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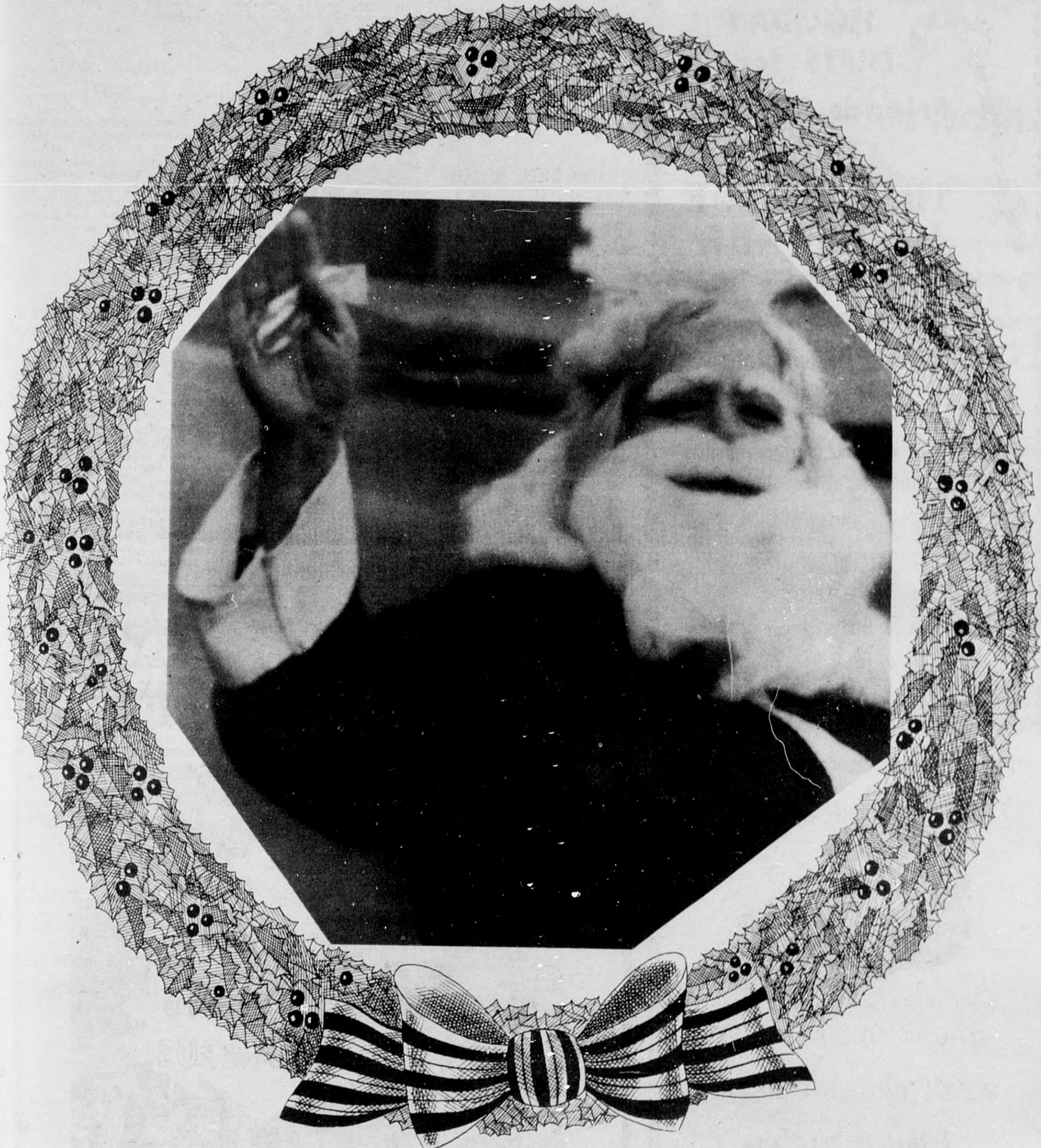
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Rev. Clifford Chaffee, college chaplain, will preach at the first Dunning Chapel service after Christmas vacation, Sunday, January 13 at 11 a.m. The girls' chorus of Alma High School will sing.

COUNCIL MAKES DONATION

The Student Council Wednesday night voted to donate \$50 to the Gratiot County Children's Party to be held Saturday in Cappaert Gymnasium. The party is held for underprivileged children in Gratiot County.

TIME SHEETS NEEDED

All student employers are asked to turn in all student employment time sheets no later than December 21. Please turn them in to either the student financial aid office or the payroll office in Reid-Knox Administration building.

DORMS RE-OPEN THE FIFTH

Resident halls will open on Jan. 5, not Jan. 6, as previously announced in order to accommodate students whose travel plans might be dependent on fuel shortage. Food service will not be available but Sunday snack bar opening is contemplated.

Also, exam treats will be given on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. of exam week from 9 to 10 p.m. in Hamilton Commons. Exam treats are courtesy of Saga.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SUNDAY

"A Christmas Celebration" of darkness, light, Promise, Fulfillment, and Remembrance will be joyously observed in Dunning Chapel this Sunday at 11 a.m.

Planned by Professors Walser of religion and Jacomo of art, the service will express the theme "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9). Holy Communion will be a part of the Remembrance of Promise and Fulfillment in the service.

"A responsible Christian message for Advent is embedded in some excitingly experimental forms in this service," Dr. Walser states. He encourages the community to come dressed informally and in a celebrative mood. Many students will be assisting in the service.

Elements that appeal to the sight and hearing will be a part of the celebration, which may well include different garments, dancing, doves, color, cakes, and candles.

DEATH WORKSHOP PLANNED

A workshop on death and bereavement will be sponsored by the Chapel Affairs Committee on Saturday, January 19.

The all-day workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a panel discussion and continue after lunch with general participation.

Panelists include the Rev. Elder Beery, pastor of Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church in Warren; Morris Glucken, psychiatric social worker at the Mid-Michigan Mental Health Clinic; and Phyllis Lyons, Supervisor of Nursing at Gratiot Community Hospital.

LIBRARY HOURS

During the term break, the library will be closed December 22-25 and December 29-January 1. It will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on the 6 days of December 26-28 and January 2-4.

On January 7, Registration Day, the library will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Regular hours will be resumed on January 8.

SEVERINE NEVER SLEEPS

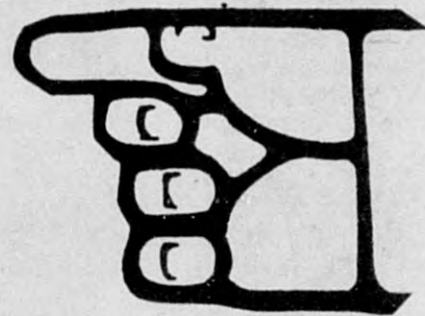
Severine Arlabosse, a French department teaching assistant, is planning to attend a conference sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French during Christmas break. Severine will be particularly interested in information on Afro-French literature because she will be teaching this course at Alma next term.

BON VOYAGE: HAYWARD SPLITS FOR PARIS


Dr. Earl Hayward, presently head of Alma's French department, will be on sabbatical leave winter term. He will reside in Paris as Director of the Alma College Program of Studies in France during this time. Dr. Garo Azarian, the present Paris Director, will return to Alma to become the head of the French department.

During the month of January, 40 students from Alma College will join Dr. Hayward and continue their studies in France for the term.

Happy New Year!



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HEATED DISCUSSION LEAVES FACULTY DIVIDED

College Goals Re-examined by Faculty

By Mary Fox

The discussion topic of the faculty meeting last December 3, Vocationalism and the Liberal Arts, has caused faculty members to re-examine the goals of Alma College. Dr. Kapp designed the meeting discussion primarily to allow professors to discuss their views on this subject. No proposals were either made or voted upon. Instead, a three-man forum presented their positions in front of the faculty, and, then, discussion took place. Dr. John Agria, Dr. Frank Jackson, and Dr. Ronald Kapp made the prepared statements.

Dr. Kapp, Provost of the College, stressed that it is possible to combine liberal arts with vocational-type curricula. Because Alma graduates must be able to apply principles, attitudes, and values to their chosen career areas, it is appropriate to offer a "broad and solid liberal arts base" combined with courses such as Business Administration, pre-professional programs, recreation, social work, and internships.

Dr. Kapp feels that each student should have been confronted with certain key questions before he graduates - What is it to be human? What are human values and social problems? Dr. Kapp believes that the general flavor of the discussion was concern for quality of education on the Alma campus. He states that it is not the number of graduates the college produces, but the quality of those graduates that should be important.

Dr. Agria, of the political science department, took a slightly different angle to examine the problem. To Dr. Agria, "Liberal arts is not just a matter of what we teach--content--it is also a matter of who teaches, approaches used, and the academic and institutional framework in which the teaching and learning process goes on."

Dr. Agria, therefore, feels that almost any course can be included in a Liberal Arts education, if it is taught by a liberally educated professor, in a liberal arts manner. He feels that traditional disciplines, as well as vocational classes - can "degenerate into mere technical training," if not correctly taught. Courses in Dr. Agria's eyes, should be integrated, and "tunnelling" is one major area

should be discouraged.

Dr. Jackson spoke out in favor of traditional liberal arts curricula. He feels that Liberal Arts "consist and are confined to the trilogy of humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences in the most traditional discipline oriented of senses, with philosophy and history serving to embrace and to integrate the various disciplines."

Dr. Jackson feels that a student should, by the time he graduates, be well-versed in these areas, and if he is to also "explore one of them in some depth," four years may not even be enough time. Dr. Jackson feels that the College should be trying to educate leaders, therefore, it must strive to be first-rate. To be first-rate, the faculty must be effective, and the admissions and performance standards should be higher.

Reactions to the three speeches were varied. It is clear that all three agreed that Liberal Arts education, with background in varied courses, is necessary. The amount of time spent on vocational or career training, is what is in question.

Dr. M.J.J. Smith of the history department points out that because of the rapid pace of our society today, it is ridiculous to train people with specific mechanical skills which will be obsolete by the time they graduate. Instead, the best Alma College can offer to society is students who "can recognize problems and formulate potential solutions." Dr. Smith feels that the departments here at Alma, do pursue this approach. The business administration department, for example, he thinks stresses theory more than mechanical skills. Dr. Smith also feels that students should not be allowed to concentrate only on their strong area of study. The school should play to a student's weakness, rather than encourage him to remain weak. With a broad liberal arts background, Dr. Smith believes, graduates will be able to become both good leaders, and intelligent followers in the world of tomorrow.

Since the business department is one often criticized as being vocational in nature, Mr. Gazmararian of that department is quite sensitive on the subject. He feels that bus ad should be taught in a lib-

eral arts setting, because to be successful in business, students must have a broad background in econ, math, social sciences and humanities. The business department does train people to be able to get jobs, as Mr. Gazmararian says, and "they don't try to hide that." However, the department encourages its majors to take courses in other fields, and does emphasize theory in classes. Since business and society are both changing so rapidly, Mr. Gazmararian feels that bus ad is a very exciting field, and definitely should not be left out of a liberal arts college curricula.

In summary, the faculty on December 3 examined the basic directions of the College. Philosophies of the various professors of various departments were brought into the open. There was a division on how much vocationalism belongs on the Alma campus, but the professors agree that liberal arts is the best way to prepare for life in our changing world.

Orchesis Concert Exuberant

Alma College's Orchesis danced their way through an evening's entertainment when they presented their annual Christmas concert Wednesday in the chapel. Under the direction of Ms. Maxine Hayden, 14 students performed "Carols In Dance"; their interpretation of contemporary and traditional holiday music.

Included in the selections were "Deck the Halls", "Green-sleeves", "Do You Hear What I Hear", "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night." Many of them were choreographed by the dancers themselves and much of the music was also provided by students.

Another concert is tentatively scheduled sometime in the spring and new members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join Orchesis and practices are held every Monday and Wednesday evening in the dance studio.

This year's members who participated in the Christmas concert were Polly Piepenbrink, Debby Bennett, Ed Kain, Patrick Smith, Linda Wolff, Bridget Ogbangwo, Cathy Yunker, Linda Priest, Barbara Beatty, Sandy Leweke, Cindy Dean, Marilyn Judd, Cathy Newall and Kandy Kidd.

Student Affairs to Conduct General Survey

On January 7, after you finish registering for winter term, you'll find yourself being hustled into the south end of the gym to do a survey written by the Student Affairs Committee. The survey will cover the topics of the alcohol policy, co-ed housing, new student orientation, and 4-4-1. The questions are attitude and opinion oriented and the information gained from the survey will be used to make policy recommendations affecting student life for next term and next year.

The reason for doing the survey at the end of the registration line is because it's been proven by past experience to be the only way to get an adequate amount of return.

As a tribute to the late Jimi Hendrix, the ALMANIAN and Alibi East bring you our special Winter Term calendar.



May a new year bring peace.

Boycott Disrupts Mt. Pleasant A&P



PHOTO BY JEFF HUYCK

The United Farm Workers (UFW) staged a massive rally last Saturday in Mt. Pleasant to gain attention to the grape boycott. The focal point of the boycott was Mt. Pleasant A & P, a member of the national A & P store chain that is the largest retailer of non-union grapes in the country.

Simultaneously, supporters of the grape boycott were rallying at many A & P stores across the nation. In recent weeks, St. Clair Shores, Pontiac, Troy, Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Flint, Jackson, Adrian, Grand Rapids, Saginaw and Kalamazoo A & P stores have been picketed. At St. Clair Shores, Pontiac and Troy a total of eighty persons were arrested.

A & P stores sell over 2 1/2 million pounds of grapes a week. UFW leaders have concentrated their efforts on this national chain, but do plan to get to others in time. Two wines, Gallo and Franzia, are also beginning to receive attention for their efforts to maintain a cheap non-union labor force.

In a recent East Lansing rally, legislators Earl Nelson, D-Lansing, Lyn Johndal, D-East Lansing and Speaker of the House William Ryan, D-Detroit, were present at the rally to encourage the boycott.

The Mt. Pleasant rally began on the campus of Central Michigan University and included many CMU students.



Candidates for December Graduation Announced



The candidates for degrees and certificates to be awarded on December 21, 1973, are:

Eugene James Allard - Business Admin. - B.A.; Jacqueline Jane Anderson - Education - B.A.; Marilyn Baumann - Physic Educ. - B. A.; Mark Belchenko - Art - B. A.; David Earl Bowen - Pol. Science - B. A.; Mark William Carroll - Biology - B. Science; William Lyle Copland - Physical Educ., Educ. - B.A.; Judith Wynne Debney - Business Admin. - B.A.; Susan Jean Dohm - Education - B. A.; John Gregor Feiterman - Psychology - B. A.; George Paul Gopolan - Biology - B. Science; Gail Green, Jr. - Biology - B. Science; Thomas Earl Hoke - Education, Sociology - B. A.; Douglas Gene Hughes - Math - B. Sci-

ence; and Mark Campbell Ioset - English - B. A.

Philip Wright Luneack - History - B. A.; Sandra L. Merritt - Education - B. A.; Bonnie Rose Outman - Math - B. Science; James B. Pryor - Pol. Science - B. A.; Michael Alan Raine - Business Admin. - B. A.; Wendy Sue Rigby - Physical Educ. - B. A.; Stephen Kerr Stewart - Physical Educ. - B. A.; Nancy Finkbeiner Sanders - Art - B. A.; Rebecca Elowski Tiedt - Psych., Math, Art - B. Science; Katherine Elizabeth Turner - Sociology - B.A.; Kirk Blake VanderGeest - Math - B. A.; Dean Leroy Vincent - Economics - B. A.; William Bruce Watson - Business Admin. - B.A.; and Xavier John Zielinski - Biology - B. Science.

Almanian Interview with Campus Streaker

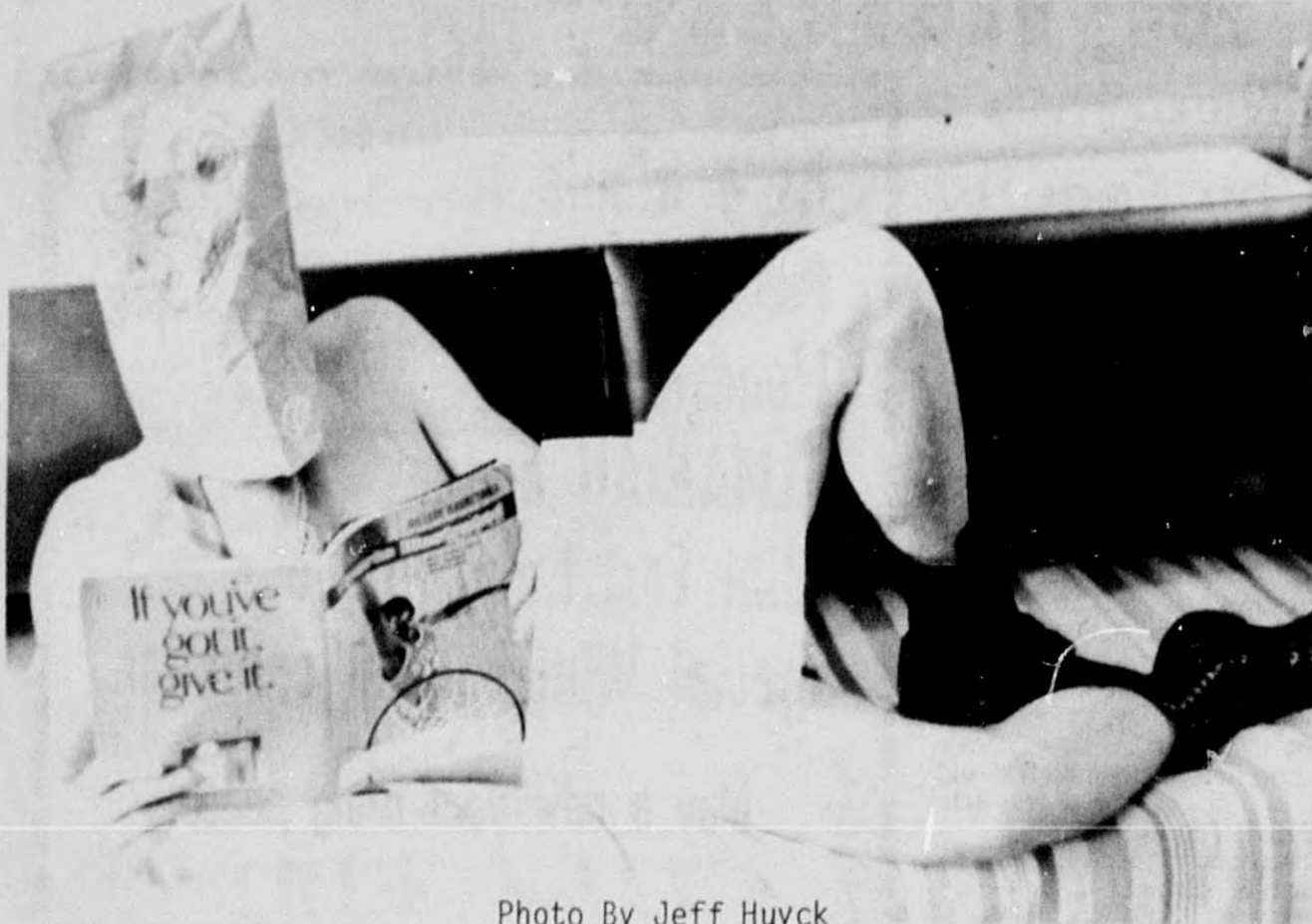


Photo By Jeff Huyck

Nudity, is indeed a controversial subject. However, there are individuals on campus which consider nudity good, clean fun. For them, there is an outlet of satisfaction which lets them both express, and expose themselves. This outlet is streaking.

The streaker is in a class by himself. Many have thrilled to his boldness and the overall skill he displays while streaking to glory. He is indeed, the envy of all. However, many facts about the sport are still unknown. Recently, upon returning from visiting a sick friend at the San Donlin Bar, I came across one of the chosen few who participate in this sport on his way to a new campus record. He agreed to be inter-

viewed only if I promised to keep his identity a secret.

ALMANIAN: "What started you in this form of self-expression?"

STREAKER: "That cereal commercial with Euell Gibbons. You know, getting back to nature and all that."

A: Do you consider streaking a form of exhibitionism?

S: No - I consider it dirty.

A: What goes through your mind while your streaking?

S: Whether my Aunt Mertle bought the groceries today.

A: What happens when you run into a member of the opposite sex while streaking?

S: I politely say "excuse me" and proceed.

A: Is streaking a lonely sport?

S: Yes, people never seem to notice the beauty of the sport or the skill involved.

A: What's your biggest worry or threat while streaking?

S: Either running through a briar patch, or, by chance, stumbling upon a campsite of the Gay Liberation.

A: Where did you first learn the art of streaking?

S: In my 4-H Handicraft class.

A: What would your mother say if she knew that you are a streaker?

S: She's right here, why don't you ask her?

A: Certainly. Well ma'am, what do you think of your son running naked around the campus causing chaos everywhere he goes?

STREAKER'S MOTHER: I don't

by Mark T. Harasim

mind as long as Mertle's got the groceries.

A: What equipment is needed for this sport?

S: A long tie, preferably striped. Also, an aerosol can of Cramer Tough Skin.

A: What was your greatest accomplishment(s) as a streaker?

S: I once posed as a mannequin at a local department store for three weeks. I also made a man stop beating his son with a car aerial when upon seeing me, he had a cardiac arrest.

A: Well, where do you go from here?

S: History, it's my next class.

A: After winter has officially arrived, what will you do on the off-season?

S: I have a job teaching a 4-H handicraft class.

A: What's in store for the future of your streaking endeavors?

S: I think I may hang up my tie. I'm beginning to feel a definite lack of support. I can't give you anything definite; you'll just have to bear with me.

A: Possibly more people will understand your position after reading this article. What do you think?

S: I hope so. Until then, I'll just remain as before - as inconspicuous as possible. See ya later kid.

A lump formed in my throat as I watched him streak away. His words of wisdom rung in my ears. At times during the interview, I wanted to reach out and remove the paper sack from his head. I realized I may never know the winged-warrior's identity. I'll never forget the way the light caught his tie and highlighted his combat boots. Tears formed in my eyes as I watched him stroll merrily into the blackness of the night. Who was that mased man? The world may never know.

Alma Jaycees to Pick Man of Year

The Alma Jaycee's, annually during the month of January, honor one of Alma's most distinguished young men as its' outstanding Young Man for the year just past. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a man between the ages of 18 and 35, who renders he most meritorious service to his family, his church, his community and his nation. This Alma Jaycee award is the highest honor bestowed upon one individual each year by the Alma Jaycees.

The basic criteria for selection of a Distinguished Service Award winner is the nominees' achievement or contriguion of importance to his chosen career, organization, community, state and nation. Anyone may nominate an individual for this award. A nominee must be: 1. Age limit, 18-35 years, 2. A person nominated for this award must be a United States native born or naturalized citizen, or he must have applied for U.S. citizenship by January 1, 1973. Furthermore he must reside or work within the community of Alma. Composing this years' DSA judging committee are: Jim Hercik, Alma City Cleaners; Jack Sieg, Alma Warehousing; and Ralph Legene, Alma Container.

If you know of someone who may be worthy of this highest award, please call 463-3743 or 463-1830 and a nomination form will be mailed or delivered to you. Please remember anyone can nominate an individual for this award. Nominations will not be accepted after January 18, 1974.

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Mrs. Corlew's Campaign to Clean Up the Campus

Mrs. Minnie Corlew is Alma College's Executive Housekeeper, and in ten years she's brought the job a long way. It's her job to keep this campus clean, and there's more of it to keep clean now than in those pre-Monteith days when Mrs. Corlew first took the position. She and her staff of 29 men and women follow an exacting and a rigorous schedule to make sure that dorms are as spotless as can be expected and that classroom walls are washed down regularly. Her work keeps her primarily behind the scenes, and the most average student knows of the housekeeping department is stepping around the cleaning lady mopping up the corridor or waiting to use the bathroom. But no one can doubt the job is a vital one, and the jovial Mrs. Corlew runs a tight ship.

"We try to keep things slicked up around here," she says. "It's just like anything else...we have a plan, and we follow it as closely as we can. Once in a while it gets fouled up by special events and such, but we adjust ourselves shift around a bit and everything comes out all right."

The 25 buildings on Mrs. Corlew's itinerary constitute quite a responsibility, and attention to detail is important. Not only drinking fountains must be cleaned, for example, but even the Exit lights and plates as well. Mrs. Corlew's job description sheets are detailed, and she fails to miss a trick. There can be as many as 25 to 30 specifics on a simple dormitory corridor cleaning job, including carpeting, baseboards, light switches, stairwells and doorways.

By Steve Beery

Each of the major dorms is assigned two women each day. They begin with the lounges and lobbies in early morning, then move to the corridors and bathrooms while most students are in class. Nine men compromise the night shift on the big buildings; Dow, P.E., the Library, and now the Academic Center. Spic, span and spotless is the rule. The normal schooltime schedule flows along with nary a hitch. But summer's and ends-of-terms prove most exasperating to the clean-up crew.

Alma College is host to a number of conferences during the summer months, and the groups who board here range in number from 50 to 900. Linen must be furnished daily; until a couple of years ago, housekeepers used to make the guests' beds, but happily that practice has been dropped. When

one conference pulls out, the rooms must be given the big scrub-down; sometimes with one day to do it, sometimes overnight. It can take a half a day for a 12-woman team to scour out one of the T-shaped dorms, Mitchell and Newberry, working from the ends of the T inward toward the bathrooms.

Since this Christmas vacation will be a short one, Mrs. Corlew has already started her people on the job of cleaning the dorms for next term. On December 3 they started shampooing the rugs and washing walls. Mitchell is

already finished as it can be before the residents leave altogether and give housekeeping a free hand. Due to the short break, Mrs. Corlew is concerned that all room re-

pairs might not be finished up by the maintenance men by the time of the students' re-arrival. But that is not really her department anyway, she adds with a chuckle.

Another moot point with Mrs. Corlew is the recycling activity that has collected boxes of papers and bottles in some of the dorms' trash rooms. She points out that if students want this material to be recycled, they had best transport it out themselves. Housekeepers work on a time schedule and they answer to the fire marshal on such matters as collected paper. If a truck is leaving for the dump, odds are the paper and bottles will go with it and a term's recycling project has been for naught.

Is there a possibility that Housekeeping and Maintenance might move into a newer facility shortly? Mrs. Corlew doesn't care. "Oh, no, I'm tickled to death with this. You know, when I got here ten years ago there was no Executive Housekeeper and they had no place to put me. They shoved an old desk and an empty file cabinet into Mr. Sugar's office (then head of Maintenance) and gave me a list with 12 duties listed on it." She's gotten her own office now, and she's still got the faded list. "I keep it to remind myself, well, this is what you started out with and look at it all now."

And it's reassuring to know she's doing a job she can be proud of.



Shontz Elected IGE Vice-Pres.

Dr. Donald W. Shontz, assistant professor of education, has been elected vice president for 1973-74 and president elect for 1974-75 of the Michigan League of Individually Guided Education Facilitators.

Dr. Shontz, who holds B. S., M.S. and Ph. D. degrees from Florida State University, joined the Alma College faculty in 1970.

Individually guided education (IGE), a relatively new concept among educators, is a method of providing education to students based on their individual social,

academic and personal needs rather than on a set curriculum.

The league is an organization of facilitators who help schools implement the IGE program. Facilitators are trained by the Kettering Foundation, a philanthropic organization based in Dayton, which has allocated funds to provide the implementation of the IGE program throughout the United States.

In Michigan 29 schools are on the IGE program, most of them in the southeast part of the state.



THE BEAR'S KULTURE KORNER

Having sat up for the last couple Friday nights with my bloodshot baby blue (or green, as the case may be) peepers glued to the boob tube watching "The Midnight Special," I have come to a conclusion. TV people haven't the slightest idea of what live rock'n'roll is all about.

The English version of this show is far, far better than its American counterpart, for a number of reasons. First off, whoever places the commercials in the program must take some sort of sadistic pleasure in breaking up musicians' performances. Rarely, if ever, do two tunes get placed back-to-back. There is always some wonderful ad telling us what's new and unique. Since each band on the "Midnight Special" plays only two or, at most, three numbers, you would think the commercials could be judiciously placed between sets.

Secondly, trick photography is nice occasionally, but the extent to which the multiple images and zoom-zoom camera work goes is absurd. I have enough problems seeing the screen without three overlapping images to confuse my poor, gelatinized brain. This bitch doesn't even include one of the technician's favorite tricks--to zoom in on the drummer when the lead guitar player is playing his guts out on a solo. Straight old close up photography work would be a vast improvement.

Thirdly, the whole concept of having talk show-like "hosts" doesn't jive with what rock is all about. Rock is a direct form of communication between artist and listener, and some babbling host distorts all that communication. I mean, really, at concerts who tells you how many albums a band has put out, or how good they are, or how long they've been around? And who gives a damn? If a

band's performance is good, then they will stimulate the listener more than any host ever could.

Finally, the stages are very, very shoddy. They would make a fine backdrop for Caesar's Palace in Vegas, maybe, but as rock'n'roll stages they are an abomination. To say nothing of their being an energy crisis and all those lights being on.

The English version of the "Midnight Special" suffers from some of these faults, but, on the average, is a much better representation of what rock is all about. Whoknows, in a couple of years they (the producers) might learn to LIKE rock. They sure don't now or they wouldn't torture it.

BETTE MIDLER (Atlantic 7270)

4/5/4/5/5: Ah, yes, the divine Miss M. A lot has been said about Bette and all of it is true. Her voice (or perhaps I should say voices) is the most sensuous instrument I have ever heard. Bette shows herself on this, her second album, to be a master of vocal styling. Her work is so clean, so polished, so flawlessly emotional, that it is simply a pure pleasure to listen to. Her styles range from the forties music to blues to rock and her styling for each is perfect. Simply amazing.

Bette is assisted by some back up singers and musicians who are also very capable. Together, Bette, the Harlettes, and the band just groove together. I can't really do this album justice in words. Merry Christmas, and see y'all next year.

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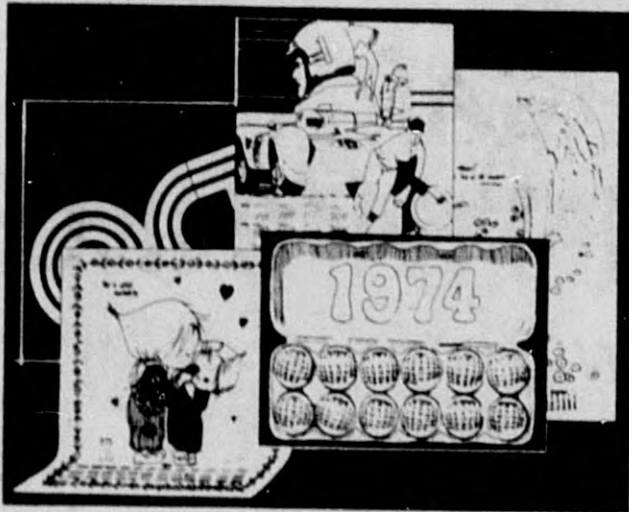
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Scenes We'd Like to See

by Stu Ten Hoer

As we get further and further into the Christmas season and spirit, I feel I should do my best to counteract the Scrooge-like qualities of our late-ending academic calendar by pointing out a few light-hearted events that any understanding and hopefully jovial Santa Claus would bring to our serious campus. The following are a few events that I'd like to see at A. C. (Are you listening, Kris Kringle?)

.....One day, when we're all studying diligently in the library for the last big final, the incessant humming of those damn florescent lights proves too much for one of us. He jumps out of his seat screaming, grabs a long pole and proceeds to blast to bits every last one of those humming

.....One day, as we pass between classes, crisscrossing that area on campus known as "the mall," a workman putting on the finishing touches on our fantastic new Academic Center gazes just a second too long at the buxom and shapely co-eds of Alma and loses his balance with a sickening thud into the snow. His last words echoing... "what a body...if I was only 10 years younger..."

.....During the pushing and shoving that characterizes the minutes

directly after 11:30 classes, a tension-ridden student asks politely if she could have two hot-dogs instead of the asinine process of making repeated trips for the darn things. Upon receiving a polite but curt no, she breaks down, grabs all the plates and smashes them to the floor screaming, "All I want is two hot-dogs...just two..."

.....One day after sitting in class just one time too many listening to one stupid explanation too many, you decide you can give a better explanation. Waiting impishly for the unsuspecting prof to say, "if you can do better..." you seize the chance giving a tremendous explanation of Darwin's theory. You refuse to relinquish command, though, and take it upon yourself to also compute final grades giving most everyone an A (yourself included) and giving the prof a C for being "average" and failing to demonstrate leadership capacities...

.....Tired of your parents condemning all your tentative choices for majors as "too overcrowded" and not making enough money, you switch to a combined major of antelope cataloging and criticizing major public figures. You graduate first in your class and in three years you are tops in your field

and commanding (at highly deflated prices) a salary of \$100,000... ..As you walk out of the library, you are confronted by a tired-looking and bored worker who asks innocently (while checking over your list of books) "are those yours?" (Isn't it amazing how the checker can check 2 or 35 books all in the same glance). Instead of the customary yes, you rush back in, grab a set of Collier's Encyclopedias and a copy of the Daily Record Leader for good measure, and run by looking strangely like Clifford Irving... ..One cold winter day, M. J. J. Smith arrives on campus aboard a Sopwith Camel sputtering about the good old days and removing his fur-lined hat as he steps down from the cockpit...

.....One amazing night around 10:00 an impromptu party develops in the middle of campus. Amazingly, every student on campus joins in, somehow forgetting all those tests for just two hours. And after it is all over, everyone agreed that it was fun and puzzled over the two or three hundred faces they never saw before.

Volunteers Needed for England Archaeology

Students are urgently invited to help in archaeological excavations in England next summer. Deadline for applications is February 1.

City center redevelopment, new road-building programs and rapidly changing land use are threatening the disappearance of prehistoric graves, Iron-age settlements, Roman villas, fascinating relics of medieval towns, all over Britain.

American students free from mid-May, and with previous archaeological experience, are invited to join an international team on a dig of the important medieval city of Northampton and the Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Spins Hill in Norfolk. Experienced volunteers will receive free board and lodging for helping in this important work.

Other students without experience are invited to join the British Archaeology Seminar at Lincoln College, Oxford, organized by the Association for Cultural Exchange. Six academic credits can be earned from participating in this low-cost program which ends by three weeks' participation on digs in different parts of England and Scotland.

Write NOW for further details to Ian Lawson, 539 West 112 Street, New York, N.Y. 10025.

1973: It Was a Very Strange Year

By Steve Beery

Years don't really come and go like the poets and the simple-minded among us would have it. A close look at the mechanics of sequential time informs us that years actually just sort of happen. This year, however, our ephemeral national mood was hip to the fact that 1973 happened a little heavier than most. To the amused readers of TIME and NEWSWEEK, sensational headlines and yellow journalism have become a happily outrageous life. Newsmakers, People and Personalities alike all seem intent upon physically making news happen, and are making it with a vengeance. And, more than ever, America is continuing to infect the rest of the world with its mania for publicity. Perhaps, just perhaps, a jovial element will be discovered by someone in '74 to help give the deluge of column inches some perspective. But prognostication is a pagan pursuit. Let us turn our attention to the Year That Just Was, and, instead of facile theorizing, simply remember the stuff that 1973 was made of.

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- Bilde Jean King
- Protein Burger
- Gas cap locks
- Impeachment Drive
- Bette Midler
- Deep Throat
- Pringle's Potato Chips
- Gerald Ford
- John Dean III
- Car pools
- Cesar Chavez
- Judge Sirica
- Last Tango In Paris
- No fault insurance
- 50 m.p.h.
- King Faisal's oil
- Playgirl
- Glitter rock
- P.O.W.'s
- Constitutionalism
- Tatum O'Neal
- The Mazda Wankel
- Sam Irvin
- Goat's Head Soup
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- Ewell Gibbons
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- Liz-Dick split

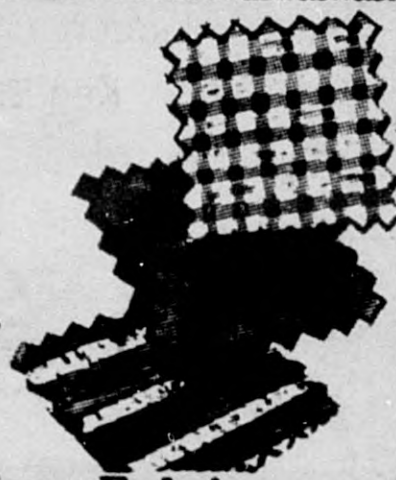
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- ramblin' Man
- Kohoutek
- Lemmings
- Dark Side of the Moon
- Spiro nabbed
- Columbo
- Euthanasia
- Hank Aaron
- Polaroid SX-70
- Most Favored Nation
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Left to Right: City Manager J.D. McNaughton, Dr. Agria, Trenton Wilhelm and Marsha O'Brien at a Alma City Commission meeting Tuesday.

Agria to be Next Alma Mayor?

By Tom Collon

Pic by Wilcox

Dr. John Agria, professor of Political Science, has a chance to be Alma's new mayor when the City Commission meets in early January. The present Mayor, Robert Anthony, plans to retire at the end of this month. Dr. Agria has served on the Alma City Commission for 2 years.

The City Commission members as of January 1 are Marsha O'Brien, Fred Dorner, Henry Helman, Trenton Wilhelm, and Dr. Agria. All five, theoretically, have a chance to be the new mayor. Many believe the race is between Dr. Agria and Mr. Helman, however. Mr. Helman has served six years on the Commission, part of that time as vice-mayor.

Under Alma's City Council-City Manager form of government, the mayor actually has little power. His main duties are to serve as chairman at the City Commissions meetings and to act as the ceremonial head at ribbon-cuttings and other ceremonies in the City.

Dr. Agria can be considered a contender in the mayor's race because he received the most votes in the council election in 1971. Likewise, Mr. Helman won the most votes in last November's election. If the number of votes is a criteria for nomination, both stand a good chance.

The first order of business in the January meeting will be to select the new Mayor and Vice-Mayor. As soon as they are chosen, the commission will appoint two new members to the commission, according to the new city charter which passed in November's election. This will bring the total of city commissioners from five to seven members. These two new members could also help to pick the new mayor, but they would have to be chosen now, and sworn in before the mayoral vote in January. This, according to Dr. Agria, is unlikely because the council will not want to "rush the choices" for mayor. These two new commissioners will probably be people who ran for city council in the past, but who were defeated. This is what has been done in the recent past, according to Dr. Agria. By doing it this way, the council knows the candidates have some interest to serve on the city commission.

Dr. Agria personally expects

Mr. Helman to be a strong contender for mayor. He has served on the commission for about six years and was once the Vice-Mayor. Also, he has more experience than anyone else on the city commission. Mr. Dorner has served for one year, and Dr. Agria and Mrs. O'Brien have each served two years. Dr. Agria says he has not been approached by anyone on the city commission or anyone in the community about serving as mayor. He said the only place he has seen his name mentioned as a possible candidate is in the ALMANIAN.

Dr. Agria sees several reasons why he may not be chosen as mayor. First, he has only had two years of experience. Second, he has taken several "controversial positions on some matters." He also sees the time-consuming ceremonial duties to be a hindrance to his duties for the college. Dr. Agria does not see the college itself to be a hindrance to his nomination, however. Alma has a very good relationship with the college, and vice-versa. Also, all city commission members are affiliated with some other business. Because of its "academic freedom," Dr. Agria sees the college as a plus factor toward his nomination. The college has never tried to influence Dr. Agria's vote on any issue and he expects it never will. Dr. Agria expects this to be less true in profit-making businesses.

Asked if he would like the job as mayor, Dr. Agria answered, "My first obligation is to Alma College. That's my vocation--my calling, if you will. The City Commission I see as a public service, a chance to become involved in the community which most fits my abilities. Whether mayor or just a member of the City Commission, I get one vote either way."



Hay's Class Thwarted by Faculty

by Mary Fox

Because the Alma College faculty turned it down, a course in Our Bodies and Ourselves will not be included in Spring Term offerings this year. The course was drawn up and presented to the faculty by Sharon Hay, head-resident of Newberry Hall. The faculty turned the course down with a vote of 34 to 19, but suggested that it be taught as a non-credit course.

According to Sharon, the faculty had two basic reasons for disapproving of her course: (1) they seemed to feel that it was not an academic course and would not fit into a Liberal Arts college curriculum, and (2) they questioned Sharon's qualifications for teaching it. Aside from these major problems, the faculty felt that more "back-up" counselors would be necessary than would be present on campus during Spring Term. Students would very likely need counseling, about self-image and relationships with others - because of the presentations made in the course, so more college faculty should be available than plan to be on campus in May.

The major goal in the course as submitted was to help students recognize their bodies as more than an outer shell. The body, according to Sharon, is the person. To have a realistic self-image, a person must understand his body; its workings, shape and reactions to emotions. A brief description of the course as Sharon had it planned reveals sev-

eral different areas of concentration. Through books, films, and resource persons, Sharon planned to discuss health care, birth control, body therapies, abortion, masculinity and femininity, and body language among other things.

Sharon has had some experience in all of the areas she wished to teach. In fact, she feels that the course would have been a combination of many of her areas of interest into one course. She did her Masters in Body Therapies; new trends in psychology where a patient is made to analyze and feel the response of different parts of his body to emotions. She did birth control and abortion counseling at Central, and has taught a composition class which stressed perception and feelings. However, she has never taught a course anything like this one, even for no credit.

Because the course was to be a combination of her many interests, Sharon was very excited about teaching it. The idea originated when she used the book "Our Bodies, Our Selves", by the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, at an RA retreat before the school year began. The RA's, when Sharon described her masters research and worked with them through the book, were very excited. Encouraged to teach such a class, Sharon submitted her description. Faculty members were not as excited as students.

Very disappointed now, Sharon does not plan to teach her course on a non-credit basis, like the

faculty suggested. She feels that a non-credit course would be the last priority for students already carrying a heavy load. She wants involvement in her sessions, and does not think involvement is possible if the course is not credit-bearing.

WINTER RUSH TO BEGIN

Now that fall term is almost over, the informal rush period has ended. Panhellenic Council has finalized the plans for formal rush in the winter term and they are as follows:

Wed. and Thurs., January 9-10--Sign Rush List at ACT Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (please bring the \$1.00 rush fee and 3 pictures of yourself at this time).

Thurs., January 10--required meeting for those who signed the rush list, 5 p.m.

Thurs., January 17--sign preference list at ACT Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please check the rush calendar that will be posted next term for exact times and places.

IMPORTANT: If you wish to rush but are unable to sign the rush list personally, someone else may sign your name provided they have a note from you. In the case of the preference list, if you wish to sign but are unable to do so personally, contact Judi Sachs (x 424) or Dr. Rantz (x 345) before 4 p.m. Thursday, January 17.



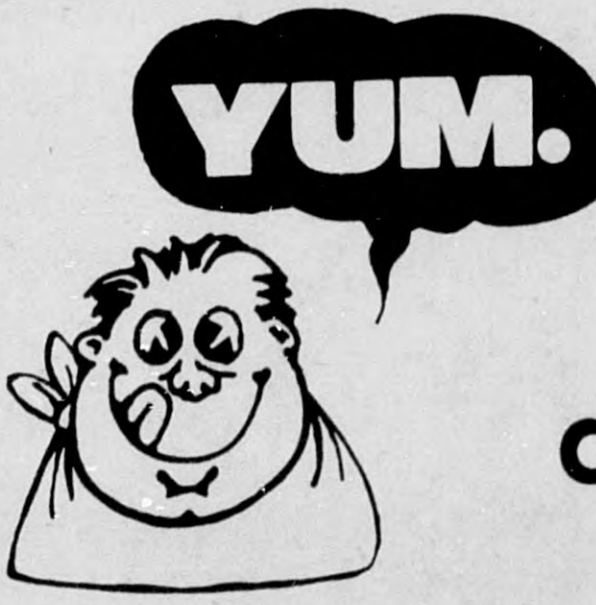
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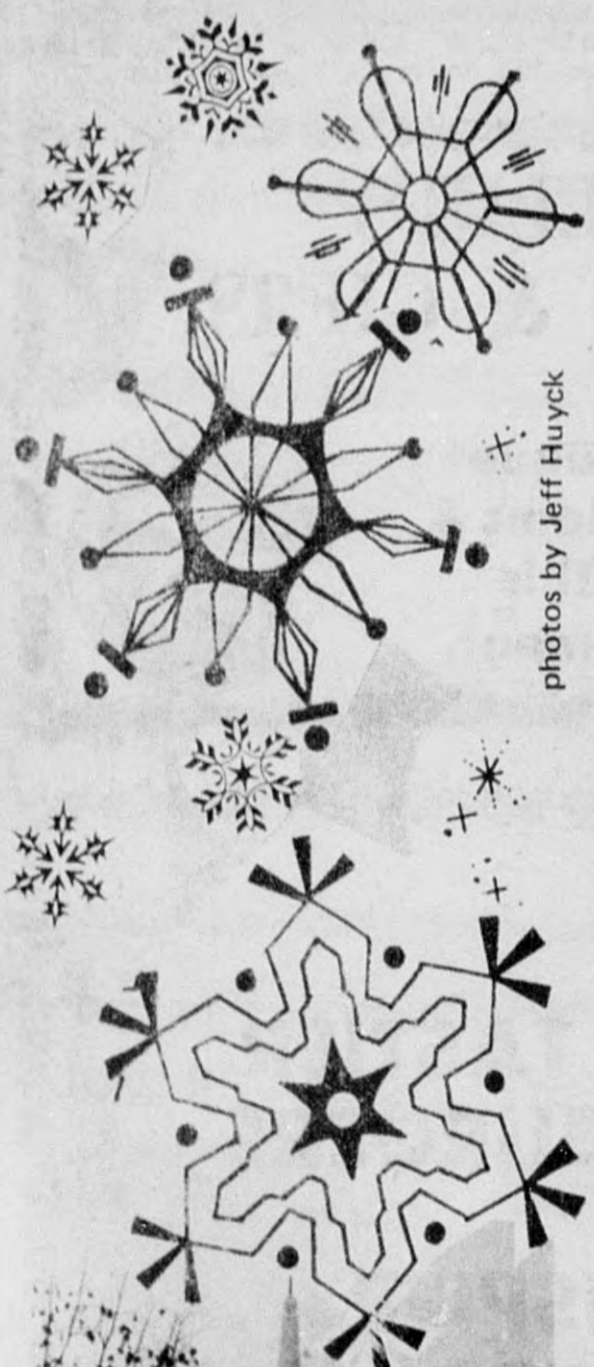
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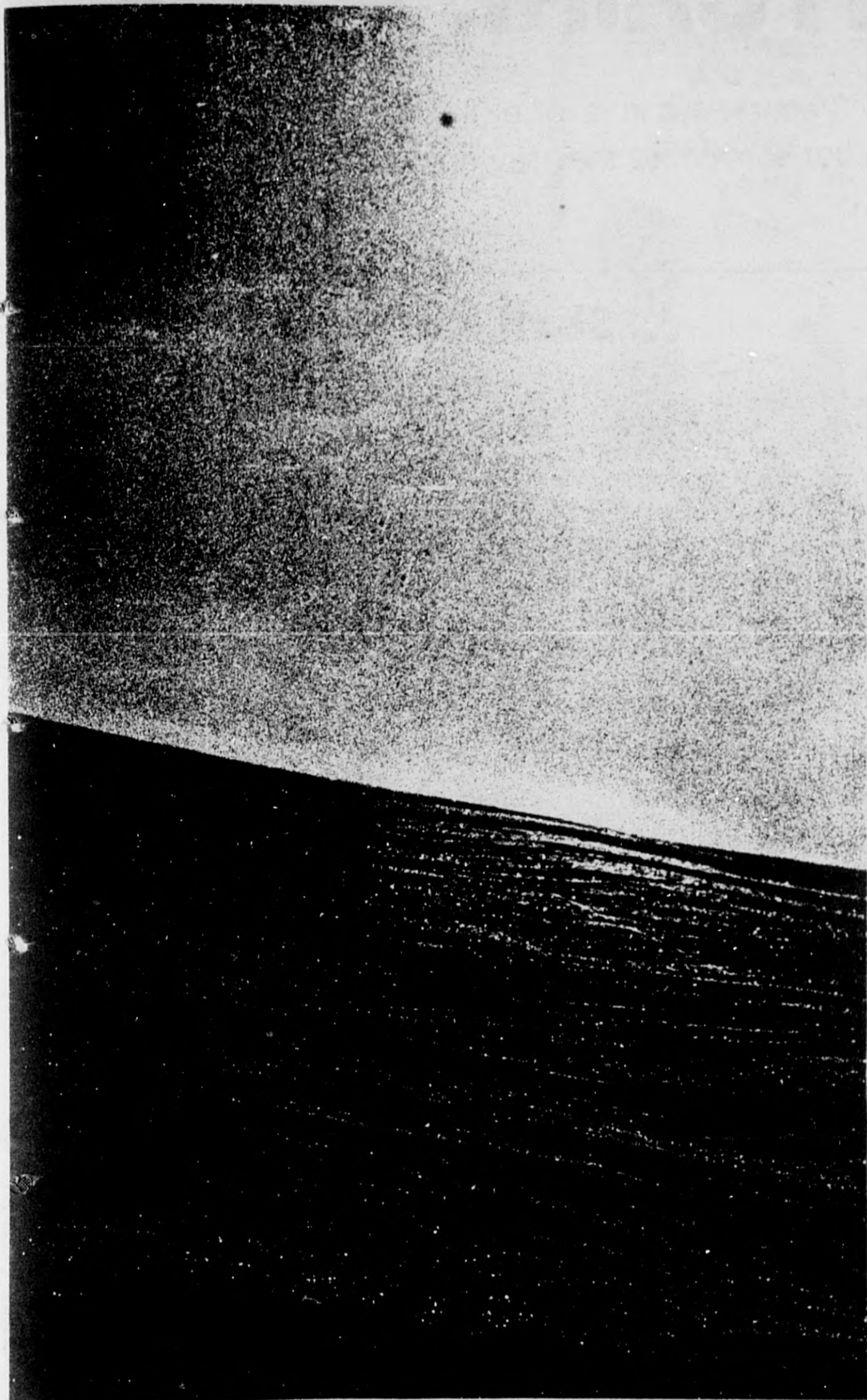
Therefore all seasons shall be sweet to thee,
 Whether the summer clothe the general earth
 With greenness, or the redbreast sit and sing
 Betwixt the tufts of snow on the bare branch
 Of mossy apple-tree, while the night thatch
 Smokes in the sun-thaw; whether the eave-drops fall
 Heard only in the trances of the blast,
 Or if the secret ministry of frost
 Shall hang them up in silent icicles,
 Quietly shining to the quiet Moon.

- Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798



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And it's sure been a cold, cold winter
 And the wind ain't been blowin from the south
 It's sure been a cold, cold winter
 And a lot of love has all burned out.
 It's sure been a hard, hard winter
 And my feet been draggin cross the ground
 And I hope it's gonna be a long hot summer
 And a lot of love'll be burnin bright.

And I wish I'd been out in California
 When the lights on all the Christmas trees went out
 But I been burnin my bell, book and candle
 And the Restoration plays has all gone round.

It's sure been a cold cold winter, lordy
 My feet been draggin cross the ground
 And the fears has all been drowned in valor
 And the springtime take a long way around.

And I wish I'd been out in Stony Canyon
 When the lights on all the Christmas trees went out
 But I been burnin my bell, book and candle
 And the Restoration plays have all gone round.

Well well well
 Sometime I think about ya baby well
 Oh sometime I cry about ya lordy wo wo wo wo wo
 Yeah and I wrap my coat around ya woman
 Yeah and I wrap my coat around ya woman
 Oh an' all that talkin

Yeah and I wrap my coat around
 Baby don't
 Sometime I wanna keep you warm
 Sometime I wanna wrap my coat around ya
 Sometime I wanna but I can't afford ya
 Sometime I wanna wrap my coat around ya lordy
 Sometime I wanna but I can't afford ya
 I guess I wanna keep ya warm warm warm
 Sometime I wanna wrap my coat around ya
 Lord I'm cryin
 Yeah Oh sometime I feel so wo wo wo wo wo
 Li li li li li li.

WINTER by Mick Jagger & Keith Richard



THE ALMANIAN EDITORIAL PAGE



Everyone has their times at the end of a term when they reflect back on previous happenings that could have gone better. As I examine the Alma College community of this term I note a lack of togetherness. Students are split in many ways: by dining commons, dormitories, etc.

True diversity does have its advantages to a point, but on this campus that point has been saturated many times over.

Campus groups, more than any other structure, can facilitate togetherness. Student Council, IFC-Panhellenic, Union Board, this publication, etc. have the means to reach this goal.

This term most all organizations seemed to be headed in different directions. Each group had their own problems to deal with. Each was untrusting of their fellow groups, treating them as competition, not friends.

How can this be overcome? With a conscious effort from every organization to become better acquainted with their fellow leaders, to view them as friends instead of competition. After all, our objectives are similar. Aren't we all trying to provide the best possible life for all Alma College students?

And to students--support these organizations. Get to know what their functions really are and attend their events. Without your support its impossible for these groups to function competently.

Merry Christmas and may winter term be satisfying for all.

Mike Wilcox

Library Needs Expansion

With the opening of the new Academic Center there will be a surplus of empty rooms in different buildings around the campus. Besides the absence of make-shift classrooms in Bruske, Mitchell, Clack, and the Chapel, there will be more rooms open in Dow and in the Library Ground. These different rooms can be put to good use, especially the Library Ground. I think the possibility should be investigated of turning the Library Ground into a third level of the Library.

The Registrar will remain in the basement along with certain language labs. I think these departments could be relocated, along with a committee meeting room, to other rooms in other buildings. In the least the possibility should be investigated.

If there is enough room, as some insist, that there can be 30,000 more volumes placed on shelves already in the library, I think this should be done.

There are hundreds of volumes in that library which are academically obsolete. But, there are also hundreds of volumes needed which are quite contemporaneous to our studies.

The need exists to enlarge the number of volumes and the content of those volumes. Let's at least take a look and see what can be done.

Jeff Parent

"I am always in favor of freedom of the press, but sometimes they say quite nasty things."

-- Winston Churchill

"I Shall Not Pass..."

And it came to pass,
Early in the morning toward the
last day of the first semester
There arose a great multitude
smithing the books and wailing.

And there was such weeping
and gnashing of teeth,
For the day of judgement was
at hand

And they were sore afraid for
they had left undone
Those things which they ought
to have done,
And there was no help for it.

And there were many abiding
in the dorm
Who had kept watch over their
books by night,
But it availed them naught.

But some there were who rose
peacefully,
For they had prepared themselves
the way
And made straight the
paths of knowledge.

And these were known
As wise burners of the midnight oil.
And to others they were known as
"curve raisers."

And the multitude arose
And ate a hearty breakfast.
And they came into the appointed
place.
And there hearts were heavy
within them.

And they had come to pass,
But some to pass out.

And some of them
Repented of their riotous living
and bemoaned their fate,
But they had not a prayer.
And at the last hour there came
among them

One known as the instructor; and
they feared exceedingly.
He was of the diabolical smile,
And passed papers among them
and went his way.

And many and varied were the
answers that were given,
For some of his teachings had fallen
among fertile minds.
Others had fallen among the fallows.
While others had fallen flat.

And some there were who wrote
for one hour;
Others for two;
But some turned away sorrowful,
and many of these
Offered up a little bull
In hopes of pacifying the instructor
And these were the ones who had
not a prayer.

And when they finished,
They gathered up their belongings
And went their way quietly,
each in his own direction;
And each vowing unto himself
in this manner:

"I shall not pass this way again."

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Wanted: Some Christmas Spirit at A.C.

Christmas will quickly be upon us, as everyone on campus is well aware. Christmas is a time of relief from books and rigorous work, a time for being with family and friends. Yet Christmas spirit doesn't - and shouldn't - begin on Christmas Eve. It should be a seasonal thing, to be spread about the college community before vacation begins.

It is true that many students have spent considerable time and effort on Christmas decorations, some of which are extraordinarily beautiful and/or imaginative, and all of which are cheering. This seems to prove that some people at A.C. have latched on to some Christmas spirit somewhere. But are decorations enough?

One definition of the word spirit is "of the soul". I think this is most appropriate, for Christmas is always connected with emotions and caring. The trouble is, it takes a very close observer to see this at Alma.

The thing I was most impressed with when I first came to Alma was the ease with which everyone displayed friendship. It really seemed to set Alma College apart as a college in which caring was

paramount. But lately I have reached the conclusion that all is illusion. We have the potential here to form close bonds and experience the joy of giving of ourselves that many other colleges do not. But this potential is not being used to its fullest. And if our general Caring Quotient is down, it follows that, while the Christmas seasons should heighten it somewhat, it will fall far below what it should be.

These thoughts are not intended as criticism, but as cautions. Many people seem to fall into these attitudes without conscious realization. For those of you, be aware of what is happening. What you wish to do about it is your choice. But let's understand that the social atmosphere of Alma College is what we make it. Of course academics can put on pressure and take up quite a bit of time, especially toward the term's end, when late studying becomes a matter of course. But each person has to set their own priorities, and has to make the decision. Decide. Think it over, students. It's up to you. It has to be, for you are the ones who will make it happen.

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Next time you see someone polluting, point it out.



It's a spewing smokestack. It's litter in the streets. It's a river where fish can't live.

You know what pollution is.

But not everyone does. So the next time you see pollution, don't close your eyes to it.

Write a letter. Make a call. Point it out to someone who can do something about it.

New Sidewalk Is Needed

There seems to be another criticism which can be applied to the new Academic Center and its surrounding area.

Unfortunately, those who planned the sidewalks around the Center certainly could have done a better job. I don't understand why the College did not, or will not provide, a sidewalk that angles in a northeast direction towards the Physical Education Center?

Those students that reside in the extreme south-west portion of the Alma campus, which includes Wright Hall, Kirk House and the TKE House, are in dire need of this sidewalk. Since a number of men live in this locality on the campus, it is evident that there is plenty of travel to and from the P.E. Center from this area.

A hassle develops if one takes the new sidewalk that heads toward the gym. Shortly, that person will ultimately find that the sidewalk ends up in a dead end at the far eastern end of the Academic building. People want to go to the P.E. Center, not the Academic Center or the Health Center.

I know of a number of students that would like to see this one little improvement made. Students are tired of either having to walk on the grass and acorns, in the mud, and now, in the snow.

Although I acknowledge that the College probably would like to use as little concrete around the new Center as possible, but what is another 30 yards of sidewalk?

I hope the College realizes this error or oversight and corrects it before winter sets in for good this year and does not put it off until two or three years from now.

Phagg Davis



Territory where Phagg proposes sidewalk

CAMPUS EVENTS

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| Friday, December 14 | Sunday, December 16 |
| Lady Sings the Blues, 6:45 & 9, Dow Aud. | A Cappella Choir Christmas Concert, 8 p.m., Dunning Chapel. |
| Saturday, December 15 | Worship Service, 11 a.m., Chapel. |
| Lady Sings the Blues, 6:45 & 9, Dow Aud. | Monday, December 17 |
| Gratit County Children's Christmas Party, P.E. Center. | Teagarten and Van Winkle starts at Alibi, Mt. Pleasant. |

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY RETURNED YOUR Almanian QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



NATIONAL-LOCAL BRIEFS

CRISIS CLAIMS ZIPPERS

Saying the energy crisis will have a "disastrous" impact on the garment industry, a leading clothes manufacturer said that Americans will have to forgo the polyester fabrics, threads, zippers, and buttons they have been used to for the past decade.

GERMANS FILL IN, AMERICANS FILL OUT

While dozens of American colleges face a financial pinch because an estimated 637,000 student vacancies have cropped up on campuses this year, some 40,800 top German high school graduates are being turned away by their jam-packed universities. But now a leading politician in Germany has come up with a novel plan that could solve both problems: simply send the 40,000 Germans to college in America until the overcrowding problem eases over there. German students don't enter college until they are 20 because they are apt to spend 5 or 6 years in college instead of 4.

THE VEEP GATHERS STRENGTH

Gerald Ford has become the preferred candidate for president on the Republican ticket in 1976 according to a survey of GOP and independent voters. In a test of 10 potential nominees, Ford emerged as the first choice of 21 percent, followed by Gov. Ronald Reagan with 16 percent, and Sen. Charles Percy with 11 percent.

NIXON REITERATES "I'M NO CROOK"

Richard M. Nixon has laid bare his personal finances, including his tax returns, in an unprecedented effort to prove to the American people that "their President is no crook." There are no "bombshells" in the 167 pages of charts and figures assembled by the president's tax lawyers and accountants. The figures all add up. There are no unexplained sources of income, secret hush funds or suspicious expenditures. There still is one controversy, however. Nixon deducted \$576,000 for the vice-presidential papers he gave to the government in 1969.

MORE MONEY FOR STUDENTS

There will be some relief next fall for middle income families drowned by costs of sending sons and daughters to college. After growing complaints from families not wealthy enough to pay for college costs and not poor enough to qualify for public aid, scholarship and schedules are loosening up. The College Scholarship Service will ask parents to finance 4.7 percent less next year than this year's school costs.

SKYLAB SHUTTERBUGS READY FOR COMET

Skylab 3 astronauts conducted some celestial target shooting with cameras Sunday, practicing the maneuvers they'll use this week to photograph the comet Kohoutek. On Sunday afternoon, Kohoutek was about 112 million miles from earth and about 6 million miles from the sun. It is streaking through space at more than 117,000 miles per hour toward an eventual loop around the sun. Astronomers say the comet's tail is now more than 7 million miles long and is expected to grow to about 50 million miles in length as it nears the sun.

DON'T FRET, FOLKS

A top administration official said Tuesday the nation's energy shortage may not be as bad as originally feared. Herbert Stein, President Nixon's No. 1 economic advisor, told a congressional hearing "in the last few days there has been information suggesting that the shortage may be smaller than we thought."

BAD NEWS

The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 Tuesday that a person arrested for a traffic violation may be thoroughly searched without warrant and convicted of another offense if evidence is discovered.

ROCKY RESIGNS

Nelson A. Rockefeller Tuesday cleared the way for a possible 1976 Republican presidential nomination by announcing he will resign as New York's governor next Tuesday.

Traineeships Offered at Devereux

Undergraduates who will be juniors, seniors or beginning graduate students by next summer are invited to apply before January 15th for the 1974 Summer and year-round Pre-Professional traineeships at the Pennsylvania branch of The Devereux Foundation in suburban Philadelphia, a group of residential and day care, multidisciplinary treatment, special education and rehabilitation centers. Traineeships are available at the Devereux treatment centers, summer therapeutic camps, and at its Career House facility. A few summer treatment camp traineeships may also be available at other branches located in North Anson, Maine; Santa Barbara, California; Scottsdale, Arizona; Victoria, Texas; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Rutland, Massachusetts; and Washington, Connecticut.

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GAS GOING UP

The administration proposed new fuel allocation rules Wednesday that would mean 25% less gasoline at a higher price in exchange for what officials hope will be enough fuel for heating homes this winter. The new mandatory program would raise prices probably 8 or 9 cents a gallon for heating oil and 6 or 7 cents a gallon for gas.

DETROIT GIVEN KICK

Voting against "gas-guzzling monsters," the Senate passed a sweeping energy conservation bill Monday. It would require automakers to give more miles to the gallon by 1978. A key provision would require car manufacturers to boost gas mileage to at least 20 miles per gallon by 1984.


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Progress Made in Environmental Studies Under Kellogg Grant

Alma College has just completed the second and final year of activities under a grant from the College Resources for Environmental Studies Program of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. From its inception, the Kellogg Environmental Studies Program of Alma College has had a two-fold thrust: First, to expand our environmental education and research program on local environmental problems and second, to participate jointly with the community in the restoration of ecologically desolate areas in the city of Alma.

Two new interdisciplinary courses were introduced. These were Topic 8: "Our Environment-Concepts, Problems, and Solutions" and Topic 11: "Regional Planning." Topic 3 was offered in

1972 and Topic 11 in 1973. These courses were jointly taught by members of the Biology and Economics departments. Faculty members from other departments and local government officials also participated as resources persons.

The projects undertaken in Topic 8 included a study of agricultural runoff and nutrient pollution of the Pine River, a study of the features and potential uses for an abandoned oil refinery site in Alma, and the preparation of environmental impact statements on three sites being considered by the Alma Housing Commission for Old Age Housing.

The Topic 11 course offered this past year dealt with regional

and local planning. It became apparent that planning is a key route to the solution of environmental problems. Consequently, it was decided that an introduction to this topic would be useful for students and interested community members. The structure and content of the class was mainly developed in a joint planning session involving college faculty and members of the Alma City Commission, county commissioners, and other city, county, and township officials. Class sessions were held in the evening to facilitate attendance of interested local citizens. The first ten weeks of the course were devoted to general principles of planning and to specific local planning problems. This part was staffed by invited planning experts and later by local governmental officials with specific planning responsibilities.

The second half of the course involved student originated projects dealing with local planning and environmental issues. Three major projects were undertaken:

1. A study of existing preschool health care programs in Gratiot County and an examination of possible ways which these might be improved.
2. A study of public priorities for spending of Federal Revenue Sharing funds in the city of Alma. During a class presentation by local officials, several students were struck by the uncertainty that existed in the minds of the mayor, city manager, and members of the Alma City Commission regarding public sentiment and priorities for the allocation of these funds. Together with members of the Commission, the mayor, and the city manager, students developed a list of possible projects which could be implemented with revenue sharing funds. With the help of the Sociology Department a survey was designed to determine public attitudes toward these projects. Student interviewers were hired and went through a training session. About 10% of the city's registered voters were covered in the survey sample. The results of the survey were presented to a meeting of the Alma City Commission. The subsequent allocation of funds corresponded in large part to the public priorities as determined in the survey.
3. A study of the potential of Conversation Park as a nature study area. Conversation Park is

a 34-acre tract of land on the south side of Alma. It was recently acquired in a large fund-raising campaign headed by the local Sierra Club group. Currently held in trust, the Park is scheduled to be turned over to the city of Alma in the next several years. Working with the Sierra Club and the Alma Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, a group of students undertook a study of the suitability of the tract as a nature study area and drew up preliminary plans for nature trails and an outdoor center. Their study was approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Alma City Commission.

A number of activities which will continue or expand past programs are under way or planned. Topic 8 is to be offered again and it is planned to focus course activities on recycling and the development of a feasible recycling system for the county. The biology faculty has applied for an undergraduate research participation grant from the National Science Foundation which will focus on the

natural resources of the Pine River floodplain.

College activity is also continuing on the Conversation Park project. Four students have been working in a practicum course supervised by the Biology and Education departments to develop nature study materials for use by local schools and pre-school groups. They have been assigned to several Alma schools and have taken a number of school groups through the Park and have been developing instructional modules for teachers to fit into their classroom work. In addition, a number of other students have become involved in this on a voluntary basis. A winter trail guide is also being prepared.

In addition to these projects, the local history project is currently being revised and edited for publication in local newspapers and we hope to expand it to a comprehensive local environmental history which is suitable for publication as a monograph.

Perhaps most importantly, this grant has stimulated interdisciplinary planning for environmental studies at Alma College



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The Alma Jaycees are sponsoring their 6th Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28 & 29, in the P.E. Center. Friday's games at 7 and 9 p.m. include Marion College, Illinois Benedictine, Saginaw Valley and our own illustrious Sports. Saturday features a consolation game and the tourney championship. Your admission will be \$1.25 adults, .75 students, or \$2.00 for both nights for adults.

Phagg's Bag

By Doug Davis
Sports Editor



December is that colorful month when the full excitement and pagentry of college football captivates Americans across the nation. Four major bowl games and a dozen other less publicized post-season games will be played during our coming break. All of them will be on TV New Year's Day.

The bowl games are the culmination of 14 weeks of gridiron contests played by some 600 college teams across the nation. These teams took to the field in more than 300 stadiums each Saturday, since September 1, in which more than 30 million fans enthusiastically turned out to support their favorite collegiate team.

Football on the college level is truly something special. Considering the entertainment aspect of the game, institutions of higher learning provide the best available in sport. There "tail-gate picnics" to be enjoyed, some of the world's best marching bands, three-plays-a-minute action, and the game brings added revenue to many

In the grand daddy of all the bowl games, the Rose Bowl, two of the top teams in the nation, the University of Southern California will meet the undefeated once tied, Ohio State Buckeyes. Of course, we in Michigan will never forget, as I'm sure Bo won't in the league next year, the "pimp-job" the Big Ten pulled on the University of Michigan three weeks ago. Criticism has flowed from the pens of many writers concerning this grave mistake. What else can be said except that the Big Ten Conference wanted to send the "most representative team" to the Rose Bowl this year and they blew it. This will clearly be shown when the Hojans clean the Buckeyes' clock with their aerial circus.

Of all the games, the Sugar Bowl will hold the most acclaim, as the winner should be crowned the collegiate national champion.

Alabama and Notre Dame, two undefeated powers, will knock heads. In this super-matchup, my favorite is Bama. But, the Irish were embarrassed last year in the Orange Bowl, 0-6, at the hands of Nebraska. Irish head coach Ara Parseghian announces he wants to make "amends" this year.

Against a common foe, Miami, Alabama dealt them a 43-13 loss earlier in the season, while N.D. shut out the Hurricanes 49-0 at the season's end.

Texas will lock horns with Nebraska and this should provide a good exciting contest between two evenly matched squads. Like Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

Last, and probably a mis-match of teams is the Orange Bowl. Louisiana State University will really get a jolt from undefeated Penn State. LSU was 9-1 when it was chosen to participate in the Orange Bowl. However, Tulane upset and shut-out the Tigers 14-0 in their final game of the season. This left LSU with a 9-2 record against 11-0 Penn State. Viewers will see the talents of State's John Capaletti, the 1973 Heisman Trophy recipient.

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Grab a couple cases of your favorite beer and enjoy the "Man man."

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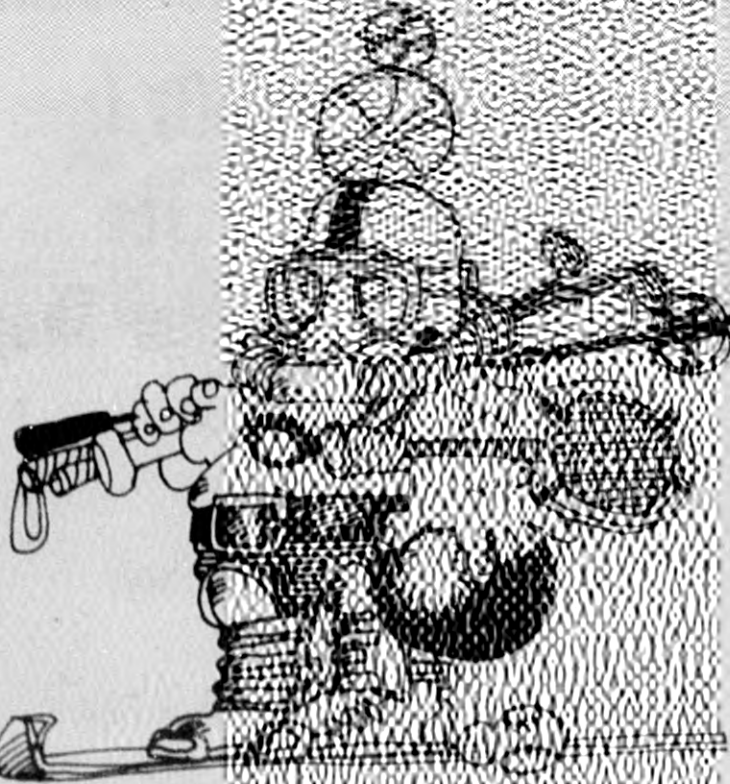
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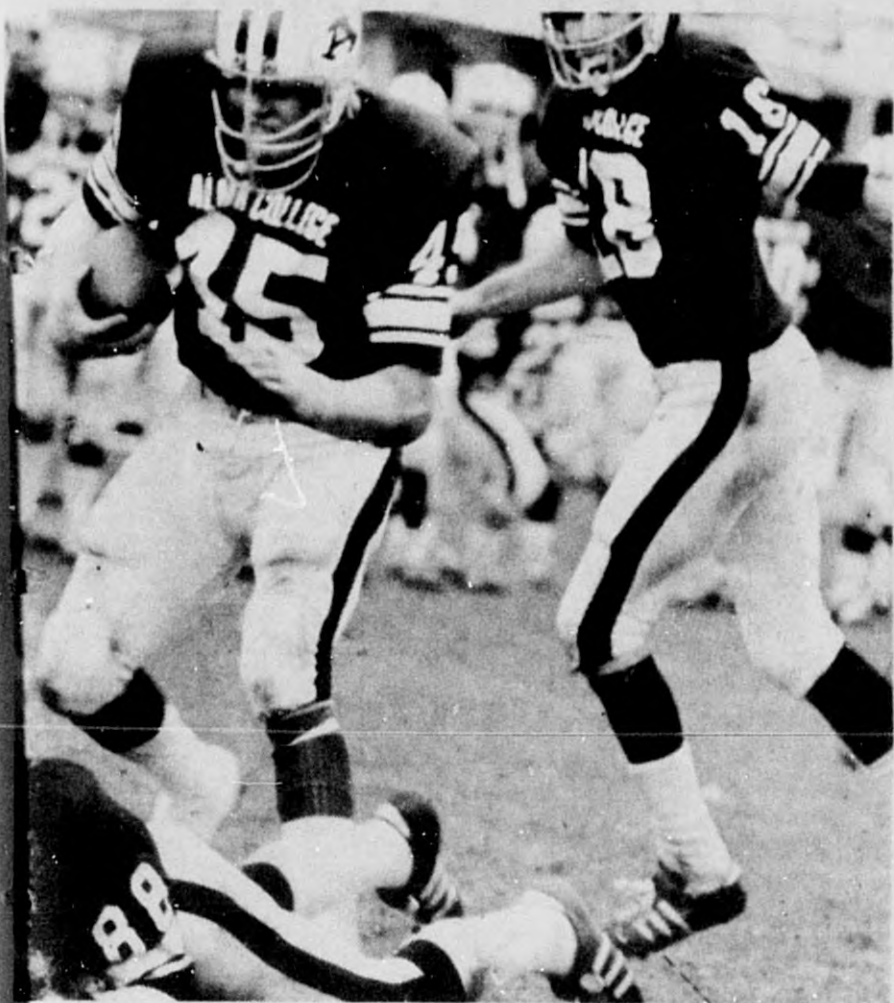
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COLE & SMITH GO ALL PRO



Smith (45) and Cole (18) on the attack.

Without a doubt the most interesting sports release thus far concerning Alma College athletics occurred yesterday, when two Alma SCOT football players signed professional football contracts.

Even though Alma didn't win a MIAA championship this season, those two players still came out on top. All-everything's Jim Cole and Bill Smith, SCOT quarterback and SCOT fullback, both put their respective signatures on a 1974 professional football contract. The contracts were signed with the Chicago Football Club, Inc. of the newly formed World Football League.

The World Football League, a budding association, plans on competing against the existing National Football League. Their philosophy, particularly in Chicago, is that they can replace the present NFL franchises in some U. S. cities, while also originating football teams in areas where the NFL does not have franchises.

The WFL already has ten gridiron squads and it is a secure possibility that it might contain at least another six teams across the globe. This would include franchises in Chicago, Illinois; Seattle, Washington; Tampa, Florida; Los Angeles, California; New York City; and Honolulu, Hawaii in the jurisdiction of the U. S. Other probable sites the WFL plans on having participate in the yearling organization are Toronto in Canada; Paris, France; Mexico City and Tokyo, Japan. Singer Frank Sinatra owns a portion of the Chicago Club, while golfer Jack Nicklaus owns another.

A midwestern scout for the WFL has been observing the two young stars for two seasons, coaxed the two young men into the solid con-

By Phagg Davis
Sports Editor

tracts. Coach Phil Brooks had nothing but praise for his two captains when he met the scout. He feels Cole and Smith have an excellent future as professional ball-players.

Smith had also been contacted by the New York Jets of the NFL. He was expected to go in the late rounds of the NFL college draft to the Jets. Smith was hampered by an ankle injury all season, when he twisted it on a 33-yard touchdown run in the first game of the season. Last year, Smith became one of the most productive offensive backs in Alma College history. He broke the single game rushing record against Grand Valley State College racking up 212 yards.

Meanwhile, quarterback Cole lead the MIAA in total offensive yardage and total passing yards this year. He was selected All-MIAA and All-N.A.I.A. for his outstanding performances. Exclaimed Cole, "For the first time in my life, I've been at the right place at the right time."

In the small confines of Hamilton Commons Thursday afternoon, these two men took a giant step. Indeed, Christmas came early for Jim Cole and Bill Smith.



Douma Acquires Assistant Coach

Gene Gifford, a recent graduate of Olivet College, will serve as Coach Ed Douma's assistant this year. Coach Gifford will be responsible mainly for the junior varsity team, as well as helping in the areas of scouting and recruiting.

Coach Gifford is a 1968 graduate of Shelby High School, where he earned nine varsity letters including three in basketball. Gifford was an All-League player for two years as a prep. He began his

college career at Muskegon Community College, where he played basketball for two years. While at Muskegon CC, Gifford was nominated to the Outstanding College Athletes of America board. He then finished his B.A. degree at Olivet College where he played for the 1972 MIAA Champions.

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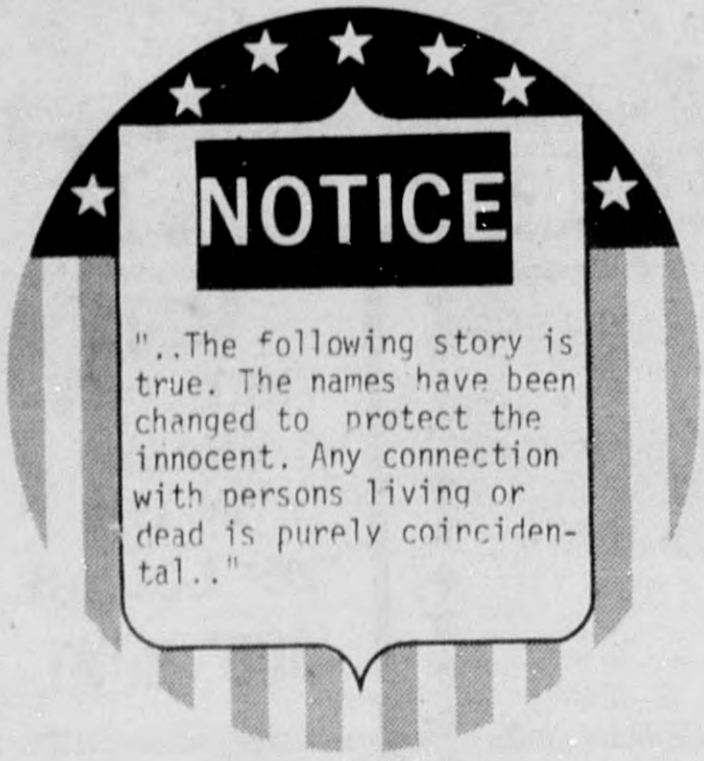
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From The Annals Of Alma's History

MISS KRUMP-WHERE ARE YOU

by Mark T. Harasim



It was a day much like any other during the winter of 1942. A layer of new fallen snow covered the ground from the night before. The morning was its usual beginning of another hectic day-people rushing and pushing their way to work. But for Mildred Krump, it was a day that would not be forgotten easily for many. People still speak in a hushed whisper when they discuss "what happened to Miss Krump."

Before we can accurately review this bizarre case, some important questions must be answered. "Who was this Mildred Krump?" "Where did she come from?" "What did she do?" "What happened to her?" "Where did she buy her underwear?"

Mildred Krump, age 24, was a graduate of Vassar University. Because of campus apathy, Miss Krump was hired by campus officials as student Social Director. Mildred's job was to stimulate campus activity by scheduling various functions to draw the campus populace together. After two years of highly successful work, Miss Krump mysteriously disappeared on December 14, 1942. No traces as to the whereabouts of Miss Krump were ever found.

Because of Miss Krump's integrity and all-around good looks, Police Officials feared foul play was involved. After days of intensive investigation, an important clue was uncovered. It was reported that the beloved Social Director was last seen walking down Superior Street on the even-

ing of December 14, 1942 where she disappeared into a manhole. Edgar Williamson, of 1096 State Street testified that he was out walking his dog, Thor, when a young lady approached him and asked for his assistance with the manhole cover.

"She told me she was a free-lance plumber so I thought nothing of it," Williamson told officials. The city police were baffled; so baffled, in fact, a Special Investigator was called in on the case from Chicago. Inspector Eugene Pharse, who had intensive training and experience in manhole cases, was assigned to the Krump problem. He assured City Police Officials that the case would be solved quickly.

Pharse called for the immediate cooperation of the citizens. Because Miss Krump was last seen descending into a manhole, Pharse authorized an immediate backwash of the sewers to be scheduled. At approximately 8:00 p.m. on December 20, 1942, citizens were instructed to flush their toilets in unison. Police officials, partly because of the suspense, and partly because of the smell, waited breathlessly for any trace of the missing body. Unfortunately, Miss Krump was not found. Another aspect of tragedy was also added to the case. The backwash had caused a horrible flood of sewer filth. Citizens were in a state of shock. This was the first time tragedy had struck the small college campus. City crews worked unrelentlessly to stop the horrors of the flood. Hundreds fled their homes in search of higher ground to escape the flood. Luckily, a small mound of land was found just outside the city limits. People knelt down and gave thanks for finding the precious land. Upon finding this higher ground of safety, the grateful citizens proclaimed a day of annual celebration and thanksgiving. The celebration still continues yearly; The High-Land Festival.

The police officials and the inspector continued their search, but were unsuccessful. After the floods were cleared, a small Memorial Service was held for Miss Krump. The town gradually returned to its normal state of well-being. Much of the gossip about Miss Krump ceased to be heard. Alma had forgotten their beloved Social Director, Mildred Krump.

However, one can not help but speculate on the subject of Miss Krump's disappearance.

"Was she really a free-lance plumber?"

Hardly. Mildred's landlady, Edna



ABOVE- A picture of the late Mildred Krump & the memorial funeral that was held December 23, 1942.

Carter testified that "Mildred's crowbar and wrenches were still under her pillow where she always kept them on the night in question."

"Was she forcefully seduced into the manhole by a sadistic city employee?"

No. Mr. Williamson's testimony disavows that theory.

"Was she bringing chicken soup to a sick person that was conducting a Psychology experiment with rats in their natural habitat?"

Impossible. Mildred hated chicken soup. Miss Krump's case was indeed, a perplexing one. Several questions go unanswered concerning the case. Edgar Williamson was the last person to see Mildred alive. Many people suspected Edgar of the foul crime. Unfortunately, Mr. Williamson passed away before he could be brought to trial. Edgar

was hit by a milk truck making a late delivery one day after Miss Krump's disappearance.

This year marks the 31st Anniversary of Miss Krump's disappearance. For many, it will pass unnoticed. But for those of us that knew her, (or knew of her), December 14, 1973, will be a sad day indeed. Think of Mildred Krump; know her grief and tragedy. And one of these wintery nights, when a layer of new fallen snow is on the ground, kneel down and put your ear to a manhole cover and listen. If you don't get hit by a car, you may hear Miss Krump's mellow voice echoing through the caverns of the sewer calling her beloved. "...Thh-orr... Thor...Thorr...". If you do, run inside and flush the toilet. Who knows, it may work this time.



ABOVE- Inspector Eugene Pharse- the special investigator from Chicago that was assigned to the Krump Case.

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Humanist Society Sponsors Poetry Contest

The Humanist Society of Greater Detroit is sponsoring a 1974 World Humanist Day Poetry Contest. Winners of the contest win \$100 for first prize, \$50 for second prize, and \$25 for third prize.

The theme of this contest will be "Humanism as a way of life involving love, wisdom and nature, as related to human beings in today's social setting." A committee of professionals will select the winning poems. Winning poems will be announced on the World Humanist Day in April. Shortly after, they will be published in THE HUMANIST magazine.

The contest is open to any student or adult in Michigan who is a non-professional writer. Each writer may submit up to three poems. Any form or style of

poetry may be chosen in expression of the theme.

To enter, send 3 copies of each poem typed in double space, on standard size paper 8 1/2" x 11". No entries will be returned; but the copyright remains with the author. In the upper right hand corner, place your name and address and zip code. On a separate sheet of paper, send a brief biographical statement, including your age and occupation. Send all entries on or before March 1, 1974, to: Humanist Poetry Contest, Humanist Society of Greater Detroit, 137 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226.

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By Theodis Karshner

Photography an Art, Not a Profession, Says Davis



Phil Davis

Phil Davis, professor of art in the College of Architecture at the University of Michigan, addressed a small gathering at Clack Art Center Wednesday night on the status of photography in art. Davis, who has three books to his credit and exhibitions in many major cities, said that something is definitely going on in art photography even though contemporary trends are difficult to figure out.

Because of the lack of jobs in photography Davis feels that it should not be taught as a profession. Photography's most valid use is as an art and it should

be personally fulfilling.

Davis traced the history of photography using slides of photograph reproductions. He stressed that ever since photography came into existence in the 1840s it has had a reputation as a non-art among painters. The rivalry between artists and photographers began when the latter gentlemen mastered the complex developing methods and concentrated on imagery. Artists detested the use of photography out of the fear that it would corrupt art. Davis quoted one painter who predicted that photography would never be more

than a "servant of the sciences." In other words, photography would be a tool much like the use of shorthand in business.

Around 1910 photographers perfected imagery and moved into other areas. Some photographers manipulated subjects while others chose to capture straight reality. Photography became a necessary tool in advertising propaganda.

And, of course, photography was used a great deal in personal expression.

Davis said the recent appearance of photography in many curriculums is proof of its expanding popularity. However, he believes many of today's shutterbugs will put aside their cameras and become future consumers of good photography.