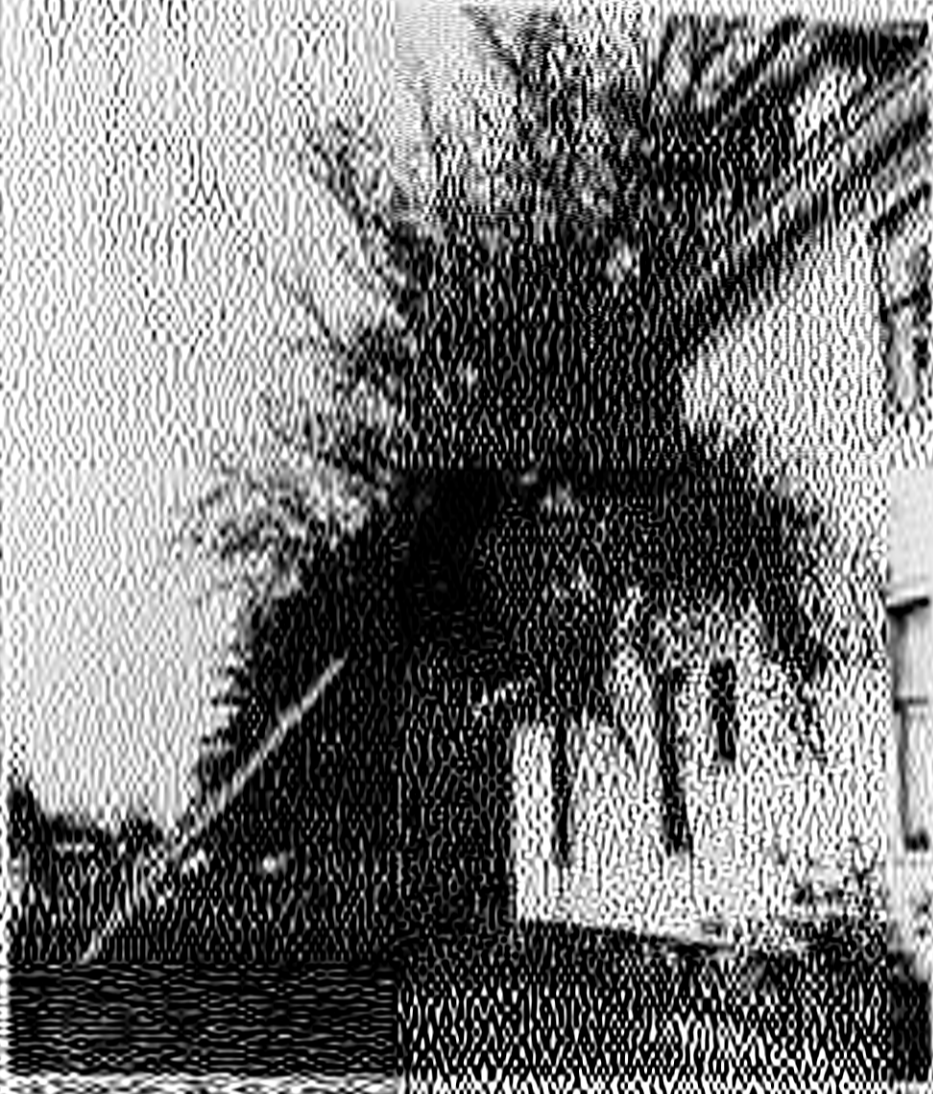


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## Right to Life Committee Discussed Abortion System

The Right to Life Committee met last night to discuss the current abortion system. The committee members, including [names], discussed the various aspects of the issue and the impact it has on the community. They also reviewed the current state of the law and the need for further action.

## Seniors Petition to Retain Gorb

Seniors at Kana College have petitioned the board of trustees to retain Gorb as the head of the college. The petition, signed by a large number of students, expresses their appreciation for Gorb's leadership and his commitment to the college's values and traditions. They believe that his continued presence would be beneficial to the institution.

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# Letters to the Editor

Dr. Verne Bechill has asked the ALMANIAN to reprint a letter which he sent to the ALMA DAILY RECORD-LEADER. The following is the full text of that letter.

## Peace Dialogue

To the editor:

I would like to thank you for your editorial of May 6 entitled "Propaganda? Just Trash." When journalism sinks to the depth represented in this editorial, it has the effect of alienating many individuals who might otherwise not have become concerned. Nothing appearing in the "Daily Record-Leader" in the past several months has produced quite the discussion about issues of war and peace as this has. For this reason I am thanking you.

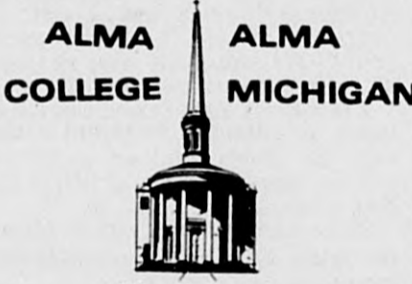
Some of the points raised by you indicate a lack of information about events occurring in our community and society. It is impossible in today's world to be knowledgeable about the many, many diverse events that are occurring. How-

ever, when one has the opportunity to learn and does not take advantage of it (or even worse, not let others know about it as a newspaper), this is inexcusable. For example, when Kenneth Letherer, of Saginaw who had recently returned from Paris where he was one of 171 Americans who spoke with the various delegations, to the Paris Peace Talks, came to Alma to speak, we thought this newsworthy and gave information to the "Daily Record-Leader", and asked for press coverage of his report. We realize that not all events as this can be covered by the limited staff of a newspaper but we did expect somewhat greater coverage than the simple announcement in the "About Events" column which we also put in ourselves. The citizens of Alma rarely get an opportunity to talk with and question first hand persons freshly home from personal conferences with U.S. negotiator Bruce, etc. Information concerning the People's Peace Treaty and its text could have been easily obtained and discussed at Mr. Letherer's report session or from anyone attending it.

Information concerning some of the other points raised in the literature distributed by the students such as the history and nature of the 10 per cent federal excise tax on telephone service also could easily have been obtained. Although thousands of individuals refuse to pay this tax on grounds of conscience since it was explicitly raised to 10% to help finance the war in Viet Nam, not one person (to my knowledge) has been arrested, convicted or sentenced to the possible penalty of 5 years in prison and/or \$10,000 fine. I am one of the many who by conscience refuse to pay this tax. The government from time to time puts a lien on my checking account to collect this tax against my will. If a greater number of individuals did some small but visible thing as this is to the government, it would realize the extent of the sentiment against the war. I have never met anyone who has said he was for war, everyone is against war. However, most people do not do any positive thing for peace. Information about the extent of our industries being producers of war goods (anti-personnel or "people" bombs) was made very clear in a copy of the script of the film "You Don't Have To Buy War, Mrs. Smith", which was given to the newspaper some time ago when the film was being shown in Alma. One very large and well known manufacturer has, as a result of a letter writing campaign, announced that it no longer will bid on or accept war contracts and has dismantled its war plant. The letter writing campaign asked manufacturers to cooperate in working for life and ecology rather than death and destruction.

Those young people who distributed materials on May 5 seem to me to be representing the ideals of a grass roots democracy. They are concerned and wished to engage citizens in meaningful dialogue--to search out truth. Many of their points were carefully thought out; many are still in the process of development; none appear completely rigid. What we need in our society are people who are sensitive to the social issues, to people as human beings. What we do not need are people saying "We would probably need another war to get the economy back on its feet." This statement far more than any other in the editorial really represents "the make believe world" in which you place the students.

Yours in the continuing dialogue toward peace,  
Verne C. Bechill



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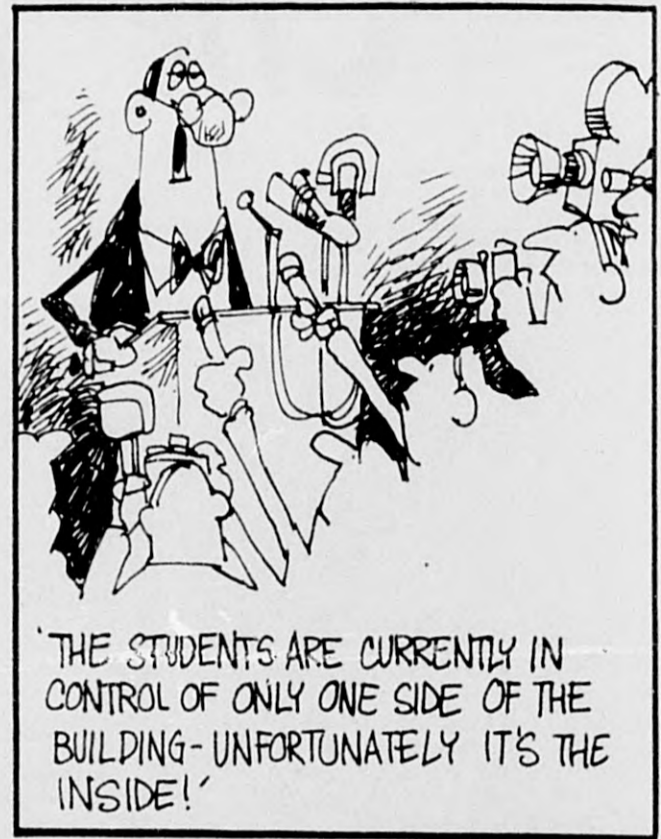
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## FRANKLY SPEAKING by Phil Frank



RIGHT IT'S THE TIME



by Rick Mitz

## The Job Market: The Old College Try

Before you can bandy about the word-baccalaureate, thousands of American college students soon will be marching across that creaky platform mid-football field, graduation gown rustling in the breeze, diploma rustling in their sleeves, future shock shaking in their knees, wondering whatsa matter when old alma mater can't get them a job.

And their proud and penniless parents--seated on their depleted wallets in the grandstand, dreaming during dreary convocation pontifications about how, finally, Billy or Mary has that diploma and can now go out and get a Decent Job as prominent, prosperous and Americanally happy something--be that a doctor, a lawyer or a chemical engineer.

And are they in for a surprise. It's a problem. The problem is called The Job Market. And you don't call it. It calls you. And you shouldn't hold your educatedly well-bred breath waiting for Dow to say now.

Why? Economists call it recession, depression, inflation, which is all very easy for them to say. They've got jobs.

It's really called, for whatever reasons, a tight job market, so frightfully tight that the statistics themselves are astounding--especially if you're one of them. Over four million people over twenty are unemployed, bringing the unemployment rate to a 39% increase over last year's.

It's a nationally not-so-funny money situation that leads potential Hemmingways to writing advertising copy, reverts dormant Carusos to delivering singing telegrams, forces latent Onnassises to building plastic model ships (and plastic model wives), and aids unsuccessful lawyers to become President of the United States.

The job market is, after all, only a reflection of the real world.

But the non-existent student job market raises many near-existential questions for students concerning their existences as professional four-year pupils.

Who ever told a student that a college education could possibly lead to something

as inconceivable as a paying job?

Everyone. It's a sociological trick, with students getting right smack in the butt of the joke. Parents prodded us onto college, filling us with great and glorious American Dreams of an occupation that equals happiness. The high schools did it. Every guidance counselor you ever had did it. A materialistic society did it. You did it yourself. And so, as you stand in line at your local unemployment office waiting--like Godot--for that check, you can quote from Sartre, spout off on minority problems as absorbed through Sociology 150, and mouth off about the economic problems in this country, but be unable to do something about them.

Changes should be made--not necessarily concerning the tight job market, but concerning the philosophies behind a college education. In the future, a college education will have to be just that--an education, making no promises for future security. It will have to deal with the present. Education for education's sake, teaching for learning's sake, dealing with college knowledge in the present tense so as not to get tense about the future.

What's a college graduate to do? There are no answers. He can sell out and get a job that doesn't suit him, if he's that lucky. He can go to his college placement office and stand in line. It kills time. He can start his own business, join the army, or...

And it's that 'or' that is the most frightening . . . or he can continue to perpetuate the myth that has led to his job placement predicament. He can return to school. In hopes that maybe more education will get him a job.

We've been nurtured on giving it The Old College Try. But after four years of classes, homework, papers, exams, grades, saving money to eventually earn money, and on and on. . . the Old College Try has gotten a bit trying.

There are no answers. Only questions. And, unfortunately, a higher education in a tight-job-market world can only create more questions.

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**Chapel Affairs Announces Remaining Speakers**

The Chapel Affairs Committee has announced the remaining two speakers that will be coming to Alma College's campus to "discuss and share" information relating to "Humanizing Current World Issues". The sessions will meet in the Library Basement rooms 6 and 7 and start at 4:00.

Today, May 24, Le Thi An will speak on "Towards an Understanding of the Peoples and Cultures of Vietnam." Mrs. An was born in the Mekong River Delta in Vietnam.

Next Monday, May 31, Mr. Hassan Sharifi a native of Meshed, Iran, will speak on "The Kaleidoscope of Aspirations by Peoples and Nations in the Middle East."

The Chapel Affairs Committee also has announced its Sunday Series, "Christion Witness in Asia." This discussion will take place on Sundays from 12:00-1:30p.m. in the Faculty Lunch room of Hamilton

Commons. "Christianity in the Midst of Revolutions and Growing Asian National Aspirations" will be the topic for May 30.

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**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Dr. Joseph Sutfin, of the English department, will conduct an informal discussion on THE DUCHESS OF MALFI and MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Thursday, May 27, Dow Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. for those students attending the Stratford performances May 29-30.

Copies of THE DUCHESS OF MALFI are on reserve in the library, under Dr. Sutfin's name, for use in preparation for the discussion session.

An organ recital will be presented at 8 p.m. tonight in Dunning Memorial Chapel by James Hammann, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University who is completing graduate studies at the University of Michigan as a pupil of Robert Clark.

Hammann is Dean of the Student American Guild of Organists, an Ann Arbor Group; and he is organist-choirmaster at the Greenfield Congregational Church in Dearborn.

The recital, a repeat performance of Hammann's degree recital at the University of Michigan, is open to the public at no charge.

Students and faculty are invited to an informal program of show tunes and light music by the A Cappella Choir as a prelude to the dinner hour on Wednesday, May 26 from 4:30-5:30 on the lawn area between the Chapel and VanDusen Commons.

The members of the choir have chosen to round out the year with a program of "music for fun." Selections from "Brigadoon," "West Side Story," and "Carousel" will be sung by the choir.

Solo numbers and small ensembles will be interspersed between the choir numbers. The Alma Singers will be featured in songs from the Broadway show "Cabaret." The public is invited to come for a few minutes or the full hour on their way to supper.

Throughout the year the choir has sung over 30 performances in addition to the presentation of Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis" with the Saginaw Symphony. The Alma Singers, a group of 14 singers from the choir, has performed for churches and clubs throughout the state.

In the event of inclement weather on Wednesday, May 26, the program will be held in the Chapel.

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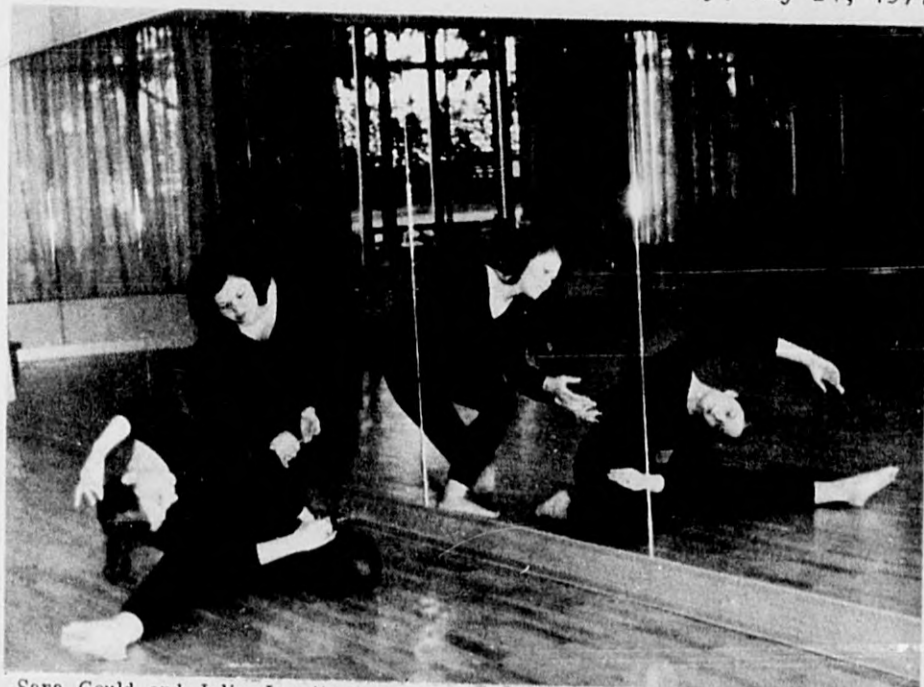
Interested students may sign up for interviews in the Placement Office Sign-up Room, located in the Faculty Office Building.

Kansas City Life Insurance will be interviewing on June 2 for sales positions.

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Sara Gould and Julie Jewett give a sample of what can be expected Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Jewett is the dancer on her feet. (Photo by Larry Stephey)

### Dance Concert Scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday

Orchesis, Alma College's modern dance group, will present an informal studio concert on Wednesday and Thursday, May 26 and 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the dance studio. The free concert, which is primarily student choreographed, is the first

studio presentation that Orchesis has attempted for a small audience.

The presentation will include focus studies, word dances, and original dance compositions to music, most of which were developed in the choreography class.

Miss Maxine Hayden, faculty advisor to the group, will introduce the dances with comments on dance technique.

Word dances will be performed by Debbie Duckworth, Sara Gould, Denise Rutledge, and Debbie Gonter.

"Love," a group dance performed to Corinthians XIII, was choreographed by Mrs. Sobrepena, who is the wife of the present visiting chaplain. It will be performed by Sara Gould, Julie Jewett, and Sally White.

"The Ten Commandments," a group spiritual, will be performed by Sue Boehm, Sue Cutting, Julie Jewett, Wendy Rigby, Denise Rutledge, and Sally White, who also choreographed the number.

Duet numbers include: "El Negro," a jazz piece choreographed and danced by Barb Luce and Carol Pengale and "Nocturne," a scarf dance choreographed and danced by Sue Boehm and Julie Jewett.

Individual choreographed numbers include: "Dream" by Debbie Duckworth, "Inebriation" by Sally White, and "Sting n Swing" by Denise Rutledge. Sara Gould will perform an improvisation to "Two for the Road" by Henry Mancini.

The students, faculty, and public are cordially invited to attend this concert.

### SPRING- at Alma College

by Terry Lee

Spring arrived March 21 (long ago!) touching every sense with a re-vitalizing reverberation. Wake up and observe Alma College in spring frolics. Here are some of the things you might have missed so far if you've been sleeping.

Red and white Frisbees skipping skyward...drenching squirt gun fights...hailstones from the black Heavens...Jeff Arbour coming so close!...CMU getting out already...Boone's Farm...unbearably hot classrooms.

Wendy Rigby in a bikini...Bob Vandebos and Gary Morrison...IM baseball...the AST T.G....APO lives, APO dies... "Love Story"...Graffiti flying a kite.

Earlier sun rises, later sunsets... chunking studying...Larry Baker and Beth Forburger...Peg Miller on a bike...Luke's pyramids... this past weekend's Highland Festival...the Tigers...Lynn Tinkham in Hot Pants.

Blue cotton candy...new class officers... the line-up at the Taste Freeze...a couple entwined in front of Gelston...Mike Sherman lugging a big green brick around... the clown calliope of the baseball team... tennis.

Our 77 victorious points at the MIAA Track meet...going outside with your class...green, budding trees...pre-registration...ammonia(right TKE'S).

Alpha Theta's at Songfest. The cafeteria on pledge day (Wow!). . .Muscle Beach. . . studying under a tree. . .Theta Chi's on the roof. . .Fleischmann's kids on tricycles. . .new R.A. selections. . .Dot Barta's Petrouillix oil. . .Nancy Horn passing out the People's Peace Treaty.

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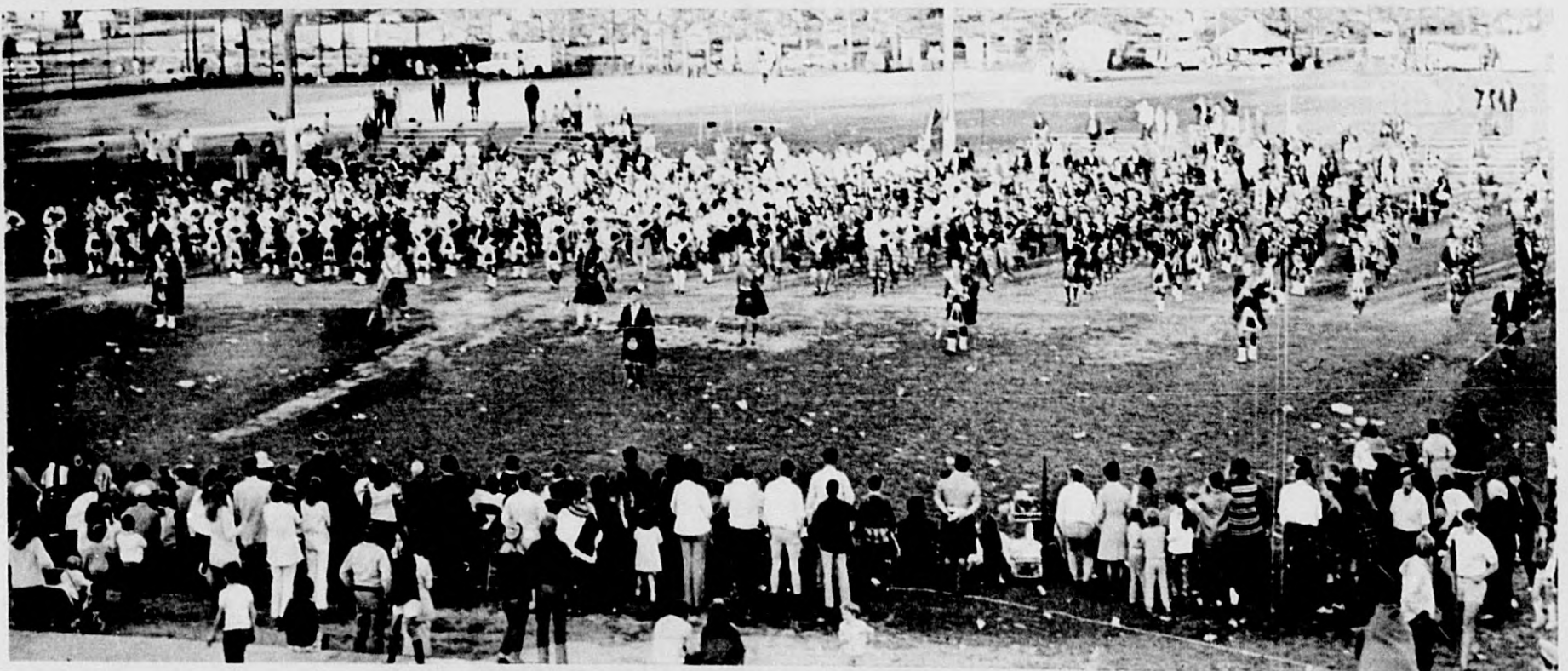
There was a festival held at the Heart of Michigan.



It was tradition there to parade and march during this festival while wearing unusual clothing and children watched...



And people listened to smiling politicians.



Bands would gather from the far corners of the world to compete to see who could play the loudest...



And many people watched and enjoyed, for this was a time of fun and games.



But the bands and the people left, though, after a time, leaving the Heart of Michigan little remembrances of their visit to the Alma Highland Festival.

(Photo essay by Larry Stephey)

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Chuck DePree sporting a "rag" headband. . .Cindy Benton in the Detroit News . . .road beers. . .lemonade. . .the Saga picnic. . .THE WATER FIGHT (Newberry vs. Mitchell). . .rap sessions on Calley. . .Wlodyka's Love Letters to George Puscas (Detroit Free Press). Term papers. . .DGT are No. 1 on every building. . .Dally and her dog. . .all those girls in Bruske ponds, especially Cheryl Novitsky. . .TKE's and watermelon. . .the long bus ride to Washington, D.C. . .barefeet. . .Laurie Pinkham covered with shaving cream. . .

Ha Sarah Rishi (right Zannoth?). Corridor noise. . .flowers. . .Bob List sliding in. . . Keith Shearer's wrench. . .Frisbee football in front of the chapel. . .Cedric Franklin singing. . .Dan Sovran with STP motor oil in his hair. The basement of the Travelodge. . .Herb Taylor's IM direction . . .April 24's unitv. . .Mike Stuart and Darrene Galko. . .Hell week hung heavy on drooping eyelids. . .

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Another couple were married at the Alma College Vestaburg Bog last Saturday. Rod Macdonald, an Alma College senior, and Wendy Kinsel, a recent graduate of Central Michigan University, were married at the bog at 6:30 Saturday morning. Following the ceremony a breakfast was served at the bog for all who attended the wedding. Over 30 people were in attendance.



Rod and Wendy (center) listen as words of love are read by members of the party. Rev. Larry Uhrig (left) conducted the service. Jim White (right) was married at the Vestaburg Bog last fall, it was the first such marriage to do so.



Dr. Ronald Kapp serves scrambled eggs for Saturday's breakfast. (Photos by Larry Stephey)



Rod and Wendy Macdonald walk from the bog following the service.

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