



# Election Issue



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Read what the presidential and vice-presidential candidates have to say about campus issues on page 6, then examine Jeff Weenink and Lisa DiCamillo's reflections on this past academic year on page 7. Don't forget to vote tomorrow.

# Byron - Kneen square off in presidential race tomorrow

BY RUTH PERLBERG  
Managing Editor

Tomorrow's election which has been characterized, more than in recent years, by lively debates and widespread confusion, continue in high gear today as the two presidential candidates put up a last minute campaign swing through campus.

As late as last night and in some

cases, continuing right up until the elections tomorrow, Student Council presidential aspirants Jenny Byron and Jamie Kneen and vice-presidential candidates Jenny McLaren and Tim Wright all have made a massive effort to get out the student vote.

Door to door plugs by the candidates themselves as well as groups of student backers have characterized the campaign in the last week.

Signs and posters have also figured significantly in the brief flurry of election activity.

It is the signs and posters, in fact, that have caused one of the major controversies of the entire campaign.

Signs, publicizing Jamie Kneen and Jennie McLaren, who are running for president and vice-president respectively, have caused a mild uproar in several sections of

the college. And the question of running on a ticket--in which both candidates are either elected together or not at all--has emerged as a primary point of contention.

Both Kneen and McLaren emphatically assert that they are not running together, but merely "supporting each others candidacy."

It is impossible, in fact, for candidates for a student office at Alma College to run on a ticket, according to Lisa DiCamillo, vice-president of Student Council and chairperson of Election Board. Each person is listed separately on the ballot and each person is voted on separately.

"We talked about allowing people to run on a ticket," said DiCamillo, "but finally decided that they should run as individuals."

"The Student Council should be a diverse group of people representing a diverse group of students," she continued. "If we decided to allow people to run on a ticket, then it is possible to have two very like minds heading the Council. Also, because it is the President's responsibility to appoint the Student Council secretary and treasury, the Council could in fact become stacked."

This year's Election Board also faced the problem of campaign funding. In a precedent-setting move, they limited each of the candidates to a maximum of \$20. The limit is a first for the board as is the requirement that all candidates turn in an itemized report of all purchases used for the campaign. All monies used come from the candidate's own pocket.

"We were basically concerned with Student Council president and vice-president," said DiCamillo. "Because of the state of most student's finances, we felt that \$20 was fair."

Voting for next year's officers will take place tomorrow (Tuesday, March 22) during lunch and dinner in both Hamilton and Van Dusen Commons. The entire student body, including seniors, will vote on next year's Student Council president, vice-president, and four

representatives at large. This year's freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will also vote on their individual class officers, including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, Student Council representative, and member of the Associate Board of Trustees. Incoming freshmen will nominate and elect officers when they arrive in the fall.

In addition to the top two positions on Council, eight students have filed for the rep-at-large position. Four must be elected. Those running include Wade Keas, Leslie Mathiak, John Sefcik, Kent Spears, Brian Stork, John Swartout, Tom Weede, and Kathy Wolfe. Those chosen will, as the name suggests, represent the viewpoints of the entire campus.

"Whereas someone who is elected as junior class president is responsible to the junior class," noted DiCamillo, "the reps-at-large have the entire campus as their boss."

"It's great to see so many people interested in this position," she continued enthusiastically, adding, "usually we only have two students on the ballot."

Others running for individual class positions include: Senior Class: president--write-in; vice-president--write-in; secretary--Susan Stohrer; treasurer--Karen Bell; Student Council rep--write-in; Board of Trustees--Russ Chamberlain, Grant Fry, Carol Furrow, Robin Lewis.

Junior Class: president--Gary Thompson; vice-president--write-in; secretary--write-in; treasurer--David Buhl; Student Council rep--write-in; Board of Trustees--Ken Riddle.

Sophomore Class: president--write-in; vice-president--write-in; secretary--write-in; treasurer--write-in; Student Council rep--Ulrica Aumen, Susan England, Linda Vyvyan; Board of Trustees--Leslie Mathiak.

DiCamillo pointed out that anyone running for a Student Council position can also run as a class officer.

## Career Preparation?

# One order eggs, h.b.s and links comin' up!



By Susette Balogh and Mary Ellen Liike

Students can scratch off about fifty black marks against the name "Saga" in return for the big plus they brought in on Friday night. The most general comment on Saga's Midnight Breakfast, providing food and old-time flicks was, "It's great!"

Students were greeted by very strict I.D. checkers. Mr. Robert Fraker, Director of Purchasing, commented, "It's good to know

we do have students."

Proceeding through the food line, one noted the efficiency with which Mr. Dave Campbell, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, and Dr. John Empoliti of the Math Department, prepared fruit for students. Campbell explained that, "the aim is eye appeal. Bananas must be cut on an angle." Having just been moved from the dish line to the fruit, Campbell emphasized that he did wash his hands before tackling the bananas. Com-

menting on the dish line, he said, "It's a good time. There have been no food fights yet, but as the line loosens up, there should be some good fights." Empoliti also had been moved from the dish line to fruit. He complained, "I liked doing the eggs better. The dish line was easy, but they moved me from it before it got interesting."

Dr. Gunda Kaiser enjoyed serving the main course of scrambled eggs. See BREAKFAST, page 14

## Voting will take place tomorrow, March 22 at lunch and dinner in Hamilton and Van Dusen Commons

For additional information on this year's candidates, see the ALMANIAN special election spread on pages 6 and 7.

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# Briefs

## Legal drinking age back to 21?

Legislation to raise the legal drinking age back to 21 will be considered by the House Liquor Control Committee soon, according to chairman Rep. Stephen Stopezynski, D-Detroit.

The legislation which was introduced last year by Rep. Melvin DeStigter, R-West Olive was allowed to "languish and die" in the House committee last year. Stopezynski said he stalled consideration of the drinking age bills then because he felt DeStigter using them as political tools to insure his re-election.

According to DeStigter, his proposed legislation has received strong support from lawmakers and Michigan residents. He has cited a recent study which found increases in the rates of alcohol-related automobile accidents among 18 to 20 year-old drivers following the lowering of the legal drinking age in 1972.

## Cracking down on oil spills

President Carter may toughen standards for oil tankers in American waters to prevent accidental oil spills that have plagued coastal waters and beaches recently.

Included in Carter's tentative plans is barring ships that are known to frequently discharge oil into the sea from U.S. territorial waters.

Carter will probably also propose legislation to provide compensation for damages or loss of income caused by oil spills and support a national agreement on fighting pollution of the world's oceans.

Concurrently, spokesmen for shipowners and oil interests are objecting to legislation pending before Congress to strengthen tanker safety standards and to require certain amounts of oil to be carried aboard U.S. flag ships.

## Milliken requests help with PCP crisis

Governor William G. Milliken has asked President Carter for federal help in gauging the health impact of potent poisons found in a common wood preservative.

Milliken requested the assistance because he feels that Michigan's discovery of the problem has national implications. The contaminating preservative pentachlorophenol (PCP) found in Michigan livestock has been used for 40 years throughout the U.S.

The chemical, present in barn paints, is ingested by animals that lick the paint or breathe paint fumes.

Eight Michigan dairy herds have been quarantined because they were ill, had abnormal deaths, and showed levels of the PCP preservative in their blood.

State officials have banned pentachlorophenol from being sold or used in Michigan until the current problem is solved.

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# Brad Bateman -- chosen as next year's African Fellow

BY MICHAEL BENCSIK

The following is an interview with the recently selected African Fellow, Brad Bateman. Brad, a junior from Westland, Michigan, is a '74 graduate of the Howe Military School. An economics major, he is the teaching assistant of Dr. Mueller.

ALMANIAN: When and how did you find out that you were selected the African Fellow for next year?

BATEMAN: On February 22, all of the applicants were interviewed. When that was over with, I went to work. I came back to the dorm about nine o'clock and here were some of my friends from the hall waiting for me downstairs. When

I walked in the door, everyone started congratulating me and I told them no, I had just applied and I didn't know yet and they said 'Hey, you've been picked' and I said 'Come on, you guys, don't tease me' and they said 'Ask Chidi.' So I went to Chidi Nnwoka's room (he's a member of the African Fellow committee), and asked him. He said, 'Brad, they

told me to tell you that you have been selected.' I knew then that it was true.

ALMANIAN: What was your reaction?

BATEMAN: I was stunned. It has taken quite a bit of time to sink in that I really am going to Nigeria.

ALMANIAN: When are you leaving for Nigeria?

BATEMAN: I hope to leave by about the fifteenth of August. That will give me about a month to get settled before I have to start teaching.

ALMANIAN: When will you be done teaching? June?

BATEMAN: Yes, I'll be done teaching in June, but then I plan on doing some travelling either in Africa or in Europe.

ALMANIAN: What will you be teaching?

BATEMAN: I'll be teaching English and chemistry, but maybe just science and math. I'm really not sure. I'll have to write Andy Jones and find out.

ALMANIAN: What kind of school will you be teaching at?

BATEMAN: It's a technical school in a village called Ode-Ekitti.

ALMANIAN: Where will you be living while you're teaching there?

BATEMAN: I guess that I'll be living in a flat of my own. I've seen pictures of it. It's very existential.

ALMANIAN: What's that?

BATEMAN: It's a philosophy.

ALMANIAN: What do you plan on doing while in Nigeria, besides teaching?

BATEMAN: I hope to be doing some travelling in the area, like throughout the various regions of Nigeria. Perhaps I'll even go to Ghana, the Ivory Coast and maybe even Liberia. What I really want to do is to familiarize myself with the culture of the area. I really hope to learn some of the native languages.

ALMANIAN: What kind of physical changes might you have to make?

BATEMAN: Well, I've been told that I'll probably lose quite a lot of weight. You see, they cook everything over there with hot peppers in it and I wasn't raised on hot peppers. I might even have to shave off my beard. Andy Jones wrote and said that he had to shave off his beard because of all the bugs that kept getting into it.

ALMANIAN: What will you be taking with you?

BATEMAN: Not much. I'll have to travel light because of the weight limitations. Probably just a couple pairs of pants, two shirts, some Converse tennis shoes and some books.

ALMANIAN: Are you going to see Andy Jones before you go?

BATEMAN: Probably not. He's trying to stay as long as he can and I'm going to try to get there as soon as I can. I'm going to write to try and find out what I will be teaching and to get some information on obtaining a visa.

ALMANIAN: Can that be a problem?

BATEMAN: Yes, it has been in the past. Their government is rather reluctant to give working visas to Americans. Andy had to resort to entering the country only on a travel visa and then try to get his working one. The guy who went two years ago was in the middle of a soccer game when the police came and arrested him for having an improper visa.

ALMANIAN: How do you think that being the African Fellow will benefit you personally?

BATEMAN: I hope to become more liberally educated from it. I think that it's probably the single greatest opportunity that this college offers a student in the way of a liberal arts education.

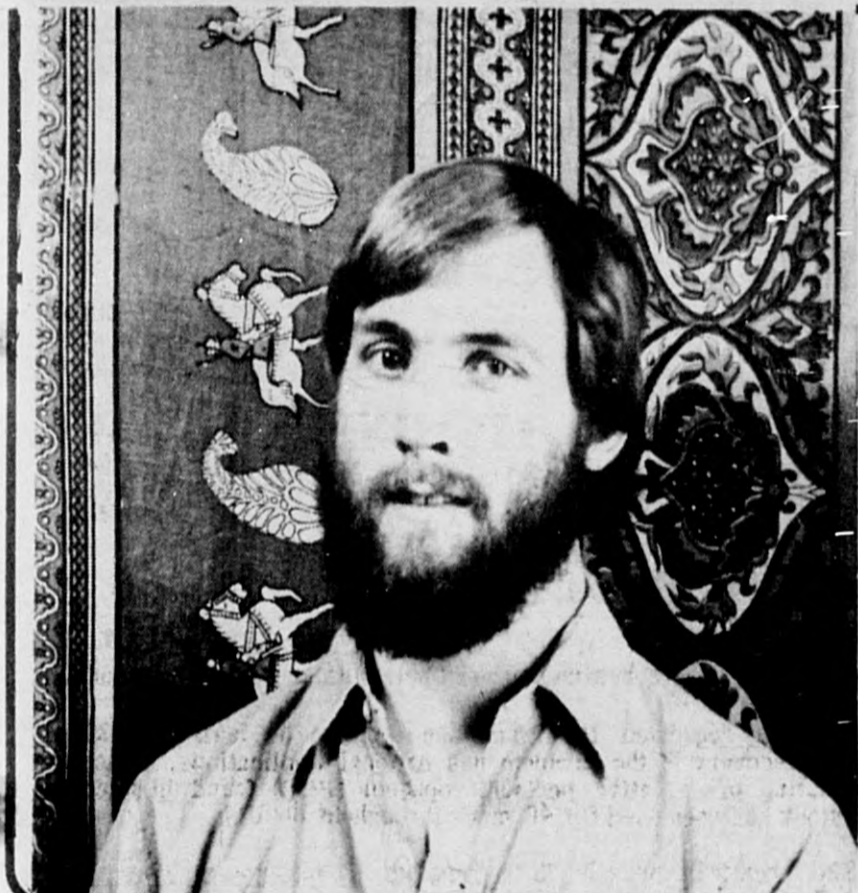
ALMANIAN: When you return to Alma, how do you think you might

be able to benefit the student body from your experience in Africa?

BATEMAN: I think that the benefit to the campus will basically be twofold. First, I think that I might be of help in that I could share with people my experiences and possible help them enhance their education and outlook on life. When I return, I will also be able to work with the African Fellow committee to make sure that the program is maintained and available to future students.

ALMANIAN: Do you feel bad about graduating a year later because you will be spending next year in Nigeria?

BATEMAN: No, I think it's fine. Going to Nigeria is just another part of a liberal education. Besides, I don't think that General Motors and Ford will be waiting for me with jobs when I turn twenty-one.



"I'd like to do some travelling -- to the Ivory Coast... What I really want to do is familiarize myself with the culture..."

## Inter-faith seminar on campus Monday

An Inter-faith Seminary, with representatives from the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant religions, will be held on the campus on Monday evening, March 28, at 7 p.m. in AC 113.

Representing the Catholic faith will be Father Jake Foglio, campus minister at St. John's Student Parish at Michigan State University. His varied career includes work at the M.S.U. radio station WKAR and at WTVB in Coldwater, Michigan; two years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps; and following his theological training, 15 years as

a priest in different parishes, mostly as campus minister at Michigan State University.

Representing the Jewish faith will be Rabbi Philip Frankel of the Congregation Shaarey Zedek in East Lansing where he has served since 1954. Rabbi Frankel, who graduated from the University of Cincinnati, also holds the degrees of Master of Hebrew Laws and Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College. As a member of the Faculty of M.S.U., he has been teaching courses in the Department of Religion for a number of years.

Active in community affairs as well, Rabbi Frankel was the first Chairman of the Lansing Human Relations Commission. He serves as Vice President of the Greater Lansing Inter-faith Council on Religion and Race.

Representing the Protestant faith will be Rev. Malcolm Brown, minister of the First United Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant. The Rev. Mr. Brown received his B.A. degree from the University of Michigan and his M. Div. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

His first pastorate was in Carteret, New Jersey. From there he went to the First United Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor to serve as an Associate Minister. In 1968 he was called to his present pastorate in Mt. Pleasant. He has served on various Presbytery

committees and was Moderator of the Presbytery of Lake Huron for the year 1976.

These three distinguished religious leaders will present the "Concerns and Mission" of the religious group he represents. Following their presentation there will be time for a question and answer period and discussion. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Kevin Scott to assume presidency

## Union Board vacancy is filled

BY SUSETTE BALOGH  
News Editor

On Sunday, March 13, Kevin Scott was officially selected to be the president of Union Board for the school year 1977-78. Miss Robin Lewis had originally been selected for the position but resigned shortly after.

The appointment of Scott to the position leaves a vacancy in the position of technical supervisor.

"It's going to be a lot of work. There are going to be a lot of changes."

-Kevin Scott

Scott had applied for and been accepted for this position, but reconsidered when the office of presidency was reopened.

Realistically anticipating the duties of his new position, Scott commented, "It's going to be a lot of work. It will take a lot of time. There are going to be a lot of changes."

Asked about what sort of experience he is bringing to his new position, Scott cited "a lot of people working under me the past three summers. I was a foreman of a landscaping crew for an apartment complex and the head lifeguard, or pool director, at a pool." He also cited his experiences as being part of a fraternity as an asset to his leadership qualifications.

The changes Scott proposes for next year are mainly in the area of accounting. He also hopes to summon "more student input into the Union Board activities. I hope to get programs people will enjoy par-

ticipating in."

Scott does not anticipate any problems due to the controversy surrounding the election of a Union Board President for next year.

"I was disappointed that Robin resigned. But I think Kevin will do a good job."

-Jeanne Gibson

"I'm not worried. It won't bother me. Out of all the people who applied, I feel I'm the most qualified."

Mrs. Jeanne Gibson, advisor to Union Board, commented, "I was disappointed that Robin resigned the position. I think she would have done a fine job. But, I also think Kevin will do a good job."

## Harrigan collotype on exhibit at Illinois State

Michael Harrigan, Alma College junior from Midland, recently has had an untitled collotype accepted in an exhibition being held through April 3 at Illinois State University. The exhibit, "Art On Art of Paper Art," was open to students enrolled in college, university, or schools of art in the United States.

Harrigan, graduate of Midland High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harrigan of 4416 Andre Street, Midland.

# opinion

Stop for a moment and think about all of the issues on campus that are still "pipe dreams" to most people. Tyler Student Union renovation. A campus pub. An all-campus radio station. Private room telephones in New Dorms. Academic standards. These things are not as far off as they may seem to most students -- in fact, some of them are right around the corner.

Now think about all of the many people that are running for Student Council positions. Not just the president and vice-president, but also about your class officers and representatives-at-large. Give serious thought about who you would want to represent your thoughts and platforms on these major campus issues. You had better think long and hard, for these people that you select are going to represent you come voting time on these issues. As the sign says, quit bitchin' about how crummy this campus is and start thinking about how to change it. One of the best ways to implement change is to elect representatives who are going to bring about those changes in your campus lifetime. Just take a few minutes to read what they have to say before you cast your vote. You may be glad you did in a few months from now.

Speaking of changes, I have been invited to a luncheon with Governor William Milliken on April 6. He has invited newspaper editors from around the state to discuss major state issues. I would like some feedback from my fellow students -- what would you like for me to bring up to the good governor? Drop me a line and let me know how you feel....

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## Applications now available

# Community government: make your voice heard

On March 22 many of you will participate in the elections for next year's student government officers. Several will seek office and many more will vote to select the winners. For the majority of Alma students this annual ritual is considered the only chance they will have to affect change in the college community. This belief is an unfortunate misconception.

Some of the greatest opportunities to become involved in Alma College are through a Community Government Committee. The student members of these committees serve with members of the

faculty and administration in making many of the most important unity. Consider the following:

\*the tuition increase which the Provost's Advisory Committee recommended to the Trustees,

\*changes in the honors and divisional requirements that have been or may be affected by the Educational Policies Committee,

\*the quality of your social life and how it is or isn't affected by the Student Life Committee and/or the Co-Curricular Committee,

\*the content of the paper you are reading and how it is affected by the editorial selections of the Communications Committee.

Applications for these and other equally important Committees will be available outside the Student Government offices in Tyler Union. The applications are one page and take little time to complete: it is a small effort for a large goal. All applications returned will be submitted to the Community Government Steering Committee which will attempt to interview all applicants March 28 and 31. Positions will be filled after the committee has reviewed all applications and announced the following week. Thank you, Brad Bateman, Chairman, Community Gov't, Steering Committee.

# Resident Assistants

## "The amputation of an extension"

A guest editorial by Mark T. Harasim

"If thy right hand offends thee, cut it off..."

Administrative policy and dealings on the Alma College campus never cease to amaze me. I'm sure that there are other students at this institution that share this same wide-eyed bewilderment.

It has been some time since I have found myself motivated to express myself editorially in the ALMANIAN. I grew weary of expounding upon issues that were eventually "set-aside", or lost in administrative read tape. Much to the delight of several key administrators on this campus, I withdrew from the journalistic arena and found other suitable outlets for my views and opinions.

However, I have been recently informed of another student injustice about to be perpetrated and swept under the "carpet of obscurity", and I feel that it must be brought out into the open so others may view the administration's janitorial expertise.

Over the past four years that I have been a member of this academic community, the administration has been faced with several problems that have been directly or indirectly triggered by student action. Time and again, the administration has shown a blatant inability to tactfully deal with these issues. When we as students question the theory behind such administrative action, we find a virtual brick wall in place of the so-called close-knit, open door

policy Alma College promotes to the outside world.

The most recent brick and mortar construction concerns the dictatorial employment procedures utilized in the hiring and firing of Resident Assistants.

Agreeably so, a senior (such as myself) has already undergone the socialization process that dormitory living, and college in general, imposes upon the student. A large percentage of the Resident Assistant's job deals with the direction of the unsuspecting, often naive freshman. However, upperclassmen are in an advantageous position to carefully observe just how well the RA helps the resident to adjust to his new environment. The influence this individual unconsciously exerts upon his corridor of residents is instrumental in helping them to

either adapt, or become fall term "wash-outs".

How the Resident Assistant chooses to accomplish this adaptation process is largely contingent, and run on a matter of personal preference. And from all signs, it appears the matter of rehiring the RA is delegated on this same basis--personal preference. But of whom? Who or what measures the RA's performance. Who must he please? And most importantly, who must he agree with to be rehired? Ah, . . . the plot begins to thicken.

Lets examine the facts. Last week a tentative list of next years' Resident Assistants was released for publication. Upon studying this list, it became evident that three veterans had been released from duty for various reasons spanning anywhere from "lack of input in meetings" to backstabbing allegations made by one of the Resident Assistant's contemporaries. Needless to say, all were bewildered, and not surprisingly, embittered by the news. Although all three had been informed of their release prior to the public announcement, none had received any indication of administrative discontent during the academic year.

Naturally, the refugees turned to the administration for explanations and received none--at least none that satisfies their curiosity. Individual responsibility for the action taken not to rehire the trio was also passed from administrator to administrator. There's a definite stench in the air, and it appears that no one wants to be the skunk.

Apparently, the administration finds these three individuals unsatisfactory. However, the RA is responsible for not only satisfying his hers "invisible superiors", but those they serve--the residents on their corridor. And, from all indications, there appears to be three corridors of men that firmly believe they received their money's worth.

Even a superficial scrutinization, the least of which the administration failed to attempt, will convince the onlooker that, indeed, these men did their jobs, and did them well. Let us take for example the diverse personalities

currently residing on these three particular corridors, the freshman in particular. Many of these residents entered this institution as introverted individuals hesitant about any form of social interaction or involvement. The majority of them are now well-adjusted people involved in many campus activities and organizations because someone took the time to show them their own potential. It's certain that this type of personal concern wasn't stipulated in any contract. It seems a grave injustice and deprivation to future students to dismiss individuals with such influential, charismatic attributes.

Something is terribly amiss with the hiring procedure of Resident Assistants at this institution. It would seem imperative that students have a greater voice in this area. Some form of corridor evaluations should be administered several times throughout the academic year and reviewed in committee in order to receive a fair evaluation of performance on a first-hand basis. In all honesty, the corridor resident is in a much better position to judge performance of an Resident Assistant. They are exposed to his or her expertise, (or lack of it) on a daily basis. Agreeably so,

no one over in the Reid-Knox building or Head Resident's office can make the same claim with credibility.

It is essential that this area of job hiring and firing be re-examined for the benefit of all concerned. Further displays of railroading competent individuals out of hard sought jobs will only serve to injure the Resident Assistant program.

In any case, there are three individuals on this campus that are suffering because they refused to subject themselves to the hypocrisy their "former" job imposed upon them. They are entitled to some answers, not administrative buck-passing.

We come to college to form ideals and become independent thinkers. We are taught to question what is laid before us, and concealed from us. Well, . . . we're asking. Now, let's have some answers.

# R.A.s bitter over '77-'78 appointments

The selection of Resident Assistants (RAs) for the next school year has caused some bitterness and disappointment among some of the present RAs who have not been rehired for the fall. Dave Campbell, of Student Affairs, which makes the final decision in the selection of RAs, said that certain things are looked for when rehiring an RA.

"We look for in an RA certain things and with a rehire we check on these things," said Campbell. The Student Affairs staff is made up of Campbell, Jeff Southern, the two Resident Advisors from South Complex, and the four Head Residents from the other dorms.

Campbell went on to explain that the most important quality looked for when rehiring an RA is how the people on the corridor viewed their RA.

"Most importantly, we look at how the people on the corridor viewed him. Was he available

to the residents? How was he at planning things? How interested was he in his job," Campbell asked?

Campbell explained that another important aspect was how the RA used enforcement.

"An RA is expected to explain certain things about college policy and then if need be enforce it," said Campbell.

At the same time, Campbell was quick to point out that there are other things that the staff looks for, besides how the residents view their RA.

"There's a lot to the job that people on the corridor don't see," said Campbell. "Was the one RA enforcing policy to support other RAs? We have a problem in that some people will come to their RAs and say, 'Hey, why can't we do this? They're doing it on the other corridors.'"

"We also check to see if the RA has been going to staff meetings and if he has been contri-

buted to these meetings," added Campbell.

Campbell also pointed out that when RAs who had applied for their jobs again in the fall and were not selected knew why they were not rehired. "Those people know why they weren't rehired," stated Campbell.

Jack Rasmussen of Gelston Hall said that he wasn't sure why he wasn't rehired.

"I talked to Mark Wangberg and Dave Campbell and it is not really clear to why I wasn't rehired," said Rasmussen. "They told me it was a general lack of input as an RA, yet they told me that it had nothing to do with the way I ran my corridor."

Marge Gildner of Newberry said that she wasn't surprised when first learning that she was not rehired, but later on she was.

"I wasn't surprised at first because I had said New Dorms or nothing but then when I saw who

a couple of the people were who were selected, I was surprised," said Gildner.

Mark Zook of Brazell claims that the Student Affairs staff was not fair in their evaluation and that they failed to check out the information that they might have received.

"I wasn't treated fairly. The selection process isn't the same for all people. There were a few rumors that I wasn't enforcing policy and I feel that they didn't look into it," said Zook.

Jamie Kneen of Gelston, who was also not rehired, said that he felt he knew why he wasn't rehired.

"I think that it's clear between the Student Affairs office and myself why I wasn't rehired. I know that I've done some things that are counter to their policy. I had a couple of parties this year and I know that they objected to that," said Kneen.

Jamie also questioned who should be the judge of his abil-

ity as an RA. "They just didn't like the way I did things. But who's to judge—the people on my corridor or the people in the Student Affairs office?"

This was also the feeling of Jack Rasmussen, who said that he supports the idea of some of corridor evaluation.

"I wish that maybe they would have talked to some of the people in my corridor. I don't think that their selection process is very objective. I wish that they would have done some sort of corridor evaluation," said Rasmussen.

Rasmussen went on to say that he felt he can sum up the feelings of many people towards the Student Affairs office as bitterness and disappointment.

"I am not alone when I say that I feel a great deal of bitterness towards the Student Affairs office and a great disappointment with their methods and goals of operation."

## Administration responds quickly

# Survey reaps action

A poster seen around campus promoting Community Government proclaims, "Quit Bitchin'." This poster encourages students to take an active part in student issues.

The Needs Assessment Survey could be labeled "the student bitch of the year," brought about many changes in all phases of student life.

However, not all of the credit goes to the students. Although students were cohesive in gathering their needs to present to the administration, the administration should be credited for their prompt action on the modification or change of certain policies to concur with student wants and desires.

The item on the Needs Assessment Survey which ranked number one with students was the need for a comfortable place for all-campus activities, e.g. dances, parties, concerts, etc. At the time of the Needs Assessment Survey's circulation to students for feedback, social activity on this campus was at a virtual standstill. Such problems as funds to secure halls, faculty supervision, and student unruliness plagued potential party sponsors. But since the survey, such administrative moves as the revision of the alcohol policy, co-sponsoring or funding of student-oriented events, and the formation of a faculty-student ad-hoc committee has made it a lot easier for different groups to sponsor campus events.

"The main problem with student-oriented groups that try to do something to change a situation like the lack of social activity is that they lack a sense of direction," commented Student Affairs Director Jeff Southern. "Right now, we are studying a major academic year calendar revision that would hopefully spread out major campus events, such as Homecoming and Greek Week, into a rhythmic pattern, so that we could have something major going on campus at regular intervals."

Southern added that other weekend happenings such as the Renaissance Fair would help to round out weekend activities year-round.

Another area which ranked high on the Needs Assessment Survey and is now in the process of undergoing revision is the food service. Robert Fraker, head of the Food Service Committee, commented on the student request for extended meal hours. "Before we go ahead and consider making the meal hours longer, there are many factors which must be taken into consideration. For instance," Fraker continued, "we must determine whether or not lunch hour congestion is a matter of student choice or class schedule necessity. When we compile all of that data, then we can determine whether or not extended meal hours would solve the problem we are faced with."

Fraker also commented on the possibility of leaving the Commons open for "coffee break" in between

meals. "Although this matter has not been discussed at great length by the Food Service Committee, the one question that comes to mind when dealing with the coffee break question is, 'will this system reduce the effectiveness of the Snack Connection?'" When reminded that one other student concern had to do with the inconvenient hours of the Snack Connection, especially on the weekend, Fraker added that perhaps the answer to the coffee break question was extending the Snack Connection hours. "I had never really given much thought to that possibility before," Fraker said, "but I do think that students do have a very valid point, and I will bring this entire matter before the Food Service Committee for review immediately."

When asked about the possibility of having some sort of announcements at mealtimes to inform students of daily events, Fraker commented, "We have tried having speakers announce events over a microphone at mealtimes before, and it has never worked out satisfactorily. Too many people were yelling at the poor guy when he was trying to speak--no, I don't think we will try that route again. However, there is the possibility of working out a table-tent system where all of the events going on on a given day were compiled and put on individual table tents. That should work out pretty well." At

# Agria outlines course change

There have been some changes in courses for the 1977-78 Alma College year according to Dr. John Agria, Dean of Academic Affairs. The changes include class titles, number of credits, addition of courses and deletion of some courses which tend to offset each other.

Agria said, "There are very few substantial changes and the changes made more accurately describe what classes are available here."

The changes are reflected in the class schedule list from the Registrar's office. The new college catalog will out this summer will describe the modification in detail.

There will be four Biology classes offered during Spring term that were not listed in the schedule. They are 110, 303, 307, and 321.

Class changes are also a result of professors leaving for sabbatical. Every 7 years, professors at Alma can take a 1/2 or 1 year leave from the school. This allows them to do some studying. Agria said this is worthwhile and helps the professors to become better teachers. The professors are replaced in part but funds have to be considered since the professors are paid during their leave.

Next year the Art Department will have a new name--Department of Art and Design. This new name will better describe the department.

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# Welcome back, Jack!

After a none-too relaxing month's break from Alma, Jack McGill is back on campus. Injured in an automobile accident in February, he is completing this term despite the time lost.

It wasn't easy, but quite necessary, for him to get back into the rigors of studying. "All I did the first three days here was read from nine in the morning until midnight!" Jack had to drop three classes, taking him from an 18-credit load to an 8-credit load. While home, Jack received assignments for the two classes that he was keeping, but even then it was hard to keep up. "I was in the hospital the first week, and the second week I didn't have my books, so I was already two weeks behind when I started."

Fortunately, Jack will be able to make up for his reduced class-load so that he can graduate on time. Besides taking spring classes, he plans to either attend the University of Michigan, or to take an independent study from

Alma, during the summer.

Jack was enthusiastic about the concern Alma students had shown for him. "Everybody was really great about helping me out, both while I was home and when I came back."

He commented that he hoped to never have to face an ordeal like his accident again. We hope so too Jack. Welcome back.



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## The Candidate

# Kneen: committed to the students



Jamie Kneen

by Ruth Perlberg

A candidate "deeply committed to the students", Jamie Kneen comes across as forceful, dedicated, involved--and enthusiasm personified.

As a Student Council Presidential aspirant, Kneen espouses a philosophy of constant contact with and for students. "I would be there for the students," he commented. "I feel they need someone to fight for them, and I am not afraid to stand up for them. I'll stick my nose into something I feel is important and it might be bloodied, but it's happened before."

Kneen, a junior and currently a Resident Assistant in Gelston Hall, credits his intense involvement with the Needs Assessment Survey earlier in the year, with much of his experience with the student

body and what he feels he can offer as president.

Through working on the survey, Kneen feels that students are now "at the perimeter of campus life." and if elected one of his goals would be to concentrate on "getting them in the center again."

Through the survey I found out a lot of things about the students and what they would like to do," he said. "And one thing I am really interested in is getting a speakers program on current issues begun. Hopefully we could work something out with Co-Curricular Affairs to have people come and talk about things such as solar energy, nuclear energy, and abortion. The state capital is only 50 miles away and I don't know of any attempt to utilize the services they have to offer."

Kneen dismissed concern about funding, commenting, "I feel that if we could get people who felt

strong enough a it an issue in the immediate a a, they would not demand a high fee, if any at all."

Communication, however, remains one of the major issues of Kneen's platform, and it is with this in mind that he has suggested the possibility of either hiring or appointing someone to act as an ombudsman - or middleman - between the students and faculty.

"Now, there is no where to go to complain about a student-faculty problem," Kneen commented. "And because no one comes to talk to the faculty and administration, they are isolated from student life. Contrary to popular belief, I think that the faculty wants to help students, and with the ombudsman people might start to see something happen."

According to Kneen, one of the major causes of apathy on the Alma College campus is because

students don't know who to see to get things accomplished.

"I want to restore confidence in the system," he said, "but I am not afraid to balk the system. I'll use it as long as it does work for the students," he added simply. "There will be times and situations which arise when red tape needs to be cut, if it does, I'll go right to the top and not wait three or four months to go through small, incremental steps."

It is this feeling of student's facing difficulties in getting things done that Kneen addresses as a presidential candidate.

"I feel that I could make the Council more active and vocal for students than it has been this year," he noted adding that his actual inexperience in serving as a Council member was not to his

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# Byron: organization to the nth degree



Jenifer Byron

by Ruth Perlberg

"Organized to the nth degree" is the tag one immediately and easily applies to Jennifer Byron. One of the two candidates for next year's vacant Student Council President spot, Byron systematically can tick off several specific goals she has made for a possible term as president.

Don't let her organization belie her enthusiasm, however. She comes into the hotly contested presidential race with impressive credentials, testifying to an active interest in student affairs.

Student government positions to her credit include a year on Newberry Hall's Dorm Council and her current job as junior class representative. While serving on Council this year, she was se-

lected as a member of the Student Budget and Finance Committee (SBFC), and served on a committee to represent student views of judicial committee decisions to Jeff Southern, Director of Student Affairs.

Additionally, Byron has chaired two Council committees, including one to investigate misrepresentation on the Council. This, she pointed out, resulted in giving small housing units one representative and both the sororities and service fraternity (Sigma Beta) one rep. Bruske and Gelston Hall were also given an additional rep because of the male-female combination.

A second committee which she chaired dealt with an investigation into the night class co-curricular affairs conflicts. "We wanted to put an end to having two things scheduled on the same night," she said. "We made re-

commendations to the Provost's Advisory Committee who then took it to the Educational Policy Committee (EPC). I noticed the other day that Monday and Wednesday night classes have decreased in the fall schedule," she added happily.

The same committee is also investigating the possibility of scheduling classes on the half hour. Thus, instead of having 1:00 classes, afternoon sessions would begin at 1:30. "A decision should be made before the end of the year," Byron noted, "but it will ultimately be left up to EPC."

As Byron sees it, her knowledge of the student government structure is one of her primary plusses.

"I am not a status quo candidate," she said emphatically referring to comments made by her opponent during the campaign. But a person in this president's po-

sition has to know exactly what the organization is about. That way, you don't waste time trying to figure out exactly where a particular issue should go. For example, you shouldn't send something to Student Life when it could get acted faster upon by EPC."

"It is to the student's benefit to get things done quickly and efficiently," she said earnestly, "and you can get the most feedback from student committees. And because faculty are also represented on those committees, all sides of an issue can be aired. These are the instances when you have to work with the system. Why that's why we have to have the idea of community government."

It is this desire for both student involvement and campus communication that Characterize Byron's goals for next year.

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# Wright, McLaren vie for V.P. position

"I feel as if I have been preparing all year for this."

by Ruth Perlberg

Basing his campaign on a broad background in business and a year of experience on the Student Budget and Finance Committee (SBFC) Tim Wright has plowed into this year's election with gusto.

Running for the position of Vice President of Student Council, Wright maintains that the student budget is the V.P.'s main responsibilities. One of the primary functions of the vice-president is chairmanship of SBFC, according to this year's vice-president, Lisa DiCamillo.

"I feel as if I have been preparing myself all year for this position," Wright commented, somewhat modestly. In addition to this year's activities on the SBFC, Wright is a business major, has been Bruske dorm council vice-president and treasurer, and served on the Student Council for two years as Dorm Council representative.

It is his experience with the budget, however, that Wright feels is of utmost importance. He points out that he knows what the budget process entails, and he is familiar with a new constitution



Tim Wright

to have knowledge of what's going on, it will give them more control over what spending is done," he said with enthusiasm.

"This is something I really pushed for," he said with a grin, "and I think that everyone's really enthusiastic about it."

A second point in his favor, that Wright pointed out, is his deep involvement with the Council this year.

"Because I have become so deeply involved," he commented, "I know what we're after in the bylaws and I will be able to continue things that have been started."

In addition to the overriding responsibility the with the budget, Wright has suggested several other matters that could fall under his jurisdiction. One that he would like to have investigated is the transferral of the Internural Program from the Physical Education budget to the student budget.

"I think that the students should be able to determine whether or not they want IM's," he said, thoughtfully. "This, however, is something that will require quite a bit of investigation," he allowed.

The problem of communication--a recurring one through the campaign--is also one of Wright's concerns. "We've talked about phones in the rooms as well as the radio station-- these both would be a SBFC concern." Wright has also suggested the possibility of setting up daily place cards on the dining room tables as one part of the campus communication system.

"It can be tried," he said optimistically, adding, "If it doesn't

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"I don't feel that having a Business major is important."

by Ruth Perlberg

In what has proven to be the most diverse platforms of two opponents during the entire Student Council campaign, Jenny McLaren has basically discounted the importance of a business or mathematical ability as chairman of the Student Budget and Finance Committee (SBFC).

As candidate for the vice-presidency (which automatically entails SBFC chairmanship), McLaren has based her campaign primarily on intense enthusiasm and an ardent desire to learn the ropes of the Council position.

She acknowledges allegations about her lack of "business qualification" saying, "I have read the minutes of the past year and I've talked to Lisa (DiCamillo, this year's Student Council vice-president). I have persistence, strong motivation, and aggressiveness. I have an ability to work well and am organized."

"As far as the vice-president's responsibility to the SBFC goes" McLaren noted, "as vice-president I would not dominate the committee, I would chair it. The committee is a student concern and as vice-president I would have the power



Jenny McLaren

to delegate authority.

"I have held leadership positions before," she continued ardently, "and I don't feel that having a business major is important here. There are no heavy mathematics involved. I have the motivation to do it. And quite frankly, I know the hassles involved and I am sure that I can handle the committee."

It is McLaren's contention that the vice-president's job should be instrumental in "broadening the base of participation throughout campus."

"We need far more communication," she asserted, "as well as more student motivation. I have seen the same people doing everything and I feel that there should be more leaders."

One of McLaren's goals for next

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# The Veterans

# election '77

## "We've planted seeds for the future"



Jeff Weenink

response is very exciting to me. It has been extremely favorable. We have had effective participation. In fact," he continued, "we have already begun selections for next year's community government committees so that the new president will have a cohesive body with which to work."

It is things such as this that Weenink pointed out might seem "little," but at the same time are very important.

Other Council involvement has included participation in the Information Fair at the beginning of the year, helping plan and take part in Founder's Day activities last October, working on plans for Tyler Student Union renovations, reopening the student-faculty lounge, participation on the Library Input Board, and compiling by-laws for the Student Budget and Finance Committee.

"Lisa DiCamillo (Student Council Vice President) worked extremely hard on the committee," Weenink declared. "I'm pleased with the way things were handled. I don't think too much was taken out of the student's pockets."

The constitutional revision was also a major project of Council during the past year. "It's been streamlined," Weenink said simply. "The other was extremely outdated, while the one under review is a healthy change."

"The revision was a huge chore," he added, "and while no drastic changes can be recognized, the wheels were turning all the time."

But even as the year was pro-

fitable in the eyes of Weenink, he did concede some problems -- primarily that of student response.

"The council member really went out to the students early in the year," he explained as he leaned back in his office chair. "and I felt bad when students didn't respond. But," he added wistfully, "you always have high hopes when you come in, but they're not always realized."

Student awareness is one basic issue that Weenink often referred to, many times in the context of community government.

"Community government has

many answers for progress here," he said earnestly. "I wish students were more aware of it. I'm really not sure what it takes; I felt that Council was extremely visible."

It has been two years since Weenink began serving as a Student Council officer; first last year as Council secretary and this, of course, as its president. A new president will assume the presidency tomorrow, and it is with mixed emotions that Weenink is leaving what has come to be a full-time job for him.

"You have to be on call all of

the time," he explained, dramatically emphasizing "all". And whoever is elected must be an individual that's devoted, someone who lives and breathes student government.

"In addition to being extremely objective," Weenink emphasizes the need to be sensitive "to the major concerns to the student body. "And," he added, "it takes energy. It's a matter of keeping your own morale up as well as all the others around you."

He admits, however, that he

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by Ruth Perlberg  
"I guess you could say we planted the seeds for the future," noted Jeff Weenink, this year's Student Council President, as he reviewed both the accomplishments and stumbling blocks of the past six months.

And although Council did not cause any major controversies of champion blatant issues, the year has been characterized by careful and consistent behind-the-scenes action.

"I've taken pride in our long-range work," commented Weenink. He added, "But I feel we accomplished many short-range goals."

"The community government

## She's accomplished all that she set out to

by Ruth Perlberg  
With only one day left in her vice-presidential tenure, this year's Student Council V.P. can look back over the year with a genuine sigh of satisfaction. Lisa DiCamillo has accomplished more than many who have held her same position over the past few years.

Student organization, staff equalization, increase of the vice-presidential salary, the requirement for year-end reports from student organizations, revision of the old and out-dated constitution, and the structuring of the Student Budget and Finance Committee (SBFC) by-laws have all been realized goals DiCamillo set for herself last year after her election.

Although modestly reluctant to elaborate on her role in those accomplishments, DiCamillo expressed delight in the newly structured SBFC.

"Finances are the primary responsibility of the vice president," commented DiCamillo, "and before last year, there were no written procedures for the SBFC to follow."

"We wrote things down that had never been written down before," she said enthusiastically. "Now we can go to the bylaws if we have a question. Of course there are always room for improvements or amendments, but what has essentially happened is that we tried to continue order and strengthen it."

Continuing her emphasis on the budgetary role of the vice president, DiCamillo also pointed to the decision to require all organizations to provide the SBFC with a written report at the end of the year. This, according to DiCamillo, "would enable the committee to assess their budgets and let the committee know exactly what each organization spent in the previous



Lisa DiCamillo

year so that fair and accurate decisions could be made on the stressing that the organizations keep better books and better records," said DiCamillo. This, she contends, would not only facilitate the role of SBFC, but would help the organizations themselves.

One major task DiCamillo committed herself to this year was the revision of the old Student Council constitution. Now being reviewed in a subcommittee of the Provost Advisory Committee, the constitution will not appear on tomorrow ballot, as DiCamillo had hoped. After working on it a major part of the year, she expressed optimism that it would be approved by both the Student Council and ultimately the student body before next year.

"As it stands now, we are mere- See DiCamillo, page 12

# Sample ballot

## Student Council

### President

Jennifer Byron

Jamie Kneen

Write-in

### Vice-President

Jenny McLaren

Tim Wright

Write-in

### Reps-at-large

Wade Keas

Leslie Mathiak

John Sefcik

Kent Spears

Brian Stork

John Swartout

Tom Weede

Kathy Wolfe

Write-in

### Seniors

#### President

Write-in

#### Vice-President

Write-in

#### Secretary

Susan Stohrer

Write-in

#### Treasurer

Karen Bell

Write-in

#### SC rep

Write-in

#### Board of Trustees

Russ Chamberlain

Grant Fry

Carol Furrow

Robin Lewis

Write-in

### Juniors

#### President

Gary Thompson

Write-in

#### Vice-President

Write-in

#### Secretary

Write-in

#### Treasurer

David Buhl

Write-in

#### SC rep

Write-in

#### Board of Trustees

Ken Riddle

Write-in

### Sophomores

#### President

Write-in

#### Vice-President

Write-in

#### Secretary

Write-in

#### Treasurer

Write-in

#### SC rep

Ulrica Aumen

Susan England

Linda Vyvyan

Write-in

#### Board of Trustees

Leslie Mathiak

Write-in

# Schedule for reserving rooms

Date & time	Place	Type of reservation
March 28		
1:00 - 5:00	Student Affairs Office	Small housing residents interested in retaining their current room.
7:00	Present Hall	All current juniors interested in retaining their present room. (Students presently in Single/Double assignments must obtain clearance from their Head Resident.)
7:30	Present Hall	All current sophomores interested in retaining their current room. (Students in Single/Double assignments must obtain clearance from their Head Resident.)
8:00	Present Hall	All current freshmen interested in retaining their present room. (Students presently in Single/Double assignments must obtain clearance from their Head Resident.)
March 29		
4:00	Student Affairs Office	Displaced students from Kirk, Vreeland, or Tobin House may reserve a different room within Small Housing. By lottery.
4:30	Student Affairs Office	All other Small Housing residents interested in a different assignment within Small Housing. By lottery.
7:00	Present Hall	Students who are displaced due to the reservation of a limited number of spaces for freshmen the night before may reserve a different room within their present hall. By lottery.
8:00	Present Hall	Current juniors interested in a different room assignment within their present hall. By lottery.
8:30	Present Hall	Current sophomores interested in a different room assignment within their present hall. By lottery.
9:00	Present Hall	Current freshmen interested in a different room assignment within their present hall. By lottery.
March 30		
7:00	Dow 100 (women)	Current juniors interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
8:00	Dow 100 (women)	Current sophomores interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
9:00	Dow 100 (women)	Current freshmen interested in moving to a different residence hall. By lottery.
March 31		
7:00	Dow 100 (men)	Current juniors interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
8:00	Dow 100 (men)	Current sophomores interested in moving to a different residence hall or to a small housing unit. By lottery.
9:00	Dow 100 (men)	Current freshmen interested in moving to a different residence hall. By lottery.

## OX, Vreeland to be destroyed

# Small Housing changes announced

BY SUSETTE BALOGH  
NEWS EDITOR

On the ninth of this month, Mr. Jeff Southern, Director of Student Affairs and Mr. Dave Campbell, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, conducted a meeting for all students in small housing. The purpose of this meeting was to explain to those involved the changes to take place in small housing during

the school year 1977-78. Two houses owned by the campus are to be torn down over the course of summer recess. These are the Theta Chi Fraternity House and the Vreeland House. These houses have deteriorated to the point where this is necessary. Members of the fraternity brought the problem of the condition of their house to the attention

of Student Affairs. They were told that their house would be torn down and were offered Tobin House. If the fraternity accepts this offer, the men in Tobin House will be displaced. To solve this problem, Student Affairs plans to house these men in the Kirk House. Kirk House was chosen because it is the only house which will be accommodating.

Interest was also cited by Student Affairs that they wanted to keep the houses now in the best condition in that condition as long as possible. A member of the audience questioned why the men from Tobin could not be moved to Babcock House. Jeff Southern replied, "Babcock is in good condition and we want to keep it that way. The women have taken far better care of the houses than the men. Also, Babcock is on the main drag, and we would prefer to keep the men off it."

## Information and procedures

# Residence hall sign-up for '77-'78

During the coming year campus housing facilities will be used to accommodate students in the following manner:

### Bruske, Gelston, Mitchell, Newberry

These halls will be open to students from all classes (entering freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors). A limited number of spaces, yet to be determined, will be reserved on each corridor for entering freshmen in order to distribute these students as evenly as possible throughout each of these halls.

### Bonbright, Brazel, Carey, Nisbet

These South Complex facilities will again be available to students who are currently members of the freshmen, sophomore, or junior class. Entering freshmen will NOT be assigned to these halls.

### Small housing units

The College will operate FOUR small housing units during the coming year. Three of the houses, Babcock, Clizbe, and Meyer will be open to women who are currently members of the sophomore and junior classes only. Entering freshmen and students who are currently members of the freshmen class will not be assigned to these facilities. Kirk house has been designated as the lone small housing unit for men under the same provisions. In addition, only male students who are not members of a fraternity which offers housing will be eligible for housing in this unit.

### Non-smoking corridors

Corridors and quads PRESENTLY designated as non-smoking areas in Bruske, Mitchell, and Newberry Halls will be maintained during the coming year. There

will not be any non-smoking corridors established in Gelston or the South Complex Halls, or in the small housing units.

### Low-noise Corridors

Low noise corridors or quads will again be available, on a contractual basis, in Bruske, Gelston, Mitchell, and Newberry Halls. Only students who are willing to support and personally abide by the provisions set forth for these areas should sign-up on these corridors. There will not be any low-noise corridors established in either South Complex or the small housing units.

### Miscellaneous

A) Gelston Hall - At the request of residents and staff of this hall, women will be assigned to rooms on the second floor and men will be assigned to rooms on the first floor. The lone third floor corridor will be maintained as a low-noise corridor for male students.

B) Single Rooms - Single rooms which are not retained by students who are currently occupying such assignments may be reserved ONLY during the general campus lotteries on March 30 & 31.

C) Double Rooms - It has not as yet been determined how many single/double rooms will be available during the coming year. This information will be determined and made available through the residence hall staff PRIOR to housing sign-up.

D) Proxies - Students who cannot attend the particular session when they would otherwise reserve a room may ask someone to represent them. The proxy must, however, have in his/her possession the room reservation card of the person they are representing.

E) Class Standing - Class standing will be determined from the official class listing distributed by the registrar's office. If you have any question concerning your class standing (freshmen, sophomore, junior), contact the registrar's office prior to housing sign-up.

F) Reminder - In order to reserve a room, a student must: 1) be pre-registered for the fall term, 2) pay a \$25.00 commitment deposit at the Cashier's window of the Business Office, and 3) complete the left hand portion of the room reservation card which they received upon payment of their deposit and bring the entire card with them when they come to reserve a room.

G) Lottery Numbers - When participating in a lottery, a student is expected to keep the lottery number which has been selected until it is his/her turn to reserve a room. The same number selected must then be returned to the person in charge. Lottery numbers cannot be traded. Any violations of the above will result in the loss of any priority in the sign-up process.

H) Room Changes - Changes in room assignments will not be considered by the Student Affairs Office prior to April 11, 1977.

Questions concerning the above information should be directed to members of the head resident staff.

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# Features

## Home Sweet Home: Alma College housing options

By Steve Clark and Jon Thompson

It is stated in the Residence Hall Policy that Alma College is a "residential college committed to the social and personal, as well as the intellectual development of students." Therefore, the college "expects students to live in approved housing, usually college residence halls, through out the period of their attendance."

The Alma College '76-'77 catalog claims the college operates as a residential community as a "deliberate attempt to maximize points of interaction between students which are conducive to learning." The residence halls are said in the catalog to "reflect two fundamental research findings: first, that environment influences behavior and that enrichment of the environment enhances intellectual activity; second, that learning is a total process and that ideas must be explored through informal and personalized experience with general informed human activity."

The administration obviously stresses the importance of housing facilities in education, but there are five different types of living quarters available to students. How does an Alma student choose which one will be best for him?

As a freshman, in most cases, the college decides for him. All freshmen are traditionally housed in Bruske, Gelston, Mitchell, or Newberry, the four large dormitories. Approximately 700 students from all classes live in these two coed and two separate-sex dorms. It is agreed among most dwellers in the five different types of housing that these dorms offer

the least amount of privacy. A freshman in Gelston offered, "there's as much privacy here as there would be living at home with ten brothers and sisters," and a junior in Bruske commented, "there's no privacy at all; you can hear right through the walls."

All but a few Alma College students do the largest amount of studying in their room, and the amount of privacy (i.e. lack of interruptions) can be important to studying.

Perhaps another disadvantage of residing in the major dorms is the community bathroom. Several students said they didn't mind sharing a bathroom with so many people, except the constant use and some careless users made the bathrooms "scummy" occasionally.

An advantage that the big dormitories would have over other housing is the easy opportunity to meet more people and acquire good friends.

Even if you're unlucky and are stuck with a jerk for a roommate the first time, chances are you'll find a roomie with whom you'll remain close with for many years after college.

A couple of small advantages that the four major dorms have are that they are closer to the meal trough and other campus services when the cold winds attack; and having a friendly R.A. on every floor to "promote an optimum residence hall environment."

About 200 sophomores, juniors, and seniors occupy the South Housing Complex, or New Dorms, consisting of Bonbright, Brazell, Carey, and Nisbet Halls. The general opinion of students living there is that the rooms are built better than rooms in the big dorms and "there's more you can do with them." A senior that had lived in Newberry for two years and in New Dorms for almost as long likes New Dorms better because "they're quieter and there's a lot less people in the halls. You feel like you're more off-campus."

Two disadvantages that might occur from living in New Dorms are the inconveniences of receiving the mail late in the afternoon and entrance doors that are locked too often.

There was a split on opinion concerning the old rule allowing only juniors and seniors in New Dorms. Some students favored only the older students, but almost everyone in all five types of housing approved of Alma's policy of freshmen staying in the four big dorms, and preferred having it remain as it is.

The college offers an additional form of small residence units, with eight houses owned and maintained by the school. The Babcock, Clizbe, Cole, Kirk, Myers,

Sanders, Tobin, and Vreeland Houses usually hold fifty students. These houses seem to have both the advantages of living in a house as compared to a dorm, and the advantages of being owned and maintained by the school. The houses generally are more quiet than dormitory halls, and many students living there felt that there is, "more privacy."

Students in the houses are under almost all of the rules applying to dorms. They aren't allowed to cook meals and they use the Saga meal program as most of Alma students do. Although it is a common occurrence to hear complaints about the Saga Food Service, a large number of students admitted it was a convenience because they wouldn't have time or always be able to make the effort to fix their own meals if they owned the facilities to do so.

Another form of housing opened to some students is the Fraternity House. The Delta Gamma Tau, Theta Chi, and Zeta Sigma fraternities each currently operate a house, with Tau Kappa Epsilon close to re-opening its doors.

The three fraternities' houses usually hold fifty residents, restricted, of course, to members of that fraternity. Members like living in frat houses because "there's more freedom here." The college owns two of the frat houses, Zeta Sigma and Tau Kappa Epsilon both owning their own houses. This permits added liberty to fix your environment to suit your needs, such as changing your room around by adding couches or book shelves or designating a "sack room" like the Zeta Sigmas have, to create extra space in individual rooms.

There are definite disadvantages to living in a house not owned by the college, though. Much of the time, the rent is lower than college housing but any problem arising in the house such as frozen water pipes is not dealt with by quickly phoning a trained staff of maintenance men to come over free of charge. Most problems occurring at fraternity house must be handled by members themselves.

Nor are there any head residents to take care of delinquent roomers. But frat members didn't see this as a disadvantage because typically fraternities have no problem with managing an orderly house and one fraternity member suggested the atmosphere was "more considerate here than in dorms."

A fifth kind of housing open to students of every class and sex is off-campus. Student Affairs must approve every exception to the residence housing requirement or the enrollment of that student at Alma College is terminated. There are only four special exceptions Student Affairs even consider to allow a student to live

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Top- The Zeta Sigma's comfortable living room. Left center-Book shelves added to a frat house room. Right center- Desk area in old dorms. Bottom- Desk area in new dorms.



Major dorm rooms usually contain less living space (top) than small housing units rooms such as this Kirk House Bedroom bedroom. (bottom)

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# Orchesis brings dance to Spring Concert

## Writing contest award winners



The Alma College Dance Department presented "Orchesis in Concert" Friday and Saturday night in Dow Auditorium.

The concert was more than just an evening of dancing, as it included slides, films, and songs.

Included in the program was a repeat from last term's performance, "Allegro," which deserved to be repeated, since it once again was one of the finest numbers in the show.

The types of dances varied from traditional "Rumanian Dances" performed by Robin Hixenbaugh and Lori Smith, to the more modern type of dancing in "Relief," by Tom Norman and Patricia Saxton.

One of the most interesting numbers, "Improvisation," included a dancer, a dancer playing a flute, and a piano. The interchanges between the flutist and the other dancer were fascinating.

The "Experiment in Computerized Choreography," probably the most amusing dance of the evening, included Shelley Caldwell, Terri Lowe, Angelyn Leaver, Tom Norman, and Tamara Will.

Probably the weakest number in the show was "Spring," which was danced to John Denver music, and, all in all, was pretty hokey.

Sound problems marred the final number in Friday night's performance, but amazingly, the dancers were able to keep their composure and continue dancing through all of the static over the sound system.

Other members of the dance troupe who performed were Kathleen Eaton, Teresa English, Tia Freeman, Lynn Thorpe, Steve Wylie, Joy Mc Shane, Shirley Cobb, Mary Jones, Sue Krupp, Peggy Rex, and the group's artistic director, Louanne Norwood.

Due to the mix-up in last week's announcement, the Alma College Writing Contest winners will be repeated her:

Poetry:  
First: Jim Daniels -- "A Young Boy."

Second: Esther Cornelius -- "Mosaic."

Third: Jeff Parent -- "The Sub Lady."

Third: Russell Rock -- "When Grandpa..."

Honorable Mention: Girma Wubishet -- "Recollection."

Sheila Potter -- "Amadore Afternoon."

Jim Daniels -- "These Old Boys."

Short Stories:  
First: Jim Daniels -- "A Day With the Sun."

Second: Jeff Leetsma -- "The Bearded Man."

Essay:  
First: Jon Thompson -- "Beauty and the Beast."

Second: Girma Wubishet -- "The Dream Came True."

Third: Esther Cornelius -- "Warwick's Perspective in Jean Anouih's 'The Lark'."



Orchesis members perform during Friday and Saturday night's concert.

## 'Heroes and Hard Cases' Bicentennial comedy revue featured at Friday's U.B. Dinner Theatre

son or situation." In working on the script, the company came to believe that American humor was a direct result of the American ideals of freedom and independence.

"Humor on a wide scale," says Mr. Riley, "is only possible in a free society. The roots of genuine humor are the imperfections in human beings and their institutions. Obviously, this type of humor is possible only when people are free to comment on these imperfections."

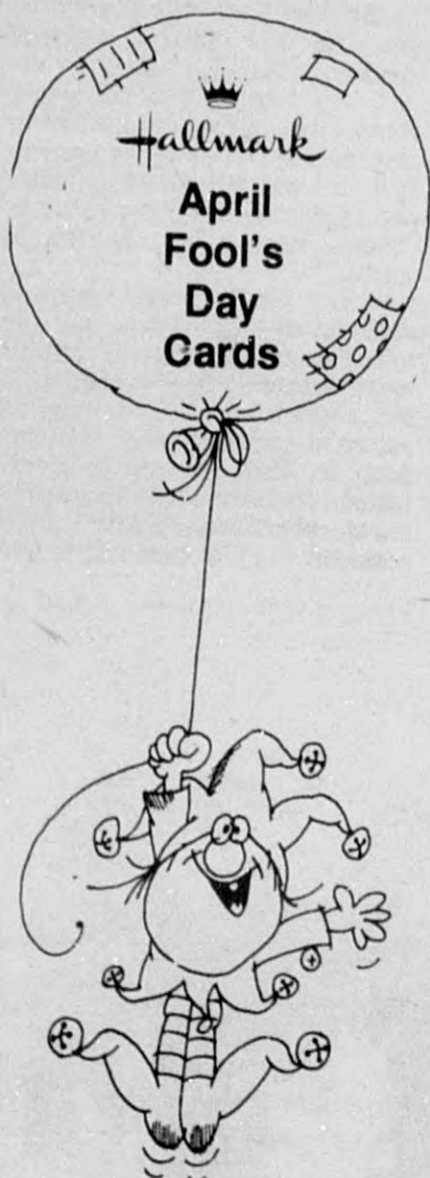
The Players discovered another aspect of the humor of a free nation: its appearance in times of stress. "People can see humor in their misfortune," Mr. Riley noted, "when they realize they have the freedom to make things better." Mr. Riley recalled a memo Abraham Lincoln sent to one of his generals at the depths of the civil war, when things were going very badly for the North. "My Dear McClellan," wrote the President, "if you don't want to use the Army, I should like to borrow it for awhile."

"Heroes and Hard Cases" depicts the American people looking at themselves and laughing. The production is in Van Dusen Commons on Friday, March 25, and is sponsored by Tyler Union Board. For reservations, sign up in the U.B. Office during business hours this week.

Henry Ford, an American who made history, was once quoted as saying, "History is more or less bunk." In preparing their bicentennial comedy, the Alpha-Omega Players of Texas discovered that our nation's history was not all bunk, but a lot of it was pretty funny. Supplementing their historical research with original material and contemporary music, the national touring company designed a theatrical celebration of the lighter side of the past 200 years.

The production is a comedy review, with Uncle Sam as the ringmaster. Assisting him, the ensemble portrays other famous American symbols, The Statue of Liberty, Little Miss America, and Fred Schwartz. The producer said he put Fred Schwartz in the play as a substitute for the American Eagle because, in the producer's words, "The American Eagle is a great symbol for our freedom; but he can't play the guitar."

Drexel Riley, Alpha-Omega's director, talked about the serious side of preparing a bicentennial comedy. "We didn't do a satire. Instead, we researched actual facts, quotes, and events, then we staged them in a way that would point up the basic humor of a per-



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# Variety Fest brings out the best



Friday night in Tyler Auditorium, Union Board presented its annual Variety Fest, with fifteen acts participating in the almost three-hour-long show.

First place prize of \$150 went to Melanie Kimball and Sue Mandy for their duets of Godspell and Barry Manilow tunes. Due to a tie for second place, the second and third place monies were combined and split between dancers Robin Hixenbaugh and Lori Smith and singer Paul Ruehl.

Other participants in the laugh-filled evening included Michelle Currie, "A" Train, "Hell on Wheels," Joey Barbour, "Fen Margib Band," "Ethiopian Dancers," Rick Schelhammer, and return performances from the infamous "B S Quartet" and Orchestis. Variety Fest was hosted by Judy Hopkins and Dr. Hank Klugh.



Above: Robin Hixenbaugh and Lori Smith dance their way to a second place tie.



Above: Melanie Kimball and Sue Mandy perform their award-winning act.

Below: The ZE Band belts out a tune.



## Growth in Lent through literature



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by Scott Whitford

BY DR. EUGENE PATTISON

What do ball games, fairy tales and the Lord of Rings have in common?

Struggling--and winning.

While winning may not be everything, or even the only thing, winning is important to us--whether it is the prize in a contest, the mastery of a task, or the mastery of self.

In the third quarter of our academic term, mastery of papers and tests is important to us.

In the second half of the season of Lent--our current religious season--mastery of self is important.

"Lent" derives from an Anglo-Saxon root which means "lengthen"; it is the season when days begin to lengthen, forty days set aside for "training" to get ready for the festival of the Resurrection. Lent is a time to reflect on sacrifice, and to slough off, purge out and purify from what prevents us from "coming alive" at the Resurrection.

And CREATIVE FANTASY--not the self-pitying, slothful daydream but the story which stretches the mind and feelings, and "shakes out" new possibilities for us--may be important for us in Lent and in the last weeks of the term.

Such fantasy could be helpful along, I think, by some fiction

The Clerk resists all that. At his healing services, or "relaxations," the Clerk speaks with "a curious flatness." Williams writes, "Wise readers of verse do their best to submit their voices to the verse," letting the words have their own proper value, and

spirit-world with prehistoric supernatural meaning.

It is about our struggle with words and with people.

ALL HALLOWS' EVE tells the "ghost story" of two women, Lester Furnival and Evelyn Mercer, who have been killed when a plane has crashed on them in London late in World War II. Lester, her husband Richard, and their artist friend Jonathan Drayton are ranged together against a host of the living and dead dominated by a mysterious prophet intent on ruling the world.

This prophet Simon the Clerk's message, Jonathan says, is "Love, and something else" attached to Love and Using it; "some secret being, which love could not doubt find out." But his method is a combination of hypnotism, necromancy, and witchery through words--because ALL HALLOWS' EVE is a story about our struggles with people and with words.

The issue for the figures of the novel is whether words shall mean anything. True, incarnate (in-the-flesh) words are animal noises, but for all that they are also from the circle of THE LORD OF THE RINGS, fiction by the Rings author Tolkien's two friends, C.S. Lewis and Charles Williams.

Charles Williams' ALL HALLOWS' EVE (1945) brings another religious holiday into our winter-term Lenten calendar. But in part the words "with curious exactness" reverberate through the meanings. Lester Furnival finds that out when, new in her death, she frustratedly utters casual oaths, "Hell" or "My God!" and

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After an eventful Variety Fest, your Union Board brings you another week full of events.

Wednesday nites movie is The Ugly Dachshund, starring Dean Jones and Suzanne Pleshette. A lovable but clumsy Great Dane thinks he is a dachshund and creates havoc for the Jones. Come see this Walt Disney great.

Thursday nite the trio of Bill Greenman, Tom Kyser and Paul Ruehl again grace us with a beautiful night of music. The nightclub will be held in the Chapel at 10:00.

At Dow this weekend, the Apple Dumpling Gang is playing starring Tim Conway, Don Knotts and Bill Bixby. Three kids find a 356lb gold nugget which draws quite a crowd, including outlaws the like of Conway and Knotts. Another Disney great.

In conjunction with Co-Curr, Union Board is presenting another Dinner-Theatre featuring The Alpha - Omega Players doing "Herons and Hard Cases." Reservations must be made at the Union Board office any afternoon from 1-5 pm. The Dinner will begin at 6:00 on Friday, March 25.

The student production 'A Train' will be in concert on Saturday. Advance tickets for this vocal jazz experience will be available at the main switchboard. The concert begins at 8:00.

# DiCamillo

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ly perpetuating a system of errors," she declared. "And if this passes, the Student Council would in a sense be leading the way for other organizations to review and possibly revise their own constitutions."

And it is this idea of leading the way through steady and consistent efforts of the entire Council that DiCamillo stresses as her year-long term ends.

"I've accomplished the goals which I set for myself," she said with a smile. "Last year the ball got rolling and this year I took it and ran with it."

# Housing

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off campus: living with parents or guardian, married, legally independent and able to demonstrate financial independence and need, enrolled in eight or less credits due to proximity to graduation or employment.

Annually around 110 students live College.

The two most obvious advantages in living off campus is the opportunity to escape the Saga meal plan of the seniors currently living off campus also expressed a favorable opinion towards "letting students live on their own, so they're not sheltered from the real world for four straight years."

Living off campus can be cheaper than college housing but if utility bills or taking care of your own place gives you headaches that could offset the lower cost.

A disadvantage one may think living off campus would bring would be knowing fewer people at Alma College. However nearly all the students interviewed in each separate type of housing felt making friends depended more on the type of person than on the place they lived at. (Contrary to the belief that some males and females have who strive to be housed in the right place to meet more of the opposite sex)

Even though there may be five different types of housing open to students and difficult decisions one has to make concerning housing, one can rest assured the social life will not vary much in any of the places. As partial proof involving the men showing similar attitudes towards girls, found dominating each of the five types of housing for men were posters of you know who: Farrah Fawcett.

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# Byron

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"Basically," she noted, "I want to make students more aware of campus government through better communication. In the fall, I would like to see every student here have a synopsis of every community government committee and who is serving on that committee. That way, if someone has a question, such as on the alcohol policy, he'll know exactly who to see."

Increased total campus communication is a second goal the sunny junior has set for herself. Investigation into the liability and student support of the radio station, and dinner announcements through place cards on the tables announcing campus events and meetings are two means of accomplishing that.

A final measure she would like to see implemented is a leader-

# Survey

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this time, the matter is still in committee.

Dr. John Agria, Dean of Academic Affairs, reported on numerous changes that have been made in the last few months that are making academics a little easier for the students.

"As you know," Dr. Agria began, "the student-faculty lounge has now been reinstated, with a door separating a private faculty lounge from the student-access lounge. We found that AC 310 (the classroom that was converted into a makeshift student lounge) just was not serving the students properly, yet we recognized the need for faculty privacy, as well as the need for a facility where students and faculty could get together informally. Hopefully this new lounge will serve student as well as faculty needs." Dr. Agria recognized the actions of the Student Faculty Ad-Hoc Committee as being an important factor in the reinstatement of a student-faculty lounge.

Other changes in the Academic Center include the extension of study room hours to 11:00 to provide students a quiet, relatively solitary environment to study in. "Six classrooms on third floor A.C. are opened until eleven now," Dr. Agria said, "Hopefully this will give students the room that they need to study in."

Other items on the Needs Assessment Surveys went to Dorm Councils for action. These included special sessions on topics such as how to prepare for a final, how to write an essay exam, etc...as well as the need for more game activities in the residence halls. In all cases, various dorm councils are planning ways to meet these student needs.

So, students, it appears as though things are looking up. Dow Auditorium finally has a new sound system, we now have a break before Thanksgiving vacation, parties are abounding on and off campus by more and varied groups, and it's easier to study. Quit bitchin'? Maybe not, because the Needs Assessment Survey proved that organized, civil "bitchin'" can get things done, and the administration has indeed proved that when students bitch, they listen, and respond.

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ship workshop. This, she explains, would be conducted in a format where all campus leaders-- including those on Inter-Fraternity Council, Pan-Hellenic Council, ALMANIAN, Union Board-- would meet during pre-term to "Make them more aware of who to work with and how to work with them".

"I'd like to carry it one step further," she continued, "and organize a fall term schedule to coordinate activities between all the organizations so that there is a diverse group of activities as well as to prevent them from piling up at the end."

Communication -- the keyword throughout her campaign-- is reiterated again and again.

"I guess one of the main points I'd like to get across right now," she said, "is just to tell everyone to vote. I feel that if they don't vote, then they can't complain next year. It's the student's chance to be heard."

# McLaren

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year would be to seat the heads of all organizations on campus on would add to her idea of more direct participation. The idea of an inter-dorm council and "better solutions" as far as food service goes are also part of the individual long-range plans.

Additionally, continuation of the CROP program, support of the African Fellow, reinstatement of the radio station task force, and strengthening of the Greek system are suggestions she has broached for the coming year.

"All these things are important, but I am not here to implement what I feel is right, but what the students want," she pointed out. "I want to extract solutions from people and get them to talk."

Enthusiasm radiating from her, McLaren lauded the whole concept of campaigning. "I love campaigning," she said earnestly. "It's been keeping me on my toes."

"I feel I have a definite knowledge of how to do things," she continued, "I have built up responsibility, and I can handle more pressure than I ever have been able to before. I know that if I put this much time into this campaign, I'm damn sure it's what I want."

# Wright

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work, I think students would be willing to pay."

Contending that the vice-presidential slot is a place "where change can be instigated", Wright points out that the position should also be basically concerned with the duties outlined in the constitution.

As a vice-presidential candidate, Wright has also been faced with the ticket controversy, although viewing it from the opposite side. But because of any misconceptions that have arose over the Kneen-McLaren posters, many students have expressed a belief that Wright and Byron are also on the same ticket.

"I am not running on a ticket," Wright said thoughtfully, "and no matter what I say, people will probably still think that I am. But," he continued, "Alma is too small to run together, the positions involved are too important to run together. Each candidate should run on his or her own merits. Running as a ticket doesn't give the voters enough credit for thinking."

And with that explanation, he quickly returned to the issue most personal to him--that of the vice-presidency. "With the new by-laws," he said, "it will be a very demanding position. I know exactly what it will take. I have the desire, and I have all the energy in the world to do it."

# Weenink

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feels 'good' about the year as well as encouraged.

"It put a definite strain on academics," he grinned, "as well as my social life." But one easily gets the feeling that it was not for a lost cause.

"I learned so much," he said. "It was truly a unique experience."

# Kneen

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disadvantage.

"I don't think there are any particularly mysterious ways that the Student Council works," he said complacently, "and if there is, that's Student Council's fault."

Although he points out that the Council "has done a good job", "I want to run on what I can do and not what the Student Council has done."

Kneen continues his interaction theme saying "I want to make myself available. I want to be invited to dorm meetings, and meetings of organizations. I want to find out what the students are thinking and to let them know that I'm willing to go to bat for them."

Other ideas Kneen has promoted include holding an international students weekend which might include having those students appear in their native dress, in serving native dishes, and in holding games. "I don't think there's enough fun things to do here," Kneen explained enthusiastically, "and I would like to make students more aware of the cultures of foreign students."

He has also suggested reinstating Winter Carnival and having an outdoor art fair in the fall, bringing people in from the outlying communities.

One of Kneen's major stumbling blocks, however, has been confusion over his election posters. The signs, publicizing both his and vice-presidential candidate Jenny McLaren's candidacy have caused some raised eyebrows throughout campus.

"We are each running on our own laurels," he said emphatically, "although I feel we could work very well together. We believe in a lot of the same things, we could accomplish a lot together. We are not," he added, "running on a ticket."

In addition to his work with the Needs Assessment survey, Kneen has served on the Co-Curricular Committee, Judicial Committee, and is currently on the screening committee for next year's community government offices. He has also had input into the alcohol revision policy, is a member of Theta Chi fraternity and Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society.

One of the most beneficial positions, he points out, has been his job as resident assistant. "It has taught me how to work with people. I know that I have the energy and drive to do things and I am organized. I know that I can get things done."

# Bananas

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barfing in the dining room will be disqualified from the contest.

7. For those individuals needing to get up and stretch, a specific walking place will be provided.

8. In the event of a tie for first, second, or third place, the winner will be determined by the weight of the banana splits consumed. Should this also result in a tie, the prizes will be equal-split between those individuals.

9. Interpretation of the rules and regulations and unusual situations arising during the contest will be evaluated and interpreted by the director of food services,

# "Fantasy lit."

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endeavor to leave them to their precise proportion and rhythm. The Clerk was going farther yet. He was removing meaning itself from the words. They fought against him; man's vocabulary fought against him. Man's art is perhaps worth little in the end, but it is at least worth its own present communication. All the poems and paintings may, like faith and hope, at last dissolve; but while faith and hope--and desperation--live, they live; while human communication remains, they remain."

Williams seems to be saying that this removal of meaning is dehumanizing; that the Clerk's inviting people to think they can get away with anything ("the whisper, one way or another: 'You are different; you are not under the law; you are particular.'") is dehumanizing; that the incantation which brings the death-light flickering around a dead soul is dehumanizing. For it is not merely death, but dissolution.

That same magical aura surrounded the shrewd, sparkling, superciliously witty "hero" of W. Somerset Maugham's THE MAGICIAN (1908), based on the magnetic religious eccentric Aleister Crowley, "the Great Beast". Poet W. B. Yeats wrote of him in "The Second Coming" when he said, "the best lack of conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity."

Yeats' claim may apply to our

At least that "passionate intensity" is present in the world of the leatherwood God which puzzled the American realist W.D. Howells. Of the religious impostor, Leatherwood 'god' Joseph C. Dylks' magnetism, Howells wrote: "He gave out a passage of scripture, as a sort of test, but he did not keep to it; he followed with other passages, and his discourse was a rehearsal of these rather than a sermon. His memory then was unerring; women who knew their Bibles by heart, signed their satisfaction in his perfectness; they did not care for the relevance or irrelevance of the passages; all was scripture, all was the one inseparable Word of God, dreadful, blissful, divine, promising heaven, threatening hell. Groans began to go up from the people held in the strong, witchery of the man's voice."

Simon the Clerk, the Great B EAST, THE Leatherwood God, the serpent of Eden in the book of Genesis, the tempter scientist in the second of C.S. Lewis' sci-fi fantasies, PERELANDRA---all tempt us to imprecise, foggy, inexact, rationalizing, hypnotizing uses of words.

And learning to be precise and human with words, learning not to manipulate or be manipulated, not to carp or bite, but to serve, to put ourselves at others' disposal---these are clear words that the fiction of Williams and Lewis can bring alive for us in the season when we approach the festival of "standing up again," which is the Resurrection.

# THE FUNNY PAGE

OUR MOTTO:

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## The ALMANIAN'S Illustrated Page of Wit and Humor

\*Dedicated this week to: Richard Earl Stevens...may he rest in peace.

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slipping quickly out of the stage door, he made his way to the street and hailed a cab.

"Get me to the border as fast as you can!" he said.

"I'll try, but the plague has the whole city tied up," replied the cabbie.

"Well, do the best you can."

Somewhere else:

"Now, I can't speak for the rest of the academy, but we must not let ourselves get carried away with a few plague reports from the boreders. If we are to let ourselves be caught up in the fervor of this all-too-momentary reaction, then we are bypassing one of the main purposes of this astute body..."

"He must be one of the little people, the one's I've seen behind those little windows," thought one J. Omaca, "even though he doesn't look much like eggs, he certainly is rather scrambled."

"In short, ladies and gentlemen, if we are to let the Friendly Silverware Cafe incident distort our view of the greater whole, then we are like unto the beast who would cut off his head to save his wings...thank you."

Later, as the great hall still rang from the applause of the ambassador's speech, two men in trenchcoats descended down the rain-washed steps.

"So what did you think of the ambassador's speech tonight, Don?"

Donald A. Mac Arthur stopped at the curb to take the one last biting drag on his cigarette. The smoke was lost in the steam of their breath as they clambered into the car waiting at the curb. The quiet voice of the Chairman of the Party muttered from the back seat, "Can't trust his anymore; he's been scrambled by someone from the Other Side. Get the word out to the borders: tighten everything down."

"Whatever you think is best, Don."

The cab rolled up to the border outpost; he had barely time to pull his one remaining bag from the back seat before the cabbie roared away.

"But what should he do about the man in the cab?"

"Don?"

"Alright," muttered the Chairman. "Here's what I want you to do." He took a moment to place his wrists on his aching back. "You! Yeah, you! Come here -- I want you to take care of dis' guy in da cab. See? Oh, and you -- give him a hand."

"YES MISTER CHAIRMAN."

"Whatever you think is best, Don."

# THE INKWWORKS



# THE MUNCHAH

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT THOSE GEESE ARE SOMETIMES TURNED ANOTHER WAY? I HAVE A THEORY: THE GEESE TURN BECAUSE THEY CAP A SECRET TUNNEL THAT LEADS UNDER THE LIBRARY WHERE EXISTS A COMMIE RESEARCH CENTER; THE COMMIES ARE CARELESS ABOUT LEAVING THE GEESE IN THE ORIGINAL POSITION AFTER THEIR COMINGS AND GOINGS... LORD KNOWS WHAT EVIL DOINGS ARE IN PROGRESS RIGHT NOW!!

YOU TAKE YOUR PARANOIA SERIOUSLY, DON'T YOU?



## JOKE OF THE WEEK

QUESTION?

by: Rick Goodwin  
144 Brazell

Why did the Pollock carry a car door across the desert?

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# Midnight Breakfast -- or is it Madness?

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eggs, hashed brown potatoes, and sausage. Alerted to the fact that if the food is placed on the counter too quickly, it is cold by the time a student removes it, Dr. Kaiser said, "I'm glad you told me about the eggs!" She continued, "once we knew not to put too many up at once, they were superb. This is fun here. We had many people coming back for seconds."

Mr. Jeff Southern, Director of Student Affairs, claimed himself to be "as good a hash-slinger as the

next guy." Little did he know that the eggs which he was slinging were cold.

Entering the Commons, students were not allowed to bypass the juice stand. Mr. Edward Jacomo of the Art Department, was calling, "juice, juice, get your juice, get your Vitamin C..."

Dr. Larry Edison and his wife were in charge of donut production. Taking into consideration the fact

that Dr. Edison is a Math professor, Mrs. Edison seemed well-suited to her husband. She explained that she devised a new way to slide the donuts from the machine onto the tray. She also invented a special mix. Very proud of her donuts, she commented, "See, this one has it's eye closed." Mrs. Edison made her donuts mathematically. "I call them the figure-eight-except-when-

they-get-lost-donut. I try to be innovative." An unnamed ALMANIAN reporter commented, "Yes, Saga does need more innovative ideas..."

Asked if he was the milkman, Mr. Steve Bushouse, Director of Admissions, expanded on this. "I'm the milk man and the movie man." Standing on the sidelines, Mr. Dick Anderson, Director of Saga Food Services, commented, "Yea, skin flicks ... skin flicks? ...no, no, no."

Bushouse shrieked, "What! You're going to print that? That's the trouble with the world today -- irresponsible journalism! Yea, I like those spectacular headlines. They're spectacular!"

Assigned to the floor mopping crew, Dr. Wesley Dykstra of the Philosophy Department, had some philosophical comments on his job. Dragging the mop across the floor, he commented, "That's heavy!" Asked what he liked best about working for Saga, Dykstra commented, "I haven't found a favorite job yet. But, if a good enough offer comes along, I certainly will consider it. I would resort to Saga if someone made me realize I had missed my calling in life."

It was the general consensus of the faculty that the evening was a part of the Career Preparation Program. In order to expose them to as many facets of Saga Foods as possible, they were rotated to different jobs throughout the evening.

Jacomo found great delight in the artful scrambling of eggs. "This is grand. I've always wanted to do this. I've sat in restaurants and watched the people behind the little windows and I've always wanted to do it."

Southern was moved from server to food runner. It became obvious throughout the evening that he functions better under the slight pressure in the office of Student Affairs than under the fast pace of food service. He rambled, "I've been relieved. Am I relieved? I think I'm relieved to be relieved. I think the question is: is the kitchen still operating? Have we broken anything yet? You must admit, this is quality. This ranks with... what are some restaurants around here? The last time I worked for a restaurant of this quality was the Bavarian Inn at Frankenmuth or what...the Ponchatrain? Look at the quality of the workers. It must be the friendliness of the silverware."

Dr. Irene Linder of the Sociology Department, found serving coffee rather quiet. "I am amazed that so few people drink coffee. Of course, maybe that's better with coffee being \$4.41 a pound these days. But really, not many people drink coffee." Asked if she was enjoying the evening, she said, "First I was a fruit cutter. This is really delicious-looking food. It's a far sight better than what I get at home!"

An evening such as this is not unusual in other Saga kitchens, although it is the first of its kind to be tried at Alma. Dick Anderson, Director of Saga Foods, stated that the initial response from the faculty was very positive. He hoped that this helped to contribute to student-faculty interaction. "It's really neat of the faculty to do this. It shows the students that the faculty is willing to out of their way to do something for them. This is not any more expensive than other monthly Saga specials such as beer and peanuts. Heck, the labor was free!"

It was an evening of fun and frolic for all. Not only did the faculty enjoy their work, but the students enjoyed the service. Some responses to the question, "What do you think of the evening?" were: Peggy Rex: "What a crack-up!" Jenny Byron: "It's great. I love it. I must say that Jeff Southern was the worst worker. He just wouldn't stay in his station." Linda Hodge: "It's neat that the faculty will get out and do this for the students. They should do it more often."

Brian Shaw: "Pretty good." Dave James: "I think they should have this every night!" Chris Godfrey: "This is great. I've had six sausages and a plate of eggs." Randy Weiley: "All they need is topless waitresses." Paul Anast: "Tremendous!" Cheri Addington: "Best cure for munchies on this campus in twenty years." Gloria Clark: "I think I've got to go to the bathroom so badly, honey, I can't tell you." Felix DiCamillo: "Very original." Tim Wright: "This is the biggest crowd you'll get for a breakfast--any breakfast." Ken Riddle: "I just got up.. got to go to breakfast... this is great." Russ Chamberlain: "Excellent." Greg Ahearn: "They put on a good breakfast. I won't have to get up until Sunday morning now." Karen Tartar: "Super!"

## menu

<p>Thursday - March 24, 1977</p> <p><b>Bkfst:</b> Waffles - Hot syrups Scrambled &amp; Fried eggs Bacon</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Cream of chicken soup Pizzarino sandwich Beef noodle casserole Julienne Salad plate Nut oatmeal casserole</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b> Split pea soup Roast turkey/bread dressing &amp; gravy Swedish meat balls Cheese Enchiladas Baked souffle/tomato sauce</p> <p>Friday, March 25, 1977</p> <p><b>Bkfst:</b> Hot cakes - hot syrups Scrambled and poached eggs</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> New England clam chowder Hot dog on bun Macaroni and cheese Egg Foo Yong - Oriental rice Fruit plate w/cottage cheese</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b> Cream of chicken soup Grilled chopped steak Baked Turbot Variety omelets Cheese and vegetable bake</p> <p>Saturday - March 26, 1977</p> <p><b>Bkfst:</b> Pineapple Fritters Fried eggs</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Beef Barley Soup Hot meat loaf sandwich/whipped potatoes and gravy Tuna a la King - Toast Julienne salad Egg and green bean casserole</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b> New England clam chowder Deep fried chicken Top butt steak Deluxe whole pizza</p> <p>Sunday - March 27, 1977</p> <p><b>Bkfst:</b> Blueberry Pancakes - hot syrups Cooked eggs</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Vegetable soup Roast beef - Au Jus Spaghetti w/meat sauce Scrambled eggs &amp; sausage</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b> Beef Barley Fishwich on bun Old fashion beef pie Eggo waffles - hot syrup Cheese lasagne</p> <p>Monday - March 28, 1977</p> <p><b>Bkfst:</b> French toast - hot syrups Scrambled &amp; fried eggs w/diced ham</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> French onion soup Beef patty on bun</p>	<p>Dinner: Vegetable soup Roast loin of Pork bread dressing Grilled liver and fried onions Tacos and Refried Beans Creamed Eggs on wholegrain toast</p> <p>Tuesday-March 29, 1977</p> <p><b>Bkfst:</b> Waffles-Hot Syrup Scrambled and Shirved Eggs</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Pepper Pot Soup Tuna Melt on English Muffin Shepards Pie Turkey Salad Stuffed Tomato Spinach Cheese Casserole</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b> French Onion Soup French Dip Sandwich Oven Broiled Turbot Scalloped Apples and Smokey Link Deep Dish Vegetable Pie</p> <p>Wednesday-March 30, 1977</p> <p><b>Bkfst:</b> Hot cakes-Hot syrup Scrambled and Poached Eggs</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Cream of Mushroom Soup Chili and Grilled Cheese Turkey a la King over Biscuits Juliene Salad Bowl Hungarian Noodle Bake</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b> Pepper Pot Soup Braised Brisket of Beef w/gravey Baked Lasgne French Waffles w/strawberry topping Egg &amp; Mushroom in Cheese Sauce</p>
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### First Annual

### Invitational Competition

## How many banana splits 'til YOU split?

By Sue Kesling

How many banana splits can you eat in one sitting? If it's more than fifteen you just may be able to beat Olivet College's number one banana split consumer.

Olivet has currently announced it's "First Annual Olivet College Invitational Banana Split Eating Contest". It will be held on April 16, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. at Olivet College, Olivet Michigan. They are asking for two representatives from each college, university, or community college to participate in beating their current banana split eating record of fifteen. There is no entry fee and

the first place winner will be awarded \$25.00. Various assortments of trophies, plaques and certificates will be given to the participants.

In order to make the contest official, several rules and regulations have been established by the contest judges. An official weigher and recorder will weigh each banana split and record the weight. Below are a list of the rules and regulations:

1. The contest is open to college faculty, administration, staff and students.
2. Contestants may enter at any time during the 1-1/2 hour

competition.


3. Contestants must eat officially prepared and weighed banana splits.

4. In order to receive another banana split, the empty dish from the previously eaten banana split must be turned in.

5. For the 1-1/2 hour duration of the contest, no contestant may leave the dining room unless he chooses to end his participation in the contest with the number consumed at that time.

6. Barf buckets will be provided; however, any contestant

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# SPORTS

## Enthusiasm for recruiting



### Dave Andrews Sports Editor

The wrestlers finished the year with a not-so-spectacular record of 6 wins and 12 losses. Coach Bruce Dickey, however, is optimistic about the coming season.

The name of the game in small college sports is recruiting and recruiting Dickey has done. By visiting high schools and high school meets, Dickey has made a real effort to build and expand the Alma College wrestling program.

Why did the team fare only 6 and 12 on the season? The answer is simple says Dickey. "We didn't have enough people. It's like trying to win a basketball game with only three men."

Recruiting is the name of the game in college athletics at every level. But the bigger schools have a distinct advantage over the small colleges for a host of reasons - money, campus life, scholarships and facilities are just a few. Because of these advantages, many of the top athletes in every sport go to the big school.

Now for the optimism. The Alma College wrestling program will not be the same again. The program itself is going places - literally going places. With 22 dual meets scheduled and 7 tournaments to go to in the next year, the Alma grapplers will become a very strong contender for the league title in the years to come. The program will be second to none in the MIAA as the highlight of it all is the Florida trip that will see the grapplers take part in The Orange Bowl Classic in Miami. It would seem as though Dickey is doing a number on the MIAA. He wants to do a number on Olivet, who has dominated the league in recent years.

Dickeys' job, as virtually all coaches jobs go, is twofold. Coaching and recruiting. "You have to do both. You can be a helluva coach and not have any talent to work with or you can be a helluva recruiter and not go anywhere once you do get talent."

"I've talked to hundreds of guys and 20 have applied and been accepted. How many actually show up is another story but if we get 3 to 5 good people, we've got to be considered for the league title next year."

Dickey has started the ball rolling and hopefully his enthusiasm for wrestling will carry over to some of the other 'non-major' sports. Like soccer.

It would take a little money and a lot of cooperation from everyone on the athletic staff. Alma College has the facilities but they aren't always being used to full advantage. The wrestlers use the little all-purpose gym in the basement of the P.E. Building and the soccer team has to practice on a crater filled, stone ridden, swampy at times clay field. The rest of the time it's like a barren wasteland with only clumps of grass to give it a tint of green. Once in a while the soccer team is allowed to play on the football field. Once in a great while. They usually have to play games at the high school or junior high fields. The Womens Field hockey team is in the same boat.

The day may come when we can go to the gym and see the wrestlers and the basketball team play on the same floor right in succession. The day may also come when we can see a soccer-football doubleheader. It could happen as early as next fall.

## Spring is here and so is baseball

The Alma College baseball team is preparing for the upcoming season. Much of their practice came from the St. Petersburg Florida trip. "The Florida trip was only for practice purposes. It was highly successful because we had a chance to look at a lot of the guys and get a lot done." Coach Bill Klenk went on to say

that the trip was totally helpful.

The team will again go to Florida at the end of winter term where they will play a tough 7-day doubleheader schedule.

Pitchers for the Scots this year will be Larry Clontz, Mike Gnatkowski, Jamie Knapp, Bruce Larner, and Greg Dobis.

The catchers will be Ed Solack, Jim Myer, Chuck Fiebertz, and Veniad Jordan, who is also an outfielder.

In the infield will be Todd Crose, Gary Kondratek, Gary Condon, Al Learstyn, Dave Cronkright, Bob Hamilton, Keith Haska, Brad La Victor, Zack Falor, and Mike Pagels, who is also an outfielder.

In the outfield will be Nick Springsteen, Morley Fraser, Jim Davidson, Jerry Ellsworth, Tom Jankowiak, and Todd De Luca.

The Scots' first home game will be Wednesday, April 6.



## Women prepare for tennis season

The Alma College Girls' Tennis Team has formed and already begun practice. Practice began on March 7, 1977.

The coach of the team is Ms. Southward. The team's captain is Sally Fetch, a junior. The other team players include three sophomores: Louise Couture, Pat Krimball, and Janis Roberts, and six freshmen: Cathy Murphy, Mary Cawley, Kathy Kirsch, Jan Swinehart, Jeanette Kittredge, and Nancy Benson.

Seeding, or ranking, of the team has not yet been decided upon. The scheduled matches include:

- April 5...CMU at Alma
- April 6...Hope at Hope
- April 22...Adrian at Adrian
- April 23...Kalamazoo at Alma
- April 26...Albion at Albion
- April 27...Calvin at Alma
- April 29...WIAA Tourney at Hope
- April 30...WIAA Tourney at Hope

Good luck, girls!

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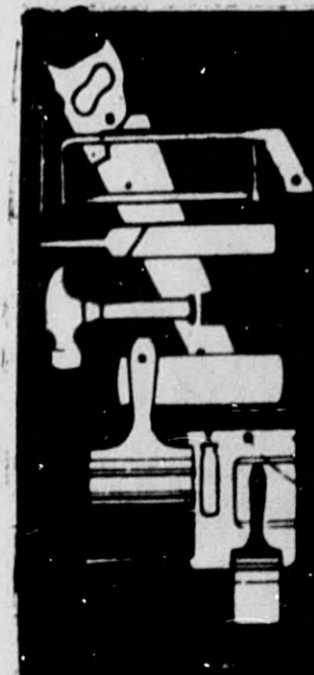
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# classifieds

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Students interested in applying for a Spring Term practicum with Congressman Cedara in Washington D.C. or a practicum with the American Enterprise Institute in Washington for the summer can pick up information and applications from Van Edgerton in the ACCD office.

One fine millenium this dirty old Sufi was sitting on top of his favorite mountain. He was hoping for some rain because his loincloth was terribly dirty. However, by an act of Allah the old Sufi was provided with clean clothes and a nice, warm 50%

soybean burger. Later that same eon, Although the rain never came, the Sufi was struck by lightning. All of a sudden, the old fellow turned into a Whirling Dervish. He has been whirling ever since. Totally out of line, lightning had only struck that particular mountain during even numbered years, and only when the Sufi asked it to.

Saturday the Sufi went to mass at St. Mary's.

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## Personals

Dear Chartruese Buzzard: I hope you're flying as high on your birthday as you were Friday night.

The only female on tech crew

Dear President Swanson, We were sorry that you had to be out of town last Friday night and had to miss the super Midnight Breakfast.

To get a feel of how the evening went, just ask Jeff Southern if he feels relieved.

Alma students

How many Alpha Thetas like roast venison?

To third floor north in Mitchell Hall: Beware the Phantom Strikers!!!! P.S.

Lori Burns, Do you like Polish sausages?

Happy Birthday to the man about the Alma campus, Kevin Scott.

Dear 0X Brothers:

Your loving sisters request the honor of your presence this Friday, March 25 for an evening of fun and excitement at the Hide-Away Bar. It should prove to be a "memorable" experience!

The LS of 0X.

Ruth,

Having you as my big sister has made Alpha Theta mean even more to me. Thanks so much for your friendship.

Li'l sis

Jodee, Have you found any of the missing jellybeans?

Hey Baj, how's your love life?

Todd Friesner, C'mon, you can do it. Let's see a great big SMILE!!!

Congradulations to the twenty new Alpha Theta Junior Actives! We're glad to have you as members.

Brad Bateman should go to Hollywood instead of Africa.

**HELP!!**  
LET ME OUT OF HERE!!



Sue Krupp, Have you really killed for less than this? Watch out, first floor Bruske!!

Sally Rodibaugh, WINK!

Ask Mark Wangberg why he doesn't grow a beard to go with his moustache.

FOUR MORE WEEKS!!!!

Would Steve B. please refrain from harassing the reporters?

Hello to Kelly, Julie, Donna and Gail!!

Ann, Congratulations!! You are no longer a Jr. active. I'm glad to have you as my little sis. I'm looking forward to next year as I know our friendship will continue to grow. M.E.

2nd West Gelston now taking applications for their "Wife Training School". No experience preferred. This school is well-endowed and offers many scholarships. Also, "private instruction".

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