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Purpose to Advise Presidential Commission

Student Advisory Board Formed

By Larry Stephey

According to Dr. Swanson, a "Student Advisory Board" has been formed to work with the "President's Commission" in their deliberations this summer. The commission was formed by Dr. Robert Swanson, President of Alma College, to do long range planning for Alma College.

A meeting was held of the Commission last Thursday to which students were invited to express concerns they had about future planning for this institution. A majority of the time spent at the meeting, which lasted two hours, was used discussing the rationale why students were excluded from membership on the Commission.

At the close of the open meeting, a closed meeting of the Commission occurred in which the members of the Commission discussed the possibility of including students on the Commission. It was agreed that the Commission itself had no authority, being formed by the President, to authorize student membership on the Commission.

Dr. William McGill, chairman of the Presidential Commission, was asked by his committee members to discuss the problem of student representation with the President.

The following day, Friday morning, Dr. McGill informed the President of the problem. The President offered a solution which Dr. McGill took back to the rest of the Commission. The Commission agreed to the solution.

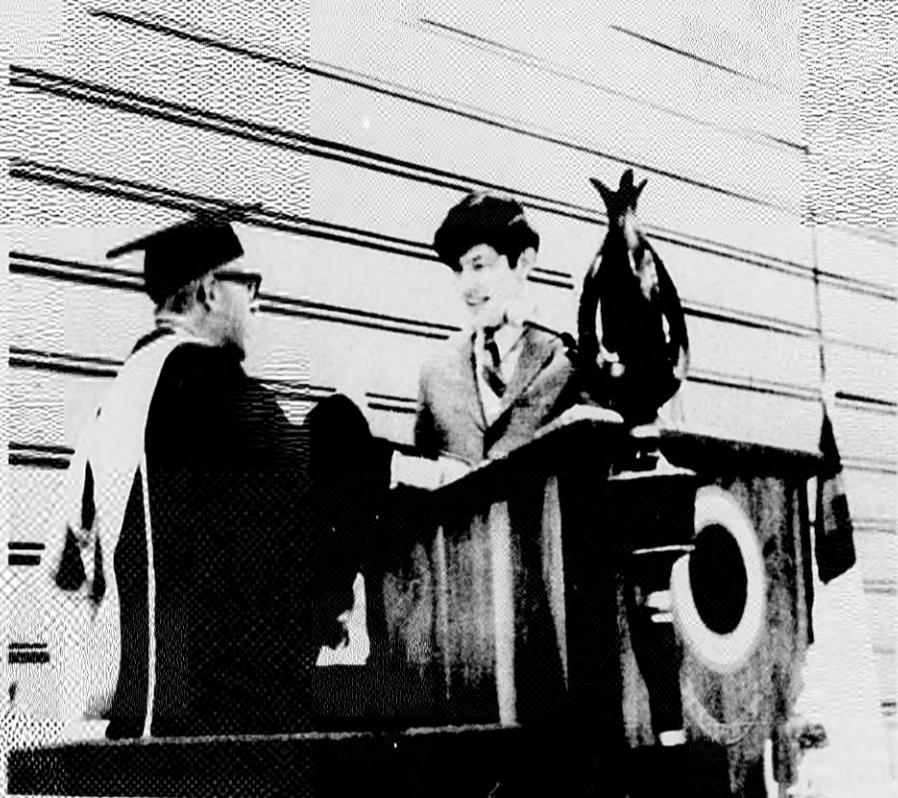
The President's solution offered the formation of a "Student Advisory Board." This board will consist of six students who will meet at intervals during the summer with the Commission. At those times the students will offer views and suggestions to the Commission.

Dr. McGill has said that the students for this Advisory Board have already been selected, pending approval by the President. At this writing the President had not yet been contacted and Dr. McGill could not release the names.

The students selected were from a list of names brought in by each member of the Commission. From this list six members of the Advisory Board were selected as well as student alternates for the Board.

The "Presidential Commission" has been instructed by the President to determine a clear statement of "institutional purpose", examine curriculum, assess academic programs, recommend new programs, analyze academic behavior of students, study departmental offerings, and examine faculty-student ratios.

The other faculty members along with Dr. McGill on this Commission are Mr. Kent Kirby, Dr. Joe Suttin, Dr. Ronald Kapp, Dr. John Agria, and Mr. Tom Bailey.



Exceller Trophy winner Larry Nelsen receives his award from Dr. Robert Swanson at Honors Convocation, June 2, 1971. (Photo by Drew Kalman)

Nelsen Wins Barlow Trophy

The annual Honors Convocation, held last Wednesday morning, incorporated a few surprise awards in addition to the traditional presentations and recognitions.

At the ceremony, President Swanson announced Larry Nelsen as the winner of the coveted Barlow Trophy. Other winners of the President's awards were recognized by President Swanson: outstanding junior Rodney Vandenberg, Robert J. Samuel, and Kay Wilcox.

Alma students chosen for membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities were Helen Bendall, Larry Nelsen, Rick Soutterday, Rick Thurston, Paul VanValkenburg, and Dan Rehle. The Scholastic Honor Society (Phi Sigma Pi) inducted fourteen new members: Mildred

Bateman, Karen Bruhn, Pat Brubaker, Michele Cappell, Paul Jancha, Karel Mikeshock, Larry Nelsen, Bill Ponder, Bruce Rogers, Harriet Shaklee, Van Shelley, Bonnie Towns, Joan West, and Richard Scatterday.

Special awards were made to Marvin Sischo, Jeff L. Johnson and Tim Meyer under the auspices of the George and F. Thomas Music Scholarship.

Three unannounced presentations were made by Senior Class President Rich Thompson to honor Ronald Kapp, Joseph Wagoner, and M.J.J. Smith as outstanding professors.

Dr. Boulding, a Professor of Education at the University of Colorado, was named an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree from Alma College before speaking on "Deteriorating Systems" and offering his Manifesto for the 21st Century. The audience responded to his humorous remarks with enthusiastic approval and applause.

213 Seniors Will Receive Degrees

Roberts, June 18, will see Alma College's 44th commencement ceremonies. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held in the Physical Education Center.

Alma College will grant Bachelor's Degrees to 213 seniors. An additional 10 seniors will graduate after completion of work during the summer.

Tai Solarin will be the guest speaker at the ceremonies. Mr. Solarin is principal of Mayflower School in Kennebec, Maine. For the past nine years Alma College has sent one of its students to Mayflower to teach for a year. Solarin will receive a Doctor of Letters Degree.

Other recipients of honorary degrees will be the Rev. Mr. William F. Whittledge and Mr. Donald J. Porter.

Rev. Whittledge is pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Michigan. He is also presently chairman of the Presbyterian Development Department of the General Council of the Synod of Michigan and a member of the Ministerial Relations Committee of the Presbytery. He will receive a Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Mr. Porter is the head of a Grand Rapids wholesale building materials firm and a director of Central National Bank in Grand Rapids. For fifteen years he was a director of Consumers Power Co. A Doctor of Laws Degree will be granted to Mr. Porter.

SCOTSMAN Decides

No Senior Pictures

The 1971 SCOTSMAN will have no senior pictures section nor will it cover Commencement. This announcement comes from Mr. John Babcock, Editor-in-Chief of the SCOTSMAN for this year. The announcement was made at a meeting of the Communications Committee last Friday.

Mr. Babcock maintains that the people responsible for seeing that the senior pictures were all gathered did not fulfill their responsibility. He further states that not enough pictures of seniors were obtained to warrant inclusion in the yearbook.

Joseph Wilsey, Senior Class advisor, and one of those held responsible for the situation, stated that all the seniors' names were on a list that he had compiled. He stated that the pictures were not taken because the students did not show up for the pictures.

Mr. Babcock stated that he had a roster of the seniors who were not represented by photographs. Each senior on this list was contacted and told that arrangements had been made with the SCOTSMAN to photograph them. His picture hasn't been taken.

Having nothing to say to Mr. Babcock, the seniors said he couldn't do anything about it. They said that all the pictures had been taken and that his job was complete.

When called on the phone Saturday, Mr. Wilsey stated that was the first time he had heard of the SCOTSMAN's decision to not have senior pictures.

As a result of the SCOTSMAN's decision, the yearbook will not have a section for Commencement and the Honors Convocation and Baccalaureate would be sufficient coverage of Seniors.

College Purchases Land for Future Track

The college has purchased a plot of land north of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad tracks for the primary purpose of locating there an athletic field. This announcement comes from Dr. Swanson, President of the College.

This land is twenty acres in size and is in the shape of a large "L". Dr. Swanson is hopeful that a track will be located there in the future, but he said there are no immediate plans for development of the new area of land.

Greek Organization

on Social Probation

As a result of action taken by the national organization and concurrence of this action by Inter-Fraternity-Council (IFC) and the Dean of Students, Thomas Plough, the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity is on Social Probation, at least until next February. This action resulted from the breaking of a "major campus regulation" according to Dean Plough.

Social probation when applied to a Fraternity means that the organization will not be allowed to have any social functions, nor will it be allowed to acquire a pledge class. Among other restrictions, no women will be allowed inside the TKE House until the probationary is lifted.

The fraternity will be under social probation until February and at that time the chapter must "show cause" to its national organization why it should be taken off social probation.

What Do YOU Think?

Call 2341

Last week's question: In order to have a shorter spring term would you favor going to class on Saturday?

20% YES - Because if we go six days why not go seven and get out of here sooner yet.

80% NO - Kids need to do other things on the weekends besides study...if it weren't for the draft, I wouldn't be here anyway...I don't think it's so bad the way it is now...we need Saturday to recuperate from the T.G.'s.

ALMANIAN VIEWPOINT

It's Been a Good Year

The last issue of THE ALMANIAN for the year gives the Editor a chance to drop some of the formality and bid a personal farewell. To say that this year has been packed full of the unexpected would be an understatement. It will take at least a year before I can sit back and rationally analyze the events of the past nine months.

This year's ALMANIAN has had its problems. With the acquiring of an almost totally new staff at the beginning of Winter term and an unexpected budget cut of \$900, we have had some moments when we really had to hold our breath. But the new staff members fit in well and the paper is ending this fiscal year quite a ways into the black, a fact of which I am very proud.

This has been a good year for THE ALMANIAN and I am glad that I had a part in it. All too often, though, people forget that publishing of THE ALMANIAN is a team effort. There are always one or two members of the staff who do an exceptional job above and beyond the call of duty. This year this person has been Reid Simons, my Managing Editor. She has been my right hand man (?) all year long and the paper would not have come out as well or as often without her assistance. To her I say thanks.

And now to THE ALMANIAN, and to Alma College, and to all the people that I have come to know so well, I bid Adieu.

Larry Stephey

Abortion Reform Needs Support

State Representative Richard J. Allen, a former faculty member at Alma College, has asked the ALMANIAN to support and encourage others to support the Abortion Law Reform currently in the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan. Rep. Allen says, "Senate Bill # 3, Abortion Law Reform, is probably not more than a couple of weeks from House action and potential final enactment. It is my considered estimate that we are less than five votes short of the necessary 55 votes. It is my belief that we are facing likely defeat because of the well-organized, effective political action of the opponents. I feel certain that a similar well-organized outpouring of letters, petitions and other communications could save the issue in these last weeks."

We urge your support of Abortion Law Reform. We urge you to write to your representative and let him know how you feel.

Letters to the Editor

"soul" dinner planned

Editor:

Alma College is doing a first on its campus, they have finally made provisions

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for a "soul dinner."

"Soul Night" will be held in Hamilton and Van Dusen Commons, on Tuesday, June 8, 1971, sponsored by Saga Food Service and The Afro-American Society, under Miss Ella Clark from Albion College. The dinner will be served cafeteria style, 5:30-6:30.

We the members of The Afro-American Society, hope that you will enjoy your dinner, because we are sure we will.

Afro-American Society

THE MENU:

Bar-B-Q Mustard/ Turnip Greens
 Smother Steak Cornbread
 Baked Sweet Potato Peach Cobbler
 Red Beans/Rice Sweet Potato Pie

Lee thanks staff

When I first obtained my post as Features Editor for the Almanian, I really didn't know what would be required of me. I had no idea of the amount of work it would entail. As a paid employee I knew I was responsible. I held the authority to assign stories, proofread, meet deadlines, and make sure that it got done. But without my writers I would have died long ago!

I would like to give Linda Heiss, Bob Fulcher, and Deb Beery my special thanks for a job well-done. I really appreciated your writing abilities. Also deserving attention are Jan Kirsh and the others who answered the phone for the Action Poll. The various editors, typists and other members of the staff were also great to work with. The co-operation and efficiency although bogged down occasionally, made the half-year go easier.

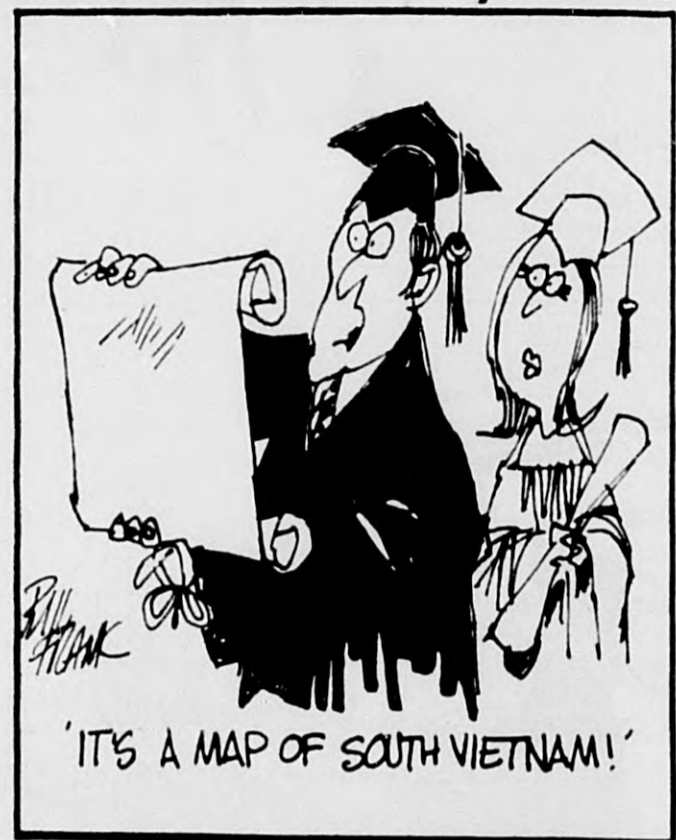
And finally, the readers of the Almanian, the people of this campus, should be included. Many were the times I felt like chucking it, but certain individuals, with their praise and compliments, made me want to stick it out. The people who withstood numerous interviews (Morgan, the Snow Carnival court, Barb and Jem, Pizza Sam, etc.) were helpful.

In conclusion, it's been good! Thanks again.

Sincerely,
 Terry Lee

FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



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COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

Academic Review Defeats Instructor Removal Power

Academic Review closed the school year with its final meeting last Tuesday. The committee finalized some business and considered some items for next year's agenda.

The matter of student involvement in student petitions was left on the table until next year. The question involved was whether to allow students on academic review to be involved in consideration of student petitions.

The matter of instructors being allowed to remove students from class was brought on the table and, after discussion, was voted on and defeated 3-2.

Dr. Kolb moved that the following items be placed upon next year's agenda.

- 1) Is there evidence of deterioration of academic standards at the college?
 - 2) If so why? To what extent are the following contributing:
 - a) Academic Review
 - b) Admissions Staff
 - c) The Faculty
 - d) The Student Body
 - 3) What recommendations can be made to Educational Policies or what changes can be made.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Students Need Not Be on Commission to Be Represented

by Lynn Coddington

The process of education involves discovering "what does it mean to be human?" The continued search for the answer to this question defines the essence of education. If this school is actually involved in this question then the President's Commission will be able to recommend little. My feeling, as well as others, is that the college is not fully integrating "what it means to be human", into its curriculum and that the Commission will have much to recommend.

The desire of a college is not to simply develop skills in an individual but to instill within a vocation. The key word is vocation, to use one's potentialities for the sake of justice. This is a very personal statement to me and it is my hope that the Commission will in some way be able to recommend a curriculum which will enable more of this college's students to obtain a vocation.

The newly designated President's Commission charged with studying essentially the purpose of this college, met last Thursday with students. While it seemed to be the hope of the Commission to hear from the students some constructive material concerning the purposes of this college, most of the time was spent arguing whether students should be represented on the Commission.

In the past weeks, I've called for student involvement on petitions in academic review. I don't change my charge but I do realize that the situation is different. Student representation on the President's Commission is not necessary. I don't mean to say that it is not possible nor would it be detrimental but I firmly feel that the members of the President's Commission, as opposed to some of the Academic Review members have the students concerns in mind. Because of the

composition of the two respective groups, the involvements of students is an entirely different matter.

The six members of the Presidents Commission are representative not of students, faculty or administration but of some of the best minds available on this campus to deal with the elusive goal of designating the purpose of this college. They must, if possible discover just where it is desirable for the college to progress and whether it is possible. Their task is not easy, the summer will be spent in dull, boring research but the object of their work and the implications thereof are of great importance to the future of this college. Whether this college is to simply exist or whether the college will define its purposes in the realm of education and progress in the future will have its basis in the work done by these six this summer.

Executive Council has Final Meeting

The Community Executive Council met for their last meeting of the year. The meeting was relatively short.

At the meeting Dr. Kapp, Alma College Provost, submitted a proposed calendar for next year. This calendar was discussed and some changes made, but the final decision concerning this calendar will be made by the Faculty in their last meeting of the year to be held Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Dow 100.

Dr. Kapp's original calendar will be for the opening and closing dates of next year to be approximately the same as this year. One controversial change was this

change was the "study" days to be held for each term. This will mean that classes will end on Friday, and that the "study" days will be held on Saturday.

The Executive Council also discussed the proposed calendar for the year for 1971-72. This was made possible by a motion by Dr. Kapp.

The minutes of the Executive Council and the Council's report to the Faculty were approved.

Century Club Members Have Served A.C. 100 Years

By Gordon Beld

When you've seen one college commencement, you haven't necessarily seen them all. But four men who will be participating in their 25th graduation ceremony at Alma College on Saturday, June 12, will assure you that these climactic year-end events are among the very few aspects of education at Alma that have remained relatively unchanged during the past quarter of a century.

For these four--Lester E. Eyer, Harlan R. McCall, Howard A. Potter and Charles E. Skinner--commencement procedures are virtually habitual. At 24 previous Alma commencements they've seen 2,985 seniors receive baccalaureate degrees, all very much in the same manner.

Their century of combined service began in the fall of 1946, at the height of the postwar educational boom when World War II vets were returning to the campus.

Although each of the four was a newcomer to the Alma faculty that fall, all were already well acquainted with the college. Three were natives of Gratiot County and received their preparatory education in its school, McCall and Potter graduating from Ithaca High School and Eyer from Alma High School. Skinner spent his youth in Phelps, N.Y., but graduated from Alma College as did Eyer and Potter. McCall earned his bachelor's degree at Albion.

McCall is now a professor of education and Eyer of biology. Potter and Skinner teach chemistry.

Of Alma College's 22 major buildings, only six were standing when Eyer, McCall, Potter, and Skinner joined the Alma staff in 1946. There were at that time two other structures--a library, the stacks of which were encompassed in the college's new Monteith Library in 1964, when the rest of the old structure was razed, and Old Main, one of the college's original buildings, which was destroyed by fire in 1969.

The newest building on the campus in 1946 was Dunning Memorial Chapel, erected in 1941. The red brick structure, with its tall white spire and five white pillars accenting a curved front, is a familiar mid-Michigan landmark.

Eyer, McCall, Potter, and Skinner saw five new buildings go up on the campus during the 1950's. Eleven--or half of Alma's 22 major structures were built since 1960.

Memorial Gymnasium, constructed in 1921, was headquarters for Alma's physical education and athletic program in 1946. Conversion of the 50-year-old building to the Clack Art Center, one of the finest small college art facilities in the nation, is being completed this month. The remodeling project includes an addition on the east end of the former gymnasium and installation of a mezzanine level for added floor space.

Alma's tradition of producing scholar athletes hadn't been well established, according to the four, when they first came to the college as teachers. Eyer recalls that at a mid-semester biology exam that he gave one November early in his teaching career, there were about 35 young men absent. "These were football players that had just come for the

fall activity and had left the campus," he explained.

Alma has been as successful in producing football teams in recent years, capturing Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships in 1967, '68, and '70. But few, if any, of the players are missing from the campus after the final game in November; and names from Saturday starting lineups are frequently repeated on the college's scholastic honor roll. Alma athletes, in fact, were awarded coveted National Collegiate Athletic Association scholarships for graduate study in 1967, 1969, and 1970.

Skinner, who was Alma's baseball coach for many years, recalls that he incurred the wrath of Alma's football coach in the late 1940's when he cast the deciding vote in a faculty ballot that retained the foreign language requirement in the college's program of study. "If I'd voted the other way, we really could have had a good football team the next year," Skinner added.

Meanwhile, the foreign language requirement at Alma has been dropped, as have most other specific course requirements for a degree at the college.

Have students changed during the past quarter of a century? "I think they are much more serious about their studies now," Eyer says.

"They know more these days," Skinner adds.

Students at Alma are now much more involved in campus government, also. The Executive Council, key unit in Alma's Community Government plan, has three students among its 15 members. In addition, there are 30 other student positions on Community Government committees.

Formal receptions for new students at the beginning of the academic year, however, are a thing of the past. McCall remembers one such event at which the name of each new student was passed down the line of faculty members as each introduced the students to the teacher next to him. McCall didn't catch the apparently mispronounced name of one young lady and asked her what it was. "I lost it back down the line someplace," she said. "It's Smith really."

Students concerned with ecology may be somewhat surprised to know that Potter sees considerable less smog when he drives into Alma today from his rural home southwest of the city than he did 25 years ago. At that time the college was burning coal instead of natural gas in its heating plant. And so were most of the residents of Alma.

Although Alma is a comparatively small college of liberal arts and sciences, its enrollment has grown considerably since Eyer, McCall, Potter and Skinner started teaching. The college had 581 students in 1946. This year the enrollment is 1,358.

Alma's faculty, which today totals 75, numbered 35 in 1946-47. Besides Eyer, McCall, Potter and Skinner, just one of them still serves on the Alma staff. She's Molly Parrish, the college registrar. A graduate of Alma College in 1937, she taught at Midland High School before joining the Alma faculty in 1939.

Monteith "Cage" Is Fascinating Trap

by Terry Lee

In the first floor stacks of Monteith Library there is a locked room affectionately known as "The Cage" by library workers. I first became aware of the treasures stored within while researching Dr. Allan K. Howard, the '34 graduate appointed recently to the S.S. Hope.

To get in, one must obtain permission and a key from Mr. Hall. Inside are two short rows, which appear to be somewhat jumbled. Book after book attests to a bygone era, and boxes heaped on the floor contain yellowed, outdated photos.

Finding the 1934 yearbook in the huge pile which dates back to circa 1900 was a task. After hunting down Dr. Howard,

I began to leaf through the pages. The first notable difference was the styles, today which seem quite comical. Even the athletes appear quite gawky.

My next shock was running across the abundant pictures of my high school counselor, in that same annual. Imagine an "oldster" you know as a football player or president of a junior class in some college. My emotions of exploration were beginning to awaken.

Further research showed pictures of our present registrar, Molly Parrish. Also there, as a young woman, smiled Mrs. Macurdy, today employed in Monteith. Did

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Five Freshmen tied for the President's Cup Award for the Freshman class. From left to right they are: Dala Beld, Denise Rutledge, Kay Wilcox, Sam Cornelius, and Ernest Yoder. (Photo by Drew Kalman)



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Sigs and TKE's Tie in I.M. Track Meet

by Dave Salvette

Over seventy participants plus a huge gathering of spectators led to a highly competitive, emotion packed intramural track meet. Leading the competitors were John Dukes of the TKE's and Howard Bedore of Wright Hall. They scored victories in two events each and placed second in another. Duke's firsts included the 60 yard dash in a time of 7.2 seconds and a 10.6 mark in the 100 yard dash. His second place came in the 220. Bedore scored victories in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 8 inches, the 440 in 54.9 seconds, and placed in the 120 yard high hurdles. Jeff Johnson of the DSP's also won two events -- the long jump by flying 20' 9 1/2", and the 220 in a 23.7 clocking.

The meet began with an exciting race, the 440 yard relay, as Mark Jacobson of the TKE's anchored a 46.2 second timing, and was followed by the Theta Chi's, DSP, Mitchell and DGT relay teams.

The mile run was won by Jim Parker of the Delta Sigs in an excellent time of 4:45. Second was Rick Scatterday of Mitchell clocked at 4:50. Following them were Ron Merritt, Keith "Dog-Legs" Rule, and Neil Carter. The half-mile, which had quite a few entrants, was won by Jim Urquhart of Wright Hall in a time of 2:07. After Jim came Dan Sorran and Bruce Moss. Phil McKeachie of Mitchell won his heat in the 440, but finished behind Bedore. Following them were Larry Nelson, Brian Puffaff, and Gerald Wasen. Puffaff also copped a second in the high jump.

In the 100 yard dash, Sam Ingram and Jim Maine of Wright followed Dukes. The 60 yard dash saw Mark McAllister take a second. He was chased by Maine, Rick Campbell and Mike Macdonald of Theta Chi, who also found time to win the shot put with a heave of 46 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Rick Dudzinski of TKE came through with a first in the 180 yard low hurdles and copped second in the long jump. 17.0 seconds was Denny Vulkanoff's time in the

120 yard high hurdles. Denny also took a second in the 180 lows.

The scoring for first through fifth places went 6,4,3,2,1. The extra point for first place provided an additional incentive to win, as the DSP's and TKE's each copped four first places out of the thirteen events. Going into the last event, the TKE's and DSP's stood deadlocked at 50 1/2 points apiece.

One of the most exciting finishes in track history came to pass in the final event, the mile relay. At the end of the third of four laps, it didn't look like much of a race. With only three teams entered, Larry Baker, anchor man for the TKE's, started his leg with approximately a 40 yard lead over Phil McKeachie of Mitchell, and had another 15 yards over Jim Parker of the Sigs. Baker went out fast and appeared to have it won easily, with half the quarter gone, even though McKeachie and Parker gained steadily, with Jim taking up on Phil. The noise of the crowd grew as the three runners gutted out the last torturous yards to the finish line. McKeachie found a hole between the other two as he rounded the last turn, and poured it on the last 20 yards to win by .1 second in a fast time of 3:45.4. The winner was overlooked by the spectators, except for the other members of the relay team - Puffaff, Howland, Moss, and their I.M. director, Dave Hinman. The real concern was for second place. Who took it? Was it the Sig or the TKE? The judges called it a tie, although much controversy surrounded their decision. Jim Parker took the spotlight in the finale by streaking to an unofficially clocked 51.1 seconds in that final quarter.

After the dust and smoke had cleared, the Sigs and TKE's found themselves tied for first place with 54 points each. Wright Hall eked out a third with 38 points over Mitchell's 35. Theta Chi scored 11 tallies, Brazell 8, and the Delta Gams brought up the rear with 5 points.

I.M. Program Improves Under Director Taylor

by Terry Lee

This past year has seen one of the most varied intra-mural programs in Alma's history. Class I sports have included football, basketball, bowling, volleyball, and softball while Class II has taken in the golf tournament, turkey trot, and traditional cart races, not to mention a very successful track meet. There has been a surge in competitive individual sports with two paddleball tournaments, one in handball, a swim meet, and tennis matches. The reason for the upgrading can be specified with one name, Herb Taylor.

Herb, who will be a junior next fall, is no stranger to sports. He attended Flint Kearsby, playing football annually since eighth grade and elected captain

his senior year. For two years he officiated at IM basketball games and Herb was trainer for Kearsby's baseball team his junior year. He also vigorously played Paddleball at the Flint YMCA starting in his sophomore year.

Here at Alma, Herb came out for early football in his freshman year. He became part of the "Meat Squad", acting as dummy and being battered by the first stringers. Former Coach Stolz asked Herb three times if he was interested in being an assistant trainer for football.

He began his first IM work officiating at basketball games in winter of his freshman year. Coach Stolz then offered Herb the job of being IM director, mainly because the desire was for a sophomore who could make it a three-year career job. Herb accepted and was appointed on the last day of his freshman term.

Herb looks with pride over the accomplishment he has made. "For the first time", he says, "there has been training of football and basketball officials." He likes to point out there have been 300 games in Class I sports, a total of 18 teams in Class II sports, and the individual meets have attracted a sum of 174 people.

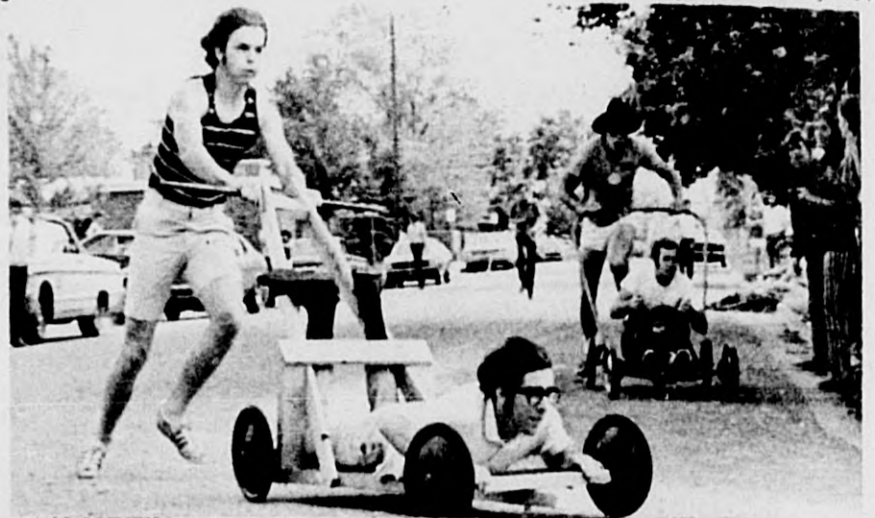
Next year holds no new additions as far as sports are concerned, but everything will be better. Herb promises more extensive training of officials, more advanced notices of dates and games, and freer eligibility. With Herb, it should be reality, too.

But Herb humbly concedes he could not have done everything alone. He explains, "The basis of the IM sports success is in the communication the director of intramurals, myself, and the athletic directors for the dorms and frats. I want to thank them sincerely for their help, namely Randy Irvine and Mike Heinze Dave Hinman, Dave Allen and Frank Jeremy and Gary Wagner, Bob Wares and John Boelens, Jerry Young, Fred Rugg and Dale Jenkel, Bruce Curtis, and Roger Eddy."

His thanks also include the referees and officials, plus the workers at the meets. These workers are Jeff Arbour, Rex Howland, John Hoekje, Jim Hereford, Roger Eddy, and Paul Zumstein.




I.M. Director Herb Taylor clocks the racers in Wednesday's push-cart competition. (Photo by Drew Kalman)






All forms of driving were tried in last Wednesday's push-cart races. (Photo by Drew Kalman)



Although behind at this point, the team from Delta Gamma Tau (right) took first place in the races with Tau Kappa Epsilon second. (Photo by Drew Kalman)



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