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The mystery man (Jack Bowman) and Miss Nice dance to Swan Lake

Kiltie Band Follies Displayed "Diverse" Talent

by Kay Consolatti

The third annual Kiltie Band Follies, held in Tyler Auditorium last Friday evening, provided an hour-long program of hilarity, nonsense, and real talent. The band members displayed their diverse talents in a series of comical skits, featuring a mystery ballet, the orchestral string quartet, and special guest performers from the Administration department.

Included among performances on stage was that of Kiltie Band director Jack Bowman, who, decked in white tights and a black mask, entertained the audience with his stunning ballet. Guitarist Emily Comstock provided a more serious note to the

program with a self composed song "Remembrances."

By far the big name entertainment of the evening, Dr. Swanson and Mrs. Yonkman, house mother of DSP fraternity, submitted themselves to the antics of a behind-the-scenes make-up committee, namely Mrs. Swanson and Tom Gray. The audience reciprocated with a sustained and enthusiastic applause.

Judging from the exceptionally large audience, the jovial and informal atmosphere and the abundant laughter, the Kiltie Band executed a successful evening of entertainment.

Dean Plough's Report to the Trustees

(Ed. note. The following is a report presented by Dean Plough to the Board of Trustees at their Fall 1970 meeting. This report has been talked about a great deal in recent days in relation to the questions the Black Students raised in their letters to THE ALMANIAN two weeks ago.)

Another reexamination more fundamental to the educational philosophy of Alma College, concerns the residential nature of our institution. This is on the agenda for Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Associate Trustees. I would like to indicate to you my personal perspective on this question. It appears to me that we are dealing with two valid assumptions:

1. There is research established merit in the residential nature of a college.
2. There is a felt need on the part of many students for additional kinds of off-campus experiences.

Most observers of the higher education scene, for example, Reisman and Mayhew, indicate that the importance of the residential component must not be underestimated. In countless articles, on impersonality and isolation, close proximity and crossing traffic patterns are seen as important to a community climate. In studies of drop-outs, private rooms and boarding houses had the highest drop-out rates; commuters came next, dorms and co-ops were best for men, sororities and dorms were best for women. (AXELROD) Housing situations that provide easy contact with other students and with faculty aid retention.

A number of studies found that conditions for campus-wide impacts appear to be

most frequent in small, residential, four-year colleges. (Feldman and Newcomb) Conditions at these colleges include relatively homogeneous faculty and student groups, opportunities for continued interaction, not exclusively formal, among students and between students and professors. My personal view is that loyalty to college and classmates, upperclass-freshmen interaction, community spirit, potentials for much better communication, counseling and faculty-student-administrative cooperation and trust, seem more likely in the residential setting. We know that certain tolerable restraints are placed on some individual students who could gain from living off campus, but continue in the residential setting to make valuable contributions to the college and their fellow students.

We know, from many studies on the commuter student, that such would not be the case if our student leaders lived off campus. My view is that we should opt for community spirit and communication as opposed to certain more comfortable living settings for upperclassmen. There are some other more pragmatic (maybe crass) reasons for my opposition to any large scale off-campus housing.

1. Off-campus housing at other colleges and universities has invariably led to increased problems with community relations, and with increasing student problems in terms of drinking, drug and sexual abuses.
2. It would appear necessary to add one full-time college administrator as an off-campus housing director to deal with landlords, chamber of commerce "white

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Student Poll Reveals Feelings on A.C. and Blacks' Letters

by Gary Morrison

The campus pulse is a timely, idealistic and energetic project entertained by a member of the ALMANIAN Staff who is disillusioned with Alma College, Alma students, Alma administrators and Alma College policy makers. The attitudes which I have received from my experience in this short period of time have left me disgruntled with the system. I suggested this project to the Editor hoping someone else would do it. You see I really don't have the time.

The following are brief statements made by students met and talked to on the night of January 20 in Mitchell Hall. The questions asked were "What is your opinion of Alma College in general and the Black student letters to the editor?" Here are some responses of the fifty-eight people I spoke to.

"Alma College students are apathetic. Alma College doesn't support things. Administration and students don't support things."

Meeting

Interested students, faculty members and staff will meet Monday January 25, 1971 in Gelston Hall lobby at 10:00 p.m. to discuss the admission policies implemented in recruiting Black and other minority group students. Individuals of the Afro-American Society will express their views on the procedures used in recruiting new members for the Alma College Community.

The meeting is being held as a result of a discussion that the men of Wright Hall had in response to the letters written by the Black students. The ideas brought forth during this discussion will be presented and questions are encouraged. If you are concerned-come. If you are apathetic-don't come.

Lindley Lecture Tonight

ALMA--Dr. Martin Marty, dean of the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, will be the speaker for Alma College's annual Lindley Lecture at 8 p.m. Monday (Jan. 25) in the college's Dunning Memorial Chapel.

Marty, author and editor of several books, will speak on the topic, "Putting Together Your Next World: Reflections During a Religious Revolution."

Specializing in church history, Marty received his doctorate in American Religious and Intellectual History from the University of Chicago and is an ordained Lutheran minister.

Last year's Lindley Lecturer was Julian Bond, Negro member of Georgia's House of Representatives. Other speakers have included Dr. James H. Robinson, Director of "Operation Crossroads"; Dr. Elton Trueblood, professor of Philosophy at Earlham College; and Dr. Hans Morgenthau, a prominent member of the Center for the Study of American Foreign and Military Policy.

The fund which finances the "Ellen Baker Lindley Lecture Series" was established in 1958 by her husband, Adelbert Lindley, a 1911 graduate of Alma.

Date for I.F.S. THE INFORMER Changed to Jan. 31

On Sunday evening, January 31, the International Film Series shows THE INFORMER, an American classic from 1935. Screen time is 8:00 p.m. Showplace is Dow Auditorium.

Based on a novel by Liam O'Flaherty, THE INFORMER stands against the background of the 1922 Irish Rebellion. In the hands of award-winning director John Ford, the film portrays with imagination and

"I love Alma."

"Students at Alma should stop and think, not react emotionally. They should reflect on what was said, view things from a different point of view. As middle class white Americans we live in different cultures. We cannot judge as middle class Americans. Socially, Alma leaves something to be desired, what to do with the rural setting, its wrong. We need more interaction. The girl-boy situation should be resolved, girls won't go--guys won't ask. Girls don't mix. We need more faculty mixing, because that's a A.C. publicity factor."

"...The ALMANIAN lacks in content, it needs more editorials..."

"Can't see the prejudice to blacks, when a majority of whites are here. Students are extensions of their parents. A.C. has no sparkle."

"Good use of points. Liked seriousness. Yvanditti letter was good. The kids are wrong. Why does Alma want you. You see the kinds that are here. Take all the kids away and its a good campus. Nice buildings, decent administration, good faculty. High school was less restrictive. Need to learn besides books. People don't realize the importance of inter-relations. Lounges are nice but there is not time to use them."

"...Isolation everyone has his own little sheltered life. Unless it is a social or cultural experience, people don't have time to share things with others. It is easy to seek isolation. No one has time."

"I realize that prejudice is here. When using the color line hang it all up. Blacks and whites miss the boat, can't force to give up prejudice."

"Over reacting. All blacks are too sensitive. See no prejudice. Ready to fight back. If it happened to whites, no reaction. If going to take it as a personal insult then they should move south."

"Administration Policies are 1960ish." "Bushouse was out of line. I am empathic towards blacks. The statement should offend them. Alma rules need to be changed, too strict, still in the 1950's."

"Alma people are too artificial, hard to get to know..."

"Legitimate beer. Not a problem solved easily. No reason why they should come here. Not much to offer. Need to work harder to get blacks to make it and like it here. Typical example of whites. All have common faith in the human race. All think others will come through."

"A.C. is comparable to a high school. Gossiping. It is five years behind the times. People are good academically but they don't use their minds to function in life. It is a suitcase college. A.C.H.S. needs more blacks."

"Inflammatory nature, won't get far. Legitimate, but won't get anywhere if they fight and hassle. Might get backlash."

"Unnecessary to knock Bushouse, it was a mistake, should not have been said." "...only football players are being recruited, everyone else must show interest first. Careless statement."

"Not many blacks want to come. Hire a black administrator."

"Blacks should work with admissions." "Get a black admissions man..."

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artistry a betrayal-and-punishment in the context of a rebellion. With its subjective images and inner monolog the work becomes a classic drama of man's conscience.

THE INFORMER was announced for appearance at an earlier date. A supplier's goof brings it on January 31 instead.

General admission tickets will be available at the door for 75¢ each.

REFLECTIONS

by Chuck Cook

She tried to be as is but was as were and, hence, is not as are but have been. Such a pity. Squeeze the grapes.

We will never conquer the pollution problem. We will never solve the birth rate control problem. We will never solve the illiteracy problem. And we will never ever see the return of year 1970. We are not supposed to be able to do these things. But how can we of the A.C. community even begin to relate to any projected solutions to these problems when we cannot extinguish fires in our own backyard?

We must support the Black students, for what they are speaking is certainly very pertinent and legitimate. But more important than this we must support the A.C. community as a whole. The Black enrollment situation is just one big problem to be resolved.

A.C.'s problems will not be solved by isolated efforts aimed at individual issues, no matter how important the issue and how concerted the effort. Students, faculty, and administration must resign themselves to getting it all together. Our "contract" with Alma College should read: you provide us and in turn we will provide you. Certainly we can not expect to "Mr. Clean" Alma College, but a little positive ~~spite and spite~~ in that direc-

tion will not hurt. In how many ways are we really a small college?

Couldn't the best of all purposes be solved by calling a two day campus interaction period? During this time a suspension of regular classes would be observed in favor of sincere participation by all members of the A.C. community. In confessional groupings designed to assess and evaluate our college's present and future goals as they pertain to us as individuals and as a community. The feasibility of such a measure is coming under consideration just now. Consider it for yourself. The Alma College Community would indeed show that it is a leader if it could come to grips with its problems in this manner. Also, we can not help but think after the pangs of enthusiasm expressed at the Kiltie Band Follies that life certainly does reside on this campus. We are all just bewildered where he lives most of the time: his bastard son counterfeit life lives in beer bottles. Friends, are we up to the undertaking at hand? A re-examination period such as proposed surely cannot hurt our present college lives.

It'll be a nice day tomorrow if it does not thunderstorm, don't you think? What happens to turkeys at mock Thanksgiving?

News from Mayflower

Dear Alma College,

One of the first things we learned when we came to Nigeria was how limited we were in our knowledge and appreciation for strange foods.

Of all the variety of foods eaten in Nigeria the staple is gari. Gari is a white powder about the consistency of corn meal which is made from the cassava plant. The procedure for making gari is quite interesting. First comes the harvesting of the cassava, a plant which is six to eight feet tall with from one to five stems per root. The plant is dug up and the tuberous root is removed. At the same time a new cassava can be planted by dropping a small section of the stem back into the hole. The root is then peeled like a potato and then ground up. The resulting pulp is placed on a metal sheet over a fire and dried by continually stirring and turning it over. At this stage it has a texture of fine corn meal though white in color. The gari is ready for cooking.

By mixing it into boiling water eba is made. The texture of eba is similar to mashed squash, the color of ivory and quite tasteless to us. The flavor comes from the stew or soup that is poured over it. It's really hot! Our first reaction was to grab a glass of water! Red peppers and

lots of them are added to palm oil along with boiled meat to make the soup.

Fruits are excellent and cheap. Oranges in season are three for a penny. In the East Central State we bought bananas that were about 13-14 inches long and had excellent flavor, not a bad spot. Paw paws, a melon with an orange sweet tasting meat, grow wild, taste very good, and are easy on the pocketbook.

After about a month of red tape we finally got our motorcycle. There are lots of back roads that take you miles into the bush, lush, beautiful country with many trees taller than the Hartwick Pines. Yesterday we discovered a long paved road about six feet wide with lots of pot holes running for miles through the bush. We wondered why it was paved because it was used so little--we didn't see any cars on it. Occasionally we met people on bicycles or walking with loads on their heads. Everyone is very friendly. The greeting exchanged is not "Hi," "Hello" or "Good Morning" but "Odaboo", meaning Farewell. It is more appropriate since by the time you finish saying it you're already passed.

Odaboo,
David and Dodie

STUDENT POLL cont'd

"Would like to know more, what were the circumstances..."

"Decreasing role and number. Drop Bushouse or get a black recruiter elected by the black students. Let Afro-American get a black recruiter."

"Stupid to jump on Bushouse because he could have said that to anyone."

"...See group separation on campus, greek-freak, guys-girls, cliques exist. Not much individual communication. There is a prevailing attitude of depression. Everyone is so involved in their personal world they don't take time to give a damn about others. For example, drugs, drinking and high school trivia go on. Nothing past the surface. Depressed. People have forgotten how to have fun, always need alcohol or something to remove inhibitions, lots of frustrations because of no girl-guy relationships. Prefab activities are ok, but students still say there is nothing to do. Kids really don't make efforts to meet students. Students are trying to mature too fast, a lot of pressure to grow up. Insecure, there is a pre-occupation with cool, it covers up the real them. People need to evaluate what's worth going after. Then need to be people orientated, see, need, and realize people. Need to see goals to need people. Need to see goals in studies as contribution to society. What is important, not grades, tests, or hours studied, see what's important and go get it. Use a goal to drive you."

"What do they expect. What do they want. What do they do to make and expect special treatment. If its friendship, they must make it. Where are the black students? I can't really tell what's wrong."

Not specific enough. Sounds like the rest of the country. Because I am white, I can't see myself getting pimped. If they are getting pimped they didn't say how."

"Alma is a clique school. Not conducive to other things. We need more to do on weekends. I am going to transfer. I'll be closer to home. I might as well be home on weekends."

"I have never been in contact with blacks...I don't like forced integration, but there should at least be a minimum number of blacks here. I like the no-violent attitude. It should work out ok. I have been expecting a statement from Bushouse."

"There are too many blacks here already."

"I didn't like the words racist and radicals used. I want a Polish-American Society. The girls are too tight here at Alma. I don't want an Oakland University situation here. Too many blacks are getting here because of white money and are bitching."

"I want an Anglo-Greek Society."

"The ALMANIAN should get the other side."

"The ALMANIAN shouldn't have published that sports article (Last ALMANIAN) on the back page."

"...Alma has something to offer blacks, small classes, individual attention. Blacks want betterment through education, not just a piece of paper. Its a good school. Blacks have money and scholarships are available...If there was some effort this wouldn't be a WASP campus. I wasn't recruited. They made me feel like they were doing me a favor by letting me come here. Blacks now are just filling space."

Letters to the Editor

additional responses to Black students

Dear Editor,

Please print this poem. It is the best way I can express myself right now.

"with a black student in mind"
Your differences do not repel me
And I want to know you,
And like you,
For just yourself.
But how can I? When
I know you scorn me
When I am not around;
When others like you are?
I am not what you think
I am.
And I wish I could make you understand.
But they have made you believe
Far too long,
And if you will not
open your mind to me,
too,
Then I probably will not
Know you
Either.
Most sincerely,
Jann Hoekje

off campus students want representation

To the editor

A motion was made in Student Council that the off-campus students be deprived of their Student Council representative. Off-campus students need representation just as do students in Wright, Newberry and Greek housing.

As this motion has been tabled until the next meeting, January 28th, contact any Student Council member to lend support to defeat it.

Rick Ledy
Fris Kaslander
Linda Davy
Carey Backensto
Don Vura

Thank you
Allan Nelson
Carol Nelson
Jill Needham
Clark Lincoln
Karen Lincoln

nightclub not really open

Students of Alma College:

Contrary to public opinion, the Nightclub was not open Thursday night. In reality you were all hypnotized prior to the start of the show.

Apologetically,
Union Board

pep band "helped"

Members of the pep band,

This is written in appreciation of your support at the basketball game in which Alma defeated Adrian. The effort in your pre-game performance helped to spark the Alma supporters to great enthusiasm, carrying the Alma Scots on to another victory.

Thanks again.

The Cheerleaders

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Dear Editor,

To Blacks and Whites neatly sums up my thoughts on one-to-one communications. Standing next to an amp blaring out at 120 decibels of sounds, the senses are scrambled by the voraciousness of the noise. After a while, the senses fail completely; the mind boggles into senselessness.

People respond to one another in an analogous manner. As individuals we all have limits of tolerability. These limits exceeded give vent to protestation. The problem is that the protestation may itself become intolerable for the senselessness of the volume. We must be able to hear in order to communicate. If we ourselves are so vocal that we can not hear the response, what purpose have we accomplished?

I would appreciate your cooperation in printing To Blacks and Whites, for I think it has something to say to the people here.

To Blacks and Whites

We continue to shout towards one another and separated by miles deeper than water in the dark chasms of our difference

I hear you
Hear me -
Perhaps we shout to loud -
speaking softly we
move closer to compensate,
for whispers attract
drawing our attention into focus -

Sincerely yours,

Mike Siebeneicher
125 Wright Hall

what happened to campus radio?

Dear Editor,

Why don't we have a radio station on campus? If my memory serves me correctly, during the Info Carnival there was a demonstration of an AM station. The people operating the station said that they would be broadcasting out of Mitchell and via a couple of rebroadcasting stations would have been able to encompass the entire campus with a strong signal. What ever happened to these people and their station?

WFYC is fine for people into that kind of thing and WVIC serves commercial hogs satisfactorily, but what have we to listen to here in Alma that's progressive rock station would be a definite asset to the campus. Besides providing fresh entertainment, the station could be a service to the campus as an immediate media, bringing the campus together. As a source of communications, a solid station might help Alma patch into the community, possibly orienting some of its air time to programs designed to serve the Alma area. This would be a large step forward in dissolving the barriers between campus and community. I think it's about time Alma College took positive steps to establish its concern for its neighbors. Thank you.

Bruce Donigan

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

COMMENTARY

by Lynn Coddington

Two seemingly unrelated events, one obscure, the other very much the attention of the entire campus, are very much involved, one with the other. In a recent ALMANIAN, Alma's black students expressed themselves rather forcefully as to their feelings about their experience on this campus. All were somewhat bitter, showing dissatisfaction with the campus community, the administration and especially the recruitment of black students. The Wednesday after that ALMANIAN appeared, a committee of the much maligned institution known as Community Government met to discuss and consider items, which, surprisingly enough, pertain to the very criticisms which the articles exemplified. Presented to Academic Review was a plan to re-evaluate such things as exactly what kind of student Alma wants, the recruitment of this student, programs offered and the such. Of importance is the question of what kind of student this college wants. In the college catalog or handbook, there appears a rather ambiguous presentation as to the goals of this college. Obviously, such aims as 'helping --- to discover a personal life-style founded on integrity and self-respect ---' has not been obtained for or by the black student at this campus. There is also no mention of what type of student the college seeks. The statement that 'Alma College seeks to maintain a steady focus on human values which undergird the worth of individuals and the welfare of society ---' is all but mocked by the student's attack. Recruitment and policies thereof are also included in the report; recruitment of the disadvantaged, out-of-state, 'average deal', and foreign students included. If there can be a stated policy as to what type of student the college seeks to recruit, then for the Admissions Office to stray from that policy would be all that more

difficult; the administration would be bound by it's own goals, not by the vagueness which exists now. To offer its students the chance to broaden their "intellectual spectrum", this campus should and is urged to include students of different backgrounds and sundry interests. If Academic Review's job and the entire campus' is to be a long drawn-out affair, it can offer no immediate solution. It must be kept in mind though, that the committee's action does indicate an awareness by SOME administrators that defects are to be found in this institution's admissions policies. The problem will not be alleviated until there are definite, written statements as to exactly what this college wants. Hopefully, this will come before the campus loses the students who leave in disgust.

student affairs

by Sue Cook

Student Affairs Committee meeting of Tuesday, the 19th primarily involved discussion concerning the Health Center. The catalyst for this discussion was a student questionnaire distributed by the Campus Affairs Committee. Cedric Franklin, Chairman of that committee, contended that the results of the survey indicated significant student discontent with the present medical facilities. Student Affairs Committee generally agreed that the questionnaire was inadequate and, thus, only indicative of a need for concern. In order to get a clearer, more complete understanding of the Health Service, the members decided to invite Dr. Fishbough to discuss existing facilities and student complaints. Further discussion revealed that it was unclear what other means of action might be taken.

council grapples with off campus representation

The main issue of discussion in this week's Student Council meeting was the grievances of the black students. Off-campus representation, representative-at-large and a parliamentarian were also voted on.

The result of the black grievances discussion was to send a resolution to the Administration asking for specific statements concerning such things as what the policy is on the admission of black students, how much time is spent on recruiting the black and general comments about the apparent discord with the blacks on campus. The Administration was asked to have this statement by next meeting. Also, the Afro-American group was asked to state their feelings in a letter to the council. Discussion of the representation of off-campus, small housing and Greek housing was tabled until next week. There was some question as to whether there need be this representation, how to keep in touch with these students and are these students represented in other ways? The Council voted on and passed the addition of two representatives-at-large, Ric Dyer and Bob VandenBos. Tom Hill was also voted in as the new Parliamentarian of the Council. This is a new position with the Council initiated by the President.

food service committee

Since everyone is aware that one of the biggest complaints of college life concerns the food, a Food Service Committee has been organized to try to improve the problem.

The purpose of this committee is to improve the service and to give students a chance to voice their opinions concerning Saga Foods.

The committee is presently working on prices in the union, hours of meals, employees time sheets, and 'special' night meals.

Another proposal concerns guest meal tickets. This proposal has been discussed with Dr. Kimball and the District Manager of Saga Foods. It is hoped that there will be a student referendum on this issue when plans are completed.

Anyone interested in making any suggestions may attend the meetings (every Wednesday noon in Van Dusen faculty lounge) or may contact one of the following members:

- Gary Wegner - Chairman - TKE House
- Betsy Dayrell - Gelston
- Nancy Alwen - Gelston
- Cindy Benton - Gelston
- Ann Sarnes - Newberry
- Don Yehle - TKE House

Anyone also interested in becoming a member of the committee may contact the chairman, Gary Wegner.

educational policies

by Gary Morrison

In the Educational Policy meeting of January 18, the 36 units passed-37 units attempted course requirement for graduation was discussed. E.P.C. made a recommendation to the faculty in December on a recommendation from the Academic Review Committee, which received a request from the 1969 Student Council to make the requirement 37 units passed. This year's Student Council stated in December that they no longer favored this recommendation.

Inconclusive statistics were presented from Dr. Kimball's office on the number of students in the past three years who failed courses in their senior years.

Discussion of the unit requirement was halted to discuss the new grading system proposal which would affect the unit requirement system.

The new grading system suggested by Dr. Kapp was one which would include only A,B and C marks. D or E marks would not count for graduation nor would they be placed on the student transcript. The content of the discussion dealt in generalities. Further discussion will be continued today at 4:00 pm in the library conference room.

Calendar of This Week's Events

Monday, January 25

- LG 10 Clizbe Crafts; calligraphy class 3:00 p.m.
- Chapel Dr. Martin E. Marty-Lindley Lecturer 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26

- Gelston Head Resident's apartment Clizbe Crafts; crocheting 7:00 p.m.
- Dow 100 Biology 306 Seminar-BEYOND CONCEPTION-CONTRACEPTION, film, discussion 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27

- Chapel Communion-Rev. Richard Anderson 7:00 a.m.
- Chapel Student Recital 10:00 a.m.
- Muskegon Women's Varsity Basketball 6:00 p.m.
- P.E. Center J.V. & Varsity Basketball-Calvin, here 5:45 & 8:00 p.m.
- Grand Rapids Swimming at Calvin 7:30 p.m.
- 406 Wright Hall Clizbe Crafts; ham radio operator's instruction 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 28

- P.E. Center Women's Varsity Basketball-Grand Valley, here 6:00 p.m.
- Dow 229 Chemistry Club - Professor Delia of C.M.U. speaking on 'Chemotherapy of Cancer' 7:00 p.m.
- Clizbe Lounge Clizbe Crafts; leather-craft instruction 7:00 p.m.
- P.A.D. Devil's Workshop 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Friday, January 29

- Dean Rentz' Sorority rushees return Office information blanks 9:00-4:00
- 257 Gelston Clizbe Crafts; sewing instructions, anytime Friday p.m.
- Flint Swimming at Flint J.C. 7:00 p.m.
- Dow Aud. U.B. film-SANDPEBBLES 7:15 p.m.
- Gym John Denver Concert 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 30

- Flint Swimming at Flint J.C. 2:30 p.m.
- P.E. Center J.V. Basketball with Montcalm C.C. 5:45 p.m.
- P.E. Center Varsity Basketball with Kalamazoo 8:00 p.m.
- Dow Aud. U.B. film-SANDPEBBLES 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 31

- Chapel Prof. Walser-Communion 11:00 a.m.
- Sorority Sorority Rush rooms Teas 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Dow Aud. International Film Series-THE INFORMER 8:00 p.m.

Plough's Report cont'd

papers", and student frustrations. 3. Financial aid is not available to cover housing costs of the off-campus variety. Thus, off-campus housing might only be available to the affluent.

Primarily, it is my feeling that departing in any significant degree from the residential core here at Alma might well be our financial downfall. I do not think that there is much of a market for a small version of Michigan State University or University of Michigan at \$3000 per year in the U.S.A. Unless we can reasonably claim some uniqueness as a college -- academic excellence is not enough -- I see our marketability evaporating.

My hope is that we can come up with an academic program where each and every student must spend one term or more in an internship program off-campus during his four year residency at Alma College. In addition, I think we will try to incorporate in-coming housing, co-op and apartment-like living quarters for diversity.

ASPECTS - A WEEKLY REPORT

by John Hull

Back at the beginning of the term, I was asked if I would sometime discuss final exams in this column. I was asked for my opinion of their usefulness; indeed, whether they are even necessary. And all I'll present is an opinion. Doubtless there are those who know much more about the topic that would disagree with what I say; if so, I welcome their reactions.

To me, a final exam should be a comprehensive viewing of the knowledge a student has accumulated during a term. It seems to me that at least in introductory courses, final exams are a must. Great amounts of material have to be learned and related to one another. The only way to measure this general comprehension of a field is, I believe through a final exam. Cramming may prepare a student for tests on small bits of material during a term, but no such surface learning ought to prepare a student for a final.

Advanced courses seem to me to be different. Generally, the area of study is more limited, and the important concepts are interrelated. If a student can demonstrate throughout the course of the term a command of the material to be learned, then I believe there is less necessity for a final. Also, since tests in an advanced course are more often essay tests there is less possibility that a student can effectively cram for tests during the term, so superior test performance would be a better indicator of knowledge accumulated than it necessarily would be in an introductory course.

One additional criticism of finals is that many students believe too much of a course grade depends on final exam performance. They feel that there should be a greater number of tests and or papers given during the term, with less value

put on the final. While I personally disagree with this criticism--intensely dislike weekly or biweekly tests--I must say that many students prefer more tests, with less emphasis put on each one, and less emphasis on the final.

What is the solution? I personally don't think abolishment of finals is the best solution. As I indicated above, I believe finals are necessary for introductory and other lower level courses. For these courses, I would suggest that the system in force now isn't that terrible.

I would, however, propose a different system for upper level courses, I would propose that any student with a 'C' average or better be given a final exam option. That is, he could elect to keep the grade he had earned during the term, or could take the final exam on the chance that his grade on it would raise (or lower) his final grade. In effect, a student would be rewarded for keeping up throughout the term and doing well on tests during the term, rather than banking all his hopes on the final. However, with the option, those students who wanted this last chance to improve their grades would be given that opportunity.

One drawback that I would personally see in this proposal would be a possible increase in the number of tests given during a term. But if most people see a need for this increased testing, rather than such an emphasis on the final alone, then their thoughts ought to be given consideration.

Coming up next week--a report on the SCOTSMAN, one of your student publications. Any questions or comments about this particular column, or about anything you think should be dealt with in this column should be addressed to John Hull, 320 Wright.



CAMPUS CANDIDS



Clizbe Craft Center Continues

Clizbe craft center is continuing with the following offerings:

Knitting: this course is being offered by Louise Hamel and George Bennett on Wednesday evening, Jan. 27 at 7:00 p.m. Some knitting, needles and yarn ends will be available, but if you're planning an ambitious project, it is recommended that you bring your own supplies.

Ham Radio Operating: this instruction is being offered by Bill Roberts at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings throughout the term at 406 Wright Hall. Bill plans to prepare his students to qualify to take the test for a novice's license.

SORORITY SPRING RUSH INFORMATION

Spring rush for sororities will begin this week. To be eligible for rush a 2.00 over-all grade point and second term freshman status are required. The schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 28: Rush Sign-Up, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Dean Rentz's Office.
 - Jan. 28: Required meeting of rushees at 5:00 p.m. in Dow 100
 - Jan. 29: Return photos and info blanks between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to Dean Rentz's office.
 - Jan. 31: Teas 2-4 p.m., Sorority Rooms
 - Feb. 8: Kappa Iota Spread 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 9: Alpha Sigma Tau Spread, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 10: Alpha Theta Spread 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 22: Desserts: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 23: Expression of Preference, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Dean Rentz's Office.
 - Feb. 24: Bids 6:00 a.m.
- A \$1.00 fee is required when signing the rush list.

Leathercraft: Daz Santor and John & Biz Millenburg will be offering this sharing in leathercraft skills, including anything from making leather pouches to making leather garments. The class will be a 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening, Jan. 28 in Clizbe lounge. Small leather scraps will be available for practice and small projects, but you should bring your own leather for help in major projects.

Sewing: Mary Smith has offered to help people needing advice on sewing problems on any Friday afternoon in 257 Gelston.

Macrame: this art of handweaving will be shown by Harriet Shaklee at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, in Clizbe lounge. Yarns and twines for sample-sized projects will be available, but, again, if you have a big project in mind, bring your own.

Batik: Joan Barda will be demonstrating this form of patterned cloth dyeing on Thursday evening, Feb. 4 at 8:00 p.m. in Clizbe lounge. People with an idea in mind are welcome to bring cloth with them for help in dyeing, but cloth samples to learn on will be supplied.

This is the schedule for the next two week's meetings - further schedulings will be added throughout the term, so check with future ALMANIANS for coming events from Clizbe Crafts.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The sisters of AET would like to congratulate Pris Embs on her pinning to Matt Weeks of AIT, Mary Lorenz on her engagement to Jim Ritzema of Ferris State College, and Kathy Gelston on her pearlying to Rich Smith of AIT.

Congratulations also to our eight new actives.

The sisters of AET wish to invite you to their annual semi-formal dance, Amo Te, on Saturday, February 6. This year we will return to the early New York Broadway days and Fanny's Follies. Tickets for this girl-bid dance are \$2.00 per couple and may be purchased from any AET. See ya under the heart!

The sisters of AO are pleased to announce the pinning of Barb Luce to Rich Thurston of AΣΦ.

The new officers for the winter and spring terms are Doris Meyer, President; Robin Finch, Vice-President; Cindy Benton, Recording Secretary; Dee Ellis, Corresponding Secretary; and Lynn Coddington, Treasurer.

The brothers of AIT would like to congratulate Bill Copland on his pinning to Barb Henry, Duffy Duncan on his pinning to Vickie Mumaugh, and Marshall Weeks on his pinning to Pris Embs of AET. Also, Gary Wells on his engagement to Linda Cizmas and Hugh Fraser on his engagement to Kathy Allen of AQ.

The brothers also extend congratulations to their newly elected officers: President-Hugh Fraser
Vice-President-John Llewellyn
Recording Secretary-Jeff Johnson
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Pledge Master-Matt Weeks
Pledge Trainer-Mike Raine
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The brothers would also like to congratulate our sisters on their installation of new AET members and officers.

The brothers AΣΦ wish to extend warmest congratulations to Brother Rich Thurston on his pinning to Barb Luce of AO.

The sisters of Kappa Iota would like to extend their congratulations to Jan Jackson on her pearlying to Larry Kanaisel, a student at Michigan Tech.

Also, their newly elected officers are: President: Dally Sachs, Vice-president: Jan Raifsnider, Treasurer: Lyda Hardy, Recording Secretary: Sarah Brunger, Corresponding Secretary: Jane McLeister, Social Chairman: Debbie Zannoth, Rush Chairman: Eileen Olson, Parliamentarian Cindy Reicks, Keeper of the Archives: Sandy Timmer, and Panhellenic Representatives: Barb Zwick and Jill Welch.

GAMMA SIGS ANNOUNCE RUSH

In compliance with our national constitution which requires us to hold our annual spring rush before or after the sororities of Pan-Hel, the sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma wish to announce that their second annual spring rush will begin the week of February 21. As a represented, but non-voting member of Pan-Hel, the Gamma Sigs differ in two respects from the other Greek sororities on Alma's campus. First our purpose is service to campus and community; and second, our voting is done after the pledge program instead of prior to it. This is done in order to assure each pledge the opportunity to display her ability to fulfill the pledge requirements of service, friendship, and equality. Come join us in our rush activities. Go service, go Gamma Sig!

WANTED: Counselors for Camp Henry-Males and Females. Need to be healthy and a people-lover. Skills needed: swimming, canoeing, sailing, skiing, arts and crafts, nature study, team sports, archery, riflery. Apply: Dr. Walser's office-207 Hood.

Students of music will again participate in a Student Recital to be presented by the Department of Music at 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 27 in the Chapel. Those performing will be Charlene Zwerk, on trumpet, Tim Sievert on piano, Tom Manion, tenor, and others. All students, faculty and staff are cordially invited to attend.

On January 31, Dr. Joseph Walser will conduct a communion service in the chapel at 11 a.m. Dr. Walser has chosen for his meditation the title, "To Live is to celebrate, to celebrate is to live!" The morning worship will attempt to illustrate the nature and meaning of proclamation and sacrament in the order of worship.

Dr. Walser will be assisted in the service by Miss Barbara Battin, a junior from Cleveland and the special music will be provided by Saginaw senior, Miss Anne Marks. Come with joy and worship with us Sunday morning at 11.

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AMERICAN FORUM OFFERS AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

by Bev Kelly

An African studies program has been initiated for the summer of 1971, under the sponsorship of the American Forum for International Study. Courses will take place throughout West Africa.

The programs are:
(1) An Introduction to African Studies, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, July 3 - August 4, 1971. Cost: \$1,290.

(2) Comparative African Societies: A six country cultural program conducted in Senegal, Mali (Timbukto), Ivory Coast, Ghana, Dahoney, and Nigeria. Three weeks duration. Groups leave June 20, June 27, July 3. Cost: \$1,490.

Academic credit will be offered for all programs by the Center for International Education, University of Massachusetts.

The American Forum is a private non-profit tax exempt educational organization which has pioneered academic field study programs in Africa. More than five hundred teachers and students have taken part in these programs since 1968.

If you are interested in participating in any of these programs, write to Dr. Melvin Drimmer, The American Forum for International Study, 86 Forsyth Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 for further information.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Lost pair of glasses in red case, in LG 10. Please return, Vickie Franklin, Gelston.

ALPHA SIGMA TAU



GIAL-BIO

Siena Program 'Enjoyable'

by Terry Lee

On Wednesday, January 20, Jerold Siena, Alma College's Affiliate Artist, presented his audience at the Chapel with "France in Literature and Song," a selection of six songs.

Mr. Siena explained his songs were meant to be romantic and bring out emotions, not to tell what was right or wrong. Hopefully they suggested the here-and-now. One time Mr. Siena tested his audience at choosing a correct musical emotion.

He also offered a comparison of French and German styles. One of the best received pieces was "Fantouches" (Marionettes). Mr. Siena was accompanied by Mrs. Irene Grau of Saginaw. All in all, it was an enjoyable evening with an added bonus for the French students.

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Morgan: The Student From Mayflower

by Terry Lee

On January 12 Susan Buchan gave her report on the Africa Fellow. A year earlier she had been assigned to the Mayflower School in Ikenne, Nigeria to teach. Now, at Alma we have a student from Mayflower who has come here to learn. He is Morgan Ohwovoriole.

Morgan, a friendly student, who is a freshman representative to the Student Council, talks easily about himself and Mayflower. Having been there four years he has known several of Alma's Africa Fellows including Susan. He also knew Benga Oredein, a former Mayflower pupil and a June, 1970 graduate of Alma, who is now at a medical school in Washington, D.C. These contacts plus his work with American students all over his country as a member of the Nigerian Voluntary Society, were influences on Morgan's decision to come here.

His decision to go to Mayflower was the result of talks with one of his brothers. (He has one other brother and five sisters). He had gone to school for three years in Ibadan and wanted something more. His brother suggested Mayflower, one of the better known schools in Nigeria.

At first there were exams to take before he could pass on. Competition was tough--of 4,000 who wanted to enter seventh grade (their first year of high school) only 100 were chosen. He could have just as easily gone to a cheaper government school, where academics are often better, but Mayflower to Morgan was unique.

A private school situated near rain forests, Mayflower is perhaps one of the most renowned schools in Africa. There are some 700 students from elementary to secondary levels living in two large dormitories, one for boys and the other for girls. Curricula is highly varied and grouped into what Morgan explains as societies. A student rotates from society to society learning varied courses. There are from twenty to thirty of these and a pupil can select to stay within one particular society, for example the electrical society in which he would concentrate on basic electrical skills. Books are free.

Extra-curricular affairs are important at Mayflower, too. There are many clubs, from debating to boxing to literary, etc. Although Mayflower is not too particular in sports, football (soccer) is big. Last year the school managed to compete in the state semi-finals. Free time is spent however one desires, but seventh to tenth graders must be in bed by 9:30 p.m. and eleventh and twelfth graders by 10:30. Mandatory awakening is at 5:45 a.m.!

Morgan next told me about the school's monetary support. All schools in Nigeria receive some government funds. Mayflower also depends on money from their P.T.A. More aid comes from gifts from friends of the school. Lately Holland has also supplied capital. Alma pays for its Africa Fellow.

And now Alma has made it possible for another Mayflower student to come here. It would be costly for Morgan to pay his own tuition, room and board. He says that



photo by Reid Simons

Morgan Ohwovoriole, from Nigeria.

one term here is equivalent to two years of university in Nigeria. So Morgan would like to remain here to study and receive a doctorate. His hopes are keyed to a position as a mechanical engineer, but Morgan also expresses that he has an interest in politics. (This may well be inherited for his father was "mayor" of an Urhobo clan of ten or fifteen towns near Wari). After his studies Morgan would like to return to his native Nigeria to work.

Juniors!! If you are interested in being Alma's Africa Fellow, you may obtain applications from Susan Buchan in Clizbe House or at Dr. Kapp's Office, Library basement.

LOW BUDGET FORCES SCOTSMAN TO CUT

Due to financial difficulties, THE SCOTSMAN has had to revamp both budget and format for the upcoming 1971 yearbook. John Babcock, newly-appointed Editor of THE SCOTSMAN, has made adjustments to compensate for the expenses last term by decreasing the proposed 200 page yearbook to 152 pages. Additional changes in the shape of the yearbook are also under consideration.

The composite of figures for the budget are:

	Budget	Balance
Salaries	\$2100.00	\$1442.00
Supplies	600.00	122.53
Pub. Printing	7600.00	7363.30
Student Dir.	1300.00	50.00
Misc.	400.00	400.00
Total	\$12000.00	\$9132.00

The area of supplies displays the greatest strain, with \$122.53 remaining of a budgeted \$600.00 for the entire year. The estimated cost of the yearbook stands at \$6900.00, with an expected income of \$500.00 from the student tax and ad sales.

The position of Art Layout Editor is open for any interested applicants, who should write to Communications Committee or contact John Babcock. The initial layout of THE SCOTSMAN is to begin February 1.

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Hope Walks Over Alma 75 to 58

by Chris Cornwell

Alma had their MIAA title hopes injured at Holland last Wednesday night, as Hope defeated the Scots, 75-58. The loss snapped Alma's three game winning streak.

A low shooting percentage hurt the Scots the entire game, as they hit only 27% of their shots from the floor. Hope hit a respectable 39%. The Flying Dutchmen had a 37-26 half-time advantage.

Hope, 4-2 in MIAA competition, was led by Dan Shinabarger with 28 points. Rick Scott added 17 counters. Alma received another outstanding performance from senior Charles Hudson. Hudson, playing with an injured ankle, connected for 24 markers. Teammate Stan Aumaugher contributed 11. The loss was the Scots second against two victories in MIAA action.

Alma's Ike Neitring set a new school rebounding record during the contest. Neitring, a 6 ft., 6 in. Junior from Grand Haven, snared 21 rebounds as Alma out-rebounded Hope, 55-51. The previous high was 19, set by Jerry Hills last season.

Alma meets Calvin College, undefeated in league play, this Wednesday night at Cappaert Gymnasium.

MIAA Basketball Standings

Jan. 25

Team	League	Overall
Calvin	4 0	6 5
Olivet	5 1	8 3
Hope	4 2	7 5
Alma	2 2	9 4
Kazoo	2 2	5 6
Albion	1 5	2 10
Adrian	0 6	0 12

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

GOING STRONG

The resumption of intramural basketball play found Wright Hall upsetting previously undefeated Delta Sigma Phi, 57-56. In their second outing, Wright Hall made it two in a row with a win over Mitchell Hall, 65-60. Gary Horwath paced the winners with 27 points. Wright Hall has already surpassed their 1-4 first half mark, and by defeating the Delt Sigs may have opened the door for a second half scramble.

Tau Kappa Epsilon, winners of two straight in the second half along with Wright, will be trying to dethrone the first half winners. Bruske Hall defeated Delta Gamma Tau, 61-51, behind the 19 points of Cal Kerr. In their second game, Bruske was soundly drubbed by TKE 100-54. Tom Dayton had 19 points for the winners. The Delta Gamma Tau's lost their second straight at the hands of Delta Sigma Phi, 55-33. Brad Carey paced the Sigs with 15 points. TKE defeated Mitchell Hall, 58-48.

In B League action this term, the Delt Sigs remained undefeated as they stopped Mitchell Hall, 75-64. The Sigs then defeated a fired-up Tau Kappa Epsilon squad 71-57, behind Denny Valkanoff's 26 points.

Mitchell Hall rebounded from their loss to the Sigs with a tight 67-65 victory over the Theta Chi's. The TKE also came back with a 58-45 victory over Bruske Hall. Sanders Frye led the winners with 14 points.

Bruske Hall defeated winless Delta Gamma Tau, 37-34, and the Theta Chi's

edged Wright Hall, 42-40.

The C League double elimination tournament is in full swing this season with fourteen teams participating. In the first night's action, the Bunsen Burners had to come from behind to defeat Captain Head and the Junkies, 111-18; the Matchell Misterbaters eased past Brown's Nosers, 59-9; Swantz's, led by Tom Hoke's titillating tally of 21 points, defeated a sporty Trout Fishing in America club, 42-40; Bazooka stopped the S.O.B.'s 90-30; and Cann the Man and the 4 Tops knocked off the 323 Club, 66-49.

In the second night's competition, Trout Fishing won by forfeit over a tired Captain Head and the Junkies squad; the Bunsen Burners blazed their way to an 83-47 victory over Pontius Pilot and the Nail Driving Nine; the Basketballers, with a dazzling 31 point performance by Roger Silverthorn, topped Weasels Ripping Off Flesh, 115-33; Bazooka continued on its winning way by defeating the Matchell Misterbaters, 70-40; and Cann the Man outlasted Swantz's (coached by Ed Bailey), 44-42.

In the next night's action, it was Weasels Ripping Off Flesh over the S.O.B.'s, 66-29; and the Basketballers made it two victories in a row by hammering the Hammer Club, 109-25.

The four undefeated teams play this Tuesday night with the Bunsen Burners meeting Bazooka and Cann the Man playing the Basketballers.

Scot Swimmers Place Well With MSU Frosh

Alma Scot swimmers turned in a good showing against the Michigan State freshmen team here Wednesday. Alma's best finish was in the 400 yard free relay and the 100 yard freestyle event. The 400 yard free relay for the Scots, consisting of Bill Murphy, Bruce Dulin, Rick Kedy, and Bruge Watkins, turned in a time of 3:40.8 which beat the state relay by almost three seconds. In the 100 yard freestyle, Bill Murphy and Bruge Watkins teamed for a one-two finish.

Burge also finished second in the fifty yard freestyle, and Rob Nicholson came in second in the 200 yard butterfly with a tremendous last-lap finish.

Because this meet was only a practice meet, no score was kept, but the results for each event were kept.

The Scots will face Calvin College this Wednesday at 7:30 at Calvin, in what promises to be a good contest between two evenly matched teams. Then the team will travel to Flint Friday to race against

the Flint Jaycee team. The times for this meet are 7:00 Friday evening and then again at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. The next home meet is February 10. Come out and back these Scots!

Swim Meet Results Alma vs. State

400 IM	1,000 Free
State 4:07.0	State 13:00.7
Alma 4:25.6	Alma 13:49.1
	Alma 14:32.4

200 Free	50 Free
State 2:01.5	State 23.9
Alma 2:12.5	Alma 24.3
Alma 2:45.8	State 24.8

200 IM	200 Fly
State 2:20.9	State 2:32.2
State 2:21.1	Alma 2:37.0
Alma 2:35.1	State 2:53.2

100 Free	200 Back
Alma 53.6	State 2:18.2
Alma 55.0	Alma 2:40.7
State 55.4	Alma 3:02.8

500 Free	200 Breast
State 5:53.2	State 2:29.2
Alma 6:43.8	State 2:33.9
Alma 7:42.2	Alma 2:42.0
	Alma 2:42.6

400 Free Relay-
Alma 3:40.8
State 3:43.5
State 3:44.7

Girls B.Ball Started

The Alma Scots (girls) have started their '71 season, headed by a new coach, Miss Jean Reilly, a graduate of Michigan State University.

The team looks promising, although it lacks height. 19 players make up the squad and they hope to compensate for their lack of height by agility in their plays and in their shooting. With each practice the team continues to improve; so let's help them out by letting them hear us at the games!

1971 Alma College Girls Varsity Basketball Schedule

Date	Where	Time
Jan. 27	Muskegon A	6:00 pm
Jan. 28	Grand Val. H	6:00 pm
Feb 3	Nazareth A	6:00 pm
Feb. 9	Olivet A	6:00 pm
Feb. 11	Grand Rapids J.C. H	6:30 pm
Feb. 17	Albion H	4:00 pm
Feb. 25	Saginaw A	7:00 pm
Feb. 27	Calvin A	9:00 am

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