

ALMANIAN poll results

Students dissatisfied with Wright, dorm lottery

BY LARRY BRODEUR Staff Writer

It has been a long time since anything has stirred up student opinion as much as the announcement of the housing plans for 1975-1976. In an attempt to pinpoint student opinion concerning housing, the ALMANIAN sent out 750 surveys to residents of Mitchell, Bruske, Newberry, Gelston, and Wright halls. Students were asked to indicate whether they were satisfied with: (1) the closing of Wright Hall, (2) the closing of Gelston Hall, and (3) the dorm system. In determining where students would like to live, 70% of those polled indicated they would like to live in coed dorms. The other 30% were split between the two options. The overwhelming majority of students were satisfied with the current housing developments.

The response to this survey was generally considered to be very good. Out of the 750 surveys sent out, 293 were returned to the ALMANIAN office; a response rate of almost forty per cent. As expected, most students polled were not satisfied with the closing of Wright Hall for next year. In fact, 70% of those polled indicated that they were, in fact, not satisfied with the move. On the other side of the scale, 22% claimed that they were satisfied while 8% remained undecided. Generally, the residents of Wright Hall were most vehement in their opposition with that dorm's closing. Wright Hall residents were overwhelmingly not satisfied with the plan to be a 30 to 1 margin. In Mitchell Hall,

dissatisfaction with the closing of Wright ran the lowest as only a little more than 50% of those polled were dissatisfied. Dividing the data according to classes showed a great deal of difference in how the members of each class responded to the first part of the first question. The class of 1975 was solidly dissatisfied with Wright's closing as 83% of those seniors polled indicated. However, the class of 1976 showed only a 59% dissatisfaction rate. Student opinion seemed to be quite mixed concerning the second part of the first question as there was no majority of students polled who were either satisfied or dissatisfied with the conversion of Gelston Hall into a coed dorm. There were a few more students,

however, who were satisfied with a coed Gelston Hall, as 49% of those polled indicated. Conversely, 42% of those polled were dissatisfied with a coed Gelston Hall and 9% were undecided. Individual dorms seemed to be split in their opinion of making Gelston a coed facility. Bruske Hall, the only coed dorm surveyed, supported the move by a 63% to 34% margin. On the other hand, Gelston residents were split on their opinion of the move. The overwhelming majority of those polled were not satisfied with the move to coed Gelston but neither did they

have a majority indicating dissatisfaction. The classes of 1976 and 1977 had only slight majorities supporting the move. The third part of the first question had the strongest disagreement of any question. In all, 209 students claimed dissatisfaction with the lottery system for determining rooms next year, which is a rate of 71%. Only 21% of those polled indicated satisfaction with the set-up while 8% remained undecided. The residents in both Mitchell and Gelston showed the highest rates of dissatisfaction with both forms registering a 76% dissatisfaction for those polled. Newber-

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An unexpected guest Alamanian... last week. The lizard... worst Alma has ever... time.

Resident Assistants named

The Student Affairs Office is pleased to announce that the following students have been selected to serve as Resident Assistants for the 1975-76 Academic Year:

BRUSKE HALL: Steve Crisman, Tom Kohn, Rosemary Salem, Susan Shively, Mojra van den Bergh, Keith Westman.

NEWBERRY HALL: Laura Bartkowski, Susan Bradford, Beth Easton, Kathy Fraser, Vicki Hagberg, Judy Hooking, Patricia Shirey, Judy Sullivan, Linda Wolf.

SOUTH COMPLEX: Pam Alwin, Dave Butler, Cathy Carnaby, Scott Holder, Polly Meyers, Jill Battler.

GELSTON HALL: Julie Blackburn, Jim Chenoweth, Kimberly Cornell, Mary Hensien, John Murray, Daniel Stewart, Tim Wood.

MITCHELL HALL: Bruce Christensen, Tim Crosby, Dan Duffels, Mark Dylewski, Tom Goodman, David McLain, Paul Nordquist, James Van Laner, Mark Zook.

South Complex-resident advisors: Steve Hovey, Stuart Ten Hoop.

An alternative past... ALMANIAN reviewers. For their stories see page four.

The Alma College... appears...

Watch for our final ALMANIAN this Friday

Faculty, Student Council act favorably on constitution

BY MIKE WILCOX Editor-in-Chief

If the faculty see fit to pass a single amendment proposed by the Student Council at their meeting tonight, the new community government constitution will be in the hands of the Alma College Board of Trustees sometime this week. The constitution is the culmination of a three year study by the Committee to Review Community Government.

Significant features of the new constitution are:

- *The ratio of faculty-administrators versus students has declined in almost every committee. In most cases students have gained one, two, or three representatives per committee compared to our present constitution.
- *The establishment of a committee specifically designed to formulate policy, recommendations, guidelines and regulations pertaining to student life.
- *The scrapping of what many people consider the most prestigious committee on campus, the Executive Council, and replacing it with a committee designed to advise the provost.
- *With the exception of the Communications Committee, each committee will have an administrative affiliate who will be expected to participate in policy formulation and will advise the committee of matters, for which policy should be developed or reviewed.
- *In the event of a conflict between the Faculty and Student Council, the Provost shall convene a conference committee charged with resolving the conflict.
- *The establishment of a monthly meeting at which all committee chairpersons, the Student Council president, and the Faculty Organization chairperson are expected to attend, to ensure that committees fulfill their constitutionally mandated functions.

ing privileges. The amendment eliminated his right to vote. Former Student Council President Jan McMillan, prime mover of the amendment, said students up for discipline are offered a choice of either pleading their case before the Judicial Committee or having the assistant provost handle it. However, if the assistant provost were to have a vote on the Judicial Committee, she reasoned the choice would be somewhat limited. "I don't see that as offering the freedom of choice students deserve," McMillan added.

The Faculty which added approximately ten amendments of their own at a special meeting last Monday, will debate the student council amendment at a 7 p.m. meeting tonight in A-113.

If the amendment is rejected, the Executive Council is expected to abstain.

an emergency meeting to attempt to iron out a compromise. After this, the compromise must again go back to the faculty for approval before the constitution can be sent on to the Board of Trustees.

Both McMillan and Dr. Eugene Kolb, chairman of the review committee, are hoping to get the constitution passed this year. At Wednesday's Student Council meeting, McMillan warned representatives against offering too many amendments because of the delay they may cause.

The Faculty spent more than three hours discussing the proposed constitution at the special meeting. This was a sharp contrast from the Student Council meeting which was only approximately 70 minutes long. In the end only thirty faculty members were present to participate in the final adoption vote. The constitution passed: 27 yes, 1 no.



Ena Anka, female star of Ziggy & the... was a pleasant surprise... Monday. For an interview and... see page 12.

Housing survey

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The survey, which is the first of its kind in the country, is being conducted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is designed to provide a comprehensive picture of the housing market in the United States.

The survey will cover a wide range of housing types, including single-family homes, multi-family units, and mobile homes. It will also look at the financial aspects of housing, such as mortgage rates and rental prices.

The results of the survey will be used to help the government and the private sector make better decisions about housing policy and investment.

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TABLE SHOWING THE STATUS OF THE HOUSING MARKET IN THE UNITED STATES

Category	1974	1975	1976
Total housing units	100	105	110
Single-family homes	70	75	80
Multi-family units	30	30	30

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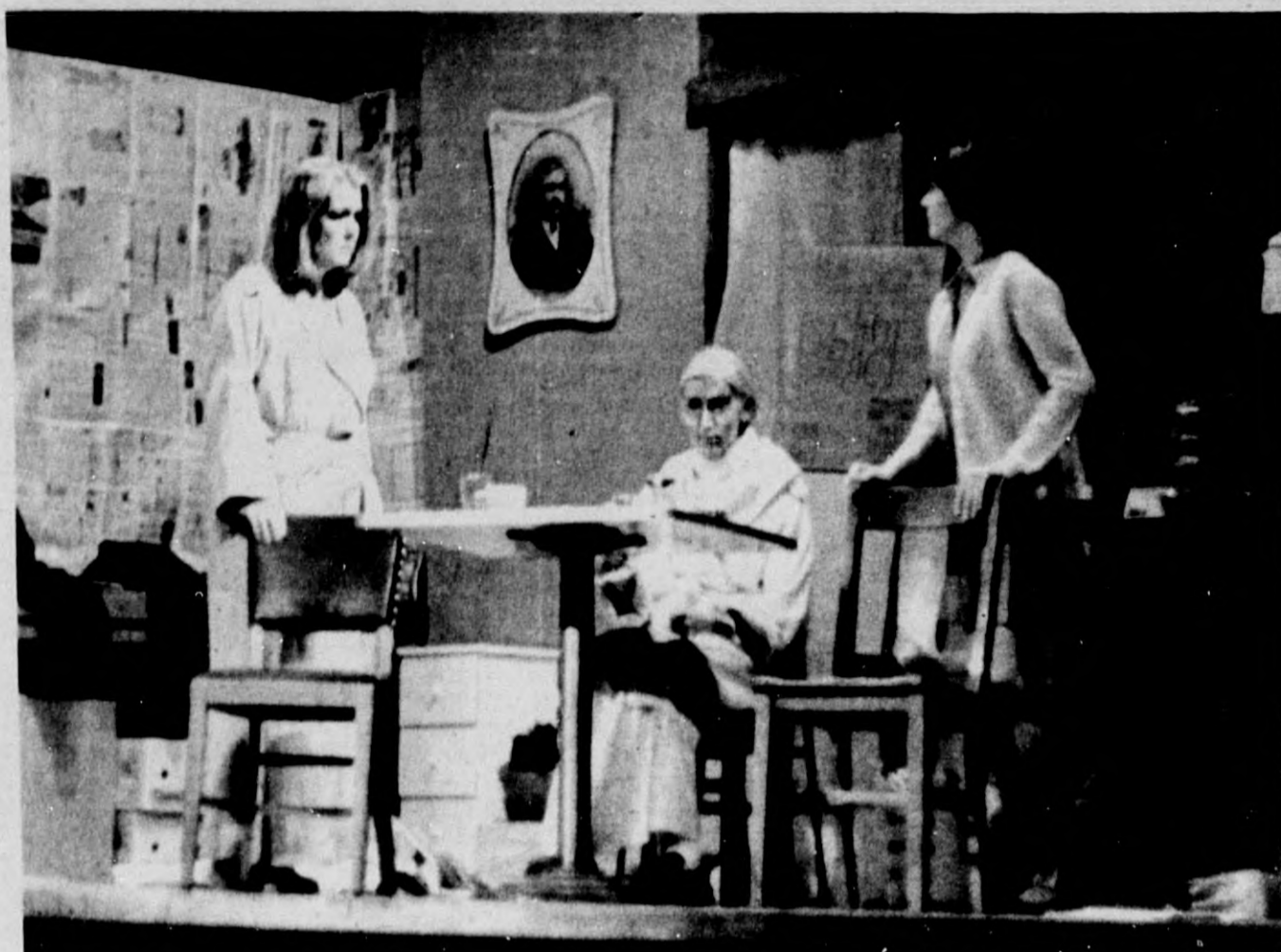
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Flawless or just good?

Two reviewers rate "Marigolds" a success



Glynis Cox (right) argues with her mother, Sue Freridge (left). Center, Mary Ann Keller looks on.

by Gary Sundell

The Alma Players production of *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds* was, to put it mildly, fantastic. Every member of the cast turned in an exceptional performance.

The play deals with the relationship between a bitter, resentful mother and her two daughters. At the core of the play is an analogy between the effect of radiation on plants and the effect of Beatrice on her daughters. For a complete rundown on the plot of the play, see last week's ALMANIAN.

In order for this play to come off, a strong performance by the actress portraying Beatrice is required. Sue Freridge met this challenge and came through with a very powerful portrayal. The role of Beatrice is a very demanding one. At one moment Beatrice is comforting her daughter Ruth during a thunderstorm, the next she is killing Tillie's pet rabbit without so much as a trace of regret. Sue made the different aspects of Bea's personality come alive and seem quite believable.

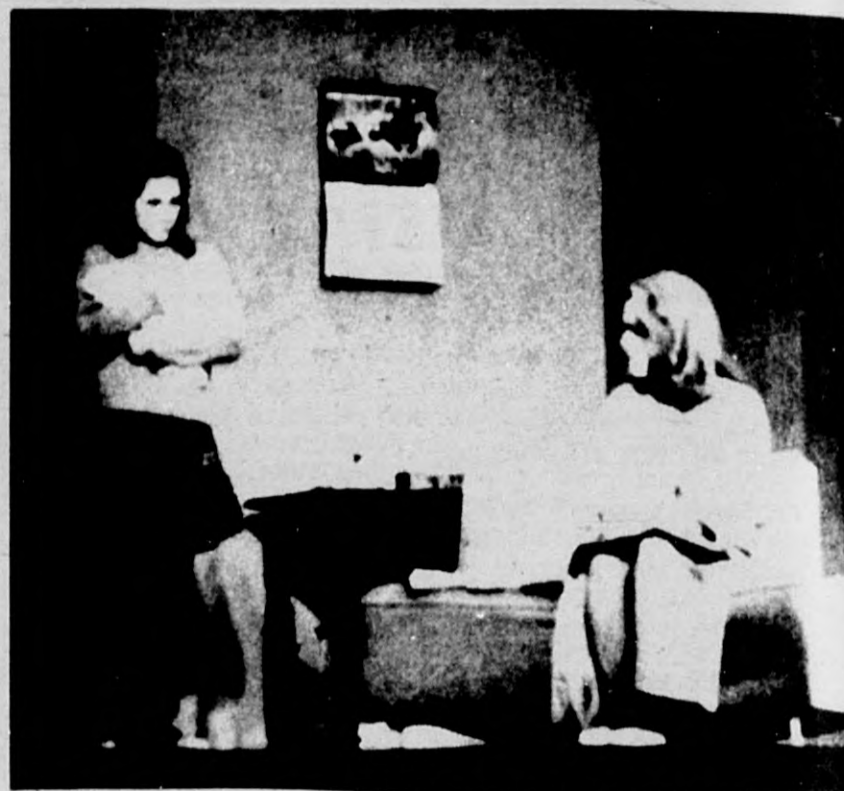
Glynis Cox appeared in the role of Ruth, Bea's eldest daughter. The role is totally different than the "sweet young thing" Glynis has usually portrayed on the Alma stage. Ruth is a neurotic and self-centered personality type, the product of Bea's damaging personality. Ruth is so upset at the death of the rabbit that she goes into convulsions. Glynis' interpretation of the part was near perfect. The quick changes of emotion were equally as convincing.

Patti Saxton portrayed Tillie, the younger of Bea's two daughters. Tillie escapes from her mother's damaging influence by entering the world of science. Tillie is withdrawn at home, except when she talks about science. Unfortunately every time Tillie tries to share her enthusiasm with her mother, her mother cuts her off. Patti's portrayal of Tillie was flawless.

The remaining member of the household is Nanny, played by Mary Ann Keller. Nanny's part has no lines, she just sits there and takes Bea's mockery. Nanny is senile, old, and half-dead. Mary Ann was marvelous in the role. Mary Ann kept her movements slow and deliberate, characteristic movements for an elderly person.

Melanie Kimball took on the role of Janice Vickery, a girl who is competing against Tillie in the school science fair. Janice's entry is a cat skeleton from which she has boiled the skin. Tillie's experiment deals with the effects of radiation on marigolds. Melanie came across very convincingly as Janice, who was already planning ahead for the next science fair. Her next project was to boil the skin from a dog.

"The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" is an emotion filled drama, that provided this reviewer with a very enjoyable evening of theatre.



Patty Saxton holds her pet rabbit protectively as her mother, Sue Freridge, contemplates its death.

by Bob Schultz

"The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" was presented by the Alma Players this past week. Unlike many plays "Marigolds" had an all female cast. This modern production was the second Alma Players production in a term.

The main problem of "Marigolds" is to make the obvious metaphor come alive. This task lies on the three main characters of the play: Beatrice played by Susan F. Freridge, and her daughters Tillie played by Patricia A. Saxton, and Ruth played by Glynis J. Cox. It is their triple responsibility to produce a tension throughout the play.

This quality was occasionally missing. The action tended to resemble a rubber band: at times loose and directionless, and then at other times, taut and tense. The play seemed to grow more and more tense and then the tension relaxed, and then the atmosphere became tense again. Part of the problem may have been with the small opening night audience--some of them came expecting comedy instead of drama.

Even though this approach was not personally satisfying it was effective. The tension of the storm scene which led into the equally straining telephone scene was moving. Beatrice's delivery was perfect when she mused, "What's left for me." The darkening of the stage especially helped increase the dramatic tension as the dialogue relaxed when Beatrice and Ruth simultaneously yelled, "Apples, pears, cu-CUM-bers."

The uneasiness of the closing minutes of the first scene was sheer beauty. The second act started to build as Tillie's expectations rose as she approached the finals of her science competition. Cox, as Ruth, was highly effective during this portion of the evening as she alternately enthusiastically supported her sister Tillie and acted possessive and cruel. Cox's mannerisms helped to add tension which built to the point of breaking when she called her mother Beatrice by her old high school nickname, "Betty the Loon."

Freridge's interpretation of Beatrice was at times too heavy. Straining to portray bitterness, pain and depression Freridge was unconvincing. Her phrasing and diction was rushed during the first portion of the play. She looked to good to be the wreck which she was to portray. It wasn't until the second act that her movements and appearance revealed Beatrice's true nature and it was during the closing parts when she reconfronted her despair that Freridge triumphed.

Saxton's portrayal of Tillie was sensitive. Saxton was able to realistically grow in spite of bitter rays which Beatrice radiated. One was able to empathize as Tillie coped with her difficult situation.

Cox's performance was the most pleasing for this reviewer. Not only did she balance her performance on the fence between sanity and insanity, but she lost her identity as she simultaneously acted both selfish and loving.

Not to be overlooked in their minor roles were Mary Ann Keller as Nanny, and Melanee Ann Kimball as Janice Vickery. Playing a senile lady who was beyond living a viable life, Keller's role did not involve speaking.

Kimball's short two minutes on stage was a study in the "space cadet" image. She was delightful!

This play was a delightful departure from the normal stuff which has been offered up in the past. The acting rose above the level of past Alma Players productions.

Unfortunately this was so much of a departure that a few in the audience could not handle the level of sophistication demanded of them. The audience behaved as if they were waiting for one of the actors to peek out from behind the curtains and wave.

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College mime troupe to perform April 10, 11

By Karen Magnuson



Moving silently onto the stage each person takes their place and is put into a trance. Then one by one each performer is awakened and made to perform, and then they are placed back into a trance.

In another mime a circle is formed and you're suddenly watching a carousel on stage. Each performer seems to be riding a horse and yet they're not.

Unlike most theater, mime does not rely on talking, instead the message is conveyed in gesture and motion.

Producer and director of the Alma College Mime Troupe, Dr. Joe A. Sutfin explains it this way, "If I'm standing on stage alone, and yelling at a short man when his tall big brother walks up, I have to let the audience know what is happening. The character plus the action equals the drama."

LEFT: Lynda Lowe
RIGHT: Bev Magley, Judy Hollenbeck, Ed Kain & Judy Sutfin.
Pics by Bob Schultz



Looking for a quiet, but amusing evening at Alma College? Then don't miss the chance to see the mime troupe this Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11.

Two of the current mime troupe performances were the Easter Sunday chapel performance, and a benefit for the Gratiot County Players on March 29. The chapel performance consisted of a piece imitating the presence of Jesus Christ and the performance for the Play-

ers consisted of fifteen various pieces.

Dr. Joe Sutfin, the producer and director of the mime troupe, said that presently the group is teaching workshops in the local schools. According to Sutfin, the elementary students seem to be the most responsive. "They are afraid of the mask. To put them at ease, I sometimes put it on in front of them," he stated.

During the spring term the per-

formers will be traveling throughout both Michigan peninsulas. The tour is from April 28 to May 23 and they will be presenting their evening programs as well as workshops and clinics in schools during the day.

"We will be performing for free," said Sutfin. "If there is an admission charge, it will be donated to the performing arts in the community as a gift from Alma College."

Appearances are scheduled in 21 cities. The troupe will be staying in homes with the exception of a few nights in a hotel.

Sutfin stated that he thought the hardest audience to please would be the junior high students. "We seem to get no response from them. They have to look sideways at their friends see if it's alright to smile," he said.

The student mimes are Judy Hollenbeck, Ed Kain, Angie Leaver,

Lynda Lowe, Beverly Magley, John Mecoli, Judy Sutfin, Jacque Wheeler, and Richard Wheeler.

"I think the group has learned about the psychology of performance. What emotions are produced and to what end they are produced," Sutfin said.

Within the ten member troupe is talent in a wide range of related fields. Six are proficient in dance, four in art, four in music, four in acting, and three in synchronized or competitive swimming. "Mime is closer to drama than dance because a mime has to mean something. You don't have to understand the meaning of a dance to enjoy it's beauty. If a mime isn't understood, he's dead," Sutfin asserted.

Surplus housing not a problem at other MIAA schools

By Mary Fox

It is common knowledge that Alma College is having enrollment problems and has to close a dorm for next year. In an attempt to find out how unusual this situation is, the ALMANIAN interviewed housing directors from five other MIAA schools: Olivet, Albion, Adrian, Kalamazoo, and Calvin.

Adrian is the only school of the five reporting similar problems. Don Kleinsmith, Director of Housing reports that two dorms have been closed at this school in the past few years.

"We're using them as conference rooms," Kleinsmith says. He continues to state that applications to Adrian seem to have stabilized this year, so the school does not foresee more closings.

"With all our dorms open," Kleinsmith says, "we could house 1200 to 1300 students. The enrollment is presently about 1000." Adrian has about 40 students living off

campus, all of whom are required to pay an "equilization fee" to the college for the loss the school suffers when they live off-campus.

Calvin College has exactly the opposite problem--overcrowding. According to Ruth Meyer, in charge of student housing, Calvin's admissions are running about 20 per cent higher than last year at this time.

"This year," she states, "we have about 300 rooms that are tripled, in other words, three students are living in a two-person room. We expect about the same number of triples next year, although we are also renting extra room to accommodate more students.

At Calvin, all juniors, seniors, and students over 21 years of age have the option of living off-campus.

Albion College Director of Housing, Sam Shellhamer, admits that Albion's admissions are running "a few behind" last year's. "But," he says, "It's hard to project for

next year."

Shellhamer states that Albion has a significant number of students living off-campus, but the number will be decreased next year because the school has too many rooms.

"With dorms, fraternities, and small annexes, we have room to house 1600 students. Our enrollment is about 1800 this year and about 110 live off-campus," concludes Shellhamer.

The Director of Housing at Kalamazoo College states, "We haven't been hit that hard. We haven't even had to think of such a thing as closing a dorm."

And Joel Woods, past head resident at Olivet College who is now working in admissions there, states that Olivet's admissions are running 30 per cent ahead of last year. "All our dorms are full," he concluded.

Solicitors arrested in Bruske

Two men were arrested on campus by Alma Police Friday afternoon for "soliciting without a license." The two, one from New Jersey and the other from Florida, had been selling magazines in the dorms with neither a selling permit from the City of Alma nor permission from the college to sell door to door in the dorms.

Jeff Southern stated that the two had been backdating receipts to avoid a federal law stating that a person can get his money back on a contract within three business days of signing.

One student who was bothered by the Florida man for almost an hour, said he told her he was selling magazines for a trip to Paris. "He said he wanted to go to

Paris because it is the fashion capital of the world," the Bruske resident stated. "He said he was going into the fashion business with two girls and was to be president of the firm. He wanted the girls to know he was serious about the business."

"You had to buy the magazines in two's, four's or sixes," she continued. "He wanted me to buy 4 years of both Newsweek and Child Life for \$62."

She said that when her roommate made a comment about a police car pulling up in front of the dorm, the man immediately asked, "Is there a john around here?"

"He was out the door almost before we had given him direction," she stated, "and he never came back."

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Housing problems should have been revealed earlier

Mr. Jeff Southern recently held a question and answer period to explain his latest bombshell. Being well-publicized, I was amazed to find less than 10% of the student body there.

This seeming incongruity stems from the fact that more people are upset over the lottery system than housing changes themselves. And rightly so.

The Student Housing Office had to redistribute everyone on campus with the closing of Wright Hall and the elimination of about 150 spaces (mostly men's singles). On campus there were 1100 spaces with Wright Hall. There will be about 950 without Wright.

Wright could have stayed open, according to Southern, if over 300 people requested a single room and were willing to pay for it during the survey taken last month, "But only 120 requested a single," he said. I'm sorry Mr. Southern, but that statement should have been: only 120 knew enough about their financial standing for next year to be able to request a single in two days.

There simply was not enough time in the scant two-day interlude we were given. We realize that you must have your budget together, Mr. Southern; but we each have our own budgets that WE must get together, too.

Realistically, Southern should not be blamed for this whole mess. He is simply the administrator responsible for housing who happened to have this whole thing dumped on him. He is the dumpee. But who is the dumper?

Obviously administrative factions knew the college was in trouble financially. Secretaries have been cut, the Business Office is now only open in the afternoon, and there is a smaller maintenance staff. Even some faculty received their pink slips in accordance with tenure procedures some nine months ago. The administration knew that we were having fiscal problems.

There is no reason in the world for them not telling the student body the anticipated problems back in October or November. Or were they afraid that telling the students back then would have given us time to do something about it?

As I said before, much of the student resentment lies in the lottery system. Cheer up, because it is the fairest system to be found. Its fairness comes from the fact that it is fair to nobody and unfair to everybody. Everyone is at an equal disadvantage.

My concern is not to blame Mr. Southern for everything; he certainly deserves his share but by no means should be the scape goat. My point is that someone knew we were having problems and could have told the student body sooner than two weeks before final examinations and the concurrent end of the term.

John Sefcik

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Student clarifies her candidacy

Dear Editor, This is in response to last week's letter and editorial concerning one candidate running for two offices. To clarify what happened, I petitioned to run for the sophomore class representative to Student Council, but later decided to run for the Associate Member of the Board of Trustees (please note the same 25 people did NOT sign both

petitions). When I returned the petition for the Trustee position, I was going to withdraw from the office of sophomore class representative. Since no one else was running from the sophomore class and I was assured by Jan McMillan (President of Student Council) that the two jobs would not conflict, I felt there was no harm in running for

both rather than leaving the council office vacant. I have no intentions of starting a "monopoly" or "overthrowing the campus government." Hopefully next year more people will be interested in running for offices which would eliminate this problem.

Sincerely, Nancy LeNoble

Sacrificial meal headline biased

Dear Editor, I would like to complain about the biased 'kicker headline' on Mary Fox's front page 'news' article dealing with the sacrificial meal. This headline read "42 students fail to sign petition," I object strenuously to this editorializing. Evidently, whoever made this headline was in favor of the sacrificial meal and has committed the worst sin a newspaper writer can make: the sin of biased journalism.

We who did not sign the petition did not 'fail' to do anything. Implied in the headline is that we didn't do something that we should have. We were exercising our individual right, our individual freedom of choice. We did not 'fall short' of anything. It is the Almanian who fell-short-fell short of upholding the journalistic gospel of objectivity.

Jim Daniels

EDITORS NOTE: In your letter, Jim, you are making the very same mistake that you accuse me of. You are assuming I favored the sacrificial meal, which in a way is true. But I did not condone the coercive tactics used to obtain signatures. By using the "kicker" "42 students fail . . ." I felt it was important for students to know there was a significant minority who did not wish to sign and not just one or two, as rumors have led us to believe.

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P.S. It was a nice party, wasn't it?

Dear Editor: There once was a school named Alma, which had too few students to handle. So they closed Wright Hall and that started the ball rolling down to catastrophe.

The students were pissed. A choice where to live was missed. They were driven like cattle, without a saddle, and many will not come back.

Now a small school has a strain. Liberal art is going down the drain. They must give students more voice, their own affairs deserve a choice or Alma College will be no more. -An anonymous student

Dear Mr. Southern,

I, like everyone else, am upset about the closing of Wright Hall, but can understand and can sympathize with the college on this matter.

I also realize that there are going to be problems with next year's housing, whether there are dorm lotteries or an all-campus lottery. I can only hope that you will try to understand the angered voices and hurt feelings about the all-campus lottery. I have spoken to many of my fellow students, but do not feel that it is my duty to express their sentiments in this letter. I want only to express my feelings in hopes that they may put a personal dimension on the lottery.

All campus lottery not fair

I have three rooms. One is in New Jersey, where my parents live. It is my room from June to September, and one week in December. I have a room in Dearborn Heights, where my brother and sister-in-law live. It is my room for maybe one week out of the year because of my limited travel, but it makes a great lay-over stop for flights to and from New Jersey. I have a room on third floor Bruske. It is my room from September to May . . . except during forced evacuation during breaks.

To me, my room in Bruske is more than just a room . . . it's my HOME. I have lived in my home for two years. When I'm with my parents and they are arranging my return flight, I refer

to going home. They consider their home as mine. I consider home to be where I spent most of the year . . . where I feel comfortable . . . where my friends are.

I just wanted to try to show you that our rooms are our homes, not different from your house being your home. If my fellow students and I sound unreasonably upset about moving out of our rooms and dorms (what a cold word for home) think about how you'd feel if someone told you that you had to move and your family was going to be broken up.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely, Anne Coleman

Twenty classes to be dropped in Fall

Alma College may lose approximately 20 classes next year. The bulk of the losses will occur in the Social Science Departments.

The reason for the action, which includes the loss of 6.8 faculty members, is economic, according to Dean John Agria. Lower student enrollment and higher operating costs forced the reductions, he said. By multiplying the number of instructors being lost by the average number of classes taught by one instructor one will discover the number of classes which should be lost due to the faculty cutback. In Alma's case this figure is approximately 40 classes.

The difference between this number and the actual number of classes being lost may be due to many things, including the fact that the program comparison was made between this year's final schedule and next year's proposed one. More classes may be changed before next year's program is finalized.

Some of the cuts in faculty don't show up in the loss of classes because the lost instructor performed field supervision, primarily in the area of education. Another factor pointed out by Dean Agria is that in some departments although the number of classes cut is very small, the number of sections offered in certain areas have been reduced. "The faculty is anxious to maintain as much variety in classes as possible," said Agria.

Another factor which helps offset the effect of classes being cut

in some departments is the addition of classes in others. As more and more students have been expressing interest in art, business administration, and sociology, these departments will add classes. The art department will gain a second instructor.

All the departments were asked to restructure their curriculum according to the faculty cuts and the number of students enrolling in their courses "They all tried to minimize the effect of the cutbacks in faculty on the students," Agria said.

The problem is compounded by the coincidental occurrences of sabbaticals. These account for the seemingly large cutbacks in German, Speech, and, to some extent, History.

When asked if he felt that these cutbacks would hurt Alma's academic standing, Dean Agria replied that he didn't think so. He believes that the balance and quality of classes play a more important part in academic ratings than quantity.

When Dr. Agria came to Alma in 1963 as its first Political Sci. professor, he said the administration held the belief that a private college should offer a "barebones program" with only what was necessary for graduation and no frills offered. "And yet," commented Agria, "Alma had good ratings when we didn't even have a political science department and when our Religion and Philosophy departments were combined." He continued: "In the 60's when Alma, and all the colleges were growing

by Joyce Mahan

it was easy to ask yourself where you'd spend more money next year. Now, with enrollment going down, it's difficult to determine where to cut. It's hard to tell what's icing and what's cake."

Since this year's graduating class is one of the largest in Alma's history and the entering class is not large enough to make up for these losses, fewer upper level classes will be offered in some areas.

Agria concluded, "If students decide that since so-and-so is leaving, I'd better leave too--they'll be deserting a ship which is still very much afloat. Spreading doom is self-fulfilling.

CANCELED CLASSES

ART: 320---Sculpture.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: 321---Intermediate Accounting; 427---Multinational Business Administration.

CHEMISTRY: 241---Introduction to Theoretical Chemistry; 450---Introduction to Research.

ECONOMICS: 301---Microeconomics; 410---International Economics.

EDUCATION: 211---Reading in Junior and Senior High School; 331---Introduction to Curriculum; 420---Seminar in Educational Psychology; 445b---Secondary Methods in Biology; 445c---Secondary Methods in Music.

ENGLISH: 101---Research and Report Writing; 140---Representative Continental Writers; 210---Studies in Literature.

FRENCH: 237---Explication de textes.

HISTORY: 109a---Pacific Empire; 109b---Japan and U.S. Modern Era; 209---Independent Study; 235---Society in the Middle Ages; 239---Cultural History of Europe; 254---Colonial Latin America; 325---American Studies: Reform and Search for Order; 331---Renaissance and Reformation; 350---Independent Study.

MATH: 113---Precalculus II; 202---Modern Math for Elementary Teachers; 231---Computer Science; 321---Advanced Calculus I; 361---Mathematical Statistics; 411---College Geometry.

MUSIC: 337---Conducting.

PHILOSOPHY: 315---Rise of the Modern Mind; 330---Philosophy of Science; 339---Philosophy of Religion.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 100/101. 330---Choreography of Dance; 335---Theory of Team Sports; 338---Introduction to Recreation.

PHYSICS: Quantum Mechanics;

POLITICAL SCIENCE: 213---State and Local Politics; 242---Comparative Western Politics; 314---Politics of Metropolitan Areas; 331---Political Theory: Plato-Locke; 343---Communist World; 383-386-387---Practicum; 449---Independent Study; Readings; 450---Independent Study, Thesis.

PSYCHOLOGY: 304---Motivation; 312---Personality II; 314---Abnormal Psychology; 385---Practicum; 422---Current Literature; Sexual Behavior Seminar; 449---Independent Study, Thesis.

RELIGION: 321---The Future of Belief; 385-386-387---Practicum; 449-450---Independent Studies.

SOCIOLOGY: 301---Methods of Social Research; 321---Rural and Urban Communities; 337---Critical Issues in Social Work; Reading.

SPANISH: 233---Conversation and Composition; 311---Panorama of Spanish Literature; 344---Spanish American Literature 1492-1898.

SPEECH: 111---Fundamental Speech Communication; 125---Acting; 239---Principles of Parliamentary Procedure; 349-446-447 - 448 --- Independent Studies; 351---Radio in Society.

NEW CLASSES

ART: 325---Fibers; 330---Environmental Design; 327---Life Drawing.

BIOLOGY: 385---Practicum.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: 111---Business and Society; 425---Federal Taxation.

CHEMISTRY: 211---Quantitative Analysis; 330---Atomic and Molecular Structure; 325---Organic Qualitative Analysis.

ECONOMICS: 339---History of Economic Thought; 340---Government and Business; 401---Microeconomic Theory I.

EDUCATION: 348---Principles and Methods of Secondary School Teaching; 346---Reading Problems in Middle and High Schools.

ENGLISH: 460---Major American Writers: Faulkner.

FRENCH: 330---Current Issues.

HISTORY: 100---Introduction to European History; 152---Modern China and Japan; 121---American Legal History; 255---Modern Latin America; 323---American Studies: Colonial and Revolutionary Period.

LINGUISTICS: 111---General Linguistics.

MATH: 109---Workshop in Trigonometry; 341---Probability; 442---Modern Abstract Algebra; 431---Topology; 448-449-451-452---Independent Studies.

MUSIC: 135---Survey of Woodwinds and Brass; 441---Orchestration.

PHILOSOPHY: 126---Introduction to Values; 326---Ethics.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 114---Archery; 122---Field Hockey; 130---Beginning Swimming; 133---Skin and Scuba Diving; 152---Basic Gymnastics; 224---Kinesiology.

POLITICAL SCIENCE: 332---The Isms; 334---Supreme Court in Political Process.

PSYCHOLOGY

245---Sexuality; 280---Introduction to Ind. Psychology; 290---Topics in Psychology: Altered Consciousness.

RELIGION: 320---In quest of Faith.

SOCIOLOGY: 111---Anthropology; 251---Social Factors and Personality; 302---Sociological Theory; 325---Population and Ecology; 337---Golden Age of Spain; 345---Contemporary Spanish-American

SPEECH 339---Theatre History.

Man's BLUE LEATHER COAT left in Tyler Commons evening of March 22nd. Please return to Alumni office.

Psych majors to present papers at conference

Seven of the eleven graduating majors in psychology will be reading papers at various conferences in April and May. Most were accepted by the Grand Valley Undergraduate Psychological Conference to be held on Saturday, April 12.

Among these is a paper by James Woolcock entitled, "Self-Administration of Caffeine in Rats." It reveals that rats will drink both coffee and decaffeinated coffee, but show a slight preference for the coffee containing caffeine when given both substances simultaneously.

In addition, the rats consumed increasing amounts of coffee and subsequent decreasing amounts of decaffeinated coffee when the two substances were presented alternately over a number of days. The findings seem to point to the presence of caffeine as the dominant factor in the preferences shown by rats.

"Women are not Always Prejudiced Against Women" is the topic of a paper to be presented by Betsy Hostetler, a senior, and Bruce Christiansen, a junior. Their findings are contrary to several past studies, and illustrate that people, women in particular, are not prejudiced against women under all conditions. In fact, fellow students are actually prejudiced against males under certain specific conditions.

They found that fellow students rated females as equally qualified to males as authors of general, descriptive material. In addition, Alma College students perceive female students as having higher I.Q.'s than male students.

Two natives of Bay City who are also seniors at Alma, Paul Bonnell and Gordon Walker will present their paper which studies choice behavior in the albino rat. It is entitled, "Non-Independent, Variable Ratio Schedules of Reinforcement and Concurrent Behavior in the Rat."

Using a situation in which a rat could press one of two levers to obtain food reinforcement, they found that, although faced with equal alternatives, in three out of four cases, rats would respond more on one lever than the other. An analysis of the data revealed that such a strategy incurred the least amount of work (number of lever presses plus changeovers between levers) for each reinforcement.

The final paper to be accepted from Alma students at the Grand Valley Conference will be presented by Constance Dalenberg and Beverly Magley. It is entitled "Prediction of Achievement as a Function of Sex of Subject and Sex of Demonstrator."

This paper deals with sex differences of future performance. After watching a boy perform a simple motor task, boys of the same grade predicted that they would attain scores slightly below the boy model's score. When a girl demonstrated the task, both boys and girls predicted that their own scores would exceed the demonstrator's score by sizeable amounts.

Since both boy and girl demonstrators were trained to achieve the same score, it would seem that the fact that the demonstrator was a girl devalued the score she had achieved (particularly from a boy's viewpoint.)

The results of this investigation demonstrate that children as young as seven or eight years of age may have already accepted the 'inferior status' of the female's accomplishments.

This paper has also been accepted at the Midwestern Psychological Association to be held in Chicago. This convention has two categories of papers, undergraduate and professional. It is significant that this paper has been accepted in the professional category.

Also, Connie Dalenberg has received a four-year scholarship at the University of Denver to study clinical psychology. She was one of over 400 applicants nationally to be chosen.


"While we do have outstanding facilities for the kind of school Alma is, we do not emphasize the experimental aspect (of psychology)," said Dr. Henry Klugh, Chairman of the Psychology Department. "We place our emphasis on our practicum program. We do not have a large number of majors in our department which allows us to become more individualized and to turn out better quality people."

Dr. Joel Myerson will also present two papers. The first is to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association and is entitled "Quasi-reinforcement: The Role of Stimulus Control."

The second will be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Analysis of Behavior Association

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Kapp named Academy pres

Dr. Ronald Kapp, provost and vice president for educational affairs, has assumed the presidency of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, which held its 79th annual meeting last Friday and Saturday in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Kapp, president-elect of the academy during 1974-75, replaces Milton E. Muelder, Michigan State University vice president for research development, as president of the academy.

Kapp, who was a member at large of the academy's Executive Committee from 1971 through 1974 and the president-elect during the past year, has been the chief academic official at Alma since 1969. Also, a professor of biology at the college, he joined the Alma staff in 1957.

Dr. Kapp holds B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. Before joining the Alma faculty he was a teaching and research assistant at the University of Michigan, a research associate at Earlham College and a field assistant in paleontology during a Brooklyn College study in Montana.



Dr. Ronald Kapp

The Michigan academy, established in 1894, has approximately 1,500 individual members representing all institutions of higher education in Michigan. Thirty-seven of Michigan's colleges and universities are institutional members of the academy.

CAMPUS UPDATE

MUNDAY, APRIL 7

Spring Term Drop and Add (through April 11)

7:15 Student Recital in the Chapel.
7-10 Geiston Hall Open House.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

3:00 Student-Trustee discussions.
10:00 Nightclub Entertainment: The Monterreys Tyler.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

10:30 Honors Convocation in the Gym.
6:00 Volunteer Friendship Program---V.D. Lounge.
7:30 Bradley Speaking Contest in AC 113.

10:00 Nightclub Movie: Barbarella; Dow 100.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 Gone With the Wind; in Dow
10:00 Nightclub Entertainment in Tyler.

Clark Gable turns in a historic performance in this weekend's flick: Gone With the Wind.

Student-Trustee discussions slated

A chance for students to talk to the Board of Trustees will be realized tomorrow, April 8, when the Student Affairs Committee comes on campus.

The committee, a fairly new offshoot of the Board, is composed of eight trustees who will be speaking with all interested students to exchange ideas and get feedback on several campus policies. From 3 o'clock to 4:30 two members will be available at each of the following locations to discuss the following topics:

- 1) Geiston Hall Lobby---Residence hall policies.
 - 2) Tyler Lobby---Student Life (UB, sororities, frats).
 - 3) Faculty Dining Room---Food service
 - 4) Afro-American Room---environment for blacks on campus.
- Alma's two honor society's, Omicron Delta Kappa and Gamma Delta Alpha are slated to act as guides and are given the option of taking the Board members to a class or giving them a tour of the campus after lunch.

Don Porteous, president of ODK, emphasizes that the discussions are open to ALL students. "It is a chance for students to meet the board members and for the board members to meet the students," he stressed.

At 4:30 following the talks, the Committee will regroup to hold a general meeting and discuss the day's activities.

"Everyone should turn out," Porteous urged. "It is, in effect, their chance to let their voices be heard."

Studies Getting You Down?

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International dinner set for Thursday

With the help of the International Students Association (I.S.A.), Saga Food Service is having an International Dinner at the evening meal on this Thursday, April 10.

There will be dishes from the following countries: Spain, Mexico, Germany, Korea, Africa, France, Qatar, Japan, Austria, and the United States. Each of these countries is represented on campus either in the foreign language department or by a foreign student studying here.

Both Hamilton and Van Dusen Commons will be decorated with posters and art works borrowed from the foreign students in the I.S.A. Music from some of the countries will be played, and several of the students will wear their native costumes to dinner.

"We are hoping to make this not only a new eating experience for the students of A.C., but also an enjoyable learning experience which would introduce them to some other culture", said Nancy Lemmen, advisor for the I.S.A.

Monterreys to give last nightclub

Do you want to rock 'n roll? This Tuesday night in Tyler Auditorium for the last nightclub performance of the term, the campus-reknowned Monterreys will be appearing.

The Monterreys specialize in the fifties and early sixties sound. They will feature songs made popular by the Beach Boys, Elvis and possibly the Monkees and Beatles. Their performance will also include some special performances by the Back

of the Bus Gang, and the Gratiot County Symphonic Jug Band.

The Monterreys made their debut at this year's Variety Fest.

Lead singer for the Monterreys is Tim "the TKE" Patterson. On guitars are Billy "Lyle" Greenman and Tom Kyser. Providing the support on bass is Paul Ruehl. On electric piano is "Boogie" Bob Schultz, and Bruce Laven is on drums.

The Monterreys will perform at 10:00 pm in Tyler Nightclub.

Highschoolers will tour Psych department

A workshop on learning through positive reinforcement will be held by the Department of Psychology Tuesday, April 8, on the ground floor of the college's Academic Center.

Approximately 150 psychology students at West Auburn High School in Bay City will take a tour of the facilities and participate in demonstrations in the use of operant training.

Recently Alma's Psychology Department hosted area high school teachers for a similar training workshop to demonstrate behavior modification techniques. Teachers, using laboratory rats, demon-

strated in a controlled environment how rats can be trained through food rewards to imitate certain desired activities. As a result of the workshop, at least one teacher who attended is making plans to introduce an operant laboratory next fall at her local high school.

On Tuesday, April 8, at Alma, students will explore observation experiment rooms equipped with one-way mirrors used for psychological testing, the sensation and perception laboratory, environmental room, physiological psychology laboratory and the colony room housing the rats used in experiments.

Speaking contest Wednesday

The Ninth Annual Preston Bradley Speaking Contest will be held Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 PM in Academic Center 113. Speakers from the campus at large are eligible to enter, after checking with the Department of Speech and Theater.

The winner, audience-chosen, will receive a gavel made from the trees of Thomas Jefferson's estate, "Monticello", Charlottesville, Va., and will have his/her name emblazoned on a plaque which hangs in the Reid-Knox building.

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High school students offer advice

Advisory Board to meet members of faculty

If there is anything that could be said about the nationally unique High School Advisory Board, it would be "you've come a long way, baby."

On April 12, this board, which is part of the Alma College admissions program, will have a meeting with the faculty on "College Expectations and Goals." Emphasized will be topics such as whether or not the college has what a student will need for personal changes (such as help getting a job upon graduation, personal counseling, etc.). Another topic will be whether or not high school seniors look at the academic standing or if they consider other factors when looking at colleges.

Admissions Director Stephen Bushouse said, "This is what I call market research. An Alma College education is a product. A high school senior is a consumer. When he consumes the product it is supposed to yield some benefits. We need to gear the product to what the student needs to be a functional entity in society."

Wondering where this whole idea came from? About one year ago last fall, businessmen in Alma asked President Swanson what the high school senior thought of the college. Floored, Swanson came up with the advisory board idea.

However, bureaucracy claimed another victim; his idea got lost on the way from his office to admissions. Also, the admissions office was hiring new personnel. Swanson's idea just didn't come through.

While organizing last summer, the admissions crew coincidentally devised the exact advisory board that had been lost enroute from President Swanson.

But as Bushouse put it, "It makes no difference who has the idea as long as it is good for the institution."

"To my knowledge this has not been done at any college or university in the nation. We've found a lot by analyzing our programs like this." For example, some of the members were here to critique the February 8 and 22 openhouses. One of their dissatisfactions was that the day began too early. As a result, admissions has pushed back the opening starting time from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The students also said that a few of the professors were not presenting material very well. A last criticism had to do with viewbooks, pamphlets, etc. The students complained about a lack of pictures of old building such as Wright and Hood.

This supports Bushouse's philosophy of an open campus. "Let them see the good apples and the bad apples. Tell it the way it is," he says.

Since these high school students on the advisory board are all seniors and almost all will be in college next year, you probably think that they all chose to be here at Alma next year, right?

Wrong. Only a little over half of them will be at Alma. Some will go to MSU, U of M, or elsewhere.

"The reason for having these students on the Advisory Board, said Bushouse, "is because we wanted information on what all seniors in general want in a college. Obviously those who chose to come here are biased in one way or another."



Gross wins jeep

Chuck Gross, Jr., senior from Adrian, recently won a 1975 Jeep Renegade in a nationwide contest sponsored by American Motors.

Chuck, a history major also owns a 1965 model Jeep.

Common Sense II reviewed

In January of 1776, Thomas Paine published a fiery political pamphlet, Common Sense, in which he spelled out the grievances against the monarchy and all it represented, including adverse economic conditions. The pamphlet sparked the American Revolution.

It's this belief that sparked a new revolutionary pamphlet, appropriately entitled COMMON SENSE II, written by the peoples Bicentennial Commission (PBC), the nation's largest citizen group formed to commemorate the bicentennial.

Due in April, it is the second of four paperback originals by the PBC to be published by Bantam. Subtitled The Case Against Corporate Tyranny, COMMON SENSE II, is an appeal for the abolition of giant business corporations and their replacement with citizen-controlled economic institutions.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Van Cliburn reaches high-water mark

Pianist Van Cliburn, 40, who has created some waves in the music world, reached a high-water mark last week. Before leaving his hotel suite for an evening concert in Roanoke, Va., the virtuoso began running water for a bath. While the tub filled, Cliburn went to his piano, started practicing Brahms' "Second Piano Concerto," and quickly tuned out the rest of the world. In a dining room below, guests could not hear the maestro's music, but they were soon aware of the bath water that had flooded the pianist's quarters and started seeping across the dining room ceiling. After a hotel worker had hurried up to stop the flow, the preoccupied pianist rushed off to his performance, then, next morning, left with scarcely an apology for the \$900 worth of damage. "We've written to his agency asking if they have insurance," says Hotel Roanoke General Manager Kenneth Wilkey. "If they haven't well, we'll pick up the bill. He played a great concert."

Rock version of "Hamlet" denied

Elton John is denying published reports that he is preparing to produce and star in a rock-opera version of Shakespeare's "Hamlet". London newspapers claim Elton has approached David Bowie to play opposite him as Ophelia. Ken Russell, producer of "Tommy" is reportedly helping to develop the project. Rocket records, Elton's label, is denying all.

Former Santana's now recording

Former members of Santana, the first of the Latin rock bands, are busy making records of their own since Santana has disbanded. Aynsley Dunbar, Greg Rolie, and Neal Schon have formed a group called Journey. Michael Shrieve is working on a solo album BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

Rock stars restricted from sperm bank contributions

After an eighteen-month study, the British Academy of Sciences has recommended to Parliament that British rock stars be prohibited from selling their semen to commercial sperm banks.

The Academy feels that restrictions are necessary because it fears that alack of control in this area could lead to a "sperm bank pop star war."

The scientists fear that such rock idols as Mitch Jagger, Paul McCartney, or David Bowie might sell their sperm to the band banks, which in turn would advertise--marketing it to thousands of groupies who want to become pregnant. The Academy is not opposed to thousands of Mitch Jagger offspring, but it is concerned about what might happen when the children grow up. They could end up marrying one another without knowing that they have the same father. This is incest, the Academy warned--and it could lead to genetic problems in the future.

The Academy report has been turned over to the House of Commons for further investigation.

SAGA MENU

Thursday, April 10:
Breakfast---French toast, fried eggs, soft boiled eggs.
Lunch---Hamburgs, macaroni and cheese, fruit plate.
Dinner---International Dinner---Majbos, Quiche Lorraine, Stashi-Japanese spinach.
Friday, April 11:
Breakfast---Poached eggs, hot-cakes.
Lunch---Tuna melt, shepherd's pie cold meat sandwiches.
Dinner---Roast turkey, beef ragout, pizza.

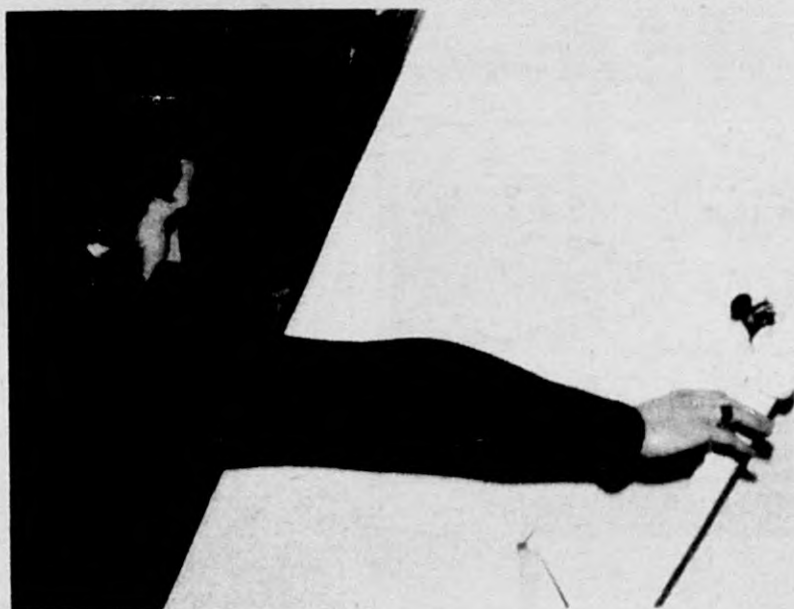
Saturday, April 12:
Breakfast---French toast, soft and medium cooked eggs.
Lunch---Hot dogs with baked beans, Spanish rice, cold plate.
Dinner---Steak, deep fried chicken, roast beef.

Sunday, April 13:
Breakfast---Scrambled eggs, blue-berry pancakes.
Lunch---Oven Southern fried chicken, pork chansui, spanish omelet.
Dinner---Hoagie, savory beef caserole, bana split salad plate.

Monday, April 14:
Breakfast---Griddle cakes, fried eggs.
Hot turkey
Lunch---Sloppy Joe, tuna noodle casserole, julienne salad bowl.
Dinner---Baked ham, Swedish meatballs, turkey delicacy.

Tuesday April 15
Breakfast---Fried eggs, French toast.
Lunch---Hot turkey sandwich, beef biscuit roll, fruit plate.
Dinner---Battered fish, scalloped apples and sausage, baked meat loaf.

Wednesday, April 16:
Breakfast---French waffles, scrambled eggs.
Lunch---Humbo Jumbo, turkey goulash, corn fritter.
Dinner---Grilled chopped steak, polish sausage with sauerkraut, ta-co's.



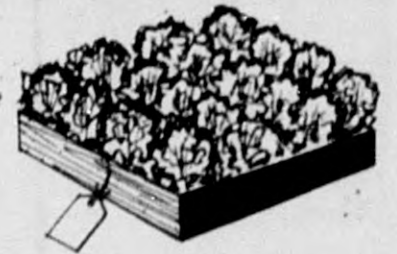
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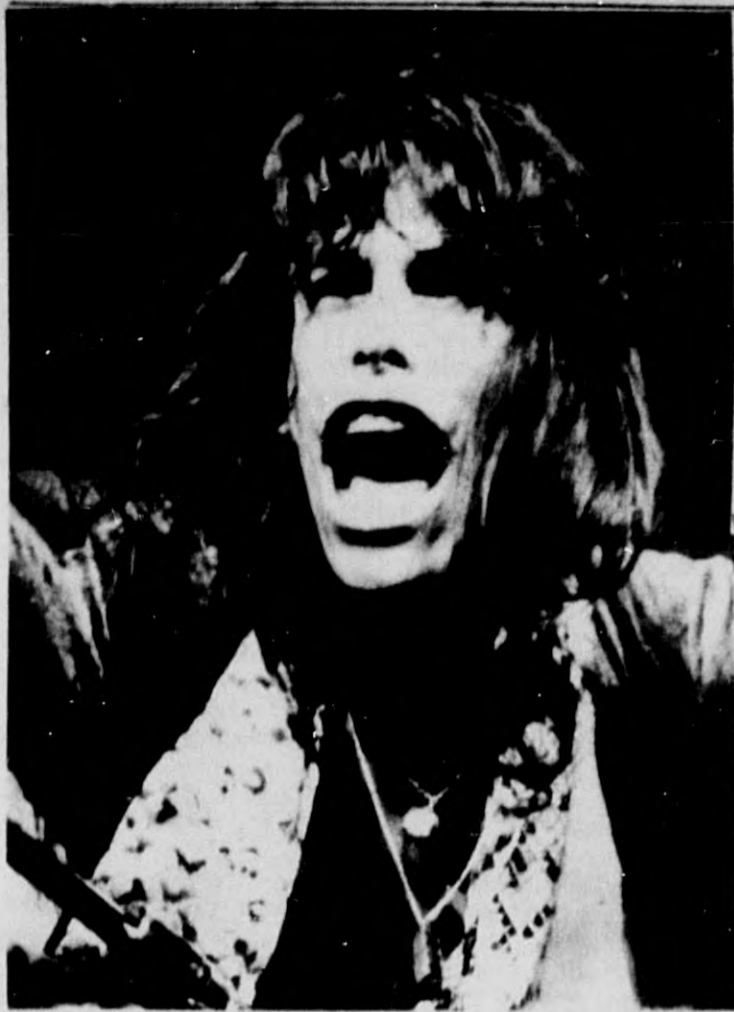
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ALMANIAN concert photographer John Duchaine caught these closeups of Aerosmith at an earlier concert. They will be at CMU tomorrow



Rockin' & Rollin' Aerosmith Style



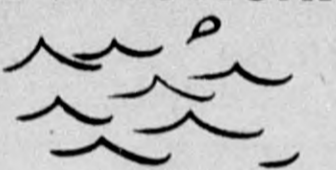
All kinds of goodies were on sale at this rummage sale sponsored by Newberry Hall. Pic by Wilcox



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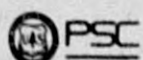
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By Jim Daniels

POETRY POINT

SOME PEOPLE

The sound tell nothing but everyone is listening
People acting just cool, just right, just fine
for them cause they can hear,
cause they think they are hearing the sound of life
Does the hungry groan of starved, the silence
of the aging,
the music of WRBCSREDDWWZ or themselves
reach their ears?

The look tells nothing but everyone remains staring
at T.V. for the news that begins at 6:30
and ends at 7:00.
People can be seen doing their thing
in order to be seen, to make people notice
what is not important.

Some poeple think they smell
Some people think they can smell when thing are
right.
Some people smell for the right thing to think.
Others stink
and love their smell.
Aint it swell?

Eb F. Pohly

I'd like to thank all those who have submitted poems to the column this year, and hopefully, next year this column will return. In this final column of the year, I am going to break my rule of not printing my own work, and print a poem of mine.

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I see the sign and
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How'd he ever get a job---
goes around bumping into people---
I should complain to the manager
but I don't.
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and look at toys for awhile.
...and the Dairy Queen won't take me
because I'm 18:
they'd have to pay me minimum wage.
I can't win.
Poor me.
Walking out the store, the gumball
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THREE GUMBALLS.
I CAN win.
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Interview with Sue Sebastian

Women Thinclads expect to be tough in MIAA

News Item:

Ann Meyers, the younger sister of All-American Forward Dave Meyers of UCLA, does some title winning of her own leading UCLA's Womens basketball team to the AWA conference Championship.

News Item:

Francie Larrieu, looking forward to a Gold Medal in the '76 Olympics, runs the fastest mile ever by a woman, 4:28.5, thereby achieving the distinction of holding the world indoor record for women in 5 events; the mile, 2 mile, 1000 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters.

News Item:

The MIAA gets set for its first year of womens competition in track and field.

As the Alma track team goes through its final races before starting the MIAA, there are nine members who feel a different sort of pressure than the others. These are the female members of the Scot thinclads who would be making their first appearance in the MIAA. One of their members, Sue Sebastian, took time to discuss the team. "We started out with about 16-18 girls, but that number deteriorated after a few days. With finals coming up, everyone is going nuts studying. Right now, I'd say we have a core of about ten girls. Those who are out now are very enthusiastic and I think we'll have a good season."

As with any sport that is just beginning its development there are a few rough spots that will be solved with experience that is gained. "As of now we know nothing about the other teams and they know nothing about us. We have a list of the Albion runners, they have 14, but we don't know about the other teams. I guess we'll find out Saturday." (At the MIAA Relays).

As for the actual talent of the team, Sue is a good example of some of the quality athletes that will be running for the MIAA teams. For Hansville High School, she took fifth in long jump, fifth in the hundred and second in the 220 in state competition. Her best time in the 220 is a 25.5. She has also competed against 200 women in a pentathlon at MSU, plus various small meets.

For Alma Sue will be competing in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, the long jump and 440 relay.

The other members of the Women team this year included; Kathy Fraser in sprints and middle distance, Caol Furrow in high jump sprints and 440 relay. Sue Hameister in long jump and 880; Terry Hovey high jump, long jump and sprints, Carol Kreiner hurdles, sprints, relay, Veda Ponder high jump, long jump, and relay, Sharon Welsh 440-88- mile, P.J. Heck shotput.

Lest you think the girls are not working for their upcoming season; "We are working alongside the guys. Dr. Gray and Coach Brooks have been helping us, yesterday Dr. Gray worked with the relay team. One thing that is bad is that the women in the field events, like long jump, have not been able to work out."

This is due to the fact that Alma High School, where the college team works hasn't had time to fix up the pits or set up the equipment.

If you have been reading the newspapers, hardly a day goes by when you do not read about a young girl joining a previously all-boys Little League, women starting a professional basketball league, or women competing against men in some sport. I asked Sue about her thoughts on womens competition in sports, why it seems to be happening all of a sudden.

"I think it all has to do with the fact that women are getting out more and getting involved with everything; the work force, politics. It hasn't been such a sudden thing. The reason that athletics has become big in the past few years is that more women are competing. I think it's great."

And her thoughts about a woman athlete's image: "I know that some of the women around the college who participate in a lot of sports feel they get labeled as jock...jockette. It sort of bothers me. I don't in any way feel that women can compete with men in most athletics. But, our records are going to keep dropping every year. And given all the years that men have participated, I think women are going to make a darn good showing."

Alma netters to open against Olivet Saturday

By Tim Sutherland

Scheduled to open MIAA league play with a match against Olivet Saturday, the Scot Tennis Team was forced to postpone it because of the snow. The team has been continuing to practice inside, but is anxious to get out as soon as the snow melts.

The netters move into the thick of MIAA action this week with a Wednesday match at Albion. Albion finished 4th in the MIAA last year and should be a good tuneup for the big match of the year at Kalamazoo on Saturday. Kalamazoo, league champs every year since 1936 are again expected to dominate the league with only Alma having an outside chance of dethroning the perennial champs.

The ladder has finally started to firm up and after last week's challenge matches the squad looks like this:

- #1 Kyle Madden #2 John Duchaine
 - #3 Bob Swanson #4 Tim Tilma
 - #5 Tim Sutherland #6 Mike Miron
- Doubles: #1 Kyle Madden, Bob Swanson #2 John Duchaine, Tim Tilma #3 Tim Sutherland, Randy Learman

A roundup of spring sports will appear in this Friday's edition

The ALMANIAN'S own exclusive sports prediction expert Ken Patterson has come out with his pre-season baseball picks despite the snow on the ground. His own secret, complicated formula has naturally picked the Tigers for last place despite any loyalty he may have.

PATTERSON'S PENNANT PICKS

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Students intently check out the latest in Pioneer equipment at the Hi-Fi show sponsored by the Sound Connection at CMU last week. Pic by Mike Wilcox.


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MSEC supports bottle bill


The Michigan Student Environment Confederation today kicked off the campaign to pass minimum deposit legislation--also known as the bottle bill-- in the State Legislature by publishing a 'Citizen's Guide,' which will be mass-distributed by all major environmental organizations in Michigan.

"This is the eighth year the legislature has had legislation before it to deal with throwaway

beverage containers. In that time, the amount of throwaways manufactured has increased tremendously. The litter, energy and solid waste problems just won't go away," Alex Sagady, Coordinator of MSEC, said.

A special legislative study committee recommended beverage container deposits as early as 1971.

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Fantastic performance in Tyler

Ziggy and the Zeu - and Ena too!

by John Duchaine

Ziggy and the Zeu stunned a capacity crowd in Tyler last Monday. Their music, costumes, lighting and sound system were all superb. Ziggy led by Ena Anka's vocals, movements and great looks, rocked for three long sets and two encores even though they had an eight hour drive ahead of them to Madison, Wisconsin.

Besides Ena, the Zeu consisted of Chico on guitar, Dover on bass, Rocky Vallio on drums, Sandy Zola on keyboards and "Fast Eddie" on Stroh's. All members also did vocal work which showed their array of talent. Their

choreography, skits, and just their physical endurance was fantastic.

This reporter talks with the players after their sets and also following the concert to get a little inside info on the history of the group.

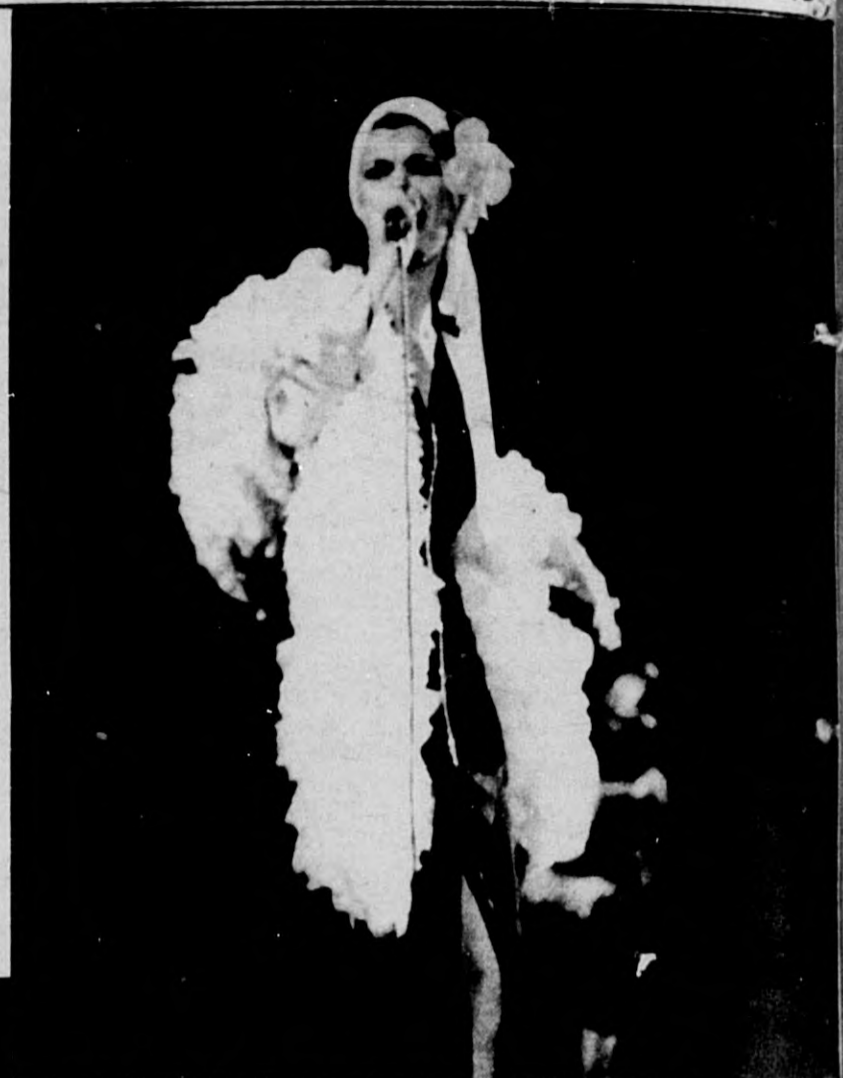
They have been together for three years now and have had some changes within the band with Zola being their latest addition. They recently "warned up" J. Geils in Lacrosse, Wisconsin and did very well. They have yet to cut an album but they do have a couple of 45's out.

The band, Ziggy, got their Zeu from a corporate affiliate Zapata

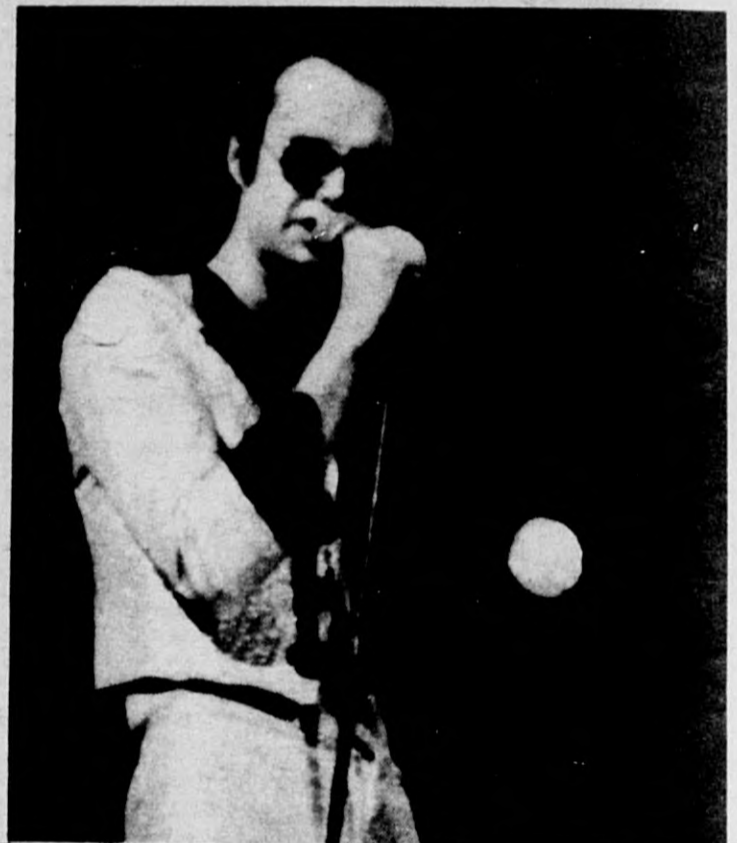
Enterprises Unlimited, but have since gotten out of it. The Zeu, as Ena explained, was retained because of the immense audience participation with the performances. They have since coined the audience as the Zeu.

Ena's start with Ziggy came when she was working in a Century store, while concurrently taking voice lessons. Eddie found out about her and asked her if she wanted to join a rock and roll band. She auditioned and got the part.

I asked Ena what she thought of the guys in the audience always gapping over her. "They do it all the time, but tonight was exceptional," she said.



Pics by: John Duchaine and Jeff Huyck



Whatever happened to April showers?

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