastor of the Community United Presbyterian Church in Dayton Plains for twenty years. previously he was pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Indiana, Iowa. At that time he served as moderator of the Presbytery of Des Moines and of the Synod of Iowa of the United Presbyterian Church.

He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Tarkio (Mo.) College and the former Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. He also has been a member of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church and has

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on Saturday (June 14). Becker, a 1965 graduate of Clyde High School, has been awarded a scholarship for graduate study at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Miss Wisniewski was awarded a Presidents Cup for the third time this year, having also been the recipient of cups as a freshman and sophomore. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wisniewski and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Ziemandle of 8466 Meadow in Warren. She is a 1966 graduate of Lincoln High School.

Miss Book, recipient of the Presidents Cup for the top sophomore academic record, also won a cup as a freshman. A 1967 graduate of West Bloomfield High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis R. Book of 1653 Rustic Lane, Keego Harbor.

Miss Nelson, a 1968 graduate of Saginaw Arthur Hill High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell H. Nelson of 910 Thurston St., Saginaw. Scatterday is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Scatterday Sr. of Rte. 3, Plainwell. He graduated from Delton High School in 1968.

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been a member and chairman of several synod and presbytery committees in Michigan.

The Rev. Mr. Teeusissen lectures frequently on church school administration and at youth conferences. He has written numerous articles in religious periodicals and was the author of "From the Pastor's Notebook," which appeared regularly for several years in Christian Family Life.

He holds an A.B. degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids and a Th. B. from Westminster Seminary, Philadelphia. He is also a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

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**How  
A Dog  
Came  
To Honors**

A dog came to honors  
A brown and black  
Everyday sort of mut  
Who found a door  
And rather enjoyed  
Being the only dog  
In a big room full of  
People, who  
All in black  
Smelled honorably.

And a special assistant  
All in green  
Came to the dog,  
When the time came-  
And carried him back  
Through those doors,  
Where most everyone  
Would rather be.

And there, the dog  
In his own articulate way  
Came to honors  
With the nearest tree.

Kate Gillespie

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work and being have given us the faith we need in the "establishment".

To Mrs. Elaine Action and Mrs. Dorene Chapman our sincerest wishes for the future. Your smiling faces in the Student Services Offices have been of greater value than you could ever imagine.

To next year's almanian staff, best of luck. It is chiefly your responsibility to put our paper back on top where it used to be, when it was highly respected as the news media of this campus. You have the personnel, competence, support, and desire and so I have no worry.

Well, four years are gone, and contrary to what some people believe, our class, totally and as individuals, shall not be forgotten. True, the pipes haven't been wrapped in Wright Hall yet, and the college is still seeking a chaplain, and our cross country team didn't get first place, but life will go on. Parting words for the future: "good luck", "do your thing", "peace", and "keep the faith".

by Mike Olson

First of all, let me offer my thanks to next year's almanian staff for the opportunity to say a few words. I've always wanted to write for the paper but time has prohibited me as unfortunately it does now. Pressed for time, I do hope that the following words are not too incoherent, ambiguous, or irrelevant. My intent is to be meaningful.

My four years at Alma have undoubtedly been fascinating ones in my life and I'm sure I speak for my graduating classmates too. It's hard to believe that so much has happened in four short years. In brief, A.C. has done much to transform us; I only hope that we have been able to leave as much. For the many cherished moments I dedicate this to the perpetuation of this institution, modifications intended.

For me personally a great deal of my education at Alma College has definitely, and not necessarily negatively, been outside the classroom. Truly, I can not forget the many hours of Poly Sci. and Soc. classes in Folsom and Old Main, but for me, my four years in Wright Hall, my choir, fraternity, and RA experiences have been just as significant. These outside influences have been so good and numerous that a listing would be a mammoth task. I'm not knocking A.C. as an academic community, for it offers much, but in overall considerations the extra-curricular life of Alma College is of prime importance to all of us.

Having been an RA in Wright Hall for two and one half years has indeed been a rewarding experience. I only hope that I gave as much as I received in the way of adjusting to college life. It is with great pride that I was a colleague on the finest RA staff in the school and to have been exposed to four dedicated head residents. Without doubt I can say that one has not really experienced life fully until he heads an all freshmen (male) corridor. Gordie, Bothwell, Weasle, Torch, and the boys have kept me on my toes. It is with great pride that I have seen Wright Hall rise to its present position as A.C.'s "progressive dorm". It is!

Additionally, fraternity life for me, a far from "gun-ho" fraternity man, has been exceedingly meaningful. The opportunities, events, and individuals encountered in this experience can never be forgotten. Contrary to the opinions of some, I definitely believe that Greek life serves a major need for those attracted to it. I only wish that any who desired to could have experienced Greek life. For me, it has been tremendous.

And if living in an all-freshman corridor isn't stimulating enough, one tour with the Alma College choir should raise one's spirits. The course in Human Relations offered on tour is worth six hundred credit hours in the classroom. In addition to representing A.C. in excellent singing form, Dr. Sullivan's charges have been known to enjoy themselves. Ask any choir member the significance of an early morning party on the ninth floor of Chicago's Palmer House. We learned a little more about living.

## BIRD'S WORLD



"IT SAYS, CONGRATULATIONS FROM YOUR LOCAL DRAFT BOARD!!"

But, assuredly Alma College has provided us numerous other experiences in which to reflect, mature, and grow. Just drift back to the Old Main fire, the Wright Hall fiasco, the panty raids, the serenades, the "500" race, the union shots, the ray days at Crystal and Newberry Beach, the Scots capturing the MIAA football crown two years straight, the shower you were escorted to after your pinning, the weekly (or nightly) trip to the PK, the rush for sandwiches at 10:00 P.M. during exam week, the bull sessions, the yuker, pinochle, and poker games, IM ball games, etc. All have given us the opportunity to learn and mature. In those who gave they have received. Overall, the many different experiences have hopefully helped us into preparing ourselves (seniors) for entrance into the big bad cruel world. Our class has a great deal to be thankful for. We've had our ups and downs, but all in all we are graduating quite well prepared to face a new life, which will be only as cruel as we imagine or make it. Whether you've loafed or sweated every bit of the four years, think back and think, evaluate and appreciate.

As a class, the graduating class has done a commendable job. At last tally over eighty seniors have contributed over six hundred dollars to our Senior Class Gift. According to one administrative staff member, in his long recol-

lection never has a class given so much and never have so many given. Truly, Stu Strait flew out of his tree at the results. Additionally, although there have been rough times, your class officers have enjoyed spending long hours in your behalf. Having served as president of the class of 1969 has been my sincerest pleasure and I eagerly look forward to continuing this service in the future as class chairman.

Many Students have been commended through various honors at Alma College for their accomplishments, but let me take a few lines here to express my sincerest congratulations and heartiest thanks to the following seniors whose personal contribution has been of maximum value to all members of the college community. Through long hours of unselfish devotion these individuals have given of their greatest gift, themselves. I realize praise for your personal contribution from me is not so fine but I think I can speak for the majority of my class in these honors.

Congratulations and thanks are in order to the following: Jim Allison, Fred Borchard, Dave Freestone, Dick Gibson, Sue Hopkins, Dick Landers, Mark Morley, Bill Moss, Karole Olson, Jean Sinclair, Kathy Richards, Martha Hayden, and Dick Walker. Have you thanked them for what they've done for you? It will be hard to replace these students at Alma College, even though their types will undoubtedly be filled in a slightly changed manner. These individuals will not be forgotten for their contribution to A.C.

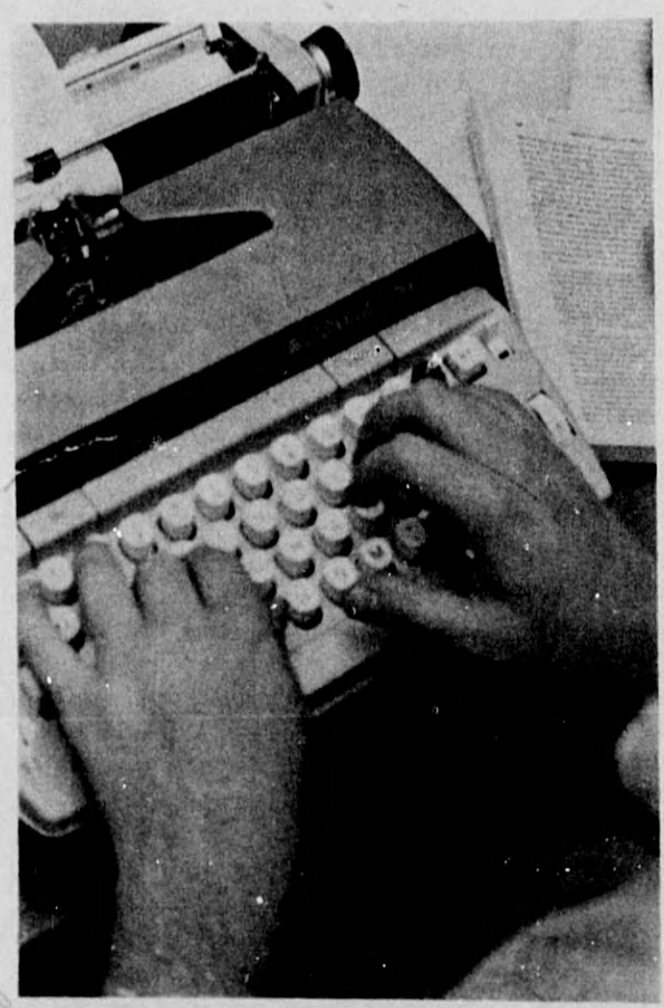
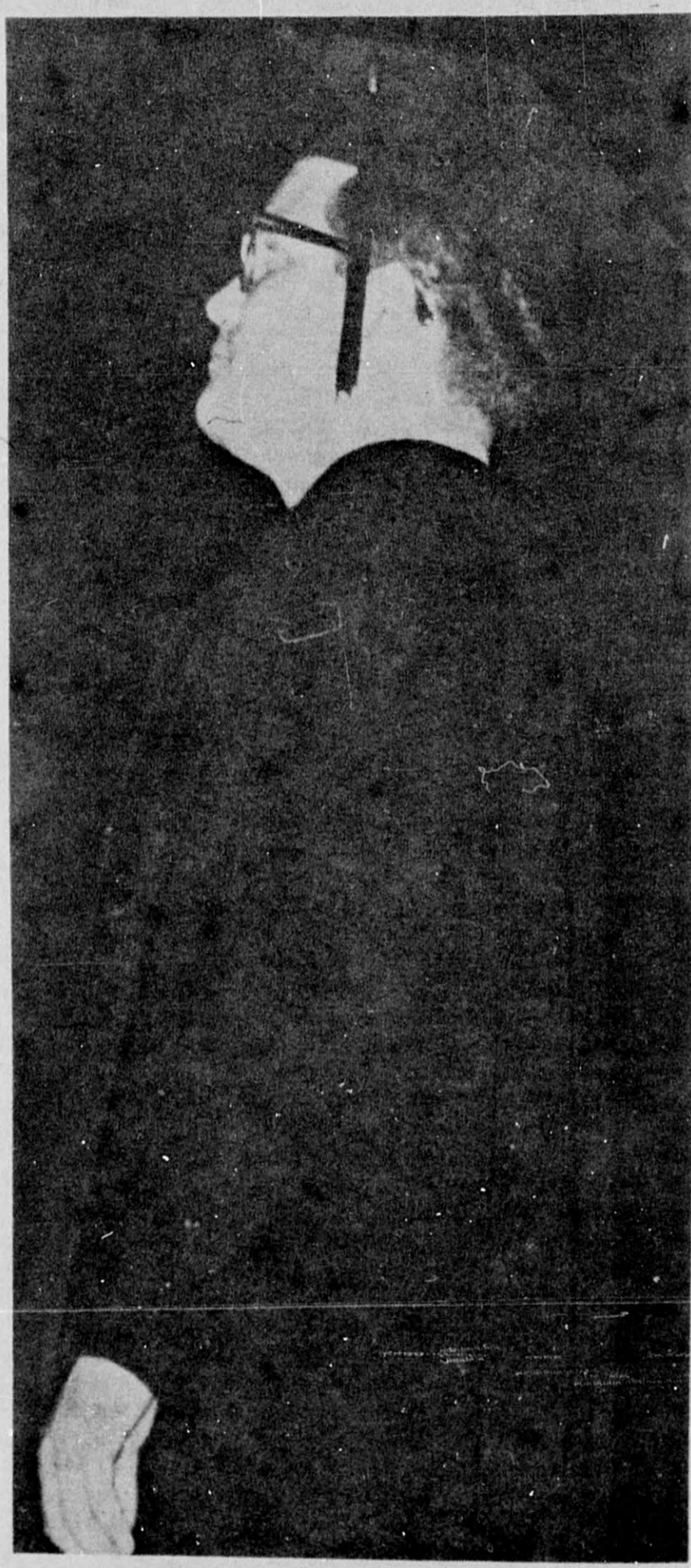
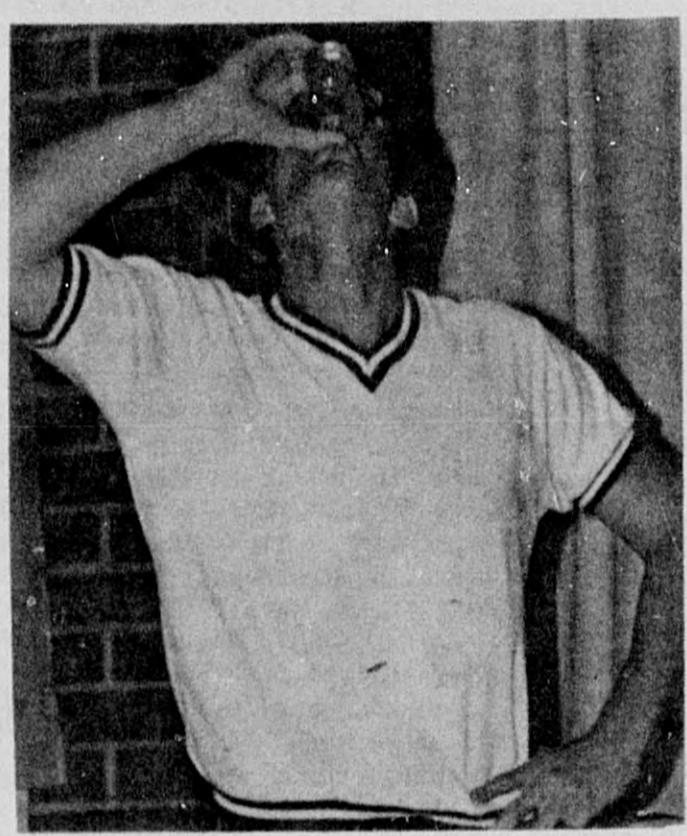
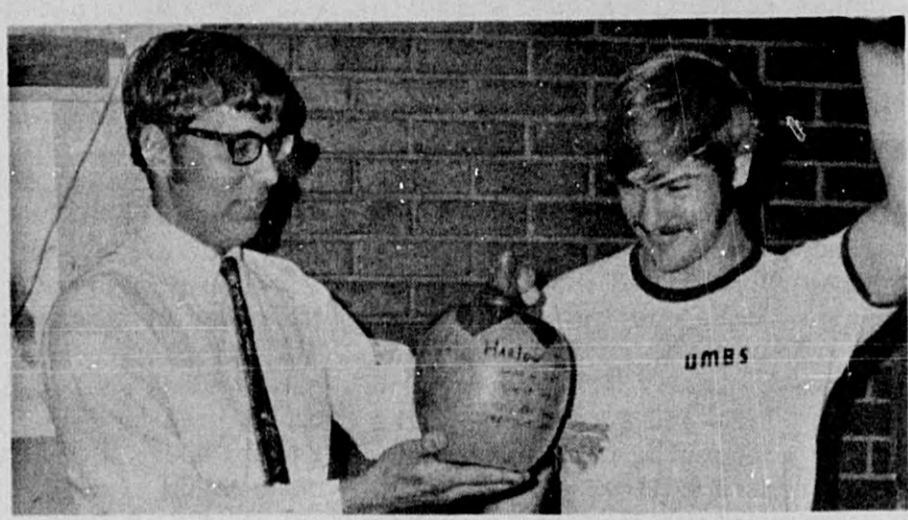
Just as significantly, there have been certain dedicated faculty members who have expressed interest in us students beyond an imaginable degree. Having gone out of their way to be of extra service to us we acknowledge them for their efforts: Mr. E.W. Beauchamp, Dr. Douglas Bowman, Mr. Jack Bowman, Mr. Rip Economu, Dr. Kapp, Dr. Linder, Dr. Luke, Dr. Jackson, Mr. Jon Mason, M. J. J. Smith, Mr. Skinner, Mr. Paul Storey, Dr. Sullivan, and Dr. Joe Walser. It is these men and women who have made Alma College more than just a sterile academic classroom. Their personable touch has made college life a hell of a lot easier and more enjoyable.

In dedicating this article to Alma College, it is impossible to do it justice if we neglect the name of our illustrious and beloved President, Dr. Robert D. Swanson. With "Swanny" at the helm we need never fear. He is the epitome of virtue, scholarship and personal integrity, and his

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# Four years culminate in one hectic week's activities.



**'We will have these moments....'**