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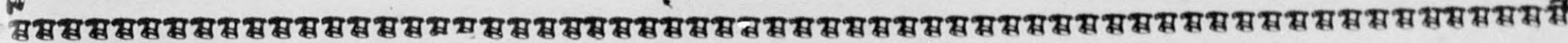
"Peace on earth,
goodwill towards man."

the ALMANJAN

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Merry Christmas

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Special Christmas Issue - 1975



Jolly ol' St. Nick

WHAT'S INSIDE...

A Detroit attorney declares himself as an "independent" Democratic candidate for the seat of Phil Hart. His story is told on page 5.

Last year the Christmas service held in Dunning Chapel focused on the words 'advertise' and 'advent.' Towards the front of the chapel was a large loaf of Wonder Bread. At the end of the service balloons descended upon the crowd while they sang "Joy to the World". Dr. Walser reviews some of the background of that service and this year's fifth Walser-Jacomo Christmas service on page 7.

Tom Rademacher has decided that he can no longer fulfill his obligation as the 1975-1976 African Fellow. The reason for his resignation and the plans of the African Fellowship Committee on page 3.

It's in! The Student Council has a definite cost estimate for a radio station. Story on page 3.



campus clamor

Wright Hall broken into

Two Alma College students were apprehended in Wright Hall by Alma Police on November 6, 1975. Apparently, entry was gained by climbing a fire escape, and going through a broken window.

Jeff Southern, Assistant to the Provost for Student Affairs, refused to comment.

Chapel service planned

The next chapel service will be next Sunday, January 11, at 11am. The speaker will be Reverend Cliff Chaffee, the college chaplain. His subject will be "What in the World am I doing Here?". Students are helping to plan the service and will participate in it.

TG today

Even though last Monday's ALMANIAN announced that the CSA Hall is closed to all campus parties, Scot Covert, president of the Theta Chi fraternity has announced that there will be an all campus TG starting at 3pm and lasting until 6 pm.

Theatre and U-B trade facilities

All Union Board nightclub activities will be held in Dow Auditorium from January 5, 1976 until the week of February 23-27, 1976. The Alma Players production of HOT L BALTIMORE will be held in Tyler Auditorium the weekend of February 13-14, and on the 19, 20 and 21.

Due to the performances and the several weeks of rehearsals necessary, Union Board is moving their activities temporarily to Dow.

Summer jobs with gov't available

There are summer job opportunities with the Federal Government with federal agencies throughout the country. The placement office has brochures available on summer positions for undergraduates. Many of the positions require a summer employment examination. There are deadlines for the positions which are rapidly approaching. The Placement office urges all students who are interested in such employment to act immediately.

Firm to interview here

Ernst and Ernst will be interviewing on campus on Thursday, January 8. They are interested in accounting majors only. If you are interested, stop in and sign up at the Placement Office, Room 229. Placement papers should be filled out prior to the interview.

Blood pressure checks given

The Wilcox Medical staff will be giving blood pressure checks in the Ried-Knox building on Thursday, December 18 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. This service will also be available in the PE building on Registration day.

Two students to aid national campaign effort

Paul Peterson and Al Jackson will both be going to work on Jimmy Carter's campaign as a practicum accredited at Alma College.

Paul will be working in Jackson, Mississippi. After his first month, he will receive \$125 per month. He will be mostly making phone calls, and helping with mailings.

For his work, Paul will receive 10 credits from Alma. Paul became interested in the opportunity earlier this year. When he applied last November for the job he was amazed to receive an answer only a week later. He stated, "I like the candidate and I think it'll be a once in a lifetime experience."

Merry Christmas from your ALMANIAN staff



MacKENZIE's SUBURBANETTE The Complete Party Store

If radio comes, will change communications

last in a series

If and when radio comes to Alma, it will undoubtedly change the communication systems here at the college. The way a person in our community communicates will drastically differ from the way we communicate presently.

At this present time there are three widely circulated major means of communication at Alma: the FACEFINDER (PIG BOOK), the SCOTSMAN, and the ALMANIAN. All three of these media are print media.

The limitations of print are different from the limitations of electronics yet there are some limitations which are shared by both. The rest of this article explores the limitations of print versus electronics as applied to the Alma situation.

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Radio differs primarily from the print media in one important area: purpose. Besides being a medium of communication, radio is primarily used for entertainment. Only one twelfth of every hour is ever used for news communication by most radio stations. On the other hand, the main purpose of a newspaper is the communication of news and bulletins. A small fraction of a newspaper however can be used as entertainment. The ever popular cartoon section or "funnies" is an example of newspaper entertainment.

There are several qualities which a radio station would add to the Alma situation. The primary advantage to radio is the speed of communication. Only the rumor mill can compete with radio on the basis of speed. Besides speed, accuracy exceeds the accuracy of the rumor mill.

A radio station at Alma could be employed in doing several unique tricks which at present are hard to duplicate elsewhere on the Alma campus. A panel discussion such as the genetic engineering

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session could be broadcast to the whole campus if the session was held in a studio instead of merely having a isolated event. Live radio shows of music and drama could be performed over campus radio.

Away games could be broadcast and hourly bulletins could be made over a campus radio station.

But there are serious disadvantages to campus radio. Any announcement, or news would still have to be written. The only difference between this and a newspaper is that in a condensed calen-

der form bulletin news in a newspaper, verbs and other grammatical extras are left out. A quick glance at the campus calendar can verify this. If the ALMANIAN's campus calendar was utilized over radio, each separate item would have to be written out. There are many professional stations who lack the writing expertise for such behind the scenes radio news and bulletin preparation.

Radio also has a built in distortion over newsprint. An important story can only be given 20

seconds of time at the most while other news receives about 10 seconds of information on the radio.

Lastly radio does not have the permanence of print. Once you hear it- its gone. Radio is highly intangible in these respects.

This last disadvantage of radio is one of prints primary advantages. Another advantage of radio is total access by the layman. A letter to the editor is the only thing that prevents a layman from gaining the same printed

stage as a editorial writer. That's not the same for radio. Chances for being heard on radio are limited.

Newspapers also have an editorial edge over the electronic media.

The greatest disadvantage of print is the time element in production. However the advantage of the visual over the audio is gained.

What this all means for Alma is that for example play by play reports of games in this publication

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would become worthless whereas stats, and analysis of a game would become more important if radio would be introduced.

radio limits the amount of investigative reporting which a radio station can do.

These questions and many, many more will have to be answered and dealt with by the several committees investigating the possibilities of a radio station at Alma.

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HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

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NEWS

the ALMANIAN
2nd Front Page

PHOTOS

Committee to move ahead

African Fellow reconsiders nomination; declines

By John D. Sefcik

The Jerry Smith African Fellowship Program will continue despite difficulties experienced this fall, it was decided by the Fellowship Committee this week. The program has encountered difficulty because of the slowness in granting of working visas to the Fellows for the past three years. A visa still has not been granted to Tom Rademacher, this year's African Fellow; and Rademacher has decided not to go to Nigeria.

As a result of past visa problems, both Mark Wangberg and Craig Carpenter were late in getting to Nigeria. Tom applied for his visa last April, and has been waiting since September for its arrival. He has been unable to either get a job or go to school because of the uncertainty of the situation.

Finally he was able to secure employment. By late October, he had found a job helping handicapped people. Since then, he has become very interested in this area.

Dr. Ronald Kapp, Provost, explained, "First of all, the committee concurred today with the stance that Tom should be under no obligation to go to Nigeria considering this long delay. The commit-



Dr. Ronald Kapp

tee feels that in view of the fact that the agenda of his life has greatly changed, that we should go along with his feelings that he just can't go at this point.

"The committee felt that the whole campus would understand the basis of this decision on Tom's part; and while Tom is extremely disappointed, we're all disappointed that he was inconvenienced by the visa difficulty," said Kapp.

"...Tom should be under no obligation to go to Nigeria considering this long delay. The committee feels that in view of the fact that the agenda of his life has greatly changed, we should go along with his feelings that he just can't go at this point."

---Ronald O. Kapp
Provost



Tom Rademacher

University Service Organization, CUSO). Each year CUSO sends about 300 volunteers, most of them teachers, to Nigeria. They don't have the kind of problem with visas we do because they have a field man working in Nigeria. He can contact the right offices and make the correct arrangements. Also, Alma may be able to affiliate with the Peace Corps, should they decide to go into Nigeria. This seems quite possible at this point in time.

Secondly, there is a possibility that the program can be changed by moving it into another country, say, for example, Liberia. "That takes much investigation and ground work first," said Kapp.

Thirdly, the time can be changed when the African Fellow goes to Nigeria. Instead of going at the school year, he can be there for a calendar year, January through December. Considering that the timing of the selection process would remain the same, that could help solve the visa problem.

Lastly, the African Fellow can be selected even earlier than presently done. This would appear to be the one of the easiest solutions to implement.

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Student Council reveals radio cost: \$20,000 tops

By W. Robert Schultz III

The Student Council established a radio board at its meeting last Wednesday to continue the process towards the implementation of a radio station at Alma College. After a wait of several weeks the council received a preliminary cost estimate from LBD in Pennsylvania.

Jeff Ray, Chairman of the Radio Station Task Force presented the figures to the council. Ray reported, "...the company gave us a price for the hardware needed to install a carrier current system to the dorms only,

and possibly to the Union. This includes transmitter, coupling units, patch cords, and a distribution amplifier."

The cost which the company gave Ray was \$2,425. Along with that studio equipment is needed. There are two ways which a station can go. A basic complement costs \$4,470.75.

"This includes the basic necessities for a radio station," reported Ray.

A preferable compliment, which is different from the basic, was the route recommended by LBD. Its cost is \$10,463.90.

Ray checked with Alma's WFYC and found that a basic compli-

ment was "more than we needed." WFYC gave Ray a name of a Grand Rapids company who had better prices.

WFYC also gave Ray the name of their engineer. The engineer who lives in Mt. Pleasant could be available to the college and on his spare time in the space of two weeks, could install a radio station. Ray estimated that the cost of an engineer would be around \$600.

According to Ray's report some of the conduits between the dorms are full, leaving no room for coaxial cables. The solution would be to go around the dorms. This solution would mean a consid-

erable monetary increase over the projected costs.

Gene Burr, Head of Physical Plant, offered two other alternatives to Ray and members of the executive board. The first alternative is to have one of the two Alma electronic firms lay wiring into the ground between dorms. The cost of this method is un-

determined. The second alternative was to use the wires of the General Telephone system. For \$1.25 per month per wire, a radio system could rent the use of GT&S's wires. The initial installation fee would be \$24 per wire.

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Panel discusses genetic engineering

By Cheri Addington

Do we want to be caught off guard like we were when the atomic bomb went off? Should we enter a genetic age also so grossly unprepared? These were some of the basic questions posed to students Wednesday at a genetic engineering discussion. Central University's Geneticist Dr. Frank Eldrige, Dr. Clyde Gehrig, Judge Robert Sheldon, and Dr. Ronald Massanari headed the panel which discussed the biological, ethical, judicial, and theological standpoints of genetic engineering.

The panel was the brainchild of Biology 306 students Laura Bartkowski and Karen Stockwell, who prepared and coordinated the program in lieu of taking Dr. Eyer's final examination.

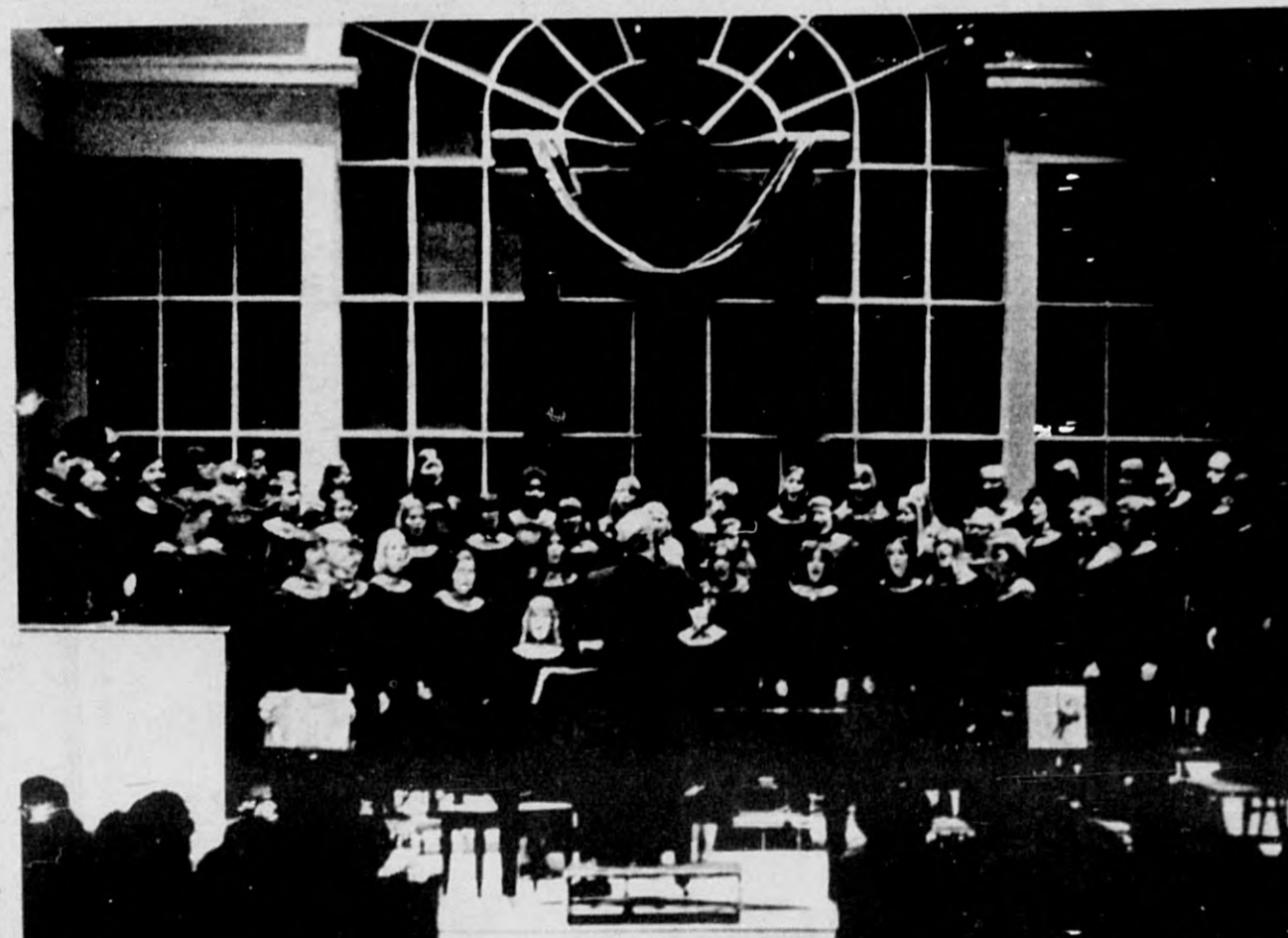
The first speaker was Dr. Eldrige, who discussed the various advances in the field of genetics, including cloning, artificial insemination, predetermination of everything from birth defects to sex in the unborn human, and the cultivation of new human organs for transplants from the cells of healthy organs. "Some of the possibilities, such as the cloning of an entire human being, still remain a theoretical possibility of the future; but other genetic practices, such as artificial in-

semination, are becoming more popular all the time."

But where does the permissiveness come to an end? At what point do we say this is morally right, but this is not? Dr. Clyde Gehrig, a sociology professor here at Alma, sought, along, with Dr. Ronald Massanari, to ponder some of these aspects of genetic engineering. "We had one massive social experiment in my generation in terms of Nazi Germany and their trying to perfect a super race," Dr. Gehrig stated. "We are faced with questions like who will have control and the power of decision-making in a case like this. If we have power vested in certain individuals, what if indeed we do have another Hitler? There is no doubt that this could be potentially dangerous." He went on to make the statement that he would rather see control of genetic engineering come about by control rather than by default. "Where I think it is now heading." The social role which genetic engineering plays was also discussed by Dr. Gehrig.

Dr. Massanari discussed the importance of the definition of basic terms in correlation with the safe and sane decisions which must be made about genetic engineering. "It is difficult to

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The choir gave its annual Christmas concert in the Chapel on Wednesday of this week. The featured work was Handel's Messiah. Dr. Sullivan is the conductor of the choir.
Pic by Jeff Huyck

CAMPUS UPDATE

Friday, December 12

6:45 pm Dow Flick: Jeremiah Johnson
9:00 pm Dow Flick: Jeremiah Johnson

Saturday, December 13

8:00 pm Holley House DGT House
8:00 pm Alma Symphony Orchestra Cabaret Christmas Concert Van Dusen Commons
8:00 pm Dow Flick: Jeremiah Johnson
8:00 pm Union Board Olde Fashioned Christmas Party Tyler

Sunday, December 14

11:00 am Christmas Chapel Service Chapel
3:00 pm Orchesis Christmas Concert Chapel
8:00 pm Dow Flick: Jeremiah Johnson Dow Aud.

Monday, December 15

Begining of exam week
10:00 Saga exam treats: Fondue

Tuesday, December 16

10:00 pm Saga exam treats: Donuts

Wednesday, December 17

10:00 pm Saga exam treats: Cold Cuts

Library Recess Hours

December 19	8 am - 5 pm
December 20-21	Closed
December 22-24	8 am - 5 pm
December 25-28	Closed
December 29-31	8 am - 5 pm
January 1-4	Closed
January 5	8 am - 5 pm
January 6	Resume regular hours

Genetic engineering

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formulate concrete ideals about this until we, including the AMA, the Bar Association, and the churches, have a common consensus on the definition of terms such as human life, dignity, what it means to be a human being, the quality of human life, the role of individual rights, social obligations, and the future of man.

Until we build a framework of ethical consensus, we have the means to construct something that I would not identify with as being deeply human."

Massanari also reflected on the attitude of apathy prevalent in the society and the potential danger that could stem from it. "Call it the London syndrome, if you

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African Fellow

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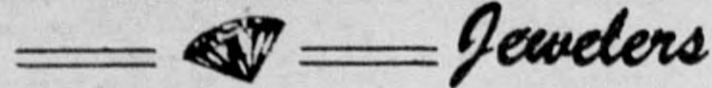
Financing is another large area of concern to many. Presently, the entire African Fellowship Program is financed through the Alma College community in four ways: through the annual faculty auction, sponsored by the Sigma Beta Service Fraternity; through contributions made by private individuals; through the sale of art objects (such as the one in Tyler today); and through use of the student tax.

The committee has decided to save the money that would have been spent this year. They feel that the amount budgeted this year wasn't enough to cover the increased costs. Air fare, for instance, has increased from about \$900 to over \$1200. Inflation in Nigeria has decreased the monthly stipend to about half of its original value.

The savings can be used to cover increases in the budget from the present \$3000 to the necessary \$3500. Also, future increases will be available, and without the need to increase taxes.

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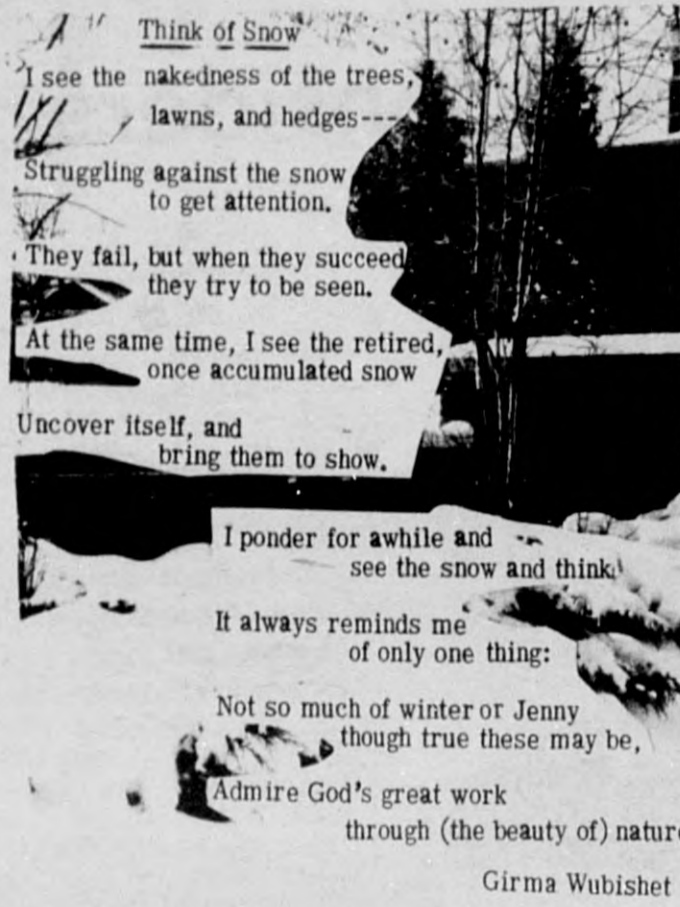
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POETRY

By Jim Daniels



Think of Snow

I see the nakedness of the trees,
lawns, and hedges---
Struggling against the snow
to get attention.
They fail, but when they succeed
they try to be seen.
At the same time, I see the retired,
once accumulated snow
Uncover itself, and
bring them to show.
I ponder for awhile and
see the snow and think
It always reminds me
of only one thing:
Not so much of winter or Jenny
though true these may be,
Admire God's great work
through (the beauty of) nature
Girma Wubishet

The Prize

Man and boy stalk silently on
In search of elusive prey
The boy caresses his smooth new gun
Received on his twelfth birthday.

The stage is set for the boy's first kill
His father taught him well,
"Think of the stares your catch will get,
The stories you can tell!"

Man and boy suddenly halt
They can't believe their luck
In the clearing just ahead
Stands a ten -point buck.

At peace with the world, the animal grazes
There seems no cause for alarm
The surrounding wood is dark and quiet
The deer feels safe from harm.

The silence is split by a rifle shot
The big deer is thrown to the ground
In agony, he screams and screams
But cannot make a sound.

Unable to stand, the buck lies enduring
A pain he can't comprehend
He suffers several moments more til death
Brings a merciful end.

The boy is successful in getting his prize
You can hear his father yell,
"Think of the stares your catch will get
The stories you can tell!"

Name withheld upon request

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in the Wright Hall
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Detroit attorney will run as "Independent" Democrat for U.S. Senate seat



James Elsmar

James Leonard Elsmar, a 39 year old attorney with offices in Detroit and Birmingham, has declared himself a candidate for the United States Senate, running as an "Independent" Democrat, becoming the only announced candidate who has sought the office before.

Elsmar ran for the Senate in 1966, against former Gov. Williams, becoming the State's first anti-Vietnam War candidate.

Elsmar is quite specific in what he sees as possible future trag-

edies -- dangerous Government over-spending on Welfare, etc.; continued unemployment and economic stagnation; Government abuse of power; increased crime; Government's attempt to forcefully integrate society via the unreasonable means of bussing; and a Kissinger-run foreign policy that seems to make us more insecure rather than secure. He proposes to campaign with specific solutions to these problems, and not just be-
"For example, take abuse of

power by politicians. Do you realize," he says, "that I can't find any specific law preventing Government officials from lying to the people? Lying! They had to go after Nixon and others for "obstructing justice." Well, my solution to that problem is that, if the politicians won't vote for a Public Lying Law, then we citizens should give ourselves a Bicentennial present with Constitutional Amendment."

Elsmar will run the Campaign from his law office in Birmingham and is seeking a volunteer staff, from Republicans and Independents as well as Democrats.

"I'm really an independent myself, but feel the Democratic party is closer to the people's interest generally."

Elsmar says that Americans have lost the ability to respond to problems and correct them. "The answer to the Welfare Mess and Government Deficits is to provide a healthy, full-employment economy. It's got to be free and competitive, with less Government intervention. On Welfare, for example, we can't continue programs that provide an incentive for the father to leave home like the A.D.C. program, or for people to take food stamps and unemployment compensation when there are jobs available. That waste drains

our money and moral resources. If that's economic Conservatism, then that's what I am; but on civil rights, I'll do a lot more to avoid bussing and integrate our society freely."

Elsmar was educated at the University of Michigan for 7 years, including Law School, and he spent one year at Harvard Divinity School. Before Law School graduation, he worked in the paper mills of Kalamazoo as a union member (International Brotherhood of Papermakers) and worked in the State Attorney General's Office. Upon graduation, he worked for the Legal Department of Chrysler Corporation 3 years before forming his own law firm, which private practice has occupied him the last 12 years. He and his wife, Janice, plus son Jamie and his daughter Stephanie, live in Bloomfield Hills. He is a lawyer who specializes in lawsuits and trials. He has held several appointed Bar State and U.S. Government positions in the field of international law and relations. His work has taken him all over the world several times. He has been appointed by the successive Secretaries of Commerce of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon to the Export Expansion Council, and has been appointed by Governor's Romney and Miliken to the Michigan Part-

ners for the Alliance for Progress with Latin America from 1969 to the present.

Foreign policy is Elsmar's greatest area of experience and preparation. He has studied several languages, including Russian and Chinese, and had held appointments from both Republican and Democratic Administrations in the field of U.S. foreign trade policy. "Frankly, Henry Kissinger's very personal style of patchwork diplomacy makes me more nervous, not more secure. He seems to have no overall plan in mind except to tightrope his way from day-to-day through detente with the Russians and making peace in the Middle East, without involving all of the concerned parties. It won't work, not even when he is around, especially not when he is gone."

Elsmar plans to take his campaign to the voters, in part, by literally jogging into and out of every county seat in the State. Following his announcement, he began a 10 mile jog from the Detroit City-County Building to Woodward Avenue to the City limits at 8 mile road. "The nickname of 'the Jogger' may become my political trademark. For me, it represents a symbolic attempt, not only to shape this country up physically, but politically and morally, as well."

"There's no use kidding, I'm the underdog. I'm the least known, but I trust the voter's judgement. They don't like who they're seeing. I don't believe in Government by these professional politicians whose faces never change and they just keep moving around and up on the public payroll. I'm not a politician, and never have been active in political meetings, etc. I think we need some new blood in politics, after what we've seen with Watergate, etc.," he stated.


Elsmar continues, "Besides new ideas and specific solutions, we need candidates free of pressure groups. Unlike most of the politicians in the State, I'm free of pressure groups. I'm against abuses by big unions, non-competitive big business and big government. I'm a true independent and free-enterpriser. Someone has to represent the average citizen. You notice I don't announce my candidacy claiming endorsements by pressure groups."

Elsmar has some unorthodox campaigning ideas, "We also need

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Deluxe	3.57	4.25	5.16	6.14
Extra Items35	.40	.45	.50

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Tues. Spagetti
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Our Philosophy

Loss of this year's Fellow should not cause program abandonment

The startling saga of Tom Rademacher and the African Fellowship has ended. It's too bad that for the first time ever Alma has not sent an African Fellow to Nigeria.

This temporary defeat should not demoralize the campus into abandoning the idea of sending an American to Nigeria or any other country.



W. Robert Schultz III

The task lying before the African Fellowship committee now is twofold: to reexamine the African Fellowship Program and to modify it as necessary to prevent such events from taking place (as much as it is in Alma's power to do so); the second task is to select -- if that course is chosen -- a Fellow for next year early enough to avoid the delays which contributed to Tom's dilemma.

Rational action is needed, but abandonment of the Nigerian Fellowship or even the idea is not what we advocate. Instead, the campus should help contribute to the reevaluation and support of the committee as it makes hard decisions and choices in the future months ahead.

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LETTERS

your feedback is welcome

Senior class president reveals the plans for ordering caps, gowns, rings

To the members of the senior class:

We do not meet often as a class, thus in an attempt to keep all of you informed, I've prepared this letter for the ALMANIAN.

As a representative of the Class of 1976, I received a note of appreciation from President Swanson for the gift our class collected in memory of his wife. I too would like to say thank you for all of the kind thoughts and concerned people I talked to in that week.

The first half of our year is almost done...and graduation is not far away. Thus there are a few things that need to be done rather soon. Most imperative at the moment are the ordering of announcements and measuring for caps and gowns. Both of these

will be done during the registration line for next term on January 5, 1976.

A representative from Josten's will be in registration line in January for all seniors to order announcements as well as class rings if these are desired. (Remember you can order class rings now in Stu Strait's office in Hood). You will not be required to pay for the announcements on registration day, only order them. If for some reason you do not order them at that time, you may see Linda David in the Development Office on second floor, Hood Building. You must do this in the first week of the term as the order will be sent after that time.

The Scot Shop will be measuring for caps and gowns during

registration line on the same day. If you do not, for any reason, get measured on that day, please see John David in the Scot Shop. It is requested that you wait until about the third week of the term so that the rush in book sales is avoided.

Again, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me anytime. Our life as a class will soon be coming to an end. Let's make the best of our last term at Alma and leave a positive impression on the minds and hearts of those at the institution we call our alma mater.

Peace,
Ed Kain
President, Class of 1976.



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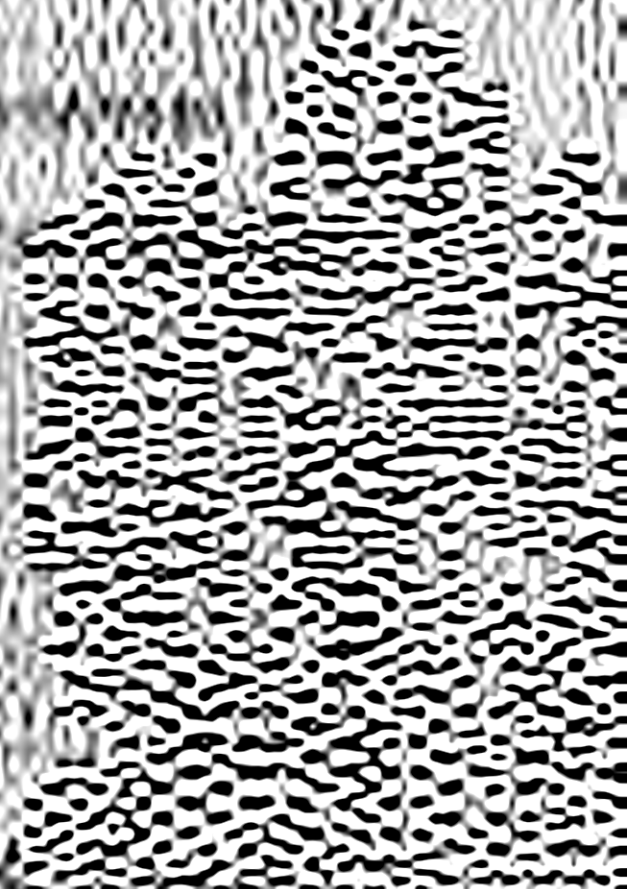
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Did you just get your color slides of a Jamaican vacation back from the drugstore and would like to use something besides a flashlight to show them to your friends? Or, would you like to supplement an oral presentation with a poster-size diagram instead of passing around the book it came from? A visit to your local audio-visual department can help.

Tucked away in AC 116 is the Audio-Visual Department of Monteith Library. The equipment there, the movie projectors, slide projectors, tape recorders, overhead projectors, opaque projectors, and all of the rest are available for student and faculty use. For on campus use, equipment can be checked out by signing your name; off campus use requires a deposit to be left until the equipment is returned. In the library a limited amount of equipment is available for special use. It requires a trained operator which the audio-visual department will supply.

Audio-visual materials such as films, filmstrips, tape recordings, and film loops can be checked out for use either in or out of the library. At present, the best access to titles of material available is through the audio-visual card catalog located in the reference section of the library, or by stopping in AC 116 and talking with the audio-visual supervisor. She can help you find what you need and show you how to operate the equipment.

Many catalog of film and other materials are kept in AC 116 for faculty rental and use in the classroom, and for student groups whose flow for multi-media presentations.

It is often on the receiving end of an information transfer that you choose the type of media of way by which the information is presented. When you are on the sending end of a knowledge experience, consider using something in addition to your voice and presence. Using new channels to present information - slides, transparencies or pre-recorded audio material - appealing to the senses, can often better deliver your message and offer you a more effective method of communicating.

Student Council receives radio station cost estimate

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for starting a station. A radio committee could take a budget to SBFC and it would be permanent. It was the feeling of some members of the council that a radio board could now look at the best method of implementing a radio station at Alma.

There was some concern about usurping the Communications Committee's power. A radio board with members Tim Wright and Jeff Ray was finally approved. In other action, the council rat-

ified an amendment to the Community Government Constitution. The amendment defined the role of the President and the Administration separately and in more detail than the original document. The amendment was accepted by the council.

The Student Council also expressed concern to Jeff Southern over the seeming rise of petty theft and malicious destruction on campus. The council felt that several routes of action, yet to be acted upon, were available to remedy the problem.

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will, but we have learned in the past that human beings tend not to react very rationally or conscientiously prior to a catastrophe. A catastrophe evokes a response. Will we have to wait until a genetic catastrophe happens before we make a rational reaction?

"However, only a few states have passed statutes on these issues, and Michigan is not among them..."

According to Judge Robert Sheldon of Alma, the law will attempt to create a common sense solution to the situations that can and will arise out of the countless aspects of genetic engineering. "As of yet, the only laws existing on genetic engineering pertain to artificial insemination: the 'legal father' question, and the legitimacy of the child. However, only a few states have passed statutes on these issues, and Michigan is not among them. Judge Sheldon speculated that Michigan courts would rule that a child born to an artificially inseminated mother would be considered legitimate. "I am confident that any future statutes regarding genetic engineering developments will be considered with the pro-

tection of life and the promotion and preservation of human life in the highest esteem and importance," he stated. "If it's good, do it; if it's not, don't," he philosophized.

The discussion proved to be

informative, interesting, and indeed thought-provoking, and provided to all in attendance the basis for making intelligent, informed decisions about the multifaceted developments of genetic engineering in the future.

Discussion held on genetic engineering

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SPORTS

Three senior field hockey players honored

By Val Hansen

This year Alma was honored to have three seniors on the field hockey team, Andrea Goff, Deb Mapes and Veda Ponder.

Andrea played left fullback as a junior and senior, playing half-back as a freshman. As a defensive player, Andrea is credited for multiple saves and well executed playing maneuvers. This year she joined freshman goalkeeper, Sue Carpenter, and senior Deb Mapes to develop the strongest backfield Alma College has had.

Andrea is also well-known on campus for her other participation in the sports of volleyball and tennis. She played volleyball her sophomore year and has been a

member of the tennis team all four years here at Alma.

Deb has been on the field hockey team for three years. Her freshman and sophomore year, she played as goalie. Her junior year, she was on the volleyball team due to a knee injury. This year, Deb played opposite Andrea Goff as right fullback and was a goalkeeper. As a very strong player, Deb was selected to be the goalkeeper for the Michigan Colleges First Team.

Deb has also been a letterman on the tennis team for four years, last year playing in a national tournament. This year she holds the number one position on the ladder. Her other sports partic-

ipation include volleyball and basketball.

Our third senior, Veda Ponder, joined the field hockey team for her first year this fall. Having never played before, Veda picked up the skills readily and played right wing. As a player for the offense, Veda was capable of outrunning most of her opponents. As the season progressed, Veda proved an asset to the forward line. At selections, Alma was honored to have Veda make the first cut, even though she didn't make the final selections team.

At Alma, Veda has also participated on the basketball team for four years, gifted with coordination and excellent athletic abilities.



Veda Ponder, left and Andrea Goff, right. Pic of Deb Mapes was unavailable.

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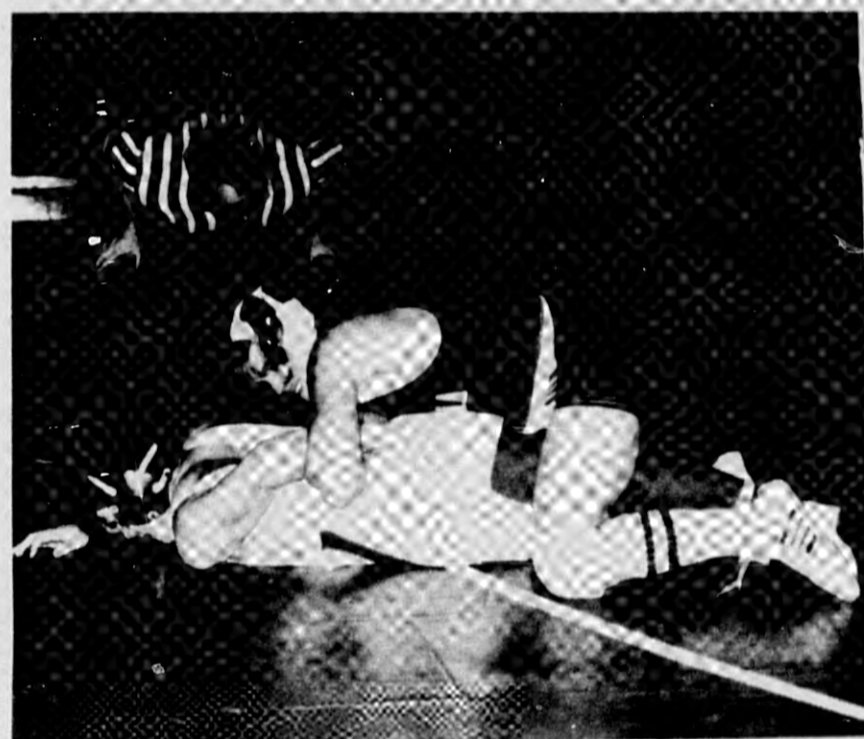
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Scott Whitford pins his man in record time for the only Alma pin of this match against Saginaw Valley.
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By Tim Sutherland

The Alma Scot mat men traveled to Saginaw Valley Wednesday night and were defeated 27-18, against a

strong SVC team.

Senior Dve Vibber started things off by winning a decision at 118 pounds, 9-6.

Mark Betz at 126 and Leo Levon at 134 were both pinned by their SVC opponents and this combined with a double forfeit at 142 gave Saginaw Valley a 12-3 lead.

Steve Quaderer pulled Alma to within 63 with a hard fought decision at 150 pounds.

Tim Crosby wrestled a fine match after being down 7-4, and

Grapplers lose to Saginaw Valley 27-18

came back to pin his opponent to tie the score at 12-12.

When Scott Whitford pinned his opponent at 167 the Scots assumed a 18-12 lead.

Chuck Abraham lost a decision, and Mark Gross and Dan George both were pinned as Saginaw Valley came from behind to win 27-18.

Jim Pershing at 142 pounds is out with a severe ankle sprain.

The team travels to Dowagiac this weekend for a large invitational tournament.

Soccer season postscript

by Rick Olsen

As a post script to the soccer season, post season awards and captains for next year's team were voted upon. Among the awards being voted for were, Most Valuable Player, Best Defensive Player, Best Offensive Player, and Most Improved Player.

Deservedly winning the Most Valuable Player award this year was Paul Onyekwere, a senior from Kaduna, Nigeria. Playing alternately at the three center positions, Paul played each with experience and finesse that was sorely needed on our inexperienced team. It seems incredible to believe that Paul never played any soccer in high school, opting instead for badmitten. But even with this deficiency, his ability to control the game truly made him most valuable to the team.

Winning the Best Defensive Player was our goalie, Steve Burkhart a sophomore from Hilton, New York. Many times this season Steve was the saving grace for the mistakes made by the defensive halfbacks and fullbacks.

Tying for Best Offensive Player were Peter Zours, a sophomore from Bochman, West Germany and Rick Olsen, a senior from Luz-

erne, MI. Peter is the man who led Alma in scoring this year with ten goals and five assists. Many times during the season, the responsibility for capping an offensive drive fell on Peter's shoulders, and more often than not he was equal to the task. Not a spectacular dribbler or passer, Peter got his job done efficiently. Shifting from left to back to left halfback to forward and back to half back again, Olson had three goals and two assists for Alma.

Voting for Most Improved Player gave the nod to Nick Springsteen. Starting out this soccer season with no experience at all, Nick developed into one of Alma's most dependable forwards. One of his particular assets is his wheels which help him lead the Alma team in most defensemen left in his wake.

The job of leading Alma in their first MIAA varsity year was voted to Peter Zours (captain) and Nick Springsteen (co-captain). It will be up to these individual players and the talents of Coach Beaumont to mold the incoming freshmen and returning veterans into an exciting and entertaining unit.

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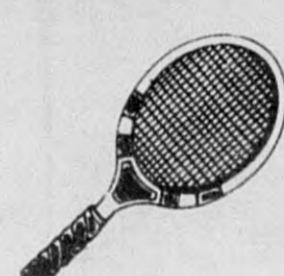
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JVs triumph over Montcalm, 99 - 89

by Connie Church

Led by sparkling performances by sopomores Tim Daiss and Jamie Knapp, the Alma Scot JV's shot their way to a 99-89 victory over Montcalm Community College Wednesday night. Daiss led the Little Scotties with 22 points and Knapp came off the bench to score 17 important points in about ten minutes of play.

It was a seesaw, helter-skelter first half with Alma usually clinging to a tenuous two to four point lead. The JV's threw a full court press at Montcalm, and although it was only particularly delete above line----- though it was only partially successful, according to Coach Sweeney, it did "wear them down." The Scot cagers went off the court at halftime clinging to a 46-41 lead.

The second half was no different from the first as each team played run and shoot basketball. Alma continued to hang onto a precarious lead until late in the game when Montcalm assumed a one point lead. Being down seemed to spark the Scots as they quickly jumped back into the lead, gradually building it to one, then to four points. The Scots stayed hot the rest of the game to finish with a ten point advantage of 99-89.

According to first year Coach Mike Sweeney, the key to the JV victory was fine outside shooting by Knapp, Daiss and Mitch Coffman who had 21 points, and the Scot full court press, which finality College cagers. Bob McAndrews and Mark Bennett chipped in with 11 and 10 points respectively.

The JVs return to action Saturday night at home against an independent tea, at 5:55 preceding the varsity game against Sienna Heights.

Scots trim Hillsdale, 94 - 83

The varsity basketball team won their second ballgame in a row last Monday trimming Hillsdale by a 94-83 margin.

Deadlocked at 70-all with 9:28 remaining, the Scots, now 2-3 on the year, scored 10 straight points to take the lead for good. Five outside jump shots powered the outburst. George Herrington, a 6'7" forward from Breckenridge, began the streak with a two pointer before a basket by Willie Dawkins, two by Stu Ten Hoor, and one by Tim Mohre increased the bulge to 10.

"It was our ball game from there on in," noted coach Bill Klenk.

Mohre a 6' guard totaled a career-high 31 points and collected 10 assists in leading the Scots to a school record of 29-assists.

Alma shot 39 of 79 rom the floor for 49 per cent, while Hillsdale converted 37 of 87 for 42 per cent.

"Mohre had a fine ballgame," Klenk said. "And it sure is good to win one on the road."

The Scots next entertain Sienna Heights at 8 p.m. on Saturday.



Participants in Third North Bruske's Beard Growing Contest. The winners will be announced next week. pic by Joyce Mahan



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