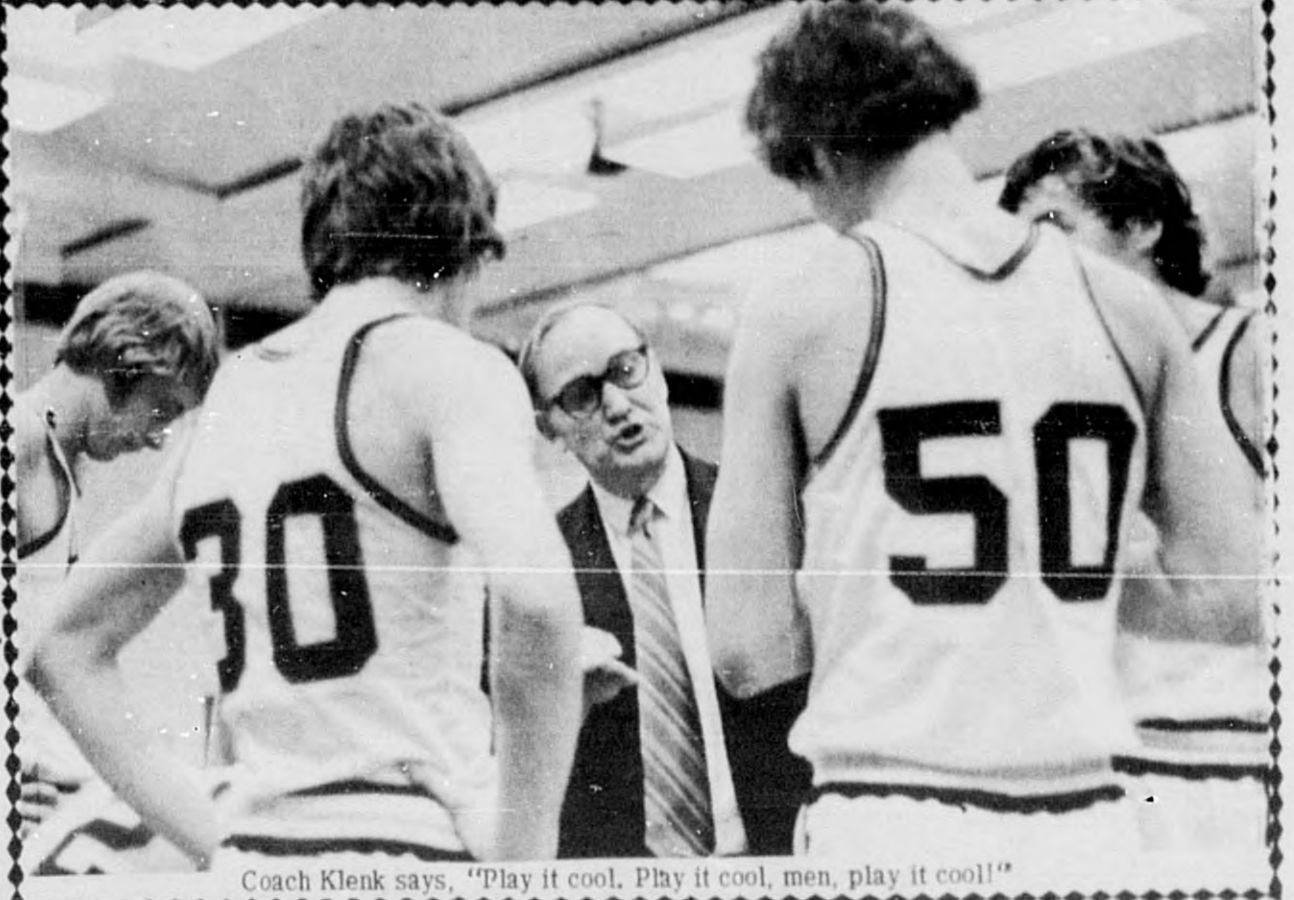


BIG DAVE MEYER GOES UP FOR A HOOK AGAINST HOPE



Coach Klenk says, "Play it cool. Play it cool, men, play it cool!"



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Alma dropped to 4-7 in league competition Saturday afternoon by falling to Calvin College by a score of 92-72. The Scots and Knights found themselves at 40-all at halftime, but the Calvinists exploded while the Scots played dead in the second half. An away contest at Kalamazoo on February 28 will close out a dismal season for the basketballers.

Women B-Ballers Capture Tourney

By Bev Palmreuter

Alma's Women's Varsity Basketball team captured the Class B championship in the MIAA invitational on Saturday by defeating both Kalamazoo 76-34 and Albion 46-23. Hope College captured the A division by defeating Olivet and Adrian.

Alma played its best games of the season against K-Zoo and Albion with excellent teamwork on

offense, moving the ball well and working inside the key and also excellent defense, keeping out the opponent's offense and rebounding well. All the Alma players saw action in both games. Marcia Simmons did an outstanding job on defense in rebounding. Deb Mapes was high scorer with 21 points, Marcia Simmons had 20 points, Bev Palmreuter - 12, Amy Currier - 11, Veda Ponder - 6, Melissa Lloyd - 4, and Ellen Miller had two points. In the Albion game, Amy Currier was high scorer with 11 points, Bev Palmreuter and Deb Mapes both had 10 points, Veda Ponder and Marcia Simmons both had 7 points and Ellen Williams had 1 point.

Saturday's tournament concluded the basketball season with Alma ending up with a 4-6 overall record, 3-3 in the MIAA. Alma really came on strong in the last half of the season winning 3 of the last 4 games. Alma displayed a marked improvement in teamwork on offense and defense. Two players in particular, Jo Jo O'Leary and Melissa Lloyd improved much over the season. Marcia Simmons and Bev Palmreuter, the only two seniors playing on the team, finished a fine basketball career at Alma College. Next year's basketball season looks promising with many returning underclassmen.

Tankers Finish Last in League Meet

Alma swimming concluded Friday and Saturday as the team finished fifth at the MIAA Championship at Calvin College. This year's meet was by far the strongest and most competitive in the league's history but defending champion Kazoo finished first while Albion grabbed second. Third place honors went to Adrian while Calvin touched out Alma for fourth. Alma finishes in a fourth-place tie with Calvin in the final league standings, owing to an earlier dual meet victory over the Knights.

Two freshmen gained most of the honors for Alma in individual competition. Jim Davis turned in a remarkable performance to take a fourth in the one-meter diving and a third in the three-meter event in a strong field. John Flaherty took sixth in the three meter diving to compliment

Davis' efforts. Another freshman, Tom Flewelling, took two sixth places in his specialties, the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke. Also adding points was the 400 yard medley relay team of Mike Bush, Flewelling, Dave Lady and Bruce Dulin by copping fifth position. Another fifth place was recorded by the 400 yard free relay foursome of Doug Stosick, Bush, Dulin and Lady. This meet marked the end of a four year swimming career for senior Lady, who becomes Alma's first four year swimming letterman.

Coach Art (Tiger) Smith feels next year will be a good one for the team as only Lady will not be returning. With the addition of a few good freshmen swimmers next year's team should be the best in the history of Alma swimming, assuming the men that swam on this year's squad stick it out for another grueling season.

SCOTS BLOW LEAD, THEN GAME

By Dave Salvette

Jack Klunder sank four free throws in the final minute of action last Wednesday as the Flying Dutchmen from Hope College nipped Alma, 72-71. The loss dropped Alma to 4-6 in the MIAA.

The Scots streaked to an early 12-4 advantage in the contest, but apparently Coach Klenk couldn't stand the prosperity as he made a few untimely substitutions that allowed Hope to tie the game. However, Alma did take a 39-37 lead into the locker room at intermission.

Hope took command in the early minutes of the second half. The two-point deficit was converted into a somewhat comfortable six-point bulge at the six-minute mark. Brian Vriesman, Lee Brandsma, and Dave Harmelink led the Dutchmen charge.

The Hope lead fluctuated between two and six-points until the 14-minute mark of the final half when Jim Barnhart scored his first of three consecutive buckets to tie the game at 67-all. Tom Wolters hit on the first of a one-and-one situation to give Hope a one-point lead following Barnhart's one-man show.

It was at this stage in the contest that Klenk made a coaching error, or at least the fans and players thought so. Obviously, Klenk does not subscribe to former Detroit Tiger Manager Mayo Smith's "hot hand" theory. The evidence was the removal from the game of Barnhart, the player that had just tied the game with some fine moves, for Bahle, the player that had sat on the bench for much of the second half. However, the verbal abuse from the crowd did not take place because Bahle was inserted into the game, but for the fact that Barnhart was taken out of the lineup.

Someone may have asked them-

self why Bahle could not have replaced someone else. One must remember this was Bahle's last home appearance and it would be a great way to close out an outstanding career by winning a game single-handedly in the final minute. The major reason why Bahle could not go in for another player was the result of Klenk's rigidly structured offense that included a double-post position which is suited to only a few players on the squad.

Bahle missed an opportunity for the Scots to take the lead when his shot from the corner hit the front and back of the rim with 40 seconds left. Hope called timeout with 34 seconds showing on the clock. It was during this pause that Pat Cwayna took himself out of the game for Barnhart, realizing that he had hit on only one for six in the second half and was not helping the team.

Klunder was fouled, and proceeded to hit a pair on a one-and-one situation. Bruce Moss came back with a two-pointer to cut the lead to one. Klunder was fouled again, and repeated his previous effort. Bahle came back, missed a long shot, stole the rebound, and drove in for a layup with four seconds left. Brandsma called a timeout, but in the confusion the referees did not hear his plea and the clock ran out with Hope holding a one-point margin.

Brandsma led all scorers with 23 points. Vriesman copped 20 markers, and Harmelink added 17. Moss led the Scots with 18. Barnhart and Bahle scored 14 points each.

Alma hit only 41% in the second half, yet came out with 48% overall. The Dutchmen hit 43 percent in both halves from the floor, which proved sufficient to dump the highly-talented but unmotivated Scots.





AS I SMELL IT Student Turnout Disappointing At King Concert

by Theodis Karshner

Last weekend's B.B. King concert was definitely one of the finer moments at Alma College in a long while. For a change there was some good hassle-free entertainment. The only thing that irked me was the lack of Alma College faces in the crowd.

The crowd at Sunday night's performance did justice to the "King of Blues" and I'm sure he left this campus feeling anything but blue. Mr. King had the crowd on its feet throughout the evening. His repertoire was similar to that of a church service. One minute he'd have you standing, stomping, and singing, and the next minute you could sit back as B.B. wailed his slow gutsy blues. King and his guitar, Lucille, had control of the audience all night.

Approximately 1500 customers paid for the performance. Everyone had a good vantage point and the sound was excellent. But, only about 400 of those 1500 who witnessed the affair were Alma College students.

400 students is roughly one third of the student population. That doesn't seem too bad until you consider two things: 1) 700 students attended the U.B.-L.F.C. party the evening before and 2) 300 students attended the Dow Flick.

For three years I have heard echoed around this campus the complaint that "we never get any good entertainment." I can no longer buy this gripe when over 800 students wander around while one of the world's best shows can be had for \$2.50.

I am personally tired of the Alma College social life--drink beer to taped music one night and catch the flick the next night. Obviously, though, more people would rather continue this pattern than try something new.

How many people sampled both the party Saturday night and the concert Sunday night is not known. I would estimate that quite a few attended both, which would leave a good deal of our student body latent (or at home).

Union Board, like Sam Food or the Health Center, is often the butt of jokes. After last year's fiasco performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar" they were the campus goat.

This year under the leadership of John Wilson U.B. has made a valiant effort to "clear their name." Wilson wisely chose to have booze at the Homecoming Dance because "it would bring about campus unity." And certainly enough it did.

U.B. dished out \$6500 for the King concert. Fortunately they advertised over WFYC in Alma and circulated posters at Michigan State University and Central Michigan University. In the end they lost in the neighborhood of \$2000.

I can now sympathize with the Union Board. They worked hard and the concert was bomb. It's too bad our student body is so lame. And it's little wonder why we don't get top-notch entertainment.

County Players Performing THE DESPERATE HOURS

The Gratiot County Community Players will present THE DESPERATE HOURS February 23, 24, 25, and March 2, and 3. Cindy Jacomo is directing with Maxine Hayden assisting.

Heading the family held under the grips of three desperate criminals is A.C. student Jim Marvin. Marilyn Hopper plays Eleanor Hilliard, a mother struggling to keep her family safe in the terror of chaos. A stubborn young daughter and a fearless ten year old son are portrayed by St. Louis residents Karen Lincoln and Daryl Clemons. In the role of Glenn Griffin, the young escapee bent on revenge, is the president of Gratiot County Players, Keith D. Hershberger. A.C. student Cliff Book fills the role of a younger brother, a much different criminal mind. Andrew Keys plays Robish, a man driven by animal impulse, who proves to be a real threat to anyone in his way. On the force fighting to find the escaped trio are John Leonard and Gary Sundell. The FBI--Sid LeBlanc and Jim Babcock works cautiously towards a safe conclusion, unaware of innocent bystanders who become involved. In these roles, Fred Sanford and Nancy Lemmen become entwined in the horror of the Hilliard family. Doug Coone of Alma College also meets his fate as his character is drawn into the web of this fascinating story.

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STATE INCREASES GRANTS

The following is fresh out of the Admissions Office, important information for all of you looking forward to another year at Alma College. To help meet the problems of rising costs, the State is making available more money through State grants. Legislation is also pending, and almost assured of passing to increase State scholarships.

Of primary concern for the Financial Aid Office is that all students who already have applications for these monies be sure to return the applications by March 5th. This is the deadline. However, the State has set up a procedure by which late applications may be filed and still be considered if there still be money available. Apparently, there is the feeling that money will be available for late applications.

The following is the standard information sheet made available by the Financial Aid Office for State Grant money. As was said, legislation is near to passing to raise State Scholarship money. All persons requiring financial aid (and who doesn't?) are urged to action now. If the money is there, somebody may as well tap it. Alma sure isn't getting any cheaper.

The maximum for Tuition Grants has been raised from \$800 to \$1,200 for next year, based on need. This is a 50% increase!!! Take advantage of it if you feel you qualify!

All students CURRENTLY receiving State of Michigan Scholarships or Grants will be sent renewal materials from the state office on January 29, 1973. The deadline for return of the application and need analysis statement is March 5, 1973. PLEASE NOTE: These materials will be sent to your home address so be sure to check to see if they have been received there and that you complete and return them to the state office by March 5, 1973. If the materials have not arrived at your home address by the first part of February, you should contact the state office and advise them of this fact.

All other students who are Michigan residents who wish to apply for a state grant for the 1973-1974 academic year should secure a request card from Dr. Kimball's office and mail it to the state office by Monday, January 15. Send card requesting application if you: applied for aid this year, did not receive money from the state for any reason, and wish to be considered again in 1973-1974; applied for a residual grant but have not yet received any money from the state; or have never applied but feel that you may qualify for an award.

Applicants for a grant must: have been a resident of Michigan for 18 months prior to making application; be a United States citizen or have declared intention of becoming a citizen; be of good moral character; be enrolled at a private college (such as Alma); and demonstrate financial need. You will need to submit a need analysis form to the College Scholarship Service for their evaluation.

SPANISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION WEDNESDAY EVENING

Spain, the land of the "bullfight"; Cervantes and El Cid will be presented by way of slides and lecture this Wednesday night at 7:15 p.m. in Hamilton Lounge. Sponsored by the Alma College Department of Spanish, the presentation will be given by Bill Roberts and Kris Franz, both senior Spanish majors. Franz and Roberts were participants in the 1971-1972 University of Barcelona Study Program sponsored by Knox College of Galesburg Illinois. The Knox program, which consists of a year's study at the University of Barcelona and several extensive trips within Spain, affords the participant with an opportunity to become acquainted with the land and its people. Also, since the program provides housing with Spanish families, actual participation in the Spanish way of life is possible.

As a result of this year long emersion in Spanish culture, this Wednesday's program should be more extensive and culturally oriented than the average tourist oriented travel series. Main emphasis will be given to Barcelona, Madrid and surrounding areas, Grenada, Seville, Valencia and Cordoba. Other attractions that normally do not appear on a tourist's schedule, such as the Monastery of Poblet and the ancient Roman town of Rupit will also be visited. Major festivals to be covered will include "Las Fallas de Valencia" and the traditional processions of Holy Week. Roberts and Franz will be available after the presentation to answer questions about Spain and the various aspects of study in this fascinating country.

So, whether you are a budding scholar of Spanish, a world travel buff or just interested in a pleasurable break from the rigors of a term rapidly drawing to a close, you are cordially invited to attend. In other words, "come and join us on a Sojourn in the land of Spain."

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Dykstra, Hayden, Hayward, Named Kellogg Fellows

Alma College faculty members Wesley C. Dykstra, Maxine I. Hayden and Earl F. Hayward have been named Kellogg Fellows and will spend the second term of the 1973-74 academic year in research and study under the Faculty Development Program of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan (AICUM).

A grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to AICUM in 1970 provided funds for the Faculty Development Program.

Previous Kellogg Fellows from the Alma faculty have been Dr. Verne C. Bechill and William G. Klenk in 1970-71 and Dr. Henry E. Klugh and Dr. Irene C. Linder in 1971-72.

Dykstra, professor of philosophy

at Alma, plans to study in his field--particularly existentialist philosophy, philosophy of religion and esthetics--in Ann Arbor and possibly in Amsterdam.

Miss Hayden, associate professor of physical education, will study dance technique and composition and also take some work in Labanotation at schools of dance in New York or at a college or university which offers courses in those areas.

Hayward, associate professor of French, will study Afro-French Literature in Paris and simultaneously will direct Alma College's Program of Studies in France from January through April. During Alma's short term in the spring he will direct an

Alma study program at a provincial center.

Dykstra, a member of the Alma faculty since 1958, has served as president of the Michigan Conference of the American Association of University Professors and as a member of the National Council of that organization. A graduate of Northwestern Academy and the former Northwestern Junior College (now a four-year institution) in Orange City, Iowa, he holds a bachelor of arts degree from Hope College and bachelor of divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary. He has also studied at Columbia University.

Miss Hayden came to Alma College in 1961 after serving as an

assistant professor of dance at Michigan State University. Previously, she had taught in West Allis (Wis.) public schools and at the University of Florida. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Wisconsin State University at LaCrosse and a master of science degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Hayward also came to Alma in 1961. He taught in Fenton and Ann Arbor public schools, and he holds a B.A. degree from Alma College and an M.A. degree from the University of Michigan. Hayward was a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Strasbourg, France, and has also studied at the University of Laval, Quebec, and the University of Besancon, France.

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The Reasonableness of Amnesty



by Steve Kistler

The Vietnam war is officially over. We have seen our prisoners of war return. We are relieved that we probably will not get drafted, and we anticipate more national unity, less demonstrating, fewer campus riots.

For exiled deserters and their families, however, the uncertainty and anguish of the war period continue. The deserters are not good guys, nor are they bad guys. They are not heroes, nor are they villains. They are only ordinary human beings who, like the late Lyndon Baines Johnson and many other victims of the Vietnam war (and who of us is not one of its victims?), tried to make the best moral compromise in a painful situation. They could not accept strict pacifism, nor could they bring themselves to support this particular war.

Their alternatives were thus quite limited. Had they been concerned about nothing but saving their own hides, they might have joined some military branch, such as the Coast Guard, where their hides would have stood little chance of being found by Viet Cong bullets. They would have been home at a predictable time, and President Nixon would have counted them among the good guys.

For whatever reason, however, such a solution was unacceptable to them. Therefore, they suffered the mental anguish of making a decision which might separate them from life from their loved ones. They have lived for maybe five, maybe eight years in indefinite exile. Their families suffer the same uncertainty.

Nixon and many others, however, do not consider that price, even with the addition of "a junket in the Peace Corps," enough for them to pay. "Others had to go in their place," is part of the reasoning. But how do we know that Vietnam was "their place?" I was fortunate enough to be in college at the time when I would have been vulnerable for the draft; perhaps it was my place that those "others" took. Who of us is to say whose (if anybody's) rightful destiny it was to kill and to be killed in Vietnam?

More importantly, how many of the deserters wanted the war to be fought? We can hardly hold them responsible for making others take "their place" if their wish was to have "their place" left vacant. Something is a bit absurd about saying that A had to go because B deserted, when B

was pleading with A not to go either. Furthermore, opposition to the war was an important factor in persuading our government to stop drafting people and sending them to Vietnam. The deserters made a significant contribution to that opposition. It thus seems probable that the deserters actually helped keep some others from having to go and fight.

Another objection to amnesty is that allowing citizens to choose which wars they will fight would lead, by extension, to anarchy. Most people, however, accept neither absolute pacifism nor the premise that one absolutely should kill whenever and wherever (no exceptions) one may be commanded to kill. We will never agree as to where to draw the line, but shall we impose life-long exile on someone for drawing the line a little sooner than we do? How many of the non-pacifists who would refuse to kill in certain situations would ever favor anarchy? Anarchy and the right of sane people to freedom of conscience are two different things; let anyone show when in history the latter has led to the former.

Finally, it is argued, deserters are criminals and must therefore pay criminal penalty. Let us then review our usual reasons for punishing criminals. We jail them to protect society from them; do we need to protect society from the deserters? We try to rehabilitate criminals in jail; do we plan to rehabilitate deserters? Something about that frightens me. We jail criminals to discourage potential criminals; will martyring deserters discourage anyone from following his conscience?

One more reason remains for punishing deserters: Vengeance. Do we prefer to call it justice? Then who is to say at what point they will have done a just amount of suffering? Are we trying to make sure that the Vietnam war causes for every young American male exactly the same amount of misery, or what? Certainly what the war has already cost the exiles is far from negligible. If they deserve more punishment, let God, who has said, "vengeance is mine," administer it. The deserters are not perfect, but neither was the adulteress at whom Christ commanded whoever was innocent to cast the first stone. Let everyone who opposes amnesty examine his motives. What would Jesus say to us?

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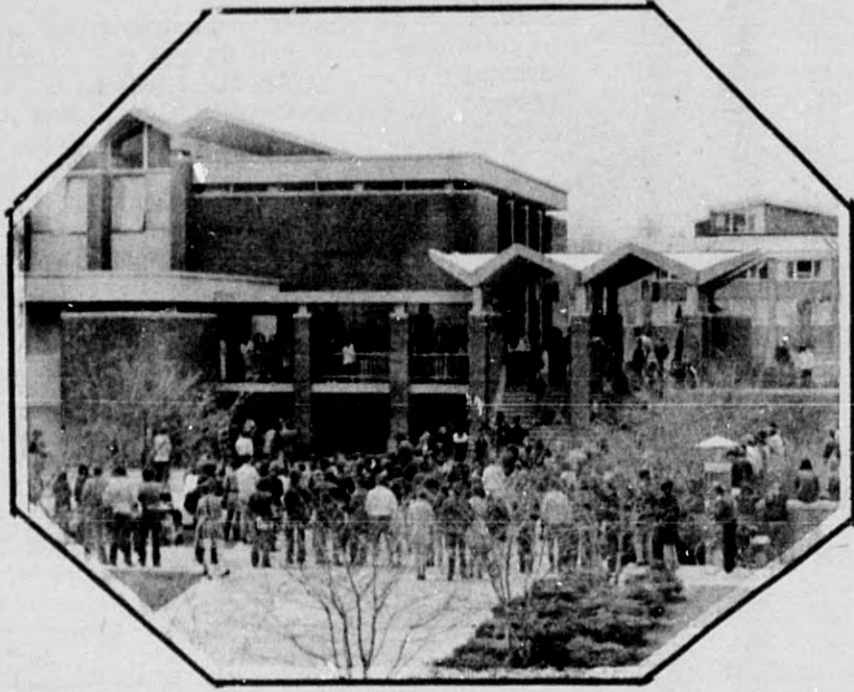
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CONCEPTS CONCERNING

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WORLD COMMUNITY



by Lynn Coddington



Historically, American man is typically portrayed as the rugged individualist. This myth did not originate with the very beginnings of this country rather developed later after a firm foothold was wrested away from the new land. Some three to four hundred years ago, the hardy little bands of foreigners were just that - hardy, little bands. Survival was understood in simple terms, either work in community with your fellow settlers or perish. The significance of each death was magnified because of the size of the groups.

It is safe to assume that for the majority of those very early settlers, their personal and individual needs could only be realized within the context of their little community. The individual or family unit who dared or desired to remain apart was forced to use their own resources. In that recently-landed-upon uncompromising land, it would seem logical that very few men dared to go it alone.

As more seekers floated over and flowed into the country, strength came in numbers. The country was conquered bit by bit, the Indians beaten back, slowly the foreigners gained assurance and, though still living basically in a community increasing numbers decided to challenge the continuing wilderness alone. The community remained but lessened in importance. The glory came to those who dared risk their lives alone.

Thus starts the myth common to this country. Look back to good old Natty Bumppo, an old pathfinder, as almost alone, he challenges the wilderness and the heathens. Just change the situation by moving ahead a few years, introduce business and industry and the Horatio Alger myth becomes a continuum stretching from Natty, up to the present and progressing onward.

The familiar figures formed from the mold of the rugged individualist include such personages as Lincoln and Carnegie. Their personal success stories have become so idealized that the desires of too many young persons center on the acquisition of those same goals, whether or not each person is capable, able or lucky enough. Failure becomes a traumatic experience. Claw, climb, scramble, push, grasp, strive, onward, upward, drive for those millions or for that office and its accompanying glory. If somebody gets hurt along the way, the end always rationalizes the means.

Literary figures such as Hamlet and authors like Hemingway reveal that the state of mind is so pervasive even the written word embodies it. So many of Hemingway's "heroes" represent the man alone, adrift, forced to contend with a world which threatens and often overcomes the man a-part. Apparent or not, we glorify individualism and live our lives according to that ingrained myth.

And what has all this glory given to the individual done? Our idealized individual who conquered the new land, or made his millions through his own endeavors, or who wrote his way right out of the log cabin into the White House, all these glory guys are gone and we're left with a myth so distorted that the implications are frightening. Our rugged individualist has developed into the autonomous man. Manifestations of this appear everywhere throughout society.

We find ourselves living now in a strange world, one advancing so swiftly technologically and changing so rapidly in a myriad of ways that the autonomous man is lost in a maze of conflicts with no one to help him confront the world but himself. We have for so long lived the myth that now it is our reality. Of significance, however, is a lack of community understanding of these changes. Our family units are such that in our individual suburbia homes, in city apartments, and on country farms, we are indeed living a-part. Our family structure reflects our separateness. We do not have an extended family structure, so once the children leave or the parents die, the survivors are forced in upon themselves to cope with the world without the strength of community life.

Our technological specialization has developed to such a degree that persons programmed into one area are hardly able to communicate with those of another. But lack of communication plagues not only the technological world, it pervades all aspects of our lives, as well it might, given the determined persistence in the now distorted myth. Typical of this absurdity is the continued practice by this country (as well as others) to

refuse to recognize the existence of those governments whose ideology is in opposition to our own. In this sense, the concept of the individual and the community takes on a much larger meaning - individual countries versus world community.

Witness how long it has taken for the government of this country to acknowledge the presence of the millions of Chinese living half a world away. The failure to do so represents about as much intelligence as the young child who closes his eyes so as not to see something threatening. If it can't be seen, it can't exist. However, closing one's eyes to 800 million Chinese doesn't make them go away.

For the absurd pursuit of our separate ways within the world, we are made to suffer the agonies of a Viet Nam, the Six Day War, Ireland's strife and war in general. We expend all our energies in separate arms races, harnessing the atom for man's destruction foremost, his salvation secondly. In the nationalistic drive to either "catch up" or "get ahead," each country blindly creates their own ecological destruction and then cries out stupidly about energy crises. C. Buckminster Fuller wrote a little book whose title captures the essence of how we must look at the world if ALL mankind is to survive--SPACESHIP EARTH. That we are all captive upon this spaceship is, at the same time, the essence of our unification if we can only realize it. Therefore, if we are to continue our existence, it must be as a community of workers dedicated to working for the good of ALL mankind. To save this earth before each country exhausts it, a world community effort must develop.

The problem seeps through the political and the social to religious life as well. How many bloody wars have been fought in the name of God? A "holy" war is a contradiction in itself but the crusaders continued. In Ireland right now, in the name of God, the people are committed to a bloody civil war which can have no better end result than the mere existence of a country torn apart politically, socially and religiously. Even if that strife is resolved, there will be no reconciliation until individual differences are forgotten and the community rebuilt.

The very existence of separate theologies, especially those committed to the necessity of converting those "non-Christians" represents the persistence in the individual over the community. A community committed to the brotherhood of man can not persist in believing in a mutually exclusive dichotomy - my way is right, your way can only be wrong.

Another manifestation of the pursuit of the individual good can be discovered in actions against minority groups. One might object that the very labels majority and minority constitute community but not in the sense I am using the term. This country is grossly in fault for its dealings with blacks and Indians. But the southern cotton complex had to grow and the country had to expand so man stepped on his fellow man. The aborigines of Australia have been experiencing the same inhumanity and will continue to do so as will all other groups unfortunate enough to be a minority in a world without a concept of community.

Examples could continue ad nauseum but one gets tired of the subject. A long time ago when this country was struggling to survive, those individuals who separated themselves from the crowd, strove to the top and achieved their goal provided a commendable example and a valuable impetus for further development. However, the times and the situations are radically different than those experienced by our historical fellow man. We no longer need this type of individual endeavor to the extent that it subverts the necessity of community action (national and world-wide). On the very grassroots level, communal living represents a re-dedication to the strength of interaction found within a community. While admittedly not always successful, it does make available to man his fellow man when he is needed.

Unfortunately, there will probably be no remedy for the rapidly deteriorating situation without a radical change in thought. Until all men look at all men as brothers without qualification, there can be no hope of meeting the challenges of this world as a community of men. As John Donne put it so well, "No man is an island, entire of itself..."

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Death is an inevitability few of us will acknowledge, but which lurks in the dark recesses of our fearful minds. What is it about death which terrorizes us so? Its finality. We are wary of anything that can not be reversed or repaired. The pill is the most popular form of birth control because it can become ineffective simply by not taking it. Sterilization is considered only as a last resort because of the chances the process can't be reversed.

Except now the line between life and death isn't as distinct as we thought. Part of this is due to a changed definition of death. It used to be that death was when the heart stopped beating. Certain mystics can stop their heartbeats (at least audibly), then revive themselves. They are not dead, although to an observer they would appear so. Heart transplants have made it possible for a man to live without a heart for a short time. For our own peace of mind, we need a more accurate definition of death.

We could say that death is the absence of brain waves. This would prevent final judgement of death until the person was hooked up to a machine to measure brain waves. Would it have to be the total cessation of all brain activity? What about people whose waves are so slow and infrequent (if such a thing is possible) that they're almost dead, but not quite? Isn't it possible that the brain could stop functioning while the heart keeps beating? Let's change our definition to "the ceasing of all bodily processes." That would take care of heartbeat, brain waves, and any other internal activity. There is still the question of the distinction between slowing down and stopping, but this will do for now.

Death is a very undependable evil. Sometimes it isn't even an evil, but a cure. If a person is terminally ill or in so much pain that all that can be done for him is to "make him comfortable," death is a welcome relief. Yet what would make him most comfortable, death, is often denied. If a person has the right to live, as abortion foes say, doesn't he have the right to die? Evidently not.



THONATOPSIS II

Doctors are trained to try to save lives at any cost, regardless of whether they can do any good. Often a patient expresses the wish to die, and the doctor won't permit it. The reasoning makes sense in a way. If he does let his patient die, he may be charged with murder, like the woman just a few days ago who killed her mother because she told her to. In the movie "Johnny Got His Gun," this problem was encountered. The doctors would not let him die, even though he pleaded with them. The happiest part of the movie was, ironic to our usual way of thinking, when the nurse tried to kill him. Then we shared his misery when he was revived.

This matter of euthanasia is a legal one as well as a moral one. Why should a person who wants to die be forced to live? Each patient who feels there is no point in living should sign a written release giving his doctor permission to do nothing to sustain his life, or to take steps toward ending his life. Every person, even if he's healthy, should make provisions for a next of kin to take action if the person should be unable to prepare this document. It should be prepared according to the law, and witnessed by a legal authority, as well as a member of the patient's family and two members of the medical profession, including his doctor. The same people should be present when the planned death occurs.

Of course, such a drastic step should not be taken without careful consideration. What is needed is counseling on how to handle death. There are some organizations that not only advise the dying on how best to handle their last affairs, but also for the family of the dying to help them adjust.

If nothing is certain in life except death and taxes, why should the IRS assist taxpayers while no one helps the dying or bereaved. Death should not be a subject to be whispered about. With a mature attitude and resignation to the fact, we don't need to fear death any longer.

Salesmen Needed For Scotsman

Anyone with a car and a little free time interested in selling ads for the yearbook should contact either Rich Geord or Mary Modeen.

TeKE

Corner

On March 14, the Tekes took 20 rushees to a Saginaw Gears hockey game. A good time was had by all. (No one got arrested.)

On March 2 Alma College TKE's will have an all-campus afternoon T.G. to celebrate our 15th anniversary as a Teke Chapter.

On Friday, February 23 the TKE's sisters of KI sorority, and the Tekes had a swim party followed by refreshments at the TKE House.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wapa's Congratulated

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Yellow Springs Observatory and our fellow organizations throughout the country, I would like to congratulate the Alma College Wapakoneta Astrologers on taking a spring pledge class. We recognize these new members as potential outstanding astrologers who will do their very best to enhance the organization as well as enrich the further examination of our celestial neighbors. May the stars be with you, the wind at your back, the sun on the other side of the world, Halley's comet come within your lifetime and the clouds never overhang your telescope.

Mr. Ryan Brian Orion, Chief Astrologer
The Yellow Springs Observatory
Antioch College
Yellow Springs, Ohio 43452

Paris vs London

To the Editor,

What a surprise reading Steve Beery's article about London! Would you think about comparing a good hamburger and a shrimp cocktail? Would you think about comparing 5th Avenue and Greenwich Village? It's exactly what Steve did in contrasting Les Champs Elysees and Picadilly Circus. Without considering the fact that you can't get to know a city like London in three days, it seems totally unfair to us to pit the "freak" part of London against the fanciest and richest part of Paris.

We don't mean to be blind nationalists; we do agree with Steve in saying that Paris is rather "cold," and that foreigners (mostly American people) are not always welcome. It's too bad Steve isn't going to read this answer; we would advise him to walk around in "Le Quartier Latin" where he could meet a lot of informal and very human students.

We hope many of you will have the opportunity to go over there and solve this great conflict!

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Gets Down With B.B. King

To Editors of ALMANIAN:

At last Alma College gets down and has a happening! The Union Board has it's head together--Hoorah! For the first time in years, music lovers gather together on this fine little campus to indulge in some toe-tapping tunes. "Blues" is the magnet--the best blues music that can be found! B.B. King puts on the show.

B.B. King has been called the "King of Blues" for several years now and he sure lives up to his title. Along with his back-up group, the "Unusuals," he puts out some cherry-sweet melodies. The Unusuals is a sort of big-band jazz group (with baritone, tenor, and alto saxophones, a trumpet and trombone, drums, bass and rhythm guitars and an excellent piano player). B.B. King does the singing as he jams out lead guitar parts. The energy put on by these musicians is enough to send a few thousand people sky high. It's just fantastic!

B.B. King plays around with several different styles of music, always keeping blues as a base. He tickles the ears of the audience with fancy finger work on his guitar solos. Ears begin to wilt when he does his excellent skill of blending tones of feedback. He puts out some heavy duty soul, and then comes right back with old honkey-tonk pantomimes. The alto sax gives a creamy serenade solo like nothing that's ever been heard

before. Then B.B. comes on strong with his favorite jams--all-and-out blues. He really gets serious feeling and vibrating each and every note. One of his most well known tunes, "The Thrill is Gone," sends the audience down, down into musical hypnosis.

It's an experience, for sure, just to see this great man express his love for music. He gets into what he is playing and takes the audience right along into this mellow-pie of sounds. At times the people are swaying and jiving in slow and slinky jams. The pace picks up; and hand clapping and whistling are just a part of a lively, foot stomping rhythm. B.B. gives people a chance for good times and smiles when he puts on his honkey-time "black" tunes. Mr. King also brings love into his show and gets the audience to join in singing for peace and brotherhood. He's a beautiful dude!

It was a fine, fine concert put on by a fine, fine blues artist. If anyone has the chance, he should experience the bitter-sweet jams of B.B. King's blueberry-grape blues.

P.S. Hats off to the Union Board for getting it all together. It's just too bad more of the campus didn't take the opportunity for such a mellow experience! Maybe next time at another concert--sure hope there will be more concerts. Some of us are behind it. Cheers from,
Linda Pitts!



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A League

Faculty	20-8
OX	18-10
ZS	16 1/2-11 1/2
TKE	16 1/2-11 1/2
Wright	16-12
Mitchell	15-13
DGT	14-14
New Dorms	14-14
Bruske	10-18

Ind. High Game of Wk.--R. Meyers (236)
 Ind. High Game of Sea.--J. McNally (265)
 Ind. High Series of Wk.--D. Vogt (548)
 Ind. High Series of Sea.--J. McNally (574)
 Team High Game of Wk.--ZS (809)
 Team High Game of Sea.--Faculty (887)
 Team High Series of Wk.--TKE (2281)
 Team High Series of Sea.--OX (2502)
 High Average--D. Freestone 18 3080 171
 R. Godefroidt 21 3550 169
 Honor Roll--R. Meyers 236
 D. Vogt 225- 548
 J. Parker 215 212 528
 Top 5--D. Freestone 171 for 18
 R. Godefroidt 169 for 21
 C. Bell 166 for 18
 J. Gibson 165 for 9
 S. Reimink 164 for 21

B League

DGT	19-9
TKE	17-11
Mitchell	17-11
New Dorms	16-12
ZS	14-14
OX	13-15

Ind. High Game of Wk.--R. Walker (197)
 Ind. High Game of Sea.--D. Sandgren (217)
 Ind. High Series of Wk.--R. Walker (485)
 Ind. High Series of Sea.--T. Dygert (540)
 Team High Game of Wk.--TKE (796)
 Team High Game of Sea.--TKE (796)
 Team High Series of Wk.--ZS (2164)
 Team High Series of Sea.--New Dorms (2229)
 High Average--T. Dygert 18 2786 154
 M. Clark 15 2290 152
 Honor Roll--R. Walker 197 485
 S. Douglas 196
 P. Nordquist 196
 Top 5--D. Dorrell 161 for 6
 T. Dygert 154 for 18
 M. Clark 152 for 15
 J. Cox 152 for 6
 D. Horne 151 for 9

I.M. BASKETBALL

A League

Bruske	6-1
New Dorms	5-1
DGT	4-1
TKE	4-2
ZS	4-2
Mitchell	3-4
OX	1-5
Wright	1-5
Faculty	0-5

B League

DGT	5-0
TKE	4-1
Mitchell	4-2
ZS	4-2
OX	3-3
Bruske	2-4
New Dorms	1-5
Wright	0-6

SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 26	A League	
	DGT vs. TKE	7:30
	Bruske vs. New Dorms	8:45
	Faculty vs. OX	8:30
	B League	
	DGT vs. TKE	6:15
Wednesday, Feb. 28	Bruske vs. New Dorms	6:15
	Mitchell vs. OX	7:30
	DGT vs. Wright	8:45
	TKE vs. ZS	8:30

WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

AO	9	0
Gelston	6	3
AZT	5	4
KI	5	5
Newberry	4	5
Bruske	3	7
GSS	1	10

SCHEDULE

2/27	8:00	Gelston vs. Newberry
		KI vs. GSS
	8:45	AZT vs. AO
3/1	8:00	Gelston vs. Bruske
		AZT vs. GSS
	8:45	Newberry vs. AO

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MORE LEECH THAN STUD

by mike marusak

As I see cohorts drinking brew
I exclaimed, "I'll leech!"
Oh, sure you can kike me!
Oh, you never leech off me, do you?

Kicking trow on the football field
Just like the studs that we are
Get that first down, don't leech
Oh no, a fumblestaff, you kiked.

Studying at the library
Making the so-called dean's list
But I finally leeched myself
When the prof sub-leeched
Result: a so-called low grade.

Going nuts at a party
Crazy studs are gatoring
Come on, bookworm
Gator, don't leech me!

Profs love to pour on work
And we love to study our staffs off
But in the end they pimp us
Thinking theirs is our only class.

Out on a date with a female
Drinking at the San Dondick
Both drunk at Newberry's door
No goodnight kiss! You kiked me!

Talk with Saga Dick one day
About the great food;
Eating one of their fantastic casseroles
Dick where are you? Dick you leeched!

Come on stud
Make that spare
Oops, gutterball
You leeched.

Please let me be diverse
In my actions on campus
No, no, says Joe Housing
I'm going to kike your curtains, ha,ha.

Studs go up to the Union Jack
Pinched the waitress and
Threw beer on a fag
Cut a hand on a pitcher, we leeched ourselves.

Please let's go smoke some reefer
I'll get high as a staff
Oh, no, we both kiked and leeched:
Reefer madness.

At the sports banquet, no place to sit
Cag's knows how to talk
Three hours worth
We leeched.

I think I'll catch some ice cream
Kiked! Blocked by a
Wild herd of Gelston girls
They leech (as desserts turn into pounds).

Kiked! Slipped and fell on my can
Due to a two month old snowfall
The conscientious maintenance crew
Leeched us again.

The library's selection of
Materials is overwhelming
Also, the light's humming is beneficial to my ears
Result: Montieth is for broke.

Don't go out with TEKES say female R.A.'s
For, behold they will rape you against your will
But alas, animals are humans too say many girls
The so-called traditional rumor is for leech.

TEKE's are studs for sure
So are KI's and Wright Hall hippies
But everyone is sometimes!
More Leech Than Stud.



Framed by branches of a nearby pine, workmen prepare forms for the roof of Alma College's new four-story Academic Center. Milder than usual weather this winter has helped to keep construction on schedule, and it is anticipated that the building will be ready for use by the end of this year. The Academic Center will include 61 faculty offices and 28 classrooms, two observation-classroom-testing facilities, a computer laboratory center and three psychology laboratories with adjacent experimentation rooms. The new building, the seventeenth major construction project at Alma within the past two decades, is located near the site of Old Main, a classroom-office building that was destroyed by fire in March of 1969.

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JACK ANDERSON'S WEEKLY SPECIAL



Probers' Target: Haldeman

by Jack Anderson

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WASHINGTON — The top target in the Senate investigation of the Watergate scandal will be President Nixon's chief of staff, Bob Haldeman.

Senate sleuths, we have learned, have tracked Watergate clues to the bright young men around Haldeman. There is solid evidence that at least two of Haldeman's proteges, Dwight Chapin and Gordon Strachan, knew of the Watergate operation.

The investigators will be able to show that Haldeman and Chapin were particularly close. On his way to the White House in the mornings, Haldeman used to route his limousine past Chapin's house and pick him up.

Chapin has admitted to the FBI that he ordered payments made for espionage and sabotage against Democratic presidential candidates during 1971 and 1972. White House insiders say that Chapin took his orders from Haldeman and could never have issued these instructions on his own.

Gordon Strachan also operated under the direct supervision of Haldeman. Senate investigators will be able to establish that Strachan was in direct touch with G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt, Jr., who directed the espionage operation against the Democrats. Both Liddy and Hunt were convicted at the Watergate trial.

White House press spokes-

man Ronald Ziegler has denied that Haldeman knew anything about the Watergate intelligence-gathering activities. But Ziegler, too, works directly under Haldeman's control. And the tight little circle around Haldeman seems determined to protect him at all costs.

The slightest suggestion that Haldeman had any knowledge of the Watergate affair brings howls of indignation. But at least one witness has told investigators that Haldeman himself issued the orders to organize the Republican espionage and sabotage operation.

Haldeman is the most powerful man in the White House, second only to the President. The Democrats in the Senate would dearly like to entangle him in the Watergate scandal.

Food for Profit

The vending machine companies pulled a sleeper last year that will increase their profits at the expense of children's eating habits. Their lobbyists slipped a clause in the federal school lunch program, which will permit vending machines to be installed in schools. This means candy bars, potato chips and soda pop will be available to children with pocket change while school lunches are being served.

From a federal standpoint, the Agriculture Department merely has to wave the checkered flag and the machines will be rolled into

the cafeterias to lure youngsters away from more nutritious food.

The venders, in a hurry to collect their new profits, are rushing efforts to install their machines in the cafeterias. Local soft drink bottlers in many states, for example, are writing governors advising them of the new law. A typical letter from Coca Cola advises the governor of New Mexico that President Nixon has signed the vending machine bill and that it will mean a boon to the state's economy.

What the soft-drink people don't say, of course, is that the money will come from the pockets of children who might otherwise drink milk rather than soda pop at lunch.

The competition from vending machines will also leave children with less money to spend on more wholesome cafeteria food. This could cause a serious setback for the federally-supported food service programs. These programs have trouble breaking even as it is.

Alarmed school officials, therefore, intend to raise a howl on Capitol Hill to get the law reversed. They will charge that Congress defaulted in its responsibility to encourage nutrition among school children. Even without the new lure of soda pop and candy bars in the cafeterias, one official told me, our schools are failing miserably to teach youngsters to eat the right foods.

Methodone Scandal

Medical officials have clamped the lid on a major methodone scandal in New York City. The scandal could discredit the nation's only widely accepted method of treating heroin addicts.

New York City, home of over half the heroin addicts in the nation, now treats

30,000 addicts in methadone programs. Methadone deaths have risen so meteorically during the past year that Gordon Chase, the city commissioner in charge of health services, has sought to quiet the criticism.

Competent sources tell me that Chase has ordered the city medical examiner's office to list the methadone deaths as "drug related" or "cause unknown" in an attempt to hide the methadone accidents. These sources say that 500 addicts died of methadone overdose last year. On at least one occasion, a young Puerto Rican was administered a fatal overdose by a physician in a New York hospital.

Many of the licensed methadone clinics are run for profit, sometimes by persons with no experience in the medical profession. A restaurateur and a building contractor, for example, operate methadone clinics.

At some methadone centers, doctors dish out the drug like short-order cooks, overprescribing methadone if the patients have the money to pay. Clinics closed for the weekends permit patients to take home extra dosages to last until Monday. Frequently, the patients resell the methadone to untreated addicts. Many heroin addicts supplement their "high" with other drugs. Experts consider methadone particularly dangerous when mixed with other drugs.

A spokesman for New York City's health services justified the practice of not mentioning methadone in all deaths that involve methadone. He explained that other drugs are also involved, so the examiners can't be sure that methadone caused the deaths. The spokesman acknowledged, however, that the methadone program in New York City is "looser than we would like."

Wapa

Predictions

After a long weekend in the big A & A, the Wapas are glad to be back among the strange but beautiful heads of Alma. We're also glad to see that Capt. Cocaine is winging his way out on telling the plastic past to you kiddies. But much as may have wished it, the Wapas are going to go right on predicting Alma's future. And here they are--our predictions for the coming week!

1. M.J.J. will be petitioned to go back to Japan.
 2. To get Dr. Wegner started on his tree planting fling, Clizbe House will give him 200 pine seeds.
 3. Molly Parrish will discover that a number of preregistration cards had been previously imperfectly permanently perforated by a dude known as the Philly Paper Puncher.
 4. Cole's bathroom facilities will break down. In an economy move, since Cole, will be torn down anyway, the College will not repair the fixtures but will replace them with a Portajohn on the front lawn.
 5. Dorothy Cherry will say of the Wapa predictions, "But they don't rhyme."
 6. And finally the Wapas are proud to announce that one of our pledges, Gene Pattison, will be engaged by the end of spring term. Modesty prevents us from saying with whom and for what purpose. (The stars are preventing us, too.)
- And now for a little news about the Wapakoneta Astrologers themselves. We have taken our first official spring, get 'em while their hot pledge class. Our new pledges are: Harold Slater, Gene Pattison, Folsom Hall, Betty Bliss, Capt. Cocaine, Gunda-baby, and Chris Cornwell. Gene Pattison was chosen as pledge class president; Folsom Hall, as secretary; and, Harold Slater, as mascot. An Alma Wapa alumnus will be backpacking his way overland to Alma (with his mother's permission) to be pledge master. All we undergrad Wapas can say is hasn't he left yet?

Medical Insights

by Electric Tokeville

An object has no significance/beyond its existence. By this token then, let us examine the smokifagance of a small midwestern town. Let us always go back to the evidence. It is simply there. Underneath back seats, ground into rugs and burning holes into gym floors. Damn the adjective. Do not attempt to qualify the evidence, it is simply there.

What does this evidence, this visual immediacy mean? It is impossible to avoid seeing any significance in it. It means that the smokers and smokees have been forced to hide themselves in either seclusion or a crowd. Why--they are afraid to admit their habits. This may be a simplification of human strata, but remember it only classifies them according to exterior phenomena. At a given time, it is true.

While on one hand the town's smokers and smokees feel that they must hide their habit, the town's drinkers and drinkees do not feel this way. They are not afraid to come out into the open. Of course, alcoholism is recognized as a disease. That leaves us with the question--should smokism be recognized as a disease. Yes, my friends, it should. It has long been known but not widely publicized that smoking is caused by medical defects. That is to say that changes in warts and moles cause dilation of the irises, which in turn causes the urge to smoke.

This explanation leaves us with two courses of action. The human mind cannot prevent itself from thinking. The first course of action is to remove all the warts and moles from all of the people in the town. The second course of action is much simpler. We should simply acknowledge that smokers and smokees have a legitimate reason to smoke. Let us not torture our fellow man by removing his warts and moles; let us simply accept him as what we all are: human beings with faults.

Art Sale

From February 19 through March 2 there will be a show and sale of select student works (drawings, paintings, prints, ceramics, jewelry, and sculpture) in the Gallery of Clack Art Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Battle Creek Speaker

at

Sunday Worship

Dr. Allan J. Weenink, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek, will be speaking on "The Parable of the Seagull" at 10:45 at the March 4th worship service at Dunning Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Weenink is an outstanding preacher who has addressed college and church groups in the Philippines as well as in Michigan. He is a past moderator of the Synod of Michigan and has served on important councils at both the state and national levels. He is also author of a book entitled *RUNNING WITH PATIENCE*. Music will be provided by the Alma High School Girls Glee Club.

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