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Alma College, Alma, Michigan, 48801

Monday, February 8, 1971

FACULTY KILL REQUIRED CONVOS

Required convocations, except for Opening and Honors Convocations, are out the window as a result of action taken at last Monday's Faculty meeting. The convocations will still be offered but the students no longer must attend.

Educational Policies Committee recomended to the Faculty the requirement for convocations be changed to allow Juniors and Seniors the option of not attending any convocations without penalty. Freshmen, in the Educational Policies proposal, would have had to attend two a term and Sophomores one a term.

S.C. Queen Faces Vote

Election for the Sophomore Snow Carnival Queen and her court will be held tomorrow, February 9, in each dorm. The queen will be selected, along with her court, from the top ten girls that were chosen last Thursday in a class election. These ten include:

Nancy Armstrong, Linda Belanger, Sue Crair Sue Elston. Wendy Giesy, Kathy LeMay, Linda Preston, Wendy Rigby, Nancy 1 Wilson, Debbie Zannoth, Jill Welch has asked to have her name removed.

following precincts will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

| PRECINCT | WHO VOTES THERE |
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| Bruske | Bruske |
| Mitchell | Mitchell |
| Gelston | Gelston, off- |
| | campus, small housing |
| Wright | Wright, Greek |
| | housing |
| Newberry | Newberry |
| New Dorms | Nisbet, Bonbright, |
| (lobby C & D) | Carey, Brazel |

(lob Voting will differ from past Queen elec-tions in that you will only be allowed to pick your top two choices. You will place 1 next to your first choice (your choice for Queen) and a 2 next to your second choice (your choice for one of the four court positions) four court positions).

Kellogg Fellows

Dr. Verne Bechill and Mr. William Klenk have been designated as "Kellogg Fellows" and will pursue post-graduate study during the 1971-72 academic year. Both Dr. Bechill and Mr. Klenk are Alma College faculty members

College faculty members. These men are among 32 faculty mem-bers representing 21 of the institutions of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, (AICUM). In announcing the awards, AICUM President John C. Hoekje said the Kellogg Fellow-ships are part of a faculty development program funded by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and awarded to Calvin College and the 24 other private institutions of higher education who com-

prise the membership of AICUM. The Faculty Development Program includes three areas of activity:

1. A special leave program for post-graduate study by selected faculty mem-bers of AICUM Colleges who will be known

as Kellogg Fellows; 2. Intensive, two-week seminars dealing with specific topics in the field of ed-



Director Losis Bye and cast at informal rehearsal of "The American Dream" set for February 10 and 11. From left to right Lois Bye, Ruth Crawford, Doug Nichelson, Nancy Stodola, and John Cerney. (Not pictured Nan Molleghan.) Photo by Reid Simons

APO'S Faculty Auction Scheduled for Saturday

Very soon, it will be Saturday, February 20th; day of the Alpha Phi Omega-spon-sored annual Faculty Auction. All proceeds received will be given to the African Fel-lowship program. Last year, more than \$950 was gathered in. For the second consecutive year Dr

For the second consecutive year Dr. Ronald Kapp will be representing the faculty. Todd Johnson, sans beard, will vie for the students. The auctioneer col-lecting the most results wine the right lecting the most receipts wins the right to plaster his adversary's face with a Saga-special custard pie!

Items up for grabs this year include:

six pancake dinners for three couples at President Swanson's place, a meal for two people at Tri-City airport's famous Skyroom Restaurant or an airplane flight there; an art construction by Dr. Massanaei; two hour room clean-up or two hours worked on any campus job (by Tom Plough); a steak dinner for two couples and private swimming pool party for that priviliged quarter(offered by Dr. Gray).

The proverbial good time had by all is had by all, every year at the Faculty Auction!



Faculty Auctioneer Dr. Ronald Kapp

Calander of This Week's Events

February 8.9. 10 Sorority rooms Sorority Rush spreads 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Dow Auditorium Two one-act plays -Albee, The American Dream and an original play by John Gould, Put Your Sword Back in Its Place; thesis

Jackson Working in Thailand

The Faculty voted down the recommend-ations from the Educational Policies

Committee. In place of this proposal the

Faculty decided to do away with all re-quired convocations, except Opening and

A motion was made to do away with all requirements for convocations, which would have also meant Opening and Honors Convocations. This motion was defeated, however, by a close vote, 32-28.

The change in convocation requirements

as voted by the Faculty was effective Feb-

ruary 1, 1971, the date of last week's Faculty meeting. This means there will

be no convocations requirements for this

Winter term and the only requirement for

Spring term will be the Honors Con-

Honors Convocations.

Dr. Frank H. Jackson, Alma College professor of economics on sabbatical leave, has helped to produce an economic survey of Asia and the Far East while serving on the staff of the United Nations Economic Commission for that region.

Dr. Jackson, currently in Bangkok, Thailand, as the senior economics affairs officer in the Survey Branch of the Re-search and Planning Division of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, wrote reviews of economic developments in Malaysia and Singapore during 1970 for inclusion in the survey.

The annual survey contains a general article plus reviews of developments in most countries of the region.

Dr. Jackson also served on the committee which passed on the quality of the papers and, when they were approved by the committee, edited all papers concerning the various countries. His work was reviewed by a panel of economics experts from countries of the region who met in Bangkok at the end of December.

In January, Dr. Jackson participated in a conference of international experts on economics which convened to recommend how the division should evaluate economic performance during the United Nations' Second Development Decade.

Dr. Jackson, who returns to the Alma faculty this fall after his year of service in Thailand, is the author of several books, monographs, and articles con-

cerning economics. He has been a member of the Alma faculty since 1961. Previously, he had been associate professor of economics at Drury College in Springfield, Mo., 1954-57; assistant professor of economics at Florida State University, 1957-59; and associate economist of the Economic Research Center and associate professor at the University of Hawaii, 1959-61.

Dr. Jackson is a graduate of the School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University and holds M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Arkansas.

ucation;

3. There will also be a series of three different types of workshops for AICUM faculty members, to be held during the next three academic years.

During their off-campus study, the 32 Kellogg Fellows will engage in course work and research at a wide variety of locations.

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8 - CAP Looking for Student Volunteers

Do you have a free hour (or three or four) each week that you could donate, along with some originality, to the youth of this area? If so, 8-CAP is looking

for you. Under the auspices of the Office of Economic Opportunity, 8-CAP is a youth development program designed to provide development program designed to comboth recreation and education to community youngsters. Located in St. Louis, 8-CAP is seeking volunteer college students for instructors.

Student volunteers will be allowed to initiate and carry out their own programs in conjunction with the 8-CAP staff.

Tom Schley, director of the program, will meet with all interested students tomorrow evening, February 9, at 7 p.m. in LG10 for further explanation. "This program," said Schley, "is for people who prefer action to talking." Any student who is not able to attend the meeting may contact Schley at 463-3947 or 681-2931 for further details.

Tuesday, February 9

Olivet Women's Varsity Basketball 6:00p.m.

Dow Auditorium Biology 306 Seminar -Abortion & the Law - CBS Special film 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10

Chapel Student Recital 10:00 a.m. P.E. Building Swimming - Calvin here 4:00 p.m. Grand Rapids J.V. and Varsity Basketball at Calvin Dow Auditorium Two one act plays (see under Thursday) 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 11

P.E. Building Women's Varsity B-ball, Grand Rapids JC 6:30 p.m. Dow 100 ChemistryClubfilm - Research Environment in Industry 7:00 p.m.

production by senior student, Keith Hershberger 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 13

Saturday, February 13 through Tuesday, February 16-MID-TERM RECESS

P.E. Building J.V. & Varsity Basketball Olivet here 5:45 & 8:00 p.m. Monday, February 15 Mid-term grades due 9:00 a.m.

Art Department Exhibition for February: Drawings from permanent collection of the California College of Arts & Crafts -Monteith Library

FRESHMEN

Freshman convocation Wednesday, February 10, 10:00 a.m., Dow Auditorium. Attendance is required!!

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ALMANIAN VIEWPOINT

Convocations: What Is The Future?

As was indicated on the front page of this paper the faculty have voted to suspend requirements for Convocations, and this in many ways is a move the Faculty should have taken some time ago. This change along with other changes raises the very important question of the possible future of our Convocation program, and as we see it, this question is going to be answered by the Student body.

Why the Student Body? Because the Covocation program functions principly to make available to the students events which are both informative and entertaining. If the program functioned for the Faculty primarily it would have ceased to be a long while back, for the number of faculty usually present at a convocation would not warrant even turning on the lights in the auditorium.

So the students are the ones for whom the "convos" are presented. Then the question is what is going to happen now that the students are no longer academically encouraged to attend convocations? The programs will get better, some will say hopefully, Perhaps the quality will improve, however, we do not believe that quality is going to effect convocations most. The future of the program will depend on the attitudes the community, faculty and students alike, have toward convocations. If both groups maintain their present attitudes, the program will surely die. Will the Student Body continue to take advantageof the Convocation Program? Or now that it is no longer required will attendence drop to the point of having a good number of these programs canceled?

LDS

Letters to the Editor

campus "over-reacted "

to black students

Dear Editor.

I am writing this letter in regards to several events which have occurred in recent weeks concerning the demands of the black students and the publicity these demands have received. It seems to me that the entire campus community has over-reacted to the situation presented by Alma's black students. True, the situation is a bad one and is in need of our immediate attention. But if all of us had stopped to think for a moment; if we have asked a few questions to the right people, we would have found that the problem is being studied. Alma College's Board of Trustees and administrators are aware of the problem and were aware of it before the situation received so much publicity. These men are very concerned about the blacks on campus. They are talking about the problem, and are trying to find the answer. All of us should have had a little faith in these men and should have given our administration some support. Instead some of us went off half-cocked in support of the black's cause. Don't get me wrong, it's a good cause and if the turmoil that has been created speeds up action to correct the problem, I will be as happy as anyone. But I do feel that the student body, and particularly, The ALMANIAN, over-reacted to the situation. When The ALMANIAN prints an article in which the reporter calls 7 members of the student council 'a faction', and infers that these same representatives are bigots and have nothing to offer, then I'd say that's overreaction. Maybe the reporter can't agree with the views of the seven, but she should none-the-less respect the views of the minority the same as she is asking us to respect the viewpoint of another minority group (or shall we call them 'a faction') - the black students.

Sincerely, Mark W. Alman answers to the question of: "what does this faction offer? Anything?"

A faction represents those principles which the American colonists revolted for: dissent and self-determination. In fact, the black community represents a "faction," a minority, attempting to be heard. Currently, our(the student)genera-tion criticizes the "establishment" for its prejudice and informal restraints upon individuality. We support the right to dissent peacefully. The eight elected representatives are individuals. And, part of the educational process involves warning. how to live with individuals. If we are not permitted to think and speak freely, then let us neglect the minorities and abide totally by the "general will" of society. To "Commentary:" perhaps these in-

dividuals have their own conceptions of the role of Student Council at Alma College. If so, our role is one of attempting to agree "ad seriatum"--not one of all or nothing.

Respectively, Richard L. Thurston

faction operating in student council

Editor.

It's a new term and we have a new "Commentary" writer. I guess I was too optimistic in hoping that this term's writer would be a little more rational and informed than last term's. Obviously she isn't. It's unfortunate that the student body has to put up with a "Commentary" writer that is more interested in using her column to criticize certain students and their opinions which she personally disagrees with than to present, and comment on, the facts.

My personal reasons for voting against blanket endorsement of the black demands were that I disagreed with one or two of the demands and I disagreed with the timetable for two or three of them. If anyone wishes to discuss this matter with me in detail, I would be more than glad to do so. It's unfortunate that Miss Coddington refused to discuss this matter with any of the "no" voters and instead wrote in her column that she 'felt' we voted against the demands because we don't want Council to support the blacks. Her faulty accusations have no basis.

while eight were appointed to Council, in other words, of those members who directly represent the students, more voted than "yes." This has also been the "no" case with other votes. The majority of the elected council members have often been defeated -- whether on the "yes" of the no" side - by the overwhelming number of appointed members. Of the 22 voting members on Council, only 13 were elected by the students. The large number of appointed members is basically due to seven appointments the president makes at the beginning of each year: secretary, treasurer, and five committee heads. A look at the record illustrates that these five committee heads nearly always vote as a bloc (dare we call it a "faction?" and they nearly always vote on the side of the issue that the president of Council favors. Whether one disagrees with the way these appointees vote or not, it should be quite clear that these appointments-added to others the president makes as the year progresses -- give the president a great deal of power and make it possible for appointees to thwart decisions made by the majority of the democratically-elected representatives that directly represent the student body. We have seen it happen this year. It is time we do something about this and make Council more directly responsible to the student body. Because many of the committee heads serve a useful function, I don't believe they should be done away with. However, there is no reason for them to have a vote. Before Student Council elections are held this spring, plan to introduce to Council a constitutional amendment to abolish the votes of the five committee heads appointed by the president. We need this amendment to further direct student control of student government at Alma.

Richard Palmer

the right to dissent

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FRANKLY Speaking ... by Phil Frank

none of us, Miss Coddington included, possess TReasons pro and con on this issue are confusing and highly charged, not purely transparent. I myself confess that maybe my no vote was a reflection of a misunderstanding of the black causes and of those people who presented them in council. In an attempt to remedy this I volunteered to be the Student Council representative to the Afro-American Society meetings where hopefully I can gain added insight into the problem - even possibly discover my no vote was ill-advised. However never will I take the offensive in publicly lambasting those with whom I disagree, though at the same time maintaining a right to self defense. Central to this whole issue is the right to dissent. By voting no, I did not deny that right but questioned some of the points of the dissension. In so doing I

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..... Lynn Coddington

dissent and individuality

Dear Editor.

Within the past two weeks Alma College has experienced a needed evaluation of the community's black -white relationship. Such activity should be supported. However, another problem of a more serious nature has arisen, threatening to destroy that which the black demands, themselves, stand for: dissent and individuality.

"Commentary" brought to my attention the possibility of Alma emerging as a lily-white institution if we do not attempt to solve the problems confronting the black community. I agree with "Commentary" on this point. But, the position is subsequently destroyed when the writer questions the right of eight student council members to dissent. How lily-white we will be labled if we support the implied

I must agree with Miss Coddington that the bickering over whether to vote on the demands separately or not was disgusting. It was a parliamentary decision that is undebatable and should have been decided by the president.

Finally, Miss Coddington referred to the "mo" voters as a "faction," This seems to be a pet term of "Commentary" writers. However, this does bring up an important point -- although Miss Coddington probably doesn't realize it. Let's look at the nature of this "faction." Of the eight (yes, there were eight -- not seven) who voted no, seven were elected to council by student constituencies while none were appointees (the eighth one was from Union Board). However, of the thirteen who voted yes; only five were elected to their positions,

To the Editor,

This letter comes in response to Lynn Coddington's resume of the voting session on black demands at Council. As she stated both clearly and frequently, I voted to defeat the black demands -- as an inseparable block. My reasons for so doing are available to anyone caring to discuss the issue with me. As for now, I would like to express some feelings about the misconceptions under which Miss Coddington is so blindly laboring.

Firstly, although she was keen enough to correctly register my no vote, she stretched her huck and tried to correlate my no vote on this issue with my feelings on the Draft Center issue. Now think about this readers, do you consider yourselves blessed enough to publicly set down in print the reasons why eight members of council voted as they did on such a personal and emotional issue without even consulting all of them? To do so, pretends a monopoly on the universe's wisdom which I am sure

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COMMUNITY

educational policies

The Educational Policy Committee is in the process of subcommittee work. Topics for review by the sub-committees are a direct result of a request by President Swanson.

One sub-committee is studying a report by Reverend Jack Harrison, a member of the Board of Trustees. The Harrison document calls for the harnessing of College youth and modern businessmen for an educational experience.

The second sub-committee is reviewing (at the request of the Provost) grade change proposals.

The third topic of study is THE CAR-NEGIE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDU-CATION. Specific proposals under scrutiny include 1) the encouragement of high school students to take advanced high school work for college credit, thereby accelerating Alma College degree programs. 2) the initiation of combined programs for work service experience before and interspersed with college years, but conceived as part of the total college program.

Discussion in this afternoon's meeting (Library Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.) will center around grading proposals.

student council

GOVERNMENT

The weekly meeting of Student Council was held on Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. in LG 10. President VanValkenburg presided.

As the first order of business, Council swore in Carolyn Montague as Gelston Hall Council representative. New student members were also appointed to Community Government Committees. They were: Deb Beery, appointed to the Educational Policies Committee, and Tom Hill, ap-pointed to the Student Affairs Committee.

In other action, Council voted to study the problem of Administration-student communications, and to study any reports of campus alienation, with the hope that these conditions might be improved. Also, the problems of minority group students on the campus will be explored. It was also mentioned that there is no provision in the Winter and Spring calendars for a study day before finals, and it was moved that such a study day be recommended by Student Council.

ASPECTS - A WEEKLY REPORT by John Hull

Sometimes, it's enough to make you want to throw up your hands in despair. Other times, you get the feeling that some-thing very vital is involved, that in fact things can be accomplished.

For Student Council is quite a paradox. It can spend half an hour debating swearing in procedures, or it can vote to support the Afro-American demands. One really has to see it to believe it. Nothing I say in this column could really explain Council as well as viewing a meeting or two would.

If you have ever seen the United States House of Representatives or Senate in session, then you have a slight idea of what a Council meeting is like, at least in some ways. Often, one member will have the floor, although there are several other conversations going on at the same time. Scant attention is payed to strict parlia-mentary procedure. Often, many members have little or no idea just what exactly is going on, regarding motions and/or discussions.

Yet, in its own way, Council does work. Perhaps it works because of its flaws, not in spite of them. It does, in most cases, it would seem, adequately represent the opinions of the student body. There is diversity on Council -- perhaps not the same diversity in the same proportions that

there is on the campus, but diversity nonetheless. But, diverse or not, representative or not, it is the most important student portion of the Community Government structure.

As the official voice of student opinion on the Alma College campus, Council has an obligation to listen to the views of concerned students. Yet how many of us ever take advantage of this obligation of Council's? How many of us have ever got concerned enough about something to contact our Council representative about it, or bring it up ourselves at a Council meeting? Or how many of us figure that it's really somebody else's concern, and ignore any

responsibility for action we might have? Student Council is like any branch of government anywhere. If the constituen-cies of its elected members show unconcern, the elected members will tend to show unconcern. If the members' constutuents become aroused over an issue, the members of Council will have to react. For a student's concern for Community Government and the campus community does not end with the election of student representatives; it begins there.

As usual, please address all questions and comments to: John Hull, 320 Wright Hall.

co-curricular affairs

Co-Curricular Affairs met Wednesday and discussed next years possible schedule of events. Dr. Kapp talked of coordination in booking of events between himself and Co-Curricular Affairs. One item already booked concerns a dramatic presentation of Chaucer. Other presentations were considered also for next years' agenda.

academic review

In Academic Review, the sub-committee concerning the proposed grade change presented its recommendation. Discussion insued, with no final decisions made.

IMPORTANT

Students, if you were an administrator at Alma College, what would you decide about our present grading system? Would you change it in any manner, or would you leave it the way it is? Would you add grades, take away grades, permit withdrawals from classes at any time, allow incompletes for a specific time . . . what would you suggest? Please direct any pro-posals or ideas to Jann Hoekje, Cole, Ext. 339. This concerns all of you, so please get involved.

FACULTY SUPPORT ''IN PRINCIPLE'' BLACK S' PROPOSALS

At last Monday's meeting of the Faculty the issues of Convocations, the Black Proposals, and the appeal of grades were acted upon.

The Faculty voted to do away with the requirement for all Convocations except for Opening and Honors(see page one). This action is the result of many years of debate in the Faculty and in the rest of the Community Government structure.

After some discussion the Faculty voted support for the following resolution: "The Faculty support in principal the proposals of the Afro-American Society." This resolution was proposed by Dr. Tracy Luke.

As a result of proposal number five of the Black student proposals, Dr. Ronald Kapp, Alma College Provost, has set up an advisory committee. He announced the formation of this committee at the Faculty meeting. At that time he also anounced the membership of this committee.

The members of this newly formed committee are Dr. Tracy Luke, Chair-man; Dr. William Mcgill, representive from the Social Sciences; Mr. PaulStorey, representive from the Humanities; Dr. Larry Edison, representive from the Nat-ural Sciences; Dr. Michael Yavenditti

cont'd

representative from the Academic Review Committee; Miss Winnie Hill and Mr. John Washington, representives from the Afro-American Society; and Mrs. Yavenditti

by Larry Stephey

and Dr. Kapp Ex-Officio members of the committee. Dr. Kapp called it an "exploratory committee" with the purpose of "counseling students in matters of academic impor-The committee would not relate tance." strictly to the black students and would be open to any student with questions or seeking help in the academic areas.

Following this discussion the Faculty were given information by Mr. Robert Marble, director of admissions, on the recruitment of black students. Mr. Marble said as of last Monday 12 black students have applied for admissions at Alma College and six of these have been accepted.

In regards to black proposal number four, Mr. Marble said he is glad to accept the help of black students on this campus for recruiting other black students. He mentioned that black students did help last year in much the same way. "We have been working in this area and

'Alma College is committed to liberal

Dear Editor.

blacks find little relevance outside the classroom

we will continue working in this area," Mr. Marble said in regards to black student recruitment, 'but we need all the help we can get." The Faculty also enacted a set of pro-

cedures students can use if they wish to appeal a grade. These procedures were recommended to the Faculty by the Aca-demic Review Committee.

After making some minor changes in the recommendations submitted to them by Academic Review, the Faculty agreed to the following procedures:

1. Request the instructor to review and

reconsider the particular mark; 2. Appeal said determination of the instructor to the Department Chairman for his arbitration. When the instructor and the Department C hairman are one and the same, the student may proceed forthwith

to the third step; 3. Appeal the previous determination to the Academic Review Committee;

4. From the Academic Review Committee he may petition to the Provost;

5. He may appeal to the President of the College who holds final authority.

LETTERS

placed myself in the dissenting minority on council. Now Miss Coddington would try to prohibit me from exercising my right to dissent and question my principles and abilities. Is an ever occurring unamimous vote directly correlated to the strength of a council? Is a one party system the most desirable and productive one? On both of these I would reply in the negative. Yet Miss Coddington would have us accept these as the very fiber of a properly functioning council, Ihope Inever see the day where on such a complex issue as black demands that the total of council files in, votes one way, and files out. Somewhere along the line you must decide as to whether you wish to be a toy on a string, free of conflict and criticism, or a real person, sticking to what you believe while at the same time doubting. I can see no need to apologize for my acting in a way which I felt to be consistent wiht the latter alternative, despite criticism from those who claim an inside track to what life is all about.

of a coalition of community peace groups, Labor Unions, Third World, Women's Anti-war groups, and the Student Mobilization Committee. It is the combination of all these groups that now makes up the NPAC, National Peace Action Coalition. The NPAC is the largest anti-war coalition in the nation's history.

The NPAC is calling a massive, peaceful, and orderly march on Washington, D. C. on Saturday, April 24. The demands of the demonstration will be "Bring All The Troops Home Now," and "End The Draft Now." The reason--fifteen months ago we went education as uniquely relevant for men and women who seek to understand and contribute to modern society.' The Afro-American Society has presented six proposals to the Administration and campus to incorportate into the understanding to be found in a liberal education. Part of the opening statement of the proposals says that, 'Alma College stands a good chance of losing its relevance', if these proposals are not met. Not only is a liberal education uniquely relevant but in order to function with understanding and effectively contribute to modern society, men and women need this relevancy. The College states that it 'seeks to relate its programs to the individual student.' Then let's examine the proposals in the perspective of unique relevancy and the individual student. Any education is relevant depending on the use and influence that occurs during and after the experience. Right now on the campus there is very little that can be called relevant for a black student outside of the classroom situation. There are no black faculty members or black ad-ministrators to identify with or relate to with understanding. Of all the goals espoused perhaps one of the best is the personal achievement of individual personal achievement of individual goals and the realization of a personal life style founded on dignity and self respect. These realizations cannot be discovered in a totally white atmosphere. There are problems uniquely black such as dating, thoughtless remarks, and background that only a black person can understand. Each individual on this campus has a personal life-style. It is based on back-

ground and other outside influences that made the individual pertinent. There are organizations on this campus that serve the purpose of reflecting life-styles or providing an atmosphere where these lifestyles can be realized. These organizations do not provide an opportunity for all students to interact. A Cultural House is proposed by the blacks. Unlike the other houses on campus it will not be a residence and it will be open to anyone. It will reflect minority life-styles and be a place for meaningful communication. As of now there is no effective focal point for exchange. The Cultural House will provide such a point.

The preservation of life-style and relevancy demand action. The proposals are reasonable and well within the scope of Alma College. Blacks at other schools have been far more vehement and aggressive in their demands, often leading to violence. The Afro-American Society has presented its proposals and its only threat is relevancy. The Steering Committee for The Black Proposals

Sincerely, Dave Bowen

second Washington march set for april 24

The National Convention of the U.S. Anti-War movement met in Chicago last December. The convention was made up

to Washington to make this same demand (I use John Hull's definition here) and the war still goes on. The Selective Service Act expires on June 30, 1971. The president has already repudiated his pre-election promise to end the draft. He now seeks its extension for another two years.

It is for the above that we feel we must return to Washington to protest these actions. The prospect rapidly grows, that this could be the biggest and most effective demonstration ever--but it's up to us. I reiterate that this is to be a peaceful march, for as the late Martin Luther King Jr. said, "It is no longer a choice between violence and non-violence. It is either non-violence or non-existence. Please think about this and consider going to Washington on April 24.

> Sincerely, Todd Johnson

Cont'd from page 1

Dr. Bechill will attend Swarthmore College, Temple University, and the Univer-sity of Pennsylvania. Mr. Klenk will attend Michigan State University and the University of Toledo.

Selected Kellogg Fellows represent a wide variety of academic disciplines as they come from 17 different academic departments. However, many of the fellows will be pursuing work on an interdisciplinary nature.



This week's review presents work by Mike Delp, a senior at Alma, and Mark loset, a sophomore. If you have any poems

Fat Man, Bennington,

Vermont

Down from Arlington hiking the spine of green mountains Bennington storefront with a leaning fatman his face, stretched: potato in a hot field, ripples 'got a match smoking, he moves through the corner let like a crusty buffalo in a Montana dryer thon stone. Mike Delp

that you would like put in the review, please contact Mark loset, 103 Bonbright, ext. 411.

"In winter, coons come from the creeks. to sleep in barns." cows, cold grass, in December SUD.

Because of a stone house in Elwell, I remember Bennington: old farmers smoked pipes, sank into bars with red doors. talked of winter, and whether stones made the best fences Mike Delp

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Third floor Gelston offers sincere congratulations to Jan Allison and Ron Walsh of Wayne State University who were recently pearled.

This is an advance notice that on Sunday morning February 21, 1971 you are invited to participate in a unique approach to the worship of God! The ll a.m. chapel service is going to be presented by Dr. Phillip Griffiths and members of his advanced oral interpretation class. Dra-matic readings will take the place of a sermon and the service will be an illustration of praising God via the fine arts. This should prove to be an interesting morning of worship. Come and join us!

ABORTIONS -**Topic for Tuesday Night**

by Julie Jewett

Abortions! How do we feel about them? What are the real problems behind them? Are they a solution to overpopulation? These are questions going through many people's minds. The Biology 306 seminar is presenting a fifty-minute CBS film production on abortion, plus a five member panel to discuss all aspects of abortion from the medical-legal view to the religious view. The members of the panel will consist of Father Rabideau of St. Mary's Church, Dr. Stack, Dr. Fishbaugh, Representative Richard Allen and Mrs. Tipton. There will be a question and answer period following the panel. This will be presented Tuesday, February 9, 1971 from 8-10 p.m. in Dow Auditorium. It will be most enlightening to all who attend.

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ATTENTION: Student Workers Students should pick up all College payroll checks Friday, February 12, at the Cashiers Office in Reid-Knox, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigman pleased to announce the recent pearlingd sister Lynn Mosure to Ron DeGroot, alm Alpha Phi Omega alumnus.

The Alma College Bahai Club invits you to hear Jeffrey Staples speak on: "O Becoming Your True Self," Monday, Feruary 8, Bruske Fireside Lounge, 7p.m.

Correction: The lead article in last week's paper indicated there were 250 black students at the rally. It should have read 250 students and faculty.

The United States Marine Corps officer selection team for the state of Michiga will visit Alma College. The team may be contacted in the Tyler Student Union on February 17, 1971 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for any information.

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The Doctor's File

(Ed. Note. The Doctor's File is writen to give useful information to the Alma College community. Any person having a medical question is encuraged to give the question to Dr. Stack, Your name need not be on the question. If you have a question send it to Dr. Stack c/o THE ALMANIAN.)

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by Jack M. Stack M.D. IS THE PILL IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE OR IS A "BUILD-UP" PERIOD NECES-

SARY? Yes, the pill is immediately effective when started on the 5th day of a girls cvcle.

Debaters Third at Tournament

The Alma College Debate Team cap-tured third place in the Bruin Invitational Debate Tournament held at Kellogg Community College on January 16. The Alma team was led by Wendy Gould and Denny Valkanoff, who won five debates and lost only two. Denny and Wendy defeated the University of Detroit, Tri-State Univer-sity, Anderson (Ind.) College and Hope College en route to their third place finish. The Alma team reached the final round and was just nosed out of second place. There were twenty teams in the tournament. The affirmative team of Bob Reindel and Jeff Foran won one debate and lost two.

Wendy Gould, in her second appearance on the negative team, brought home top honors for the Alma team with her selection as the top debater of the tournament. Wendy received the highest number of points from the judges in the novice division.

In the varsity division the Alma team did not fare as well, winning one and losing three. The team of Dick Palmer and Larry Nelsen defeated Ball State University, the champion of the tournament, but lost to other teams in the tournament. Dick and Larry handed Ball State its first loss in three tournaments, but they dropped de-cisions to Wayne State and Anderson.

The previous week the Scots traveled to Ball State University to participate in the Ball State Invitational. The novice team of Gould and Valkanoff split six debates while the varsity team had a difficult time, winning only one of five.



The Play

Photo by Reid Simons dancing. Hershberger and Beverly Keith Tiedeman in rehearsal for "Put Your Soward Back In Its Place."

The Author

by Deb Beery

"Put Your Sword Back In Its Place"

John Gould, Alma College senior, has written a play, 'Put Your Sword Back In Its Place'. The play, John's first attempt at dramatic writing, was written last summer and will be performed on February 10 and 11 at 8:00 p.m. in Dow Auditorium.

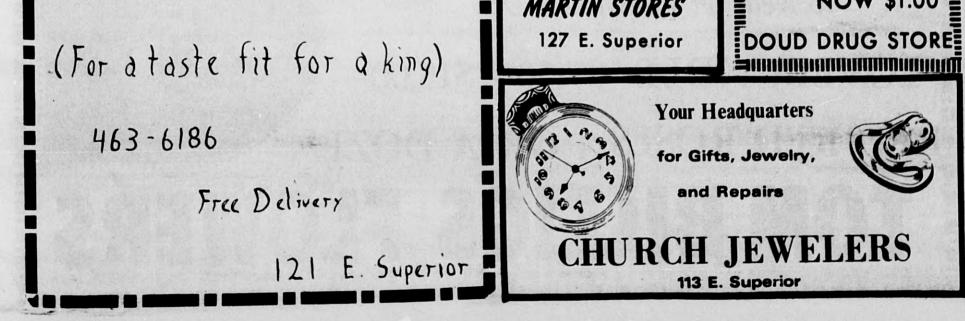
John says his purpose in writing the play was 'to make a personal statement about war attitudes'. The main character is a college boy whose brother has been killed in the war. The boy decides he cannot, in good conscience, support the war and refuses to carry his draft card which results in his imprisonment. The play focuses on the difference in attitudes and the resulting conflicts which develop between the boy, his parents, his girl-friend, and his minister. It is an objective and realistic attempt to deal with varied attitudes; the interpretation is left up to the audience.

Keith Hershberger, another Alma stu-dent, is directing 'Put Your Sword Back in its Place' as his senior thesis. Keith is employing several dramatic conventions not usually used. Several of the characters will be singing, and the orchesis will be

John will be attending McCormick Theological Seminary in the fall and plans to continue creative writing in his spare time.



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It's a Comic Book Revolution as Todays Superheroes Fight Poverty, Pollution and Overpopulation

by Terry Lee

Comic books are taking a new direction and becoming more contemporary and relevant to the problems facing our cur-rent generation. Examples in recent issues show Superman as nurosis-ridden, Batman becoming pollution conscious and Green Arrow coping with bigotry and discrimination.

This is a radical departure from the days when most comics heroes encounter ed monsters from outer space, supervillains and mad scientists. The problems of today are civil rights, racism, poverty and pollution from without; alienation and self-doubt from within, and the superheroes are involved in all of these.

Comics heroes' entire life styles and thought processes are changing in this new era. Viewing the changes, one article in a national magazine notes: 'Superman, he of the impervious

'kishkas,' finds himself in a shum where kids have fire hydrants instead of swimming pools and auto dumps instead of playgrounds. Could you survive in this jungle without your super-powers?' he's asked by a black resident. Superman wonders, and so begins to develop a social conscience."

In another episode, "The Man of Steel" ponders on his existence. "I'm Superman. The wealth of the world is at my command. I have powers beyond the dreams of mere mortals. Yes, I'm the man who has everything! But what wouldn't I give to have a son like Dan!" So the pangs of alienation begin to set in.

For Batman and Robin, there are changes, too. Batman has shuttered the Bat Cave and his suburban estate to move to the city to fight pollution, poverty and the people who profit by exploiting the poor and the weak. Robin is going to college where he soon will be involved in campus problems, civil rights and peaceful dissent. And the beat goes on, Green Arrow, "the technological Robin Hood of the comic books," and Green Lantern, "the rayslinger," as they are described in a recent article on the comics revolution, were radicalized in an issue last spring when a black man familiar with their exploits

on other planets in behalf of blue men, orange men and purple men, challenged "I want to know why you never bothered to help black men!" Stunned and awakened, the green-clad duo take off in a dump truck on an Easy Rider-type tour of the country to deal with some of the moral issues facing this nation.

And the list grows. Wonder Woman and Lois Lane have become involved with "women's lib" in their own lives, and Superman's pal, Jimmy Olsen, a cub reporter for 30 years, has battled slumlords

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in ghetto areas.

Indicating that these new approaches are not random, single-episode deviations from the norm, but new directions, Carmine Ingantino, editorial director of DC Comics, acknowledges the change and credits it to the growing sophistication of

It seems that from today's upheavals there has grown a new form of expression, the comic book. As everday living offers new contests, the old-style superhero is biting the dust. In his place has come the sociology spoofer.

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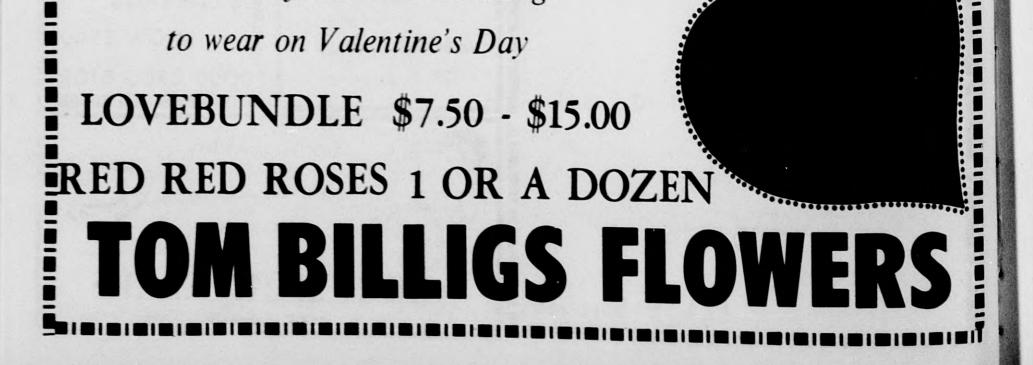
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ALMANIAN SPORTS

Sports Viewpoint

November, 1970: The MIAA coaches have picked Alma as the team to beat this year for the league title. February, 1971: The Alma Scots,

after three consecutive league defeats, are in fifth place with a 2-4 record.

What has been the Scots' downfall this year? There are three possible explana tions:

- 1. The MIAA coaches made an error in judgement and Alma really isn't that good.
- 2. The players haven't been producing as well as possible.
- The team has been poorly coached. Let's examine all the possiblilities.

It is always hard to pick a winner in

any league. Alma did look to be a winner this year. The Scots had returning seniors Charles Hudson and Bob Eldridge to lead the team. They had good experience in ike Neitring and transfer student Fred Street, Calvin had lost four of their starters from their championship team of last year. None of the other teams appeared to be experienced enough to take the title. Alma was the only logical choice. I believe Ahma WAS potentially the best team in the league.

Looking at Alma's players on the court and on the bench, it seems as if they

The Alma Scots suffered their fourth

straight MIAA loss here Saturday to Hope, 85-79, Strong rebounding and excellent shooting led to Hope's victory.

I.M. Hockey in Full Swing

intramural bockey officially opened its season at Ahma last week. The first meet of competition say Bruske forfeit to Wright due to a shortage of men, although unoffocially Wright edged a mixed contingent representing the Sabers 8-7. On Tuesday, the TKE's swept past Mitchell 5-1 behind a pair of goals by Rick Runchey and some outstanding plays by

Later in the week, the TKE's again unyielding defense to bomb Bruske, 8-1, "Chief" Creevy and Gerald Wassen each league lead and an unblemisted record.

The Sabers test the TKE's on Wednesday,

have lost the fire they had at the begining of the season. Some of the efforts and performances appear extremely strained. The team also has the tendency to clutch in the second half. Their last two games were lost in the last stanza.

The third possibility, that the team has been poorly conched, is difficult to comment on without bias. Therefore I will let the record speak for itself. Alma has been a second place team for three seasons in a row under Coach Klenk. This year they appear headed for a lower standing. Klenk has not been able to produce a championship team. It is interesting to note that Alma won nine of its first 12 games this year. This includes two tough losses to Oakland University and Central Michigan, Since then Alma has won one and lost three. What has changed? Klenk has been substituting more lately than at the beginning of the season, Why? The Scots were successful before. Why the change!

Alma has had some bad breaks this year. The loss of Fred Street and the injury to Charles Hudson were both damaging. But Alma has not produced as well as expected up to now. Let's hope things will improve in this last month of action.

Flying Dutchmen Dump Scots 85-79

Dan Shinabarger led the Flying Dutchmen attack with 24 points. His excellent ball handling had Alma at bay all night,

The first half was a see-saw battle with the lead changing hands eight times. Hope had a narrow 40-39 halftime advantage. Alma took the lead at the start of the second stanza but Hope fought back to take the lead for good 51-49 on a basket by Wolters.

Besides Shinabarger's outstanding performance, Wolters scored 20 and Rick Scott added 16, Alma was paced by cap-tain Charles Hudson with 27 points. Ike Neitring meshed 16.

Alma travels to Calvin Wednesday night and will be home against Olivet Saturday.

whelming victory over Muskegon Junior

The team travels to Olivet tomorrow and will be home to bost Grand Rapids Junior College, February 11 at 6:30. The home court lacks something, maybe support from the Alma fans, Let's support our

Bunsen Burners, Basketballers Vie for Championship

In A league action last Wednesday, Delta Sigma Phi trounced Tau Kappa Epsilon 57-29. This game clinched first place over -all for the Sigs. Balanced scor ing was the key to the Sig victory. Larry Andrus scored 14, Byron Johnson 12, and Brad Carey netted 10. Dave Schanski paced the TKE's with nine.

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In other action, Mitchell Hall blitzed Bruske Hall, 72-55. John Washington paced the winners with 28 points. Delta Gamma Tau broke their losing streak with a 59-50 decision over Wright Hall, Eric Borgman led the Gams with 22 counters.

In B league competition Monday night, the TKE's came up with a balanced scoring attack to nip the Theta Chis 50-46. Frank Jeremy led the winners with 12 points. Steve Madigan led all scorers with 18. Delta Sigma Phi received an 18 point performance from Mark Alman as they drubbed the Delt Gams 76-43. Wright Hall had to come from behind to defeat Bruske Hall, 73-63. Chuck Wlodyka paced Wright with 22 points, J. F. Karshner had an outstanding night for Bruske netting 30 points.

Friday night, Delta Gamma Tau won its first game of the season as they nipped Mitchell Hall 56-50. Gary Zandt led the Gams with 20 points. Delta Sigma Phi completed a perfect season as they defeated the Theta Chis, 84-70. Mike Heinze paced the winners with 20 markers.

In C League action Monday night, the Matchell Misterbaters received a 16 point performance from Mike Hughes as they nipped Can the Man and the Four Tops, 48-46.

Pontius Pilot and the Nail Driving Nine eliminated Bazooka, 61-58. Mike Glover led all scorers with 23. Wednesday night, the Bunsen Burners handed the Basketballers their first defeat of the season, 66-42. Gary Paesens paced the Burners with 21 points. Pontius Pilot knocked off the Matchell Misterbaters, 37-34 behind Jerry Young's 13 counters. Thursday night, Roger Silverthorn and O. R. English each netted 16 as the Basketballers elimimated Pontius Pilot and the Nail Driving Nine, 49-46. Only two teams remain in the double elimination tournament, the un-defeated Bunsen Burners and the once defeated Basketballers. These two teams will decide the championship this week.



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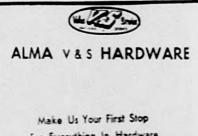
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