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Seaburg reacts to coed Gelston



Susan Seaburg

"You get to know more sides of a person...as a result you are able to form friendships that are deeper and longer lasting."

Susan Seaburg

by John Sefcik



Alma's Fire Department responds to Sunday's alarm.

The following is an interview with Susan Seaburg, head resident at Gelston Hall. This year is the first year that Gelston will be a coed dorm.

Q. What was your first reaction when there was talk of turning Gelston into a coed dorm?

A. My first reaction was one of hesitancy because I was in favor of Alma having a coed dorm, but I did feel some apprehension at the possible damage to Gelston Hall. Men have a tendency to be a little rougher on residence halls, and Gelston so far has been kept in (I think) pretty good shape. I think the women have really taken a lot of pride in the residence halls and I hope the men will take that same kind of pride as well.

Q. Do you have anything in mind for an orientation to Gelston Hall for the guys?

A. Well, I guess it's not just for the men here because there will be several women that haven't lived here before either. We will be having a dorm-wide meeting that will be very short, and then

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Sue Seaburg

they will meet with their own RA. Most of the orientation will be with the RA. They will explain the facilities, tell them what we have to offer and this kind of thing, but I expect people will familiarize themselves more fully with the facilities after the inception of dorm council. Our dorm council last year was extremely active and did some really good things for the residence hall. If there were facilities that we needed or things that we needed to acquaint people with or we needed to expand on, the dorm council really took the reins and did so. Rather than just orientating people to facilities, I guess I'm more likely to go along with a "let's see" type of thing. Let's see what we need--let's see what kinds of things meet the needs of the people in the residence hall. I'd rather have that kind of orientation rather than just a "this is what we have" orientation.

Q. Do you see the dorm council as active as they were last year?

A. We don't have any officers right now, but we started fresh last year and we had an excellent dorm council. I would like to see dorm council as active or more active as they were last year for other kinds of activities just because we have men and women in the same dorm. Many of the RAs have already spoken to me about corridor exchanges in the residence hall, and this kind of thing you couldn't have unless you have men and women in the same hall. And with the group of people I see coming into Gelston, I'm really fired up that the dorm council will be active because there are some really fine people coming.

"...I just have a really outstanding RA staff. With their help it'll be a really smooth and productive year."

Seaburg

Q. Do you see a different kind of person coming to Gelston the coed dorm as opposed to Gelston the women's dorm?

A. No, not really because Gelston has always been a residence hall where the individuals have been individuals. There's always been probably as great or greater amount of tolerance for different life styles here as there has been in any other residence hall. People have lived very different kinds of life styles here but they've always been rather accepting of the next person. I think that's the kind of thing I'm seeing right now. I certainly hope so. One of the big arguments for coed housing was that we are responsible adults, we can handle ourselves in a coed situation and show consideration for other people. So far, the people that I've met have been very, very courteous, very polite; I've been really impressed. From these impressions and other things, I'm led to believe that we will have an environment of consideration. And that is what the environment has been in Gelston; is that of consideration for others and respect toward other people.

Q. How involved were you in the decision-making process of making Gelston a coed dorm?

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New Dorms vacated due to fire

By Bob Schultz
Editor-in-Chief

At 12:15 pm Sunday, an alarm sounded in Monteith Library. Five minutes later Jana VanHoven noticed that the main switchboard was out. However it wasn't until approximately 25 minutes later that the police department, which receives all fire warnings, signaled the fire engines to start rolling towards Alma College.

The lead fire engine went all the way to Harvard Street while one even stopped at Wright Hall. It took several minutes for the engines to enter the New Dorms parking lot.

At New Dorms the fire fighters were met by a calm Stu TenHoor, head resident, who led the fire fighters down to the smoke-filled Carey basement. TenHoor stated, "I had to prevent the firemen from breaking several thousand dollars worth of equipment."

Three fire trucks finally appeared at the scene as students gathered to watch. Maintenance Head Gene Burr and former Director of Accounting Gerald Hinshaw were on the scene.

Hinshaw explained how the New Dorms transformer, which was

There will be no power in New Dorms until late Sunday evening. Students may enter their rooms as needed. There will be a minimum of emergency lighting. Residents will be able to sleep in New Dorms tonight. New Dorm inhabitants should be warned not to use any candles or any kind of open flames. The A. C. will be open on Sunday until 11:00 pm and the student union open until 1:30 am. --R. O. Kapp

repaired this summer, feeds into the library. This caused the alarm which had been ringing since 12:15.

Fire Marshall Gerry Jones theorized that the electrical fire was caused by a major breakdown somewhere in Dow's electrical system. Jones and Dale Price, deputy fire marshall, ordered Steve Hovey and Ten Hoor to order the residents out for possibly the night. This was done for strictly student safety since the fire alarm system was out as well as the phones and the exit signs.

After the fire was extinguished a call was placed to Consumers Power Company for assistance. Price figures that New Dorms could not be occupied until Monday morning because of the usual delay in finding parts and service.

At approximately 1:20 pm most of the power for the whole campus was shut down. Power was restored an hour later.

At press time, no cause for the fire could be found.

Jackson delivers brief speech

By Bob Schultz

Opening Convocation, the last vestige at required chapel, was held last Thursday, Sept. 11. Rev. Clifford Charée, chaplain, opened the convocation with prayer. President Robert Swanson made opening remarks explaining the break from the tradition of his being the opening convocation speech. He said that Alma's two Dana Professors will be given a chance to speak at one of the two convocations.

Last year the Dana Corporation included Alma among the 20 other schools participating in the Dana Program. Dana provides funds to help colleges retain outstanding professors. Dr. Jackson, head of the Econ. Dept., and Dr. Henry Klugh, head of the Psychology Department were appointed Dana Professors last year. Jackson was given a Dr. Klugh will be given a chance to speak at the Spring Honors Convocation.

Jackson's speech, titled "Looking Ahead," focused on the value of the liberal arts education in today's world and how Alma's

commitment to such a goal will be met.

Jackson criticized restricted major programs, specialization and narrow mindedness. "Rock is not the only type of music," stated the academician. Jackson claimed that the present minimal

distribution requirements can be met in a year and that it is possible to meet all requirements by taking classes in just four departments.

The record 40 minute Convocation ended with the traditional singing of the "Alma Mater."

Inside today...

Past Almanians Editors have been against required convocations but not this year!! Tradition is broken on page 6.

Joyce Mahan relives her experiences at the world largest Star Trek convention on page 2.

The Soccer team is finally a varsity team sport and Rick Olsen chronicles their hard times on page 8.

Hot pictures of the New Dorms' fire on page 10.

Mark Harasim writes his first column of the year on the life in Gelston on page 7.

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by Joycé Mahan

The Vulcan salute and salutation (live long and prosper) are two of the calmer manifestations of the "Star Trek" fandom which has swept the country for the past nine years. The extreme devotion of Star Trek's fans tends to make others wonder what they are missing.

For the uninitiated, "Star Trek" was a science fiction television program aired from 1966-1969 on NBC affiliated stations. The basic story line involved the assignments and crew of a massive "starship," the USS Enterprise, one of twelve such ships in the "Starfleet" branch of the "United Federation of Planets." William Shatner starred as Captain James T. Kirk with Leonard Nimoy portraying his alien first officer Mr. Spock. Spock is best known as "the guy with the pointed ears."

Yet to a Star Trek devotee it was, and is, much more. As the authors of the book STAR TREK LIVES explains it:

"It is already apparent that "Star Trek" is much more than a television show which came and went. Already it has been called the show that will not die. The efforts of millions have been directed toward its rebirth. There has never been anything like the response to "Star Trek." Something in "Star Trek" moved people profoundly,

"Trekkers" hold Chicago convention

far beyond the normal impact of a television series."

The first hint of Star Trek's following came when the program was cancelled after one season. NBC and Paramount Pictures were barraged with over one million letters from fans demanding that the show remain on the air. The network admitted its mistake and the show remained on the air for an additional two years. Since that time fandom has exploded into an enormous phenomena. One may find a 'trekkie' or 'trekker,' anywhere. Hundreds of "Star Trek" clubs meet not only across the United States but also throughout the sixty-four foreign countries in which the show is broadcast. Attempts are being made to start an Alma chapter of the "Star Trek Association for Revival." Thousands of fan magazines (fanzines) are published as well.

Twenty books dealing with "Star Trek" have been published. These vary from scripts adapted into short story form to analytical theories about such things as the "Kirk-Spock Relationship" and the "Spock Premise Effect" to a "Star Trek" novel.

"Star Trek" conventions take place all over the country every weekend of the year.

A person who is not a "Star Trek" devotee must ultimately ask what it is that makes someone a trekkie. Being a fan myself, I was most recently asked this by my roommate as she gazed around our room at my collection of posters, bumper stickers and other assorted memorabilia. Looking at the program purely as a dramatic form, "Star Trek" had a group of extremely

talented actors and actresses and a simply incomparable producer. They were aided by a number of outstanding science fiction authors who wrote the episodes. This may be witnessed by the fact that "Star Trek" has been awarded three Hugo Awards. These are all secondary to this reporter however. What attracts me most about "Star Trek" is the philosophy behind it.

At a time when racial tensions were at their peak and assassinations, riots, and bombings had become commonplace, "Star Trek" put forth clearcut ideals, some of which have become today's standards. Racial equality --- extended even to aliens, even to an alien who seemed at first to be a vicious murderous monster. Every week millions of people tuned in to see Mr. Spock being treated as a friend and brother by Captain

Kirk and saw the black, the Russian, the Oriental, the Southerner, and the others, treat one another with respect and love.

At a time when global atomic war was a serious worry, "Star Trek" produced the positive attitude that as tough as it was, mankind managed to solve his difficulties and achieve world-wide peace.

Perhaps most significant to me is the "Star Trek" ideal of delight in diversity -- of taking pleasure in each other's differences -- as symbolized by Spock's Vulcan philosophy of the IDIC (Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations).

Whatever it is that attracts so many, it managed to bring 3,000

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PHOTOS

Three faculty members join staff

by Candi Frey

Three full time professors have been added to Alma College's staff. They are Jeffrey B. Havill-Assistant Professor of Art, Dr. Donald R. Ramish-Assistant Professor of Political Science, and Thomas P. Schumm-Assistant Professor of Business Administration.

Havill presently enjoys sculpturing human figures cast in cement. He teaches design, sculpture, and drawing.

"I am delighted to be here and the students are serious and yet enjoy what they are doing."--Havill

His experience includes teaching at California State University and a high school. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Beloit and M.A. from the University of Wisconsin.

"I am delighted to be here and the students are serious and yet enjoy what they are doing," Havill commented.

Ramish has researched and published public opinion on problems of the environment. He teaches American government and politics, constitutional law, and political

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thought.

He was a Teaching Assistant and Lecturer at the University of California, Santa Barbara and California State Polytechnic University. He received his B.A. from California State University, Fullerton and Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

When Ramish was interviewed for his position, he was really impressed and enthusiastic about Alma. He will look forward to contributing to this college.

Schumm...feels that one gets out of education what one puts into it.

Schumm, a 1970 Alma graduate with a B.A. in Business Administration, received his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He was a Market Analyst for the DMH Company and worked in sales at Morpark Industries.

When Schumm was a student at Alma, they were on the 3-3-3 system with three classes every day. The break in schedule now with the 4-4-1 impressed him.

Schumm's biggest concern is that students seek a liberal education. He feels one gets out of education what one puts into it.

He hopes his business experience will help relate to the students. He believes employers are looking for those who can solve problems, communicate, learn quickly, express one's self clearly and concisely and get along with other people.



Mr. Gerald Hinshaw, Director of Accounting

Consumer protection requested

Calling for legislation which would regulate computerized banking systems, Michigan Consumers Council Executive Director Linda Joy today told the House Corporations and Finance Committee legislation is necessary to establish strong consumer safeguards.

"Little attention has been given to the problems and fears consumers will face in using electronic funds transfer systems (EFTS)," Joy said. "Yet the success of EFTS depends on consumer acceptance."

Joy outlined loss of control over financial transactions, lack of choice in the marketplace, increased invasion of privacy, and liability for unauthorized transactions as major consumer concerns.

She recommended Michigan legislation contain provisions for the security of funds and for liability since technically competent persons have already proven that the magnetic stripe used to gain access to the system is readable, counterfeitable and alterable.

"A person could lose an entire life savings through one or more unauthorized transactions," Michigan Consumers Council Executive Director Linda Joy said.

She suggested safeguards similar to those for the unauthorized use of a credit card until a technology can be identified to further minimize, if not eliminate, the risks of unauthorized use.

Joy also advocated standards to prevent invasion of privacy. "The capability now exists for EFTS to give a person's entire financial history at the touch of a button," she said.

Joy told the committee members consumers are not enthusiastically awaiting the advent of EFTS, but they realize they cannot stop the development of its technology. "And it would be disappointing if they did, for the benefits of EFTS are many," she said.

Among the benefits to consumers are convenience, lower postage and mailing costs, and interests on checking accounts.

Winner of the AZT fishbowl of kisses at the Activities Carnival last Tuesday was Beth Thompson who gave a number of 286, only 17 (candy) kisses off from the correct amount of 303.

Gerald Hinshaw, Director of Accounting, to leave Alma

by John Sefcik

On Friday, September 12, Mr. Gerald Hinshaw, Director of Accounting, left Alma College and became Dean of Business Services at Richland Community College in Decatur, Illinois. "This new job will be a promotion from the standpoint that I'll be the chief financial officer at Richland," said Hinshaw.

What this job encompasses at Alma College is handling all the financial accounting for the college in reference to the current fund, plant funds, endowment funds, and student loan funds. Along with that I also have the financial aid accounting which is... included with the student loan funds but this would be the NDSL and the Alma College student loan fund."

The NDSL is the National Direct Student Loan from the federal government. That and the

Alma College student loans make up the entire student loan budget.

Hinshaw has had his position for a little over four years. "I came here in July, 1971 and started as Director of Accounting and had retained that position in all four years with the increase in additional responsibilities." His increased responsibilities came when other staff had been cut.

"I wasn't actively seeking a job -- it just materialized. I wasn't sending out resumes, but I wasn't immune to listening either. I wasn't waiting for the right one to come along."

At the present time his wife and children will remain in Alma until they can sell their home and find a new one in Decatur.

Seaburg sights advantages

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A lot of people have said, 'you can't take the kind of atmosphere we had in Wright Hall and put it into a crummy, old cubicle of a room in Gelston. That's false. I thought so too, but when I see some of the ways that people have fixed up their rooms and really made them homes, I think it's great. When a room feels like a home then you're more apt to invite people in and get to know other people in the hall and I see that already.

Q. What do you see as the greatest disadvantage of having a coed dorm like this?

A. Uhhmmmm.... I don't know. I guess I can't really think of any. The only real disadvantage that I can think of is occasional ignorance on the part of those who don't live here. Lots of people seem to assume that coed housing means orgy housing or it means it's going to be one big party-down all the time. That's just not true...in reality it's just like any other living situation where adults are living next to each other.

Q. How is locking up at night going to be handled?

A. The RAs take turns locking up and being on duty. At 12:00 lock all but three doors, and the men know which ones those are.

After that, the women will have to use their outside door key; she can get in the same unlocked door as the men, but after that she need the key to get to her corridor.

Q. What do you think student reaction will be to the half-hour curfew in dorm hours?

A. I don't think it'll be any big deal. The half hour is a compromise with the administration and for parents that were...concerned might say. Anyway, all the residence halls have 24 hour lobbies, but Gelston has a 24 hour lobby, study areas, basement recreation facilities, laundry and kitchen facilities.

Q. Last spring, how did the girls on second and third floor feel...?

A. Oh, they were very, very resentful. I think most of them felt that Alma College should have a coed residence, but they didn't feel that they should be forced from their own rooms. A lot of them stayed in Gelston if they could but many of them are in Bruske.

I am really fired up for this year and very impressed with the people who've been moving in...and I just have a really outstanding RA staff. With their help it'll be a really smooth and productive year. A. I was not really consulted in the fact that it would be coed, but I was consulted in how we'll do it; what would be the easiest way to divide it and the most efficient way, what my ideas were of things that would have to be added, taken away, all of these kinds of things.

Q. Were other ways of splitting up the dorm discussed?

A. Our latest thing last spring was to put an additional entrance on it that could be left open all the time for men. But that ran into the problem of cost. Another possibility was splitting the dorm down the middle and putting barriers like between each corridor. I thought that was kind of assinine; personally I thought that was a big waste. The only thing I would have changed in terms of floor plan is to put women on the top and men on the bottom for noise reasons because men are heavier. When they walk across the room it makes more noise, but the reason we did it this way was simply a matter of numbers.

Q. What do you think is the greatest advantage to having a coed dorm set up the way it is here?

A. I have some real strong feelings on that. The greatest advantage is that men and women are living in the same residential unit and that means they'll be sharing a number of facilities even to a greater extent than they have...say in Bruske or South Complex because we are literally self-contained. I often think that there are many ways in which a college environment is artificial. When men and women are only seeing each other in a date context or when they can really choose how they are going to present themselves, you don't really get to know the person behind that as well as you do the person you run into in all different situations. You get to know people more in depth...as a result you really get to know one another as people and not as a potential date. You get to know more sides of a person...and as a result you are able to form friendships that are deeper and longer lasting and more real. It helps you in your later life to learn how to deal with other people.

Student Council aims for 75-76 year

by Cheri Addington



Tim Good

"Revive this land, oh Lord, beginning with me," reads the inscription on the student council wall, but it seems that council president Timothy Good and vice-president Jeffrey Weenink are fired up enough about this year's student council activities to start a revival of their own.

This year's council is already involved with several issues with a more unified student body in mind as the end result. Although still early in the year, Good spoke enthusiastically of the council's plans for the coming year. "After we get our Community Government Committees set up, we have many issues to work on," he commented. Among the issues council plans to concentrate on are a committee to work in collaboration with the library stall. "We feel that the conditions of the library has a very direct effect on students, and we want to open up a more direct line of communication between these parties for maximum efficiency," stated committee chairman Jeffrey Weenink.

Another project that the council has been working on was extensively researched by a committee through-

out the summer months. Thanks to work by chairperson Deb Dobbert and the rest of her committee, the possibility of a carrier-current radio station has evolved from a much kicked-around idea into a reality. "Our committee was initially set up as a fact-finding team," Dobbert related, "and now those facts are being translated into a concrete plan to be worked on by the student council, administration, the Board of Trustees, and most importantly, the student body." It may be late spring or even next year before the radio station becomes a functioning part of the Alma campus, but, as Dobbert says, "It won't become a reality unless the council gets the support and efforts of the entire student body."

The council has thirty-one positions which must be filled on the Educational Policies, Academic Standards, Teacher Education, Co-Curricular Affairs, Student Life, Communications, Judicial, and Provost Advisory Committees. Applications for screening are available in the student council office in Tyler Union (ext. 247). President Timothy Good says, "It is the council's responsibility to make the students realize their responsibilities."

CAMPUS UPDATE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 7:00 p.m. Pre-Law Program
- 7:00 p.m. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 3:30 p.m. Soccer at Albion
- 5:00 p.m. Student Council Meeting, Van Dusen Commons
- 10:00 p.m. Tyler movie: On the Water Front

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 10:00 p.m. Tyler Movie: Bonnie & Clyde

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 4:00 p.m. Soccer at Delta
- 6:45 & Dow Flick: The Sting
- 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 1:30 p.m. Football-Hiram, Home
- 8:00 p.m. Dow Flick: The Sting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 11:00 a.m. Chapel Service
- 8:00 p.m. Dow Flick: The Sting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 4:00 p.m. J.V. Football, Albion, Home
- 8:00 p.m. Advisory Committee, Reid Knox

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 10:30 a.m. Spanish Film, AC 308

Metric ed. federally funded

Proposed regulations for a newly established metric education program were announced today by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The program, authorized under the Education Amendments of 1974 (P. L. 93-380) and administered by HEW's Office of Education, will encourage educational activities to instruct students, their parents, and other adults in using the modernized version of the metric system.

Approximately \$2 million has been requested for the program during Fiscal Year 1976.

Awards will be made through contracts and grants to institutions of higher education, State and local education agencies, and other public and private nonprofit organizations, institutions, and agencies.

Four types of projects will be funded. These are:

School based interdisciplinary projects. These projects will involve not only the mathematics and science curricula, but may include

all facets of the educational system in the instruction and the use of the metric system. For example, a recipient may use such diverse subject areas as physical education, home economics, shop, social studies, and other related classes to reinforce an understanding of the metric system.

Projects for teacher development. These projects will focus on enhancing teacher skills in using the metric system to meet the needs of all students: the low achiever as well as the facile learner; adults as well as children.

Cooperative metric education planning projects. Cooperative arrangements between any combination of eligible applicants will be funded for these education agencies to share and expand existing effective methods and techniques of instruction in the metric system.

National metric education technical support projects. These projects will be of national scope and intended to provide consistent technical services and support to all projects funded under the program.

Awards generally will be made for one academic year except that a national metric education technical support project may be awarded for more than one year if the Commissioner of Education considers the awards to serve the needs of the program.

Handicapped ed. funded

In an effort to improve educational opportunities for the handicapped, HEW's Office of Education awarded some \$200 million to the States and to special programs during Fiscal Year 1975.

"Recent court decisions and resulting laws show an awareness among the States of the fact that a handicapped child has a 'right to education,'" said Edwin W. Martin, Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped (BEH).

"At the same time, States are

beginning to realize the importance of finding and working with handicapped children as early as possible. It not only has a positive effect on the child in reducing some of the long term effects of the handicap, but it certainly has positive economic benefits for the State," Martin said.

Some \$100 million is expended under the State Grant program to help States plan, begin, and improve programs for the handicapped children from pre-school through secondary school level.

In addition, \$37.7 million was awarded for the training of teachers, supervisors, and paraprofessionals working with the handicapped in regular and special classrooms. To encourage the development of additional services for preschool handicapped children, approximately \$13.3 million went to 150 early childhood classroom demonstration projects. The Media Services and Captioned Films Program received more than \$13 million to acquire, caption, produce, and distribute some 140 films and other educational media for the deaf. In addition, some \$250,000 in supplemental funds will be used for recordings for the blind.

About \$12 million went to nine regional deaf-blind centers and one State center providing diagnostic, educational and other services to more than 3,000 deaf-blind children

and their families. Approximately \$9.3 million supports research and demonstration projects to develop new curriculum materials, teaching techniques and other projects including those in the field of physical education and recreation for the handicapped. Seven million dollars supports the operation of 13 regional resource centers and one coordinating center to provide diagnostic tools and instructional resources for teachers of 80,000 handicapped children.

About \$575,000 supports a number of regional education programs for deaf and other handicapped persons in vocational, technical, post secondary and adult education. And \$500,000 went for the recruitment and information program which encourages people to enter special education careers and provides information and referral services to parents of handicapped children. Other activities receiving funding include specific learning disabilities projects, \$3.2 million, and severely handicapped children and youth, \$2.8 million.

Anyone interested in waiting or waitressing for special parties, banquets and luncheons should please get in touch with Debbie Tramitz, 230 Carey.

Money orders by telegram now possible

The Western Union Telegraph August 4, 1975 the Money Order-by-phone service was extended to all Master Charge cardholders in the 48 contiguous states, providing students on college campuses with a fast and simple way of sending money in a hurry.

This service now eliminates the necessity of depositing cash in person at a Western Union office or agency. By simply calling 800-851-2300 toll free at any hour of the day or night, a Master Charge cardholder can transmit up to \$300 on cash by charging it to their Master Charge account. Western Union then checks the individual account and advises the sender of the location and hours of the paying office closest to the intended recipient. The sender can provide the information to the recipient by telegram or telephone.

Delivery is guaranteed within 2 hours to any of more than 5,000 Western Union offices or agencies when that office or agency is open, however, past experience has shown that transmissions have usually been made within 30 minutes.

Since many students do live away from home, the distance between them and emergence funds is remarkably shortened by this fast, efficient way of wiring money. It makes it easier for both students and parents to transmit and receive money for tuition, books, travel expenses, and the many situations where students find an immediate need for money, with as little effort as dialing a phone; and in emergency situations like these, keeping inconvenience at a minimum is mandatory.

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This service for Master Charge cardholders, in addition to Western Unions regular money order service (with lower rates where cash deposits are required) is another example of our growing commitment to the public's needs and expectations; therefore making Western Union still "the fastest was to get the word around."

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Eagles reviewed

By Tim Wright

As always, the records reviewed this week will be rated on a * to ***** basis, meaning: ***** Drop everything. Go to the store now!
 **** When you get to a store, buy it.
 *** If you see it on sale, pick it up.
 ** Don't complain if somebody gives it to you.
 * If its warped, it's no loss.

Eagles: ONE OF THESE NIGHTS; Asylum 7E-1039.

A little over a year ago, the Eagles were a second-rate group in the public eye with three or four smaller hits. ("Witchy Woman", "Take It Easy", "Desperado", and "Peaceful, Easy Feeling"). Suddenly, with the release of their third album, ON THE BORDER, people started taking notice. The monster hit "Best of My Love" came from that album, and made the new album, ONE OF THESE NIGHTS, a gold record before it was even released. When the title cut was released as a single, it quickly rose to the number one song in the country.

The album itself enjoyed a month and a half at the top spot. It's not hard to see why. The album is one of the best of the year. It's not as good as the album DESPERADO, and it's not even as good as ON THE BORDER, but that just shows how good the Eagles are. Four individual cuts really stand out--the title track "One of These Nights", "Take It To The Limit", "After the Thrill is Gone", and especially "Lyn' Eyes". One disappointing cut, "Journey of the Sorcerer", just never seems to get going. But the Eagles are fine musicians, especially Don Felder on lead guitar, Randy Meisner on bass, and Bernie Leadon on banjo and rhythm guitar. While Glenn Frey (also on guitars) and Don Henley (on drums) are considered only average, their talents blend so well with the others that the Eagles become an integrated whole.

Now the Eagles have made it, just having been named the Best Rock Group of the Year at Don Kirshner's Rock Music Awards, and just having completed one of the most successful nationwide tours ever. I can't wait for more. (****)

Star Trek

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people to a "Star Trek" convention in New York in 1973, 15,000 people to the next New York convention in 1974, and over 17,000 to a convention recently held in Chicago. As one of those attending the "Star-Con" I have been asked to describe my experiences there.

I'm sure the Conrad-Hilton Hotel was somewhat shocked by the hordes of trekkies which descended on them August 22; I knew I was. With an admission price of \$20, I had expected that many would be resigned to missing this particular convention. Not so! Thousands were on hand to take in the first nights offerings which included the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey," other science fiction movies, "Star Trek" episodes until 3:00 am, and talks with some of the stars from the show.

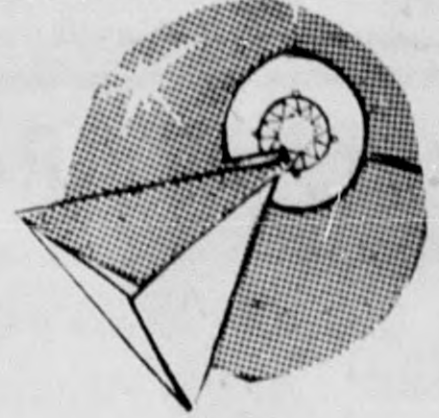
The next day opened at 8:00 am in a park near the hotel where George Takei, who portrayed Sulu, and Nichelle Nichols, who portrayed Lt. Uhura, had invited everyone from the convention to join them in jogging and sprint races. From there we retired to the Conrad-Hilton to hear speeches by various scientists, including Gen. James McDivitt of NASA, and numerous science fiction writers.

A mammoth "dealers room" where various "Star Trek" materials could be bought, was next on my agenda. In this room one could acquire everything from a 35¢ color slide from the show, to a \$60 strobe light replica of the "phaser." Starfleet uniforms "Star Trek" patches, calendars, blueprints, games, trivia books, color pictures, and "Star Trek" jewelry were also on display.

An art room contained drawings and paintings by both professional and amateur artists. These works, "Star Trek" and otherwise, were auctioned off Saturday evening. A costume contest produced a scantily clad Tarzan along with

evident in "Star Trek" itself. Media coverage of the event was quite impressive. Not only did both the "Chicago Daily News" and the "Chicago Tribune" print articles about the convention, but so did "Time" and "Newsweek" magazines. All Chicago station news programs gave the convention extensive film coverage and various stars from the show appeared on two different talk shows.

One main attraction of this convention were the six sessions in which the show's various stars spoke. This convention was unique as this was the first time since the show went off the air that all of the stars had been



The Vulcan IDIC symbol

together at one time. A life size replica of the bridge on the Enterprise had been constructed for the stars to speak from.

The session opened with Mark Lenard, who portrayed Spock's father, and Arlene Martel, who played his fiancée, each addressing the convention for about five minutes and answering questions for an additional ten minutes. The next speaker was Walter Koenig who played the part of Ensign Chekov. He added to the conventions talks by telling of his current science fiction writings. A very popular George Takei spoke next and further expanded the discussions by describing his attempts to gain a seat on the San Francisco city council and his work with the Department of

Transportation there as well as discussing various roles he is now doing and answering questions. Nichelle Nichols followed George with her views on what has made "Star Trek" such a success and James Doohan, who portrayed Scotty, ended his talk with two songs which he sang in their old Gaelic form. DeForest Kelley, who played Mr. McCoy, answered a number of questions and seemed to have remembered or kept better informed about details of particular episodes than most of the other stars.

The next star to appear receives great respect not only as a major "Star Trek" actor but as an actor of many facets and an accomplished poet, photographer, and author. Leonard Nimoy, who portrayed the emotionless Mr. Spock, responded to a standing ovation by gazing stoically around room and commenting that we certainly were an emotional group of humans. He went on to read some excerpts from a book which has just gone to the publisher. Its tentative title is "I am Not Spock." Contrary to what the title implies, Leonard does not abandon Spock, nor does Spock abandon Leonard. Indeed, at one point Nimoy asks "I am not Spock. But if I am not, then who is?"

Seeing William Shatner seated once again in the captain's chair on the bridge of the Enterprise was akin to returning home after a long, long absence -- all was right with the world. Shatner answered many, many questions and spoke of his new series, "Barbary Coast".

After each star had spoken alone the entire crew returned to the bridge amid another standing ovation. I cannot help but disagree with those critics who compared these ovations with the idol-worshipping mob scenes that accompanied the Beatle-mania of the 1960s. Although there was, of course, a certain degree of admiration being shown, for me it was simply tremendous to finally be able to somehow thank these people for all that they have given me through "Star Trek", something which has truly changed my life and myself.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! J.H.

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Required convos are lauded

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Dr. Jackson's speech was short and to the point. Yet it was interesting, informative, and provocative. I'm sure that if Dr. Jackson stood on one foot, juggled balls and whistled "Dixie" while drinking water, the campus would have been thoroughly entertained, and the audience would have given Jackson its full attention. Such was not the case. Not every public speaker will have a pocketful of locally colored stories as was the case with Dr. Hepburn's Honor's Convocation speech of last spring. Many students rudely and immaturely carried on card games, discussions and gossip sessions while Dr. Jackson delivered his speech.

I'm also in favor of one additional mid-year convocation to further confront the campus community with relevant issues facing today's world.

Students should choose speakers

Now, while the occupants of Reid-Knox are applauding the above, I'd like to say one other thing. Part of the drugery of convos, and of graduations at Alma is the parade of Presbyterian ministers who are marched out each year to receive honorary degrees and to make speeches.

Presbyterian ministers are not the only ones making strides or deserving the recognition of honorary degrees. I think the students can have some input as to the choice of at least one of the convocation speakers and honorary degree recipients. Now is the time to start working on possible names for such honors. There are many other great people besides Presbyterian ministers and Dana Professors.

Community gov't. needs student input

It appears to me that we may finally have an active Student Council and Community Government.

The Student Council is desperately looking for student applicants to fill the student seats on the various Community Government committees.

This year's Student Council has big plans in the making and student participation will be the only way to make this year's Student Council and Community Government Committees viable.

Student input is severely needed and desired to make many of the decisions which help to make this community function. For some of the committees the time demanded of members is ridiculously low, for others monthly meetings are the norm. Students, here's your time to get involved.



LETTERS

Student Council committee set-up

Dear Editor: Fellow students, the following information is imperative for effective representation in the Alma College Community government.

The system is such that we the students can have a strong impact upon how we live, and the academic conditions under which we learn. We must accept the responsibility of our positions in that system, which have to be filled by students. The sooner we fill these committees the better it will be for all of us.

Below is a list of the committees. All committees have one year terms for members. The number of people needed for each committee is listed beside its respective committee.

1. Educational Policy Committee--Five students.
2. Academic Standards Committee--Five students.
3. Teacher Education Committee--No students.
4. Co-Curricular Affairs Committee--Three students.
5. Student Life Committee--Six students.
6. Communications Committee--Six students.
7. Judicial Committee--Three students.
8. Provost Advisory Committee--Three students.

The exact composition, function, etc. of each committee is described in the Community Government Constitution (A document each student should have.) The Constitution is available only request at the Union, Ext. 247.

If you are interested pick up an application at the Student Council Office. Your application will be given to a screening committee. This committee will interview you, will send a recommendation of appointees to your Student Council for final approval. Deadlines for applications is Friday, September 26.

Be assured, direct participation is a rewarding adventure.

The agenda for the first council meeting is as follows:

1. Establish a Sub-committee to recommend and outline a general
2. Establish an Election Com.
3. Review the screening process for Community Government Committee student appointments.
4. Hear a presentation from the mittee.
5. Organize a meeting for student input concerning proposed Centr central telephone system on campus.
6. Appointment of Alma College M.I.A.A. representative.
7. Look into the possibility of having a Library complaint board.
8. Any of you wishing to add further items--contact an Executive Board member or drop by the office in the Union, Ext. 247.

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Scotsman reviewed

by Gary Sundell

This year's Scotsman was a pleasant surprise. After two years of rather bad attempts, the Scotsman staff has come up with a half-way decent year book. A yearbook should be a collection of photos that tell the story of one academic year at a particular school. The 1975 Scotsman does this rather well.

To begin with, there are some candid shots of various students doing a variety of things. Then there is a section devoted to campus organizations. All the campus organizations are here except one, G.S.S. sorority. One wonders why they were excluded. A similar thing happened to Sigma Beta two years ago.

We then proceed to the section on athletics. Every sport is covered in a page or two. No one sport is given priority. Two years ago the Scotsman was one quarter football pictures.

The portion devoted to Fine Arts is fine except for two minor points. First, Ziggy and the Zeu is not Ziggy and the Zell. Secondly, where is a photo of noted historian Daniel Boorstein?

Following this section, there is the portion of the yearbook that is dedicated to the faculty. I can find nothing wrong here. Nor can I find anything wrong with the rather premature tribute to Wright Hall.

I was somewhat disappointed with the section of the book devoted to the seniors. Why are so many of them missing? I have a feeling that the Scotsman staff isn't responsible, but maybe an explanation from Ms. Cairns would put my mind to rest.

The shortcomings I've noted are rather minor. On a whole the 1975 Scotsman represents a giant step forward from the 1973 Disaster and the 1974 Art Department showcase which bore the name Scotsman. To Editor-in-chief Cairns and staff: Give yourselves an A for effort and a B for your final product.



Mark T. Harasim ALMANIAN Feature Editor

Gelston

Life in a Women's Dormitory

EDITORS NOTE - Harasim is currently a junior Business major, residing within the confines of Gelston Hall. With the recent change in dorm policy enacted by the administration, Gelston Hall is currently serving the campus populace as a semi-coed dormitory. Because of the buildings unusual design, separation of sexes have been set by floors instead of sectioning off the structure in half, as in Bruske. Not surprisingly the new male resident has found himself somewhat bewildered by his new surroundings.

Judging from the title, I suppose any red-blooded American boy that considers himself a real ladies man could have written this article years ago. I, being of extreme modest nature, waited until it became legal.

I guess I was more or less forced into living at Gelston. With the closing of Wright Hall, plus a lousy pick in the lottery, I was left with no choice. It was either Gelston, or back to the freshman dormitories where the word "silence" holds no meaning whatsoever. When the proposal for this change in dorm policy was conceived by the late Dr. Hause, I saw the plan as a facade. To be perfectly honest, I still do. Labeling Gelston, or Bruske Hall as a coed dormitory is like saying Witt Chamberlain wears lifts in his shoes. However, Hause believed in what he was doing and went to his grave believing in the cause. For that, I can not condemn the man.

When I found that I was to be living in Gelston, I was clever enough (or deviant, as the case may be), to secure a room on the north wing of the building that directly faces Newberry Hall. Although my reasons for wishing to occupy a room in this particular section of the building were of the most noble intentions, (I can get "Super-Win" (WHNN-FM) better on my radio when facing north), many of my male counterparts have recently turned-on to the hobby of astronomy. I can honestly say I've never seen so many telescopes or pairs of binoculars in my life. What's really baffling is that they're all faced directly at Newberry. But, I'm sure, it means nothing.

All I can say is, focusing has become an art on the north corridors. Probably the most disenchanting aspect, from the male point of view, of living in Gelston Hall is derived from the somewhat "awkward" plumbing arrangement in the bathrooms. It's not that I mind the gaudy pink color painted on the walls, but using a commode where it appears the Mississippi River has overflowed its banks is somewhat distasteful. But, I'm sure with lots of hard practice and self-control men, this problem will be eventually alleviated.

In all seriousness, though, this does tend to cause a problem for the male resident. Unless the administration views the Gelston Hall situation as that of only temporary nature, it would seem that the installation of some urinals would be warranted.

Another distasteful aspect, due largely to inferior architectural design, is the access of doors on the north side of the building. Students that wish to visit Newberry Hall or Hamilton Commons are forced to walk long distances to reach their destinations. Many students have reverted to using windows on the first floor corridors as their point of exit and entry.

However, we can not ignore the advantages of living in Gelston. The building has a definite character and atmosphere to it--much the same that Wright Hall once had. Because of it's upperclassmen make-up, it has a tameness that the freshman dormitories cannot claim. The individual rooms have ample space and are decoratively versatile.

And, as Dr. Hause stated so well, it does allow a healthy intermingling of the sexes. Relationships between men and women on this campus have changed startlingly. No longer is a man or a woman simply a sexual target. Through this dormitories unique demographic make-up, a new kind of educational lesson is being learned--living with people. Members of this dormitory are being shown that life isn't living with all men or all women. Surely, residents of Gelston will learn that the opposite sex is someone you can learn from, love with, talk with, take problems to, and most importantly, exist with in harmony. Too many people learn this lesson the hard way. So many of us marry an individual we feel we know and love, only to find that we know so little about ourselves, let alone our chosen mates in life.

Certainly, dormitory hours are still intact in this building. However, the freedom of visitation exists for the residents in a unique way. The key word in this case is "access"--the opportunity to broaden one's mind without walking clear across campus if you wish to talk to a member of the opposite sex to discuss a problem. And, as corny as it sounds, brother-sister relationships do form. I guess it all boils down to the cliché of people needing people. The sooner we learn that, the better.

Maybe the dorm isn't really coed, the bathrooms are weirder than hell, and you have to walk a little out of your way. It may not have been worth it before, but if you ask me, or any other individual that has reaped the advantages of this living and learning environment, it is now. Well, back to the binoculars. Hell, they're not that much of a sister to me!

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If you travel about 100 yards east of the Wilcox medical center, you will find, just past the railroad tracks, a level green field with a goal at the north and south ends. On most afternoons, you will find about 15 to 20 kids kicking a two tone spherical ball around the field. You might think, that this is a soccer team. You're wrong. It is a minor miracle in disguise. The miracle lies in the fact that in this era, when private

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colleges are finding themselves financially distressed, trying to start a varsity soccer team is akin to trying to handle the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations, and the Irish Republican Army at the same time.

The idea for forming a college soccer team here at Alma can be best described in three words; slow, steady and painful. In the old days there were no practices. The idea was to try and get 11 players and arrange a game with the Alma Town Team. There were usually four foreign players and seven Americans. While the Americans found handling a soccer ball like trying to handle chopsticks, the four foreign players would score something like ten goals between them.

This could have gone on indefinitely if it hadn't been for the work of two professors: Dr. Beaumont and Dr. Shontz, and a handful of students such as Girma Wubishet, Peter Zours, Steve Burkhart, and Paul Onyekeware. Last year these men, with an able



"The results are now legend..."

supporting cast, talked someone into loaning the team a checker cab and arranged four games; two with Ferris, one with CMU, (who incidently, defeated Notre Dame 3-1), and one with a strong Delta College Team. The results are now legend. Alma defeated Ferris twice, Delta once, and tied CMU 0-0.

After this modest success, Dr. Beaumont asked the administration if Alma College would be willing to support a varsity soccer team. To the everlasting credit of the administration, they allocated \$3000

The Alma soccer team: Dedication, hard work, success

by Rick Olsen

just for 'kicks'. There are strings attached, however. The team is on one year trial. It has to prove that having a varsity soccer team at Alma will bring in students who would not normally enroll here.

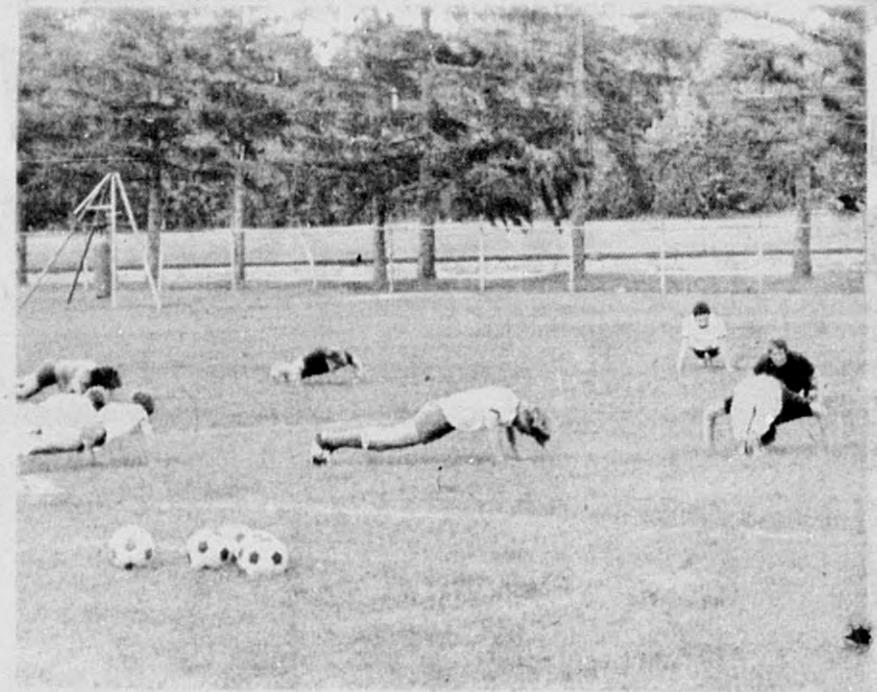
There is another problem involved here. Since Dr. Beaumont had to wait for the administration's decision, the MIAA was late in being informed that Alma had a Varsity soccer squad. Consequently we are not playing a varsity schedule as far as the MIAA is concerned, but we are varsity as far as the college is concerned. It is something like being in purgatory before you are born.

Borrowed balls and seven guys in a Volkswagen...

But, nevertheless the soccer team does exist. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Coach Beaumont and a handful of students, the team has a seventeen game schedule this



year beginning at Albion, Sept 17. It has been difficult though. The team has borrowed soccer balls from other teams, crammed seven guys in a Volkswagen to make a road game, fought the girl's field hockey team for use of the practice field, dubbed easy shots, missed easy passes, and made just about every conceivable mistake in the book. Soccer is big time now, however, and Dr. Beaumont and Steve and Paul and Peter can take a bow for their efforts. Alma College can finally enjoy varsity soccer. At least for one year.



Spring sports roundup

"A bizarre spring season"

by Tim Sutherland

with maturity should help the Alma tennis dynasyt continue in 1976.

Before Alm a College kicks off what hopes to be a highly successful, exciting, and varied fall sports program I feel it necessary to round up a weird spring spring season which many of you missed seeing or hearing about.

Thinking back, I think "bizarre" might be a better description of last spring. It was highlighted by some outstanding individual performances from some unexpected and some not so unexpected places. The low point was a terrible rash of injuries and some of the rottenest weather possible. Through it all came a bunch of dedicated athletes a little the worse for wear, but proud of their hard work and determination. The following is a capsule summary of Spring Sports 1975:

MEN'S TENNIS: Hit hard by an injury to standout Duane Van Duzen, the netters found themselves relying heavily on untested talent which came through admirably to give the Scots a coveted third straight National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic State Championship and an overall 9-3 record. Led by Bob Swanson, who set an Alma record for career victories and walked off with the Stowe Award given to the tennis player who best combines tennis excellence and sportsmanship, and Kyle Madden, all MIAA, who with Bob took the state championship in doubles, the Scots had an excellent nucleus. John Duchaine, who graduated, and Tim Sutherland, both had excellent years, but Freshmen Tim Tilma, Mike Miron and Randy Learman all reacted well to pressure and had excellent years, and

MEN'S BASEBALL: After winning the conference 2 years ago, Alma's strong team was expected to repeat as champs, but a weird, unexplained hitting slump hit the players and although the team received excellent pitching, they lost out in the conference to Calvin in an exciting doubleheader in which Alma had to take both games, but could win only one. They finished 15-11 overall. Individually, the Scots placed 3 on the MIAA first team--Dewey McCoy, Mike Grulke, and Jim McGinnity and one on the NAIA 1st team--that being pitcher Mike Burns. Bad weather and some injuries also contributed, but 1976 should see the Scots return as MIAA champs.

MEN'S TRACK: Going into the season with a group of promising, talented, trackmen the team was decimated by early season injuries and this can be partly attributed to the cold, snowy weather which saw the Scots 1st track meet held with a foot of snow on the ground and many other precious out-door practice days lost to the weather. Still, a talented group of sophomores led by Jim Lothrop, Dan Nelson, Willie Dawkins, and Mark Kelly had excellent seasons. Chuck Hadden set a new Alma record in the 440 with a conference 1st place run of 49.2 seconds. The Scots finished 3-3 in dual meets and fifth in the conference. If injuries can be avoided, look for an excellent return in 1976 as the top 13 point producers return.





Coach Brooks discussing offensive tactics as the Scots opened their season with a disappointing 34-7 loss to Michigan Tech.

Tech tramples Scots at Saturday game

Junior tailback Jim Van Wagner scored four times Saturday and gained 259 yards on 41 carries as powerful Michigan Tech battered Alma, 34-7, in a non-conference football game.

Michigan Tech led, 21-0, and took a 27-7 lead at halftime.

The only touchdown Van Wagner did not score came in the fourth quarter on a 14 yard pass from Bob North to Rod Lukas.

Alma scored in the first quarter with quarter back Ken Riehl pitching 24 yards to Stan Izykowski.

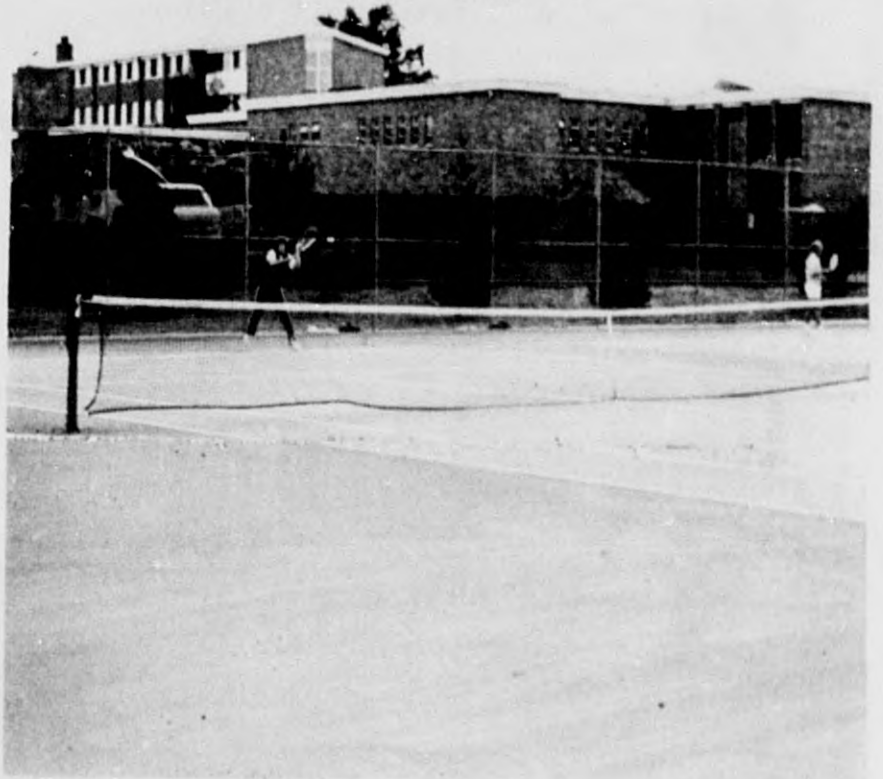
VanWagner ran two, 13, four and eight yards to power the Huskies to their 13th straight victory and blight Alma's season opener.

Wet courts prompt resurfacing

by Tim Sutherland
The day dawned bright and sunny. It was a beautiful day for tennis with Alma having a home match against Hope. Not a threat of rain existed as Alma took to the courts to assert their tennis dominance with a capacity partisan crowd watching. Suddenly, out of the deep black charm cracks that distinguished Alma's tennis courts from any other, spurts of water, drops at first, then trickles, then a stream and finally gushes of water streamed over courts 3 and 4 making them slippery, dangerous and unplayable. Restricted to 2 courts the one-sided match took by Alma 9-0 dragged on till almost 9:00 at night.

For years and years the poor tennis courts watched as improvements were made--Hood Building's face uplifted, a new Academic and Music Center, but nothing was done to improve what had become an eyesore affectionately and sardonically called "The Tar pits." They blackened one's clothes, shoes, balls, even the strings in the racket. The cracks too were wide gaping canyons and who knows how many unsuspecting freshman had been gobbled up by "The Rarpits" over the years.

Finally, prompted originally by the Hope fiasco, the numerous complaints reached the right ears as Dr. Stephen Meyer set into motion the necessary steps to have them resurfaced. After gaining approval from President Swanson, Dr. Meyer made sure funds were set aside for fiscal year 1976. More money was needed, however and 2 donors came forward with contributions to help make the courts possible. Alma College owes its deepest appreciation to Ms. Barb Southward, girls tennis coach and Mr and Mrs. Jones, parents of Carol, former No 1 player on the girl's tennis team. The total cost came to \$12,000 dollars which will be paid over a 3 year period. The windscreens came compliments of the P.E. Department. Although not as big a deal as say a Music Center, the resurface job is still an asset to the Alma College community, and I for one, among thousands, wish to thank those involved heartily and publicly.



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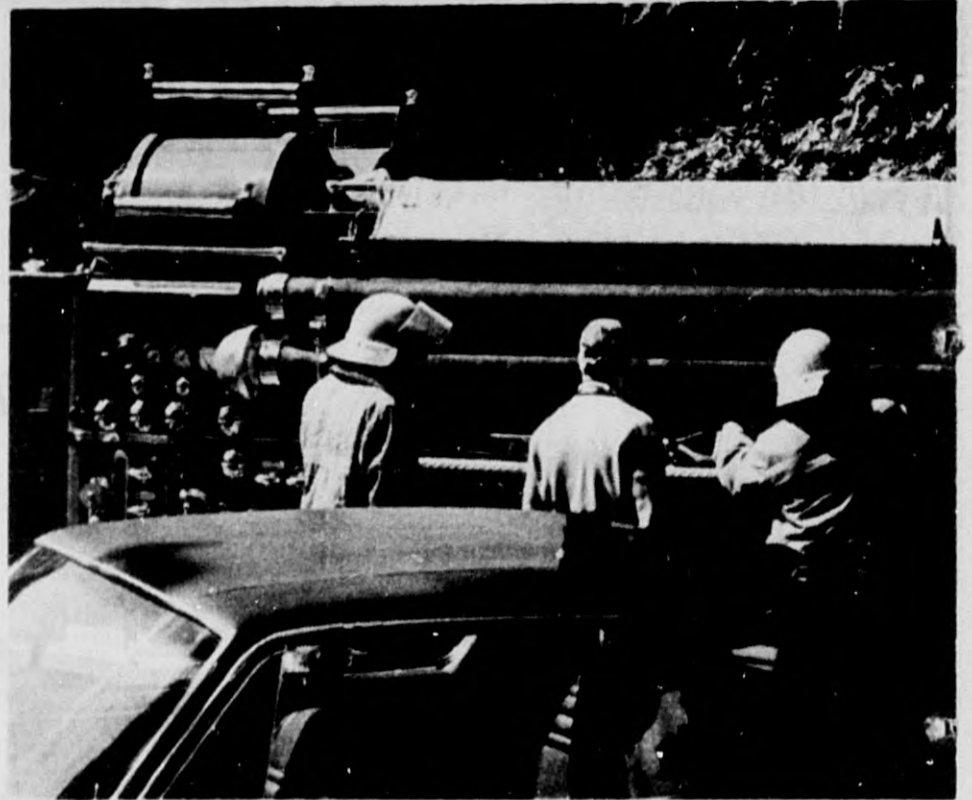
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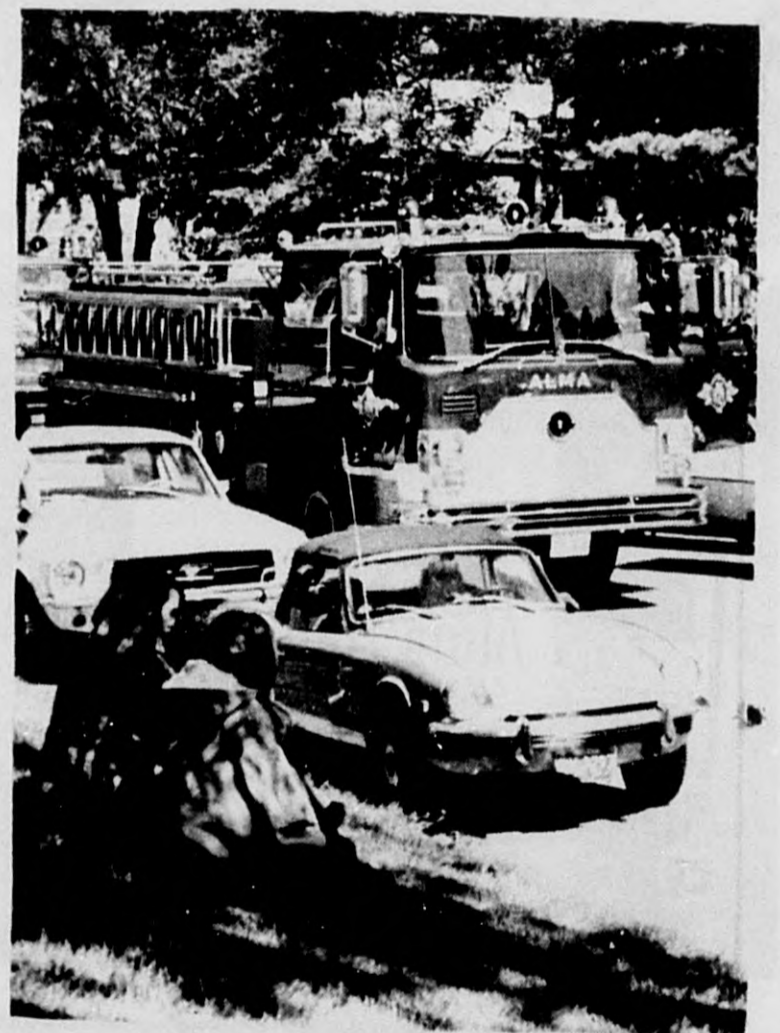
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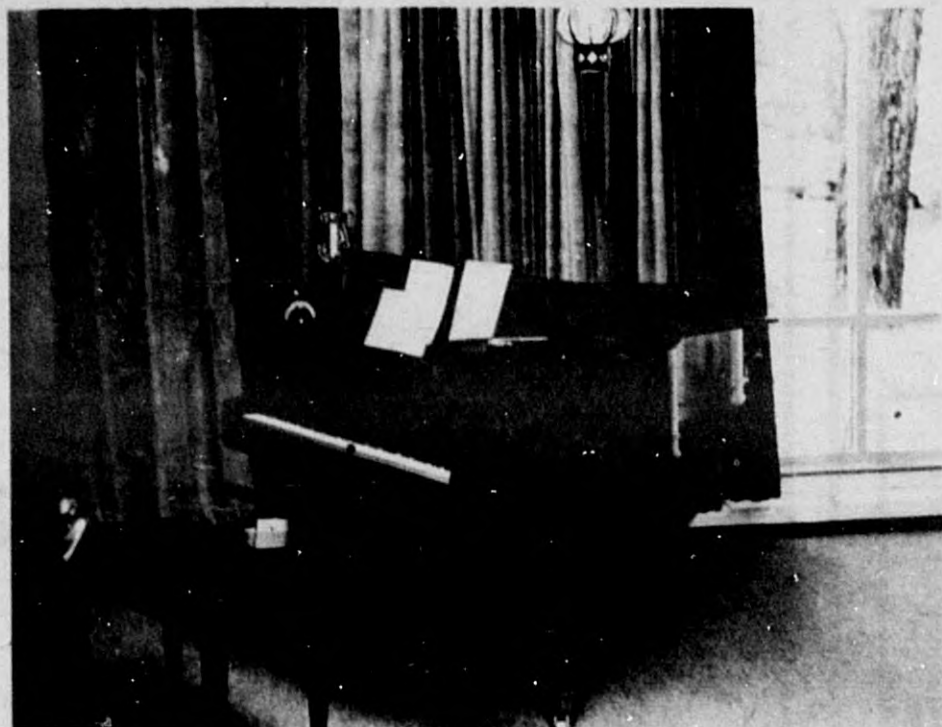
MUSIC BUILDING: A new center of activity

Photos by Huyck and Wright



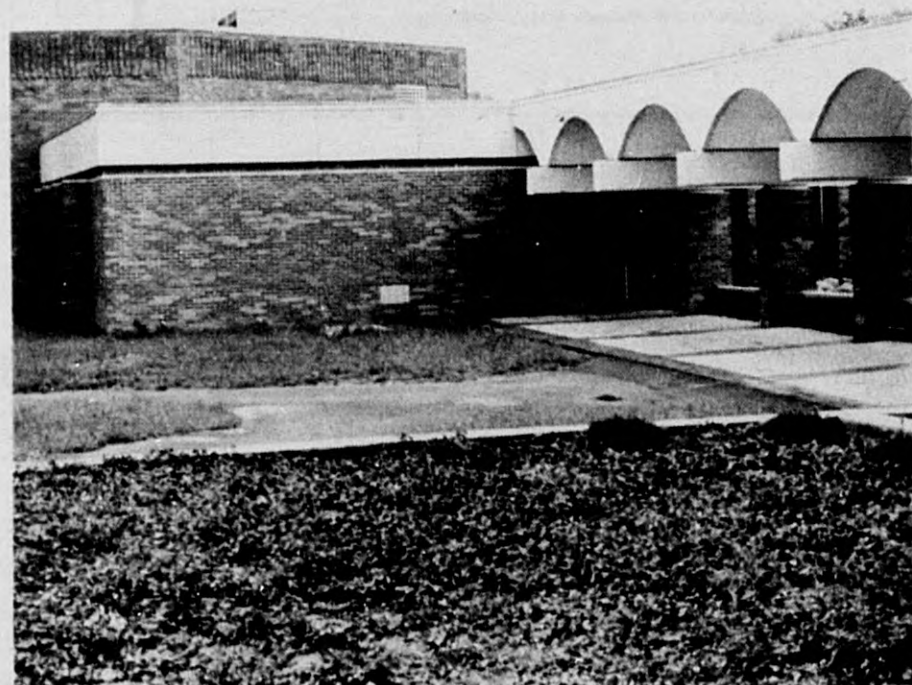
Empty chairs (above) wait for students to create the sound of music.

This grand piano (below) graces Dr. Bowman's new office.



Dr. Sullivan (above) helps to relax a perspective student before auditions.

Covered walk-way (below) connects the new Music Building with the Academic Center.



Dr. Bowman and-a student (below) discuss plans for the future.

