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STUDENT COUNCIL HEADS FACE VOTE TOMORROW

Elections for both Student Council President and Vice-President will be held this Tuesday May 4. Candidates for President of Student Council include Bill Harrison, a sophomore from Grosse Pointe. Dick Palmer, a junior from Grand Rapids and Bob VandenBos, a sophomore also from Grand Rapids. Running for Vice-President of Student Council are Gary Morrison a freshman from Crosse Pointe and Dennis Valkanoff, a sophomore from Okemos.

Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in all dorm lobbies. Small housing and off campus residents may register their vote in Gelstou. Greek housing residents in Wright and residents of South Complex units A and B should vote in the lobby of units C and D.

In the event that no candidate wins a majority of the vote, runoffs will be held May 11.

May 11 is also the scheduled date for the election of class officers (President, Vice-President and Secretary Treasurer), Student Council representatives, four Associate Board Member and student Council representatives-at-large. Petitions for these offices will be available May 2, and are due May 2.

Bill Harrison- Class of '73--Wright

Dick Palmer--Class of '72-- Brazell

Bob VandenBos- Class of Mitchell
(Candidates' photos by

Meet the Candidates for President

Bill Harrison

by Gary Morrison

Bill Harrison is a new-comer to the Community Government system. He said that he found himself and others complaining about things on campus and decided to run for President of Student Council and do something.

Mr. Harrison feels that there should be better constructed polls to determine what students on campus want. There should be a more liberal social life and campus regulations should be eased enough to attract a higher calibre of student, but not to stop donors.

There should be an increased recruitment of blacks and better rapport between
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What Do

YOU Think?

Call 234!

Last week's question: Should men and women live in adjoining suites in South Complex?

YES-84% 'What's the difference between men and women?...It'd be good if roommates were of the same sex...Every one could use more brothers and sisters. It would get people to know each other as human beings rather than sex objects...It is a thing that's going to come. We should not try to delay it...I think they should do it. I live in South Complex now...That's the way it is now. Why not make it official? ...They should treat us more like adults instead of children...The College should take a more realistic attitude of the living situation here because co-ed living is going on now. Students should take the initiative and have a setup experimentally done as soon as possible...It's worked in other places, it could work here...I think it would be a lot of fun. A healthy sex life would improve conditions on this campus. There would be better cooperation and response to other people...! don't see any reason why not and I don't think the college should be able to dictate our morals."

NO-16% "Would cause more trouble than it's worth!"

This week's question:

MAY 5 IS THE DAY OF A PROPOSED NATIONAL STRIKE ON BUSINESS AS USUAL. DO YOU PLAN ON DOING SOMETHING TO COMMEMORATE THE DAY?
YES OR NO

To vote YES or NO call 234 between 7 and 8 p.m. on Monday or Tuesday or write down your opinion and send it to the ALMANIAN.

Dick Palmer

By Gary Morrison

Dick Palmer has served two years on Student Council. This year he is running for President of Student Council because he feels that in the past presidents have had good ideas but have not had the proper experience to get the ideas through the Community Government structure.

Mr. Palmer feels that Student Council should look into the possibilities of creating a radio station on campus. He sees a need for small housing and South Complex living areas, and he would like to see a greater variety of living experiences available on campus. In particular he would like to see South Complex have 24 hour open dorm for a more relaxed living.

Mr. Palmer believes that it is time to evaluate the Community Government structure. With regard to restructuring, he feels that the heads of the standing committees (e.g. Election Board, Student Conferences) should be elected members of Student Council. Mr. Palmer would also like to reorganize the duties of the class presidents and work them into Student Government and Community Government.
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and Vice President

Gary Morrison

Gary Morrison, a freshman from Crosse Pointe and a candidate for the Vice Presidency of Student Council, would like to "expand the scope and influence of the Vice President", as well as "upgrade the opinion of Council." He believes that besides expressing itself more vigorously and providing leadership for change, 'Student Council should look into and work for more options for students', in such areas as off-campus housing, options for dorm policies and elimination of freshman women's hours.
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Bob VandenBos

by Gary Morrison

Bob VandenBos is a transfer student from the University of Michigan. He was appointed to Student Council winter term to fill the vacancy of Representative-at-large.

Mr. VandenBos feels that Student Council needs direction, it needs a program and he believes that he can provide this. Some of the things he would like to see happen include: a Student Counseling Office, staffed with volunteer students to help other students, especially Freshmen and Transfer students, in their course selections. This would provide for an adequate student evaluation of courses. A student book exchange could be initiated by students creating a file in the Student Council office of the books they want to sell or buy.

Mr. VandenBos would like to expand the use of pass-fail grading and eliminate the procedure that now allows the teachers to know who is taking a course pass-fail.

Mr. VandenBos would like to improve communications on campus by making class presidents voting members of Own-
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Denny Valkanoff--Class of '72--Brazell

Denny Valkanoff

As a candidate for Vice President of Student Council, Denny Valkanoff, a sophomore from Okemos, is not completely satisfied with Council's performance this year. Although it was successful in resolving the inequities of the black students and freshmen per. these were only its major accomplishments. A main concern of Denny's is the issue of the SCOTSMAN, being able to change format without the backing of the student body. He would like to see "...the students have a voice in such policy changes." Another concern
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1971 Commencement

Planned For

Gymnasium

Dr. Ronald Kiipp has announced that commencement ceremonies for the class of 1971 will be held in the Physical Education Center. Dr. Kapp is the Alma College Provost.

Dr. Kapp noted that the decision to hold commencement indoors was made with the full approval of Dr. Robert Swanson, President of Alma College. Unpredictable weather conditions and additional expenses for an outdoor commencement were the main factors in his decision. Dr. Kapp noted.

In the past it has been traditional for the commencement exercises to be held on the lawn of the chapel. Last year's graduating class received their diplomas in the Physical Education Center because of unpleasant weather.

Dr. Kapp expressed the opinion that commencement held in the gymnasium would be as pleasant as commencement held outdoors.

Room Deposits Payable

May 3-17

Room Reservation Deposits (J29.00) can be paid at the Cashier's Window in the Business Office from May 3rd to May 17th. This deposit must be paid prior to any sign-up for next year's housing, and will be credited to Fall term charges.

Actual room sign-up will take place Monday, May 17th through Thursday May 20th. As in previous years, those students wishing to reserve their present room for next year will be able to do so. All students wishing to change their room assignment will then be given the opportunity to do so by means of a "lottery" system within each class.

Specific information regarding the "lottery", times and locations for sign-up, and an explanation of the lottery will be available and circulated around the campus during the coming week.

ALMANIAN VIEWPOINT

A Point Of Clarification

It appears there is some misunderstanding of last week's Viewpoint calling for a new arrangement in the South Complex. The term "adjoining" was an unfortunate word to use, for in many peoples' minds it conjures up the notion of men in one room and women in the other, both sharing the same bath.

This is not what we are calling for at all. The replacement of the word "adjoining" with the word "adjacent" will perhaps make clear our meaning. A suite is comprised of three rooms in the South Complex; two residence rooms and a bath. Each suite will house four people.

In last week's Viewpoint we advocated women living in one suite, a three room unit, and men living in another suite. We did not suggest that men and women should share the same suite. Although this latter idea has much to say for it, we are well aware that Alma College is not ready for it ... yet.

We still firmly believe, however, that Alma College is ready for men and women living on the same floor in separate suites. Regardless of what alumni or parents say, this plan is completely workable.

Letters to the Editor

Kruse Criticized for liberal arts ideas

Dear Mr. Editor,

Perhaps Mr. Kruse was never trapped in a class he had to take that he didn't want, that had nothing to do with his major or his interests - a most depressing predicament to be in, especially if the class exams aren't multiple guess.

Strange things happen in interdepartmental requirement "101". Profound works become tedious. Picasso turns into "American Gothic", charismatic leaders of history into Spiro Agnews. The form of liberal education typified by numerous interdepartmental requirements is precisely from the same school as those high-school government courses that teach us to forget the names of the states and how our political system functions. The main change brought by increasing the number of these "extra" courses is that more students will be sitting like bats of wool in more classes.

Mr. Kruse's second positive idea isn't too bad, though he might have considered that his "survey" classes be ungraded and probably not made prerequisites for entry into a major field. Other than that, I can't think of anything that would help them become desirable enough to merit them outside of the professors in the division's ability (assuming we are teaching students to be a little more responsive than the bags of wool).

Bruce C. Harris

Hershberger finds Detroit "an exciting place to be"

Dear Friends,

It is with much satisfaction that I write to you from my new home. Detroit is an exciting place for a "small-town boy" to be. My placement in the Urban Studies program now offered by Alma College in conjunction with Wayne State University has spurred me to send this letter, that I might inform others of it.

After nearly four years at Alma, I felt that something was missing from my education. Each of the requirements for graduating seniors was fulfilled; my major was completed and there were few courses left that interested me; I sought to know what it is to learn without books and lectures. Happily, I signed up for Urban Practicum under the Department of Religion. After much waiting, I was placed under the care of Broadstreet United Presbyterian Church. It was worth my while to wait, for the church opened its arms to myself and to the other two Alma students even before we arrived. It was a joy to see that the church is alive to the needs of young people.

So I arrived here in Detroit, not knowing up from down. With visions of living with rats and lice (you know, the image of social workers' conditions), I was driven to what is now my home. Broadstreet Church had graciously secured a flat for George Bennett and I to share. I was amazed at the luxury afforded us. We are indeed grateful to the wonderful people here. Aware of our financial stress, members of the church acted in our behalf to find the necessary money to insure our enrollment in the program. Wow!

I was immediately aware of many prejudices for which I now am embarrassed. This has been the most valuable awakening so far. For this reason I recommend

a venture of this sort to many of you. It is indeed an eye-opener to me... I found myself plunked down in a strange world of Blackness when people spoke a different language from mine. For the first time, I noticed that I was white! Never before had I experienced such a feeling: I felt like an African Fellow!

Since I had moved in during the late evening, I rose early to inspect the yard. I found the back yard to be strewn with loose boards and paper, so I began to clean it up. My neighbor was just coming home and was curiously watching my activity. Finally she asked me if I was there to fix the porch. When I told her I had moved in, she immediately changed expression. I waited for some sign of how she felt. None came. She just went into her house. I went on cleaning the yard. I had been drilled and drilled so that I remembered to lock my doors. (This was something new to me) I shut, locked, chained, and bolted the front door. When I went out to empty the trash, I pulled the door shut behind me. You guessed it: The very first day in this strange new world and I found myself locked out of the house, and in my bedroom slippers yet! After 15 minutes of not knowing what to do, I finally resigned to the fact that I must do something. I had a meeting to attend and I couldn't go in slippers. The doorbell rang next door and I waited for an answer. Finally I was greeted by a smile of welcome, a hearty "hello", and was led to the phone to call my landlady for help. It took something like this for me to know that there really were people living in all of these houses around me. After four weeks George and I are now quite established in the neighborhood.

Did you ever see a Sidney Poitier movie where he climbs aboard a bus, the only Black in sight, and moves cautiously down the aisle nervously looking from side to side, not spending too much time on one

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COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

Reflections On Washington

by Lynn Coddington

The reoccurring impression that I have of the March is that of the vast numbers of middle age and older people who made their feelings known about the war by coming to Washington. I sat with a delegation from Cincinnati which was composed almost entirely of middle age adults and family-type people. The disgust for the war centers not only with the young adults but also with people of all ages; all are tired of the dirty little war game being played out in Southeast Asia.

Surprisingly enough, though, it has not been until I reached Alma that the fact of the March has impressed me the most.

There is such a difference between the worlds exemplified in Alma, Michigan and Washington, D.C. Over 250,000 people marched in Washington because they cared enough about something to show their feelings and commit themselves to action. In Alma, Michigan one finds a lot of idle criticism, little action and about 45 applications for Community Government, 18 for communications vehicles. One of my main disappointments in this campus is the caliber of people contained here and the constant lack of involvement by more than a handful of people. And even as I write this, I know that I'll be lucky if more than a quarter of the people on this campus read

it, let alone think about what I've said for more than the time it takes to read the article.

For being a good liberal arts college, Alma provides very limited outlets for personal and social involvement outside of basic classroom work. I don't apologize for continually returning to this subject for I'm trying to dispel my own pessimism. It's heartening to be involved with a large number of people as in Washington and realize that, luckily, there is another world besides Alma's and that there are more than a few who are willing to stand up and march.

Harrison

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students and the community. He feels that the campus radio station idea is a good one. Mr. Harrison would like to preserve small housing because it has proved beneficial and the students like it. There should be more new dorm set ups.

Mr. Harrison feels that Student Council should study the Greek system to determine how it can be preserved, and how it can survive.

Most of all Student Council should find out what the students are really interested in. "If my platform is vague, I want to determine what students want. If students do not participate in channels open, then Student Council should find out by going door to door if necessary."

Mr. Harrison feels there is a need for a student organization to represent students and that Student Council is not doing that, and that there is need for reforming the system.

Mr. Harrison would like to improve the SCOTSMAN, ALMANIAN and add a radio station to the campus. His concerns now are to research why small housing is being phased out, to work for 24 hour open dorm, and the elimination of all Freshman hours. Mr. Harrison also wants to study the effects of liberalizing social legislation.

VandenBos

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He believes that the classes deserve more representation and class officers are qualified people with good ideas. Mr. VandenBos also believes that the idea of a radio station merits a thorough investigation to the point of establishing cost and maintenance and then a referendum to determine if the students want to finance this project.

Mr. VandenBos is dissatisfied with the method of financing the SCOTSMAN. Although he supports the idea of yearbooks he does not feel that all students must be taxed to support the yearbook. He believes that the SCOTSMAN should be financed by subscription so that only those people who want a yearbook would pay for it.

Mr. VandenBos also feels that students should be able to make their own moral choice, in such areas as open dorm policies. "It is possible, considering the environment on the campus that people may favor present policies, but they should make that choice." This choice should be subject to student review once a term and each dorm should make the decision.

Mr. VandenBos as President would maintain the role of chief legislator. His recent Student Council activities include the referendum for peace and actions regarding the R.A. selection process. Mr. VandenBos believes he can continue active and more effective work in the position of President.

Parent's Day Activities Planned

by Lorraine Lorne

Alma College Parents Day is Sunday, May 9, 1971. Many activities are planned. There will be two morning worship services in Dunning Memorial Chapel, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. President Swanson will speak at both services. Following the Chapel services will be dinner at 12:30 p.m. served in both Van Dusen and Hamilton Commons.

All Residence Halls will have Open House from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The Scot Shop will also be open. Receptions in the var-

EPC Approves New English Proficiency

by Gary Morrison

The Educational Policy Committee accepted in principle an English Department request to revise the method of completing the English proficiency. The rough draft calls for the department of the major to check on a student's writing proficiency. Under a new proposal the English proficiency will be given when a student receives an "S" mark to indicate proficiency.

A student has up to six terms to achieve proficiency. Any time after a student receives a proficiency mark and the major advisor feels the student has fallen below proficiency and the English Department agrees, the student must then work until he receives proficiency again.

The EPC approved course changes for Biology, Political Science, History, Education and Sociology.

The recommendation to General Electric Corporation was removed from the table. This was the proposal to G.E. for funds to subsidize the original program called the Institute for the Study of the Future. The recommendation was made to take no further action until EPC hears from G.E.

academic review

In the Academic Review Committee meeting of May 27th, Molly Parrish requested that the ruling concerning the 37th unit credit needed for a degree requirement be clarified in order to avoid confusion for the Admissions Office. According to the present policy students must take 37 units, passing 36. Difficulty has risen with the desire of students to make the 37th unit a repetition of a course in which a D or E was received. The Committee voted to send the issue to Educational Policies Committee where further action can be taken.

Another issue of importance involved the right of student committee members to review petitions that are referred to the committee. This right has been approved by the college lawyers and passed by the Academic Review Committee, but must now be passed by the Faculty Liaison.

UB Officers Ratified

Student Council has ratified the candidates for the Union Board Officers. Seven people have been appointed to fill these positions for next year.

Steve Falk will again be President of Union Board. Mr. Falk is a junior and has held that position this year.

Doug Patterson, also a junior, will be the Booking Manager for next year. The Chairman of Major Events spot will be held by Nancy Wilson, a sophomore.

The Tyler Nightclub Manager for next year will be John Wilson. Wilson is also a sophomore. His assistant will be Cathy Bushouse and she is a junior.

Andy Plummer and Nancy Monroe fill out the slate. Plummer, a freshman, will be the Technical Supervisor for next year's Union Board and Monroe, also a freshman, will be the Union Board Secretary.

The Alma College President's Club will meet here Saturday, May 8, 1971. A reception will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Dow Lobby, followed by the annual meeting with Trustee Roblee B. Martin presiding.

There will be a student presentation, chaired by Dr. Kapp, concerning the Liberal Arts College in Society. There will also be a student-guided tour of special campus focal points at 11:45. Lunch in Van Dusen Commons will follow at 12:45.

Entertaining the President's Club will be affiliate artist Jerold Siena and the Alma Singers. Dr. Robert Swanson will speak at 1:45 on "The Quiet Revolution."

Executive Council Approves 47 Course Changes

After some problems with a quorum, the Executive Council began its meeting a little later than usual last Wednesday. A minor correction was made in the previous meeting's minutes and the meeting began.

A "Grievance Procedure" proposal from the Faculty Personnel Committee was brought to the attention of the Council. A very brief discussion followed. A motion to send this proposal to the Faculty for approval was passed. This proposal will also come before the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

An extensive set of course changes was approved by the Educational Policy Committee and sent to Executive Council. These changes were sent by the Council to the Faculty for approval. These changes included the mathematics department which dropped three courses and added five others. French added two, Spanish added two, art dropped one and added one, biology deleted three and added four, history lost eight and gained nine, education added two, political science deleted three and gained two, and sociology added two.

Along with the course changes, Educational Policy offered to Executive Council a new interdisciplinary major, The Rood Program in Public Service. This major will consist of between 17-1/3 and 18-1/3 required courses. These courses will come from the Economics, history, math, business administration, political science, and sociology departments.

The Educational Policy Committee also asked the Executive Council to send on to the Faculty, with a favorable recommendation, a proposal for a new department on campus. The Department of Earth and Space Sciences received that approval from Executive Council and the measure will come before the Faculty tonight. The context of this department is spelled out in a 16 page report submitted by Dr. Don Oltz of the Geology department.

In this report, Dr. Oltz proposes the joining of the geology department with the astronomy department. He also asks that courses in geography be offered under the auspices of this new department.

A final item of the Executive Council's agenda consisted of another proposal from the Educational Policy Committee. This committee asked the Executive Council to further review a proposal sent to the General Electric Foundation. This proposal deals with funding for the Center for Policy Studies. This "Center" was approved "in principle" at the last faculty meeting.

By sending this proposal to them in this unfinished form, some members of the Executive Council expressed the opinion that the Educational Policy Committee has not fulfilled its constitutional obligations. When speaking of the Educational Policy Committee's action in this matter, President Swanson said, "This action represents a kind of irresponsibility it seems to me."

Dr. Agria, a member of the Educational Policy Committee, indicated E. P. C. had reached its limit of effectiveness in dealing with this issue. He thought any further discussion on the "Center" on the part of the Educational Policy Committee would be fruitless.

As a result, an Ad Hoc committee will be formed by the Provost, Dr. Ronald Kapp, to study this matter further. The committee will consist of Students, Faculty, and Administrators. Dr. Kapp has urged people wishing to participate on this committee to contact him.

Palmer

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In the line of Education, Mr. Palmer would like to see more work study experiences available to students.

Mr. Palmer also would like to see an active, invigorated Student Council next year, a Council which will bring forth ideas, an eager hard working Council. Mr. Palmer believes that he can instill an air of vigorous activity in the next Student Council.

Calendar of This Week's Events

Monday, May 3

Mid-Term grades Due 9:00 a.m.
Golf with Adrian--Here
Tennis at Albion 3:30 p.m.
Track-NAIA at Ferris 5:00 p.m.
Faculty Meeting--Dow 100 7:00 p.m.
Devil's Workshop--P.A.D. 7-10p.m.
Junior Recital-Comstock, Grinage, Lenz. 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

Women's Varsity tennis, Archery at Albion 3:00 p.m.
Art Dept. Film-CONTEMP 9:00 p.m.
Lib. A.V. Room

Wednesday, May 5

Baseball, Ferris--Here 1:00 p.m.
Tennis, Grand Valley--Here 3:30 p.m.
L.I.T. Meeting--Storey's house 7:00 p.m.
Chemistry Club speaker, Dr. Lynn Anderson on "Sodium Borohydride Reduction of Fluorinated Olefins" 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

Golf at Hope
Women's Varsity Tennis, Archery at Kalamazoo 4:00 p.m.
"Phantom of the Opera" A3 10:00 p.m.

Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8

WMIAA Tennis, Archery at Kalamazoo
Golf--Spartan Invitational--E. Lansing

Friday, May 7

U.B. Film--Gaslight Dow Aud. 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 8

President's Club Day
Baseball (2) and Track at Hope 1:00 & 2:00 p.m.
Tennis with Hope--Here
Parent Board Meeting--Monteith Library 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
U.B. Film--Gaslight Dow Aud. 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 9

PARENTS DAY
Chapel Service--President Swanson and A Cappella Choir Chapel 11:00 a.m.
Kiltie Band Spring Concert with Affiliate Artist, Jerold Siena P.E. Center 3:00 p.m.
Art Department Exhibition for May-The Art of Africa--2nd Annual Student Art Major Exhibition--Monteith Library.



CAMPUS CANDIDS



Tree Proves Difficult Task for "Summertree" Crew

by Diane Sutherland

A tree may grow in Brooklyn, but not on the stage of Dow Auditorium, and this is the main problem facing the construction crew of the current Alma Players production, SUMMERTREE.

The script calls for a realistic looking tree to be constructed in the center of the stage and the job fell to Joe Sobel, the head of the construction crew. Sobel promptly suggested to Dr. Griffiths, the director of SUMMERTREE, that an open-air theater be used for this play to alleviate the problems of the tree. The suggestion was opted so Sobel and his crew of Mark Ioset, Bob Blankenhorn, and Todd Johnson took over Mother Nature's usual task of growing a tree.

A series of problems confronted the crew, the first of which was how to build a tree that would look realistic and withstand the weight and stress of an adult swinging on it. To do this, the crew pulled out their slide rules and physics knowledge and decided an oil drum would hold some 60 feet of lumber, as long as it was secured with peastone that was put in the oil drum.

To finish the tree, the crew is working off a 20 foot collapsible ladder and they are using approximately 30 half rounds, and about 45 feet of chicken wire to give the tree its shape. This will all be covered

with burlap and painted. Knots in the tree will be shaped by paper-mache.

This tree has a real personality. It is warm, effervescent, and comfortable.

After putting all the effort into the construction of this tree, Sobel and his crew hope that if for nothing else, come to SUMMERTREE to see the tree.

Classified Ad

Help Wanted

Sparetime or full time opportunity addressing and/or stuffing envelopes. Earn \$27.00 per thousand and up, hand written or typed. Guaranteed money making deal. Send \$2.00 for complete instructions and list of firms using addressors to C and S Company, Dept. 471, P.O. Box 53153, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104.

For Rent

Future newlyweds! Interested in beating the high cost of living? Trailer for sale. Save up to \$840 a year. Also, Philco portable stereo for sale at 1/2 price. Call Dave Rusnell, 681-3630.

Southern Names Resident Assistants

Resident Assistants for the 1971-72 academic year were announced Friday by Jeff Southern, Director of Housing. The housing staff for the coming year will include:

- Gelston Hall: Dawn Teal, Wanda Hill, Emily Perry, Betsy Harbeck, Judy Sachs, Jerilyn Brown, Kathy Schlames

- Newberry Hall: Connie Frick, Barbara Phillips, Elise Lillmars, Pat Buckman, Linda Behling, Debbie Zannoth, Cheryl Novitsky, Jan Griffin, Dala Beld

- South Complex: Jan Royce, Marge Cowen, Kathy Allen, Carol Montague

- Bruske Hall: Carol Swords, Linda Miller, Nancy Johnson

- Wright Hall: Jack Eberhard, Phil Luneack, Gary Klepper, Bill Potter, Charles Wlodyka, Kerry Brown, John Lauderbach, Mark Wangberg, Albert Fiorello

- Tom Hill, Charles Romig, Ike Neitring, Steve Kearney, Robert List, Michael Stuart, Charles Schofield, Gary Dorrien

ITEMS OF INTEREST

This is "Be Kind to Animals Week". The Gratiot Humane Society is conducting a membership drive to collect money for building a shelter to protect the stray animals of this county from the treatment they are frequently subjected to.

Members of Gamma Sigma Sigma are aiding the Gratiot Humane Society in their drive and will be selling membership cards all week for donations of \$1.00 or more. Do your part--buy a membership card from any member of GSS. Look for girls wearing yellow "GSS supports GHS" buttons.

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Monday, May 3
thru Thursday May 13

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Friday May 14

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AND WOMEN



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WILD RIDERS

THE HELLCATS

THE SIDEHACKERS

The Doctor's File

By Jack M. Stack M.D.

(Ed. Note: The Doctor's File is written to give useful information to the Alma College Community. Any person having a medical question is encouraged 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.)

Q. HOW COME SOME PREGNANCIES EXTEND OVER THE NORMAL TIME? DOES IT MEAN THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG?

A. The due date for any given pregnancy is predicted on the basis of 40 weeks or 280 days from the last period. The actual date of conception can vary thereby changing the actual due date. In addition one must remember that we are dealing with averages with the majority of normal pregnancies falling within one standard deviation of the median on a bell shaped curve but with many "normal" pregnancies either shorter or longer than the average. Most are not allowed to go more than three weeks beyond the expected due date but each case must be

treated individually. One must also remember that an error in calculating due dates could have been made. The physician can usually tell by examining a woman if she is actually ready to deliver.

Q. WHEN REFERRING TO PREGNANCY, WHAT IS A "RABBIT" TEST? HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET RESULTS FROM SUCH A TEST?

A. Young rabbits were injected with a woman's urine and several days later killed and the ovaries examined. If the urine was from a pregnant woman the rabbits ovaries appeared red and hemorrhagic. We have newer immunological tests which do not require the use of frogs or rabbits, can be done on a slide or in a test tube and can give quite accurate results in minutes.

Q. IS THERE ANY REAL CONNECTION BETWEEN TAKING DRUGS AND ONE'S SEX DRIVE? I MEAN, WILL POT OR ANY OTHER DRUGS DIMINISH ONE'S SEXUAL DRIVES?

A. Shakespeare said that alcohol increases the desire but diminishes the performance. Most drugs such as marijuana and alcohol impair perception and judgement and reduce inhibitions. A report from Philadelphia this week documents a marked increase in sexual promiscuity on pot with a tragic increase in unwanted pregnancy and venereal disease. I have seen three tragic pregnancies started while the girls were using mescaline, pot and alcohol respectively. In these cases the breeding ability was not diminished but there was no loving human relationship involved. Sex is so nice I wonder why one would screw it up with drugs.



"Carousel of Life" performed by the sisters of Alpha Theta earned them first place.



The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon won second place with the "7:00 News." (Photos by Drew Kalman)

Thetas, TKE's Take Top Honors at 1971 Songfest

by Terry Lee

Saturday's Songfest proved to be an exciting affair. The fraternity and sororities finally had a chance to show off the fruits of months of practice—their singing abilities.

All got underway with the telling of the usual "corny" jokes by Masters of Ceremonies Tom Blodgett and John Lauderbach. In the first half the audience, some of whom watched on two closed circuit TV sets in Tyler, was treated to Gamma Sigma Sigma Ensemble doing songs "Through the Eyes of a Child."

Following this were the "What Fours", winners of the quartet award. Made up of Robin Finch, Diane Hollister, Jann Hoekje and Jane Jerome, the group performed light melodies such as "Margie", "Joy to the World" and "The Hottest Baby in Town."

The Kappa Iota Ensemble performed next. As Tom Nelson strummed on the guitar, the girls did songs with the theme

"Reflections."

After a short intermission, the second place winners and the only frat to sing, the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon, did their version of the "7:00 News."

The big winners of the evening were the Alpha Thetas. Their repertoire of songs was entitled "Carousel of Life."

The girls of Alpha Sigma Tau closed the evening with "Reach-Out". As the judges, Mrs. Linda Graket (Alma Middle School), Mr. Norman Jennings (Central Michigan University) and Mr. David Scharett (Perry High School) labored to select the winners, the cheerleaders filled the time with some tunes. Dee Ellis of Union Board, replaced President Swanson and presented the awards.

Special recognition should go to Songfest Chairman Dee Ellis, Stage Managers Andy Plummer and Steve Falk and the Program provider Steve Beery for their contributions to the evening.



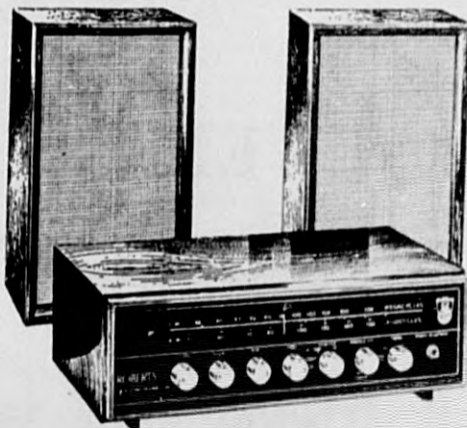
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Eating her way to victory tn last Monday night's pancake eating contest, in Van Dusen Commons, was Jan Hendrickson with a total of 34 pancakes. Fellow competitor Tom Blodgett looks on as Jan starts on number 35. (Photo by Larry Stephey)

Two Chapel Services Scheduled for Parent's Day

Sunday May 9 is Alma College's annual Parent's Day. In honor of the occasion and to accommodate the large number of people that is expected, there will be two chapel services instead of the usual one. These will be held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The services will be conducted by Dr. Swanson with the A Capella choir under the direction of Dr. Ernest Sullivan. The sermon entitled 'This Much is Mine' will engage President Swanson in an "argument" with the Apostle Paul. Music provided by Alma's choir will include THE CREDO fyi'in the 'Mass of the Holy Spirit.' [i] KandallThompsonifllt LAITDATt Dnvt-INUM by W.A. Mozart.

Assisting in the service will be the Rev. David Sobrepena, our visiting chaplain for spring term, and Miss Barbara Battin, a junior from Cleveland, Ohio.

NBC Drug ilni

Slated for May 3 & 5

"Trip to Nowhere: An NBC WhitePaper on Youth and Drugs" will be shown in Dow 100 at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, May 3 and 5.

Narrated by Edwin Neuman, this documentary focuses on Phoenix, Arizona as demonstrative of the "prevalence of the drug problem, no longer confined to ghetto and crime areas but now affecting teenagers and preteens in city and sub-urb."

Previously broadcast on television, this 60 minute color film has been described by critics as "a more astute and convincing job of talking to young people than their parents...could hope to achieve", "a dramatic and straightforward look at the appalling situation among young people". and a "solger portrayal in human terms of drug use and its effects."

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support for VandenBos

Dear Editor:

Throughout the past several years it has become apparent that the position of Student Council President can and should be one of intense and responsible action and not one of a figurehead. Candidate Bob VandenBos is, in my estimation, the most qualified to fulfill the responsibilities of that action post. His perceptions and insights show excellent awareness and maturity; his manner is one filled with inspiration and vigor, mellowed by a smooth wit; his apparent outlook is not to accept anything merely on tradition or tenure, but rather, on its merit and current value. It is for these reasons that I am pleased to recommend Bob VandenBos as Student Council President in tomorrow's election.

Sincerely,
Al Otis

To the Alma College Student Body,

This past year, I have had the opportunity as secretary of Student Council to become familiar with that organization and its place in Community Government. I have also had the chance to learn what the office of President of Student Council entails. It is a position with many responsibilities, not only to Student Council, but to other committees of Community Government. The president must know how this system works and what is happening in each sector of that system if he is to use it effectively. He must also know how to involve people in the structure of government and keep interest alive. The president must be aware of student opinion and sensitive to the needs and wants of the students concerning campus issues. However, it is often too easy to become so involved in local problems to the exclusion of the world. The president should also know what is going on in the world beyond Alma College.

All this requires a great deal of time and ability to work with all kinds of people. In my opinion, Bob VandenBos is the person who has this interest required to make such a commitment of time and self. He has had the experience necessary to work in the Community Government structure and has studied several problems plaguing the campus and made recommendations concerning them. Therefore, I endorse Bob VandenBos for the office of Student Council President.

Sincerely,
Barb Baffin,
Secretary of Student Council

To the best of my knowledge, Bob VandenBos is a sophomore living in 226 Mitchell. But don't expect to reach him there; he is pretty busy. As Student Council Representative - at - Large this term and last term, he has been involved in a number of Council committees, much more so than some of the council members. He is also the Business Manager of the Scotsman which involves participation on the Communications Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee as well as bookkeeping.

While interviewing him for the position of Representative-at-Large, Bob impressed me as having insight into the functioning of Community Government as well as numerous innovative ideas for Student Council, Community Government and the Campus at large. He also has an interesting background qualifying him for the position. In high school, Bob held numerous offices and during his year at the University of Michigan he was involved in Dorm Government and the yearbook. This year at the U of M has also given him wider perspectives through which to view college life.

After reviewing what Student Council has done in this year and what directions it should follow next year, Bob VandenBos is the person who can provide the leadership for those directions.

I wholeheartedly endorse Bob VandenBos for the office of President of Student Council.

Paul VanValkenberg

support for Palmer

Dear Editor,

The upcoming election for Student Council President is important to the student body since the candidate that is elected will be largely responsible for the program and activities undertaken by Student Council next year. Among the three contenders for the position, we consider Dick Palmer the best candidate.

Dick has several new ideas and programs for next year, but more importantly, he has the experience and leadership to ensure that these ideas and plans are accomplished. Oftentimes we fail to realize that it is one thing to suggest new programs and another to see them accomplished. In this race this distinction is particularly important since all the candidates have new ideas, but only one has the experience and leadership to see these ideas realized. For this reason we intend to vote for Dick Palmer for President of Student Council. We urge our fellow students to do the same.

Graham Driver Morgan Ohwovoriole
Dave Bowen John Hutchison
Carol Swords Diane Scatterday
Mark Alman Rich Thurston
Dave Homan

Dear Sir:

I am writing to voice my support of the candidate whom I feel is best qualified to serve as president of Alma's Student Council: Bill Harrison. The strongest thing Bill has going for him is his deep and honest concern for the students at Alma College. He wants to work with *them*, accomplishing what they want, not what he wants, and not what someone thinks they want based

support for Morrison

I would like to take this opportunity to lend my support to Gary Morrison for the office of Vice President of Student Council. Gary has worked well with the paper this year. His knowledge of Community Government is broad as a result of his participation on Educational Policy Committee, a very important committee in the Community Structure, and other community committees.

I believe Gary would do a fine job as Vice President of Student Council for 1971-72.

Lawrence D. Stephey

To the people of Alma College:

We feel that dedication, awareness, and creativity are vital to the personality of the young person who is to become the next Student Council Vice-President.

After looking over the list of names of the people running for this office, we feel that only one possesses one strength necessary to utilize these characteristics to their full effectiveness. Gary Morrison is that person. He has been involved in Community government functions, the fight for no womens hours, the environment campaign, and in the struggle for black student liberation on this campus. These are just a few of the relevant activities this young man has been involved in. Keeping this in mind, we urge every student to vote May 4th and make Gary Morrison their choice for Student Council Vice-President.

With the good of Alma in mind, signed:
Cedric Franklin Bill Klintworth
Betsy Harbeck John Mattison
Fred Street Lynn Coddington
Steve Weinberg Al M. Brown
Claire Denton Sandy Johnson
Nancy Horn Jerilyn Brown
Cynthia Haynes

support for Valkenoff

To the Student Body,

As Michigan is finally beginning to experience the vigor and "new life" inherent in spring, we, the below signed, feel that such an occurrence must materialize within the Student Council during the coming year.

Although much change has transpired within the Alma campus, much of the initiative and final action has not emerged from Student Council. It is now time that we invigorate Council and put new meaning into the community government structure.

In light of the above - and much more - we feel that Denny Valkenoff, if elected as Student Council Vice-President, will succeed in guiding action and achieving results. From our personal contact with Denny, we feel that his far sightedness into Alma's problems, strong determination, and ability to communicate with his peers and administrators, more than qualify him for the position of Student Council Vice-President.

We ask you to approach Denny, or, one of us, if you would like to have any questions answered.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Richard L. Thurston
Tom Hill
Nancy Armstrong
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Thank you,
Bill Harrison

Editor, The Almanian:

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Scot Harriers Sprint to Another Victory

The Alma College track team ran its dual meet record to 3-0 last Wednesday by defeating Adrian 98-46.

Both Don Yehle and Dee Neitring recorded double wins to leading the Scots to victory,, Yehle claimed first in the mile run with a time of 4:36.3 and the two mile run in a time of 9:36.3.