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Faculty boosts writing requirements

By Randy Edison
News Writer

The Faculty passed the second phase of the Writing Program at their meeting last Monday in what was almost an unanimous vote.

The objective of this program is the enhancement of the student's writing skills by the inclusion of more writing in all courses. Under the program departments are to incorporate as much writing as possible. This

includes essay exams, term papers, analytical book reports, laboratory reports, logs and journals. The program should result in having students graduate from Alma with greater skill in writing than when they entered.

The present policy requires incoming students to pass an English proficiency exam before being allowed to graduate. If this test is not passed, the student is required to take English 99 or 100 until the instructor decides he has gained the necessary competency in writing.

A problem arises in the fact that these skills may often be lost during the period of time between the English composition course and graduation. The writing proposal passed by the facul-

ty was written with this in mind.

Some controversy was voiced during the faculty meeting in regard to the lack of substance and strength in the program. It was even referred to as a "copout." This referred to the fact that there was some sentiment that students should be required to enroll in more classes with writing. This had been voted upon in an earlier meeting, but was not passed.

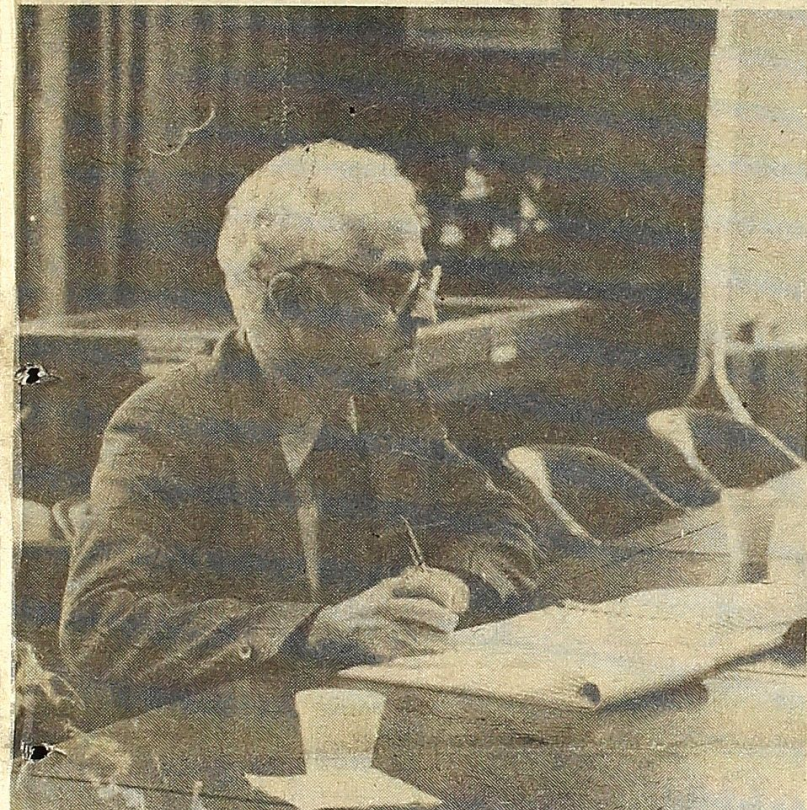
This argument was in turn countered with the idea that the proposed program would accomplish the same goal without imposing another set of requirements which would just cause more "red tape" for the administration.

"The Program is full of quantitative words which

suggest departments should have more writing, but does not include specific requirements for the courses," stated Dr. Paul Wilson.

Dr. Walter Beagley contends that "No matter what you do you're going to get criticism that is too strong or not strong enough. This was the best compromise."

Also discussed at the meeting was the moving of the Fall break from Oct. 11-14 to Oct. 23-26 for the next year. The proposal was passed by a 29 to 13 vote. This will be recommended to the President along with the idea of having Thursday and Friday classes meet on October 21 and 22 (a Tuesday and Wednesday) to insure that these classes are held an appropriate number of times.



Dr. Edward Francel of the University of Louisville, representing the Council on Social Work Education, was on campus December 6 and 7 to evaluate Alma's Social Work Program.

Student Council considers drinking and scheduling

By Gally Galer
New Writer

At Student Council's last meeting of the term, Rich Wisdom informed the members about the progress on the drinking age petition. The council also heard students' complaints about test scheduling and the calendar from various representatives.

Wisdom went to the petition drive's kick-off press conference in Lansing on November 27. While there, he learned how petitions must be signed. He explained that to be a valid signature, it must be like the signature on the voter registration card. Also, students must sign the petition from the county and township they are registered in. Students must be careful with their signatures because one invalid signature found during the spot check invalidates the entire sheet.

Also, Wisdom announced an on-campus debate between Rep. Fitzpatrick and Rev. Allan Rice, scheduled for January 14, at 7:00 PM. Petitions will be circulated then or perhaps even earlier during registration.

The members then listened to student complaints about taking exams the day after Fall Break and just before finals. Fifteen of the members said they had tests then. This is against suggested policy. Student Council decided to send a formal letter to the Educational Policy Committee.

Students are also dissatisfied with the calendar. Many dislike getting out so close to Christmas. Also, some students want more study time. They would like to have Thursday and Friday before exam week as study days. Student Council President Kathy Wolfe decided to send a letter to Provost Kapp concerning this grievance. The Student Council will ask to see the faculty's options and thus have an opportunity to make suggestions.

Proposals about the Alma College Marksman Club and College Bowl (a question-answer game) will be looked into next term. Also, on December 15, the group originally organizing the drinking age petition drive will meet at Ferris. Anyone interested should contact Richard Wisdom.

By Leslie Southwick
News Writer

Dr. Edward Francel of the University of Louisville, and Dr. Margaret Reed of the University of Minnesota visited Alma December 6 and 7, to evaluate the Social Work Program as part of the program's reaccreditation process. They represented the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). This council will act on the reaccreditation in February, 1980.

The Social Work Program, directed by Dr. Clyde Gehrig, prepared a self-study in 1974, when they first applied for accreditation. This three volume study evaluated the program in terms of course content, faculty, the relationship of the Social Work Program to a liberal arts college, field work opportunities and the educational direction of the field instruction, admissions standards, and the students the program administers to.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate areas where the program may need more emphasis and to structure their program to best fit the needs of students preparing for their Bachelor of Social Work, a professional degree. Because many students enter the field directly upon graduation, it is extremely important to have a topnotch program. Accreditation, in this sense, is very important.

Dr. Francel and Dr. Reed were here to check out the self-study by evaluating the

program's components first hand. Dr. Verne Bechill stated, "They are to make sure that the self-study accurately reflects the activities of the program." Dr. Francel and Dr. Reed talked with administrators, personnel, the program committee, the students in the program and some field instructors.

Both Dr. Bechill and Dr. Gehrig spoke positively about the reaccreditation team's findings. Gehrig said, "They are responding very favorably concerning the thoroughness of the self-study, and their reactions to the programs themselves."

There are nine accredited social work programs in the state, and several students have transferred from other programs to Alma. Bechill stated, "As far as we know, the reverse is not true. The transfers are pleased to be here, and are impressed with the individualized and personalized programs."

The Social Work Program as it stands is described as "tight and solid" by Dr. Gehrig. The direction of the program in the future will depend upon where the council goes with accreditation and what course the field of social work takes. Both Gehrig and Bechill feel they will eventually have to modify the program in terms of course and field experience options to meet changing needs.

Both Dr. Francel and Dr. Reed feel that programs which are unaccredited are a

disadvantage to the students and the profession. Dr. Francel said, "We want to raise standards. Our ultimate objective is to increase the quality of service to the people. We want qualified and well-educated professionals to do this. We want to contribute to an improving profession."

Dr. Reed expressed her feelings. "The Bachelor of Social Work degree is the first professional degree accepted by the profession. We need firmly established standards to serve these important purposes. Since social workers handle human lives, we owe it to the people to have carefully trained persons." Accreditation serves as a control to meet these high standards.

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newsbriefs

Big Mac discontinues little spoons

McDonald's is changing the design of its coffee stirrers because some drug users apparently have found another purpose for them.

The plastic mixer--a long handle with a tiny spoon bowl on the end is similar to paraphernalia used by cocaine sniffers. They also reportedly are being used to inhale PCP, an animal tranquilizer with hallucinogenic properties.

Doug Timberlake, a spokesman for McDonald's Corp., said the fast-food chain decided to redesign spoons because "it has been brought to our attention that people are using them illegally and illicitly for purposes for which they are not intended."

Shah's nephew falls to terrorists

The nephew of the shah of Iran was assassinated on a dead-end street in an elegant neighborhood Friday by a masked gunman who fired two bullets into the back of his head and vanished. In Tehran, an extremist leader said one of his death squads was responsible for the killing.

The victim was Prince Shahryar Shafik, 34, the son of the Princess Asraf, the shah's twin sister. She is so detested by Islamic revolutionaries they have nicknamed her "the Black Tigress."

The assassination was the first time a close member of the shah's family had been slain.

Israelis purchase Arab lands

Israelis recently bought 50 acres of Arab land at the court-outlawed settlement of Elon Moreh in the occupied West Bank of Jordan, government officials said Friday. The purchase paved the way for a new Jewish outpost.

The purchase is legal and would allow the creation of a new Jewish settlement once the 100 families now living at Elon Moreh evacuate the outpost under a Supreme Court order.

U.S. soldiers trigger land mine

Three American soldiers walking through the Korean demilitarized Zone in a heavy fog Friday were injured by an explosion believed to have been caused by a land mine. One of the injured men apparently staggered away and is being sought.

The soldiers were part of a platoon on a routine UN patrol in the 2.4 mile-wide buffer zone about one mile east of the truce village of Panmunjom, said Col. John A. G. Klose, spokesman for the UN Command.

Arsonist uses panties for kindling

Redding Calif.--Fire officials are on the trail of the panty arsonist who set 10 house fires that caused an estimated \$100,000 damage. Fire inspector Roy Del Carlo, who is heading the investigation, said the arsonist breaks into homes while the residents are away, steals women's panties and uses them to kindle the fires.

More jobs for 1980 graduates

The college class of 1980 will find it slightly easier to find jobs than their class of '79 counterparts, despite the nations apparent economic downturn, according to two Michigan State University researchers, who expect the number of college graduated hired next year will be up by one or two percent over 1979. Only grads seeking employment in the auto industry will find a "soft spot," the researchers said. Most of the new grads will start with paychecks four to eight percent higher, too.

Birth defects discussion slated

Dr. Arlan Edgar's Biology Seminar, Birth Defects in Humans will present a panel discussion on birth defects, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Swanson Academic Center RM 113. The members of the panel will include Linda Burke, the mother of a child afflicted with Down's Syndrome, Dr. Larry E. Maugel, a family practitioner, Rev. David McDaniels, chaplain at Alma College, and Dr. Timm Thorsen, from Alma College's Sociology Department. Each member of the panel will give a brief talk with time for questions afterward. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

Seven years of guerilla war ends in Zimbabwe, Rhodesia

After 13 weeks of talks the seven-year-old Zimbabwe Rhodesia guerilla war apparently has ended after Britain and the two sides involved in the war agreed to the principles of a cease-fire last Wednesday.

British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington informed the House of Lords that he was sending a governor to Salisbury to take control of government pending elections and internationally recognized independence. Lord Soames, son-in-law of the late Prime Minister Winston Churchill, is considered to be Carrington's most likely choice.

The major principles of the cease-fire according to Carrington were:

The size of the Commonwealth peacekeeping force will number at least 1200 lightly armed troops with provision for reinforcements

if needed.

All "assembly points," accommodating Front guerillas from sanctuaries in neighboring countries will be encircled by elements of the peacekeeping forces. So, too, will be those bases where Salisbury's forces are located.

The peacekeepers also will surround each of the country's five airfields, disarm all Salisbury's combat planes and control bomb and arms depots.

All "external forces" will be required to leave the country, a reference to hundreds of South African troops known to be stationed inside Zimbabwe Rhodesia, although South Africa denies it has forces there.

Both the Patriotic Front and the current Salisbury government had accepted constitutional plans. However, the cease-fire agree-

ment took long hours of negotiating major points about security and the function of a Commonwealth peacekeeping force through the election period, expected next spring.

Although it appears peace will come after a war that took over 20,000 lives, spokesman for Patriotic Front guerilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe warned that there "are hazards ahead in the process of implementation."

It was believed that the current peace conference would be the last of several British attempts to bring peace to its breakaway colony. When the new governor arrives in Salisbury the Union Jack will be hoisted for the first time since former Prime Minister Ian Smith forced Britain's last Rhodesian governor, Sir Humphrey Gibbs, out of office in 1965.

ATTENTION! STUDENTS

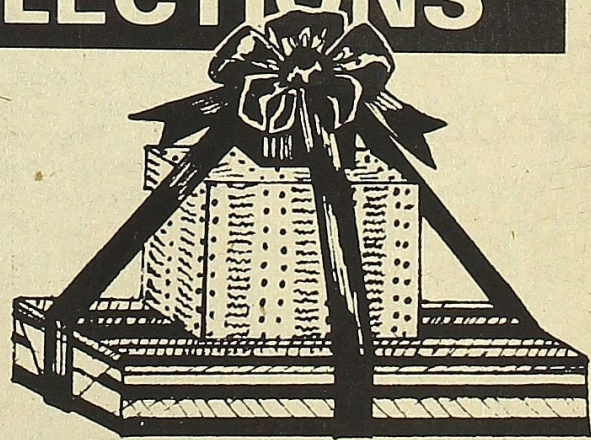
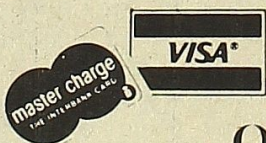


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Sororities discuss rushing changes

By Lynette Whitkopf
News Writer

Last Tuesday the sororities of Alma College met to discuss a change in the pledging and rushing procedure. Pan Hellenic advisor Judy Sachs, Sara Nelson, Kathy Patterson, and Mary Jones had previously visited Albion and Hillsdale Colleges to gain insight to their national rush programs and to gain information to modify and improve Alma's rush program.

The proposal they are investigating would involve the quota-total system. The present rushing procedure involves three rush functions: the teas, the spreads, and the desserts. After these three events, the sororities give out bids, and the rushees sign whichever bid they wish.

The quota-total system involves a limited size for each sorority's pledge class. There would still be three rush functions. Pan-Hel would divide the total number of girls attending the second rush even by the number of sororities. That would be each sorority's pledge class size.

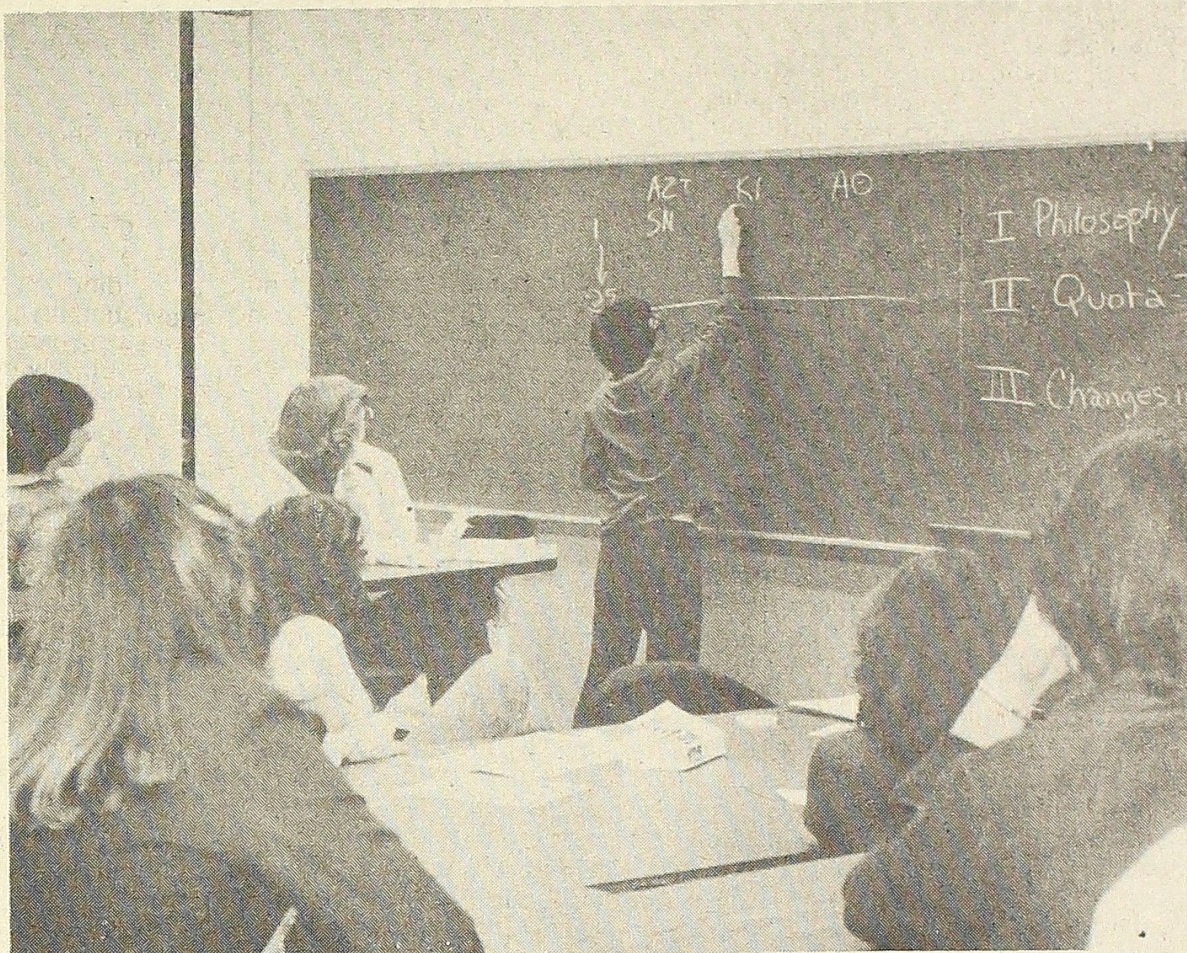
The sorority, when voting on membership, would place the rushers in a preference order. Each sorority member would create their own preference order, and these would be compiled by the sorority advisor into a master list.

When each rushee signs the preference list, she could sign more than one sorority

list if she wishes and rank each one in order of preference. Afterwards volunteers not directly associated with the sororities would take these preferences and match them to the sorority lists.

This method would recreate the mystery on bids day of who is waking up the new pledge and would hopefully eliminate long, drawn out voting sessions. This proposal would also include limitation on each chapter size and open bidding, a new concept.

The sororities also discussed possible plans to have programs before and during formal rush that would introduce and educate women about the Greek System. Many of these changes are based on national Pan-Hel rules.



Panhellenic advisor Judy Sachs led a discussion with various sorority members concerning changes in the rush system for winter term. ALMANIAN photo by Chuck Lewis.

Prevails over stiff competition

Wilson heralded as worst dressed prof

Two sections of Dr. Wilson's Math 112 class recently held the "Worst-dressed Professor" contest. The idea for the contest came from Dr. Wilson's wife, who, at the beginning of this term, informed him that he must be the worst dressed member of the faculty. In order to prove her wrong, Dr. Wilson gave his Math 112 students a few weeks to review the attire of the various professors. The students then made nominating speeches, which Dr.

Wilson says "were the best part of the election."

Nominees included: Frank Jackson, who was accused of wearing Hawaiian bowling shirts and owning three shirts and two pairs of pants; Clyde Gehrig, nicknamed "Clash Gehrig"; Larry Hall, who "looks like he comes straight from the J.C. Penney catalog"; Ed Jacomo looking as though he'd been drugged for a week and wearing clothes in colors not found in nature;

Hal Slater with his Castro army surplus; Verne Bechill; Laurel Katz and Louanne Norwood.

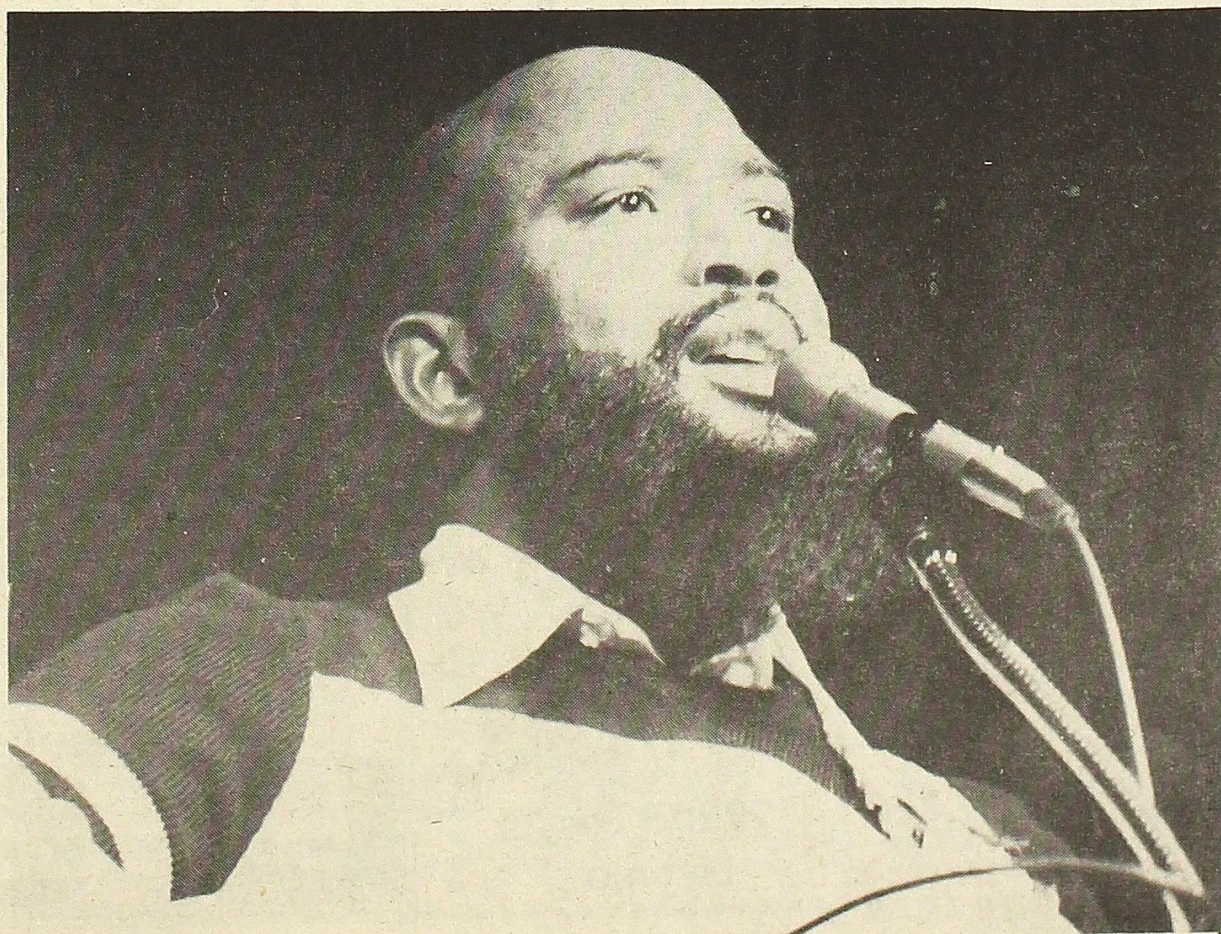
The results of the election are: First, Dr. Wilson, second, Dr. Jackson, and tied for third are Laurel Katz and Louanne Norwood. "It's nice that the women on the faculty were represented," said Dr. Wilson. The prize was a gift certificate for \$1.50 at the Salvation Army Store. Dr. Wilson "plans to use it wisely."

Dr. Wilson would like to see someone else run the contest next time because he thinks "they only picked me because I'm the teacher; I'm not the worst-dressed member of the faculty. It was a gesture of affection." Another of Dr. Wilson's theories for his victory is that most of the students in Math 112 are freshmen who don't know all of the faculty and how they dress, so naturally they chose someone they knew.

January interviews deadline approaches

This Thursday, December 13, at 5:00 is the deadline for submitting applications to participate in Detroit interviews on Tuesday, January 29. For details concerning the interviews inquire at the Career Information Center, A.C. 210.

Scheduled to accept interviews are the following employers: Detroitbank Corp., Detroit Public Schools, Federal Mogul, IBM, Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, DuPont, Michigan Bell, Arthur Young and Co., Boy Scouts of Metro Detroit, Burroughs Corp., City National Bank, and Coopers and Lybrand.



Folk-gospel-rock singer Josh White Jr. performed in Dow Auditorium on Monday, December 1. Folk singer Jack Hamilton from the Ann Arbor area also participated in the well-attended performance. ALMANIAN photo by Chuck Lewis.

editorial comment

Crisis and politics don't mix

By Barb Gordon
Feature Editor

Believe or not, there are some things in this world more important than the ever-present, ever-tiring campaign for the United States presidency, namely, the threat to the security of this nation and to the lives of 50 of its citizens which is being imposed by the now infamous Iranian crisis. This opinion however, does not seem to be shared by Sen. Edward Kennedy. To the contrary, Sen. Kennedy called last Wednesday for a political debate on the virtues of the former shah. What he failed to see, and what many of his political opponents have been quick to point out, is that in a time of national crisis the citizens of this country should stand by and support their president—not challenge him to a national debate.

Edward Kennedy is not the president of the United States. Nor will he ever be if he continues with such irresponsible statements. We have but one president and it is his duty to carry out the affairs of this country to the best of his ability. As a political candidate, Kennedy has no right to jeopardize that which President Carter is trying to save. And how can Kennedy even be considered as a candidate for the country's highest office when he cannot first act as a citizen and support his government?

If Kennedy felt that Carter was sinking in his handling of the Iranian issue, it would have been much better, politically, to let Carter bury himself. Kennedy would have emerged, in the end, unsoiled and smelling like a rose. Instead, with boyish eagerness, Kennedy dug his own hole and stepped right in.

The question remains as to why any one with Kennedy's supposed political finesse would pull such a stunt. Has he been itching for the presidency for so long that he can't wait to put on the gloves and step into the ring? There will be plenty of time for that later. What matters now is the fate of the nation and hostages.

This is Jimmy Carter's boat. If he fails it is he who will suffer. If he succeeds it is he who will gain—in the end. But for right now the only thing he or anyone else should be concerned with is the imminent crisis. We cannot afford to have the office of the presidency in limbo while its occupant is out on the campaign trail. Maybe the U.S. Senate is different.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Alma College Students,

As I am leaving Alma College this week for my new position as Director of Admissions for Southwestern University Law School in Los Angeles, I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know how much I have enjoyed my association with you. Many Alma College students have worked with me in recruiting efforts, and your help has always been very much appreciated.

Although I will soon be many miles away from Alma, my thoughts will be near. Thank you for helping to make my three years here such a great experience.

Sheila Collins

Dear Editor,

As a past and present avid sports enthusiast, I was appalled at the attitude of Alma's basketball coaching staff in Monday's (December 3) game with Ferris State College. During every intense overtime period time out, the coaches stood alone on the court, leaving the players to rouse themselves on the bench. Although this may seem democratic to the

coach, I'm inclined to think I would rather my coach discuss OUR plans with US, if I were a player. As a long time fan and player, I know team unity is a far more important seasonal element than receiving orders from

even the most devout coach.

I humbly offer a small bit of constructive criticism to Coach Switchenko: stop doing that, you look like a dolt.

Paul E. Ganus

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Chrysler closes Hamtramck plant

The Chrysler Corporation has announced that it will close its 75-year-old Hamtramck assembly plant on January 4, six months earlier than planned.

The closing will put nearly 3,000 more employees out of work—2,475 hourly and 450 salaried workers.

"We were saddened by the announcement," said UAW Vice President Marc Stepp head of the union's Chrysler department. "The UAW did what it could to try to persuade the corporation to change its mind."

However, Chrysler released a statement saying, "Due to severe downturn in retail sales being experienced by the entire automobile industry, the production capacity at the Hamtramck plant is no longer required."

Chrysler has announced last spring that it intended to shut down the plant in July 1980, and employment at the facility has fallen from 5,200 hourly workers to 2,475.

One of the reasons cited for the early closing of the plant was its enormous operating costs. The multi-story plant had a 1978 utility bill of \$14.6 million compared to a \$5.9 million bill at Chrysler's modern one-story facility in Belvidere, Illinois.

The Hamtramck plant builds Dodge Aspens and Plymouth Volares. Production of these models will shift partially to St. Louis, Missouri where they will be manufactured along with

mid-sized LeBarons and Diplomats. Some LeBaron and Diplomat production will then be moved to Newark, Delaware where Aspens and Volares are now built.

Chrysler plans on hiring many of the displaced Hamtramck workers next summer at its Jefferson Avenue plant in Detroit. The Jefferson plant will be rebuilt to manufacture Chrysler's 1981 model K-car, on which the company places much of its hope for becoming profitable again.

Chrysler expects the employment at the Jefferson Avenue plant to jump from its current 2,000, who build light trucks, to 4,500 next summer when K-car production starts. The newly

created 2,500 hourly spots would be filled according to seniority from among the displaced Hamtramck workers and other currently laid-off Chrysler workers in the Detroit area.

The latest shutdown will raise Chrysler's indefinite layoff total to nearly 37,000 in the U.S. and Canada and 23,775 in the Detroit area alone.

Most of the Hamtramck workers have more than 10 years seniority and will get at least 80 percent of their Chrysler Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB). However, the growing number of layoffs have depleted the SUB fund so much that workers with less than 10 years seniority are receiving no payments.

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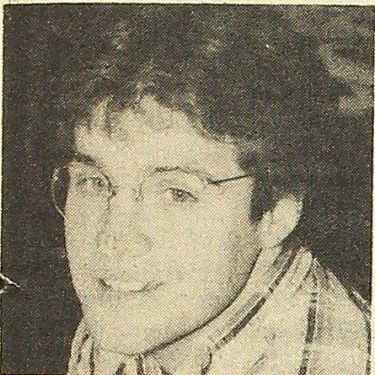
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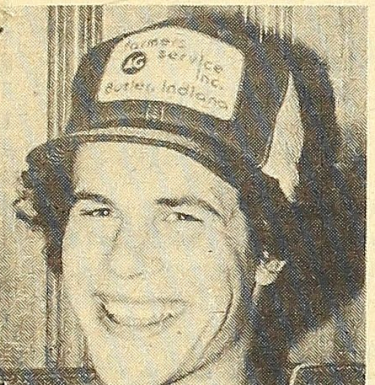
Students react to Iranian crisis

By Linda Swanson
Feature Writer

With regard to the recent developments in Iran the opinions of Alma College students are many and varied. Here is what a few of them had to say:



Bernie Moore--"The U.S. should use total economic sanctions before any military action is taken. The U.S. continues to send food stuffs to the Iranians. They went on a seven day fast to prove that they could live without U.S. food. I'd like to see them go on a 365 day fast."



Danny Callahan--"The Ayatollah is doing the same kinds of things that the

Iranian people accused the Shah of doing. The Shah realized that even Iranian oil was limited and so he wished to further develop other areas such as agriculture. The Iranian people contented with the profits they were gaining from oil exports wanted no part in further modernizing the country and so the Shah was forced to leave. The U.S. is going to have to do something soon, we just can't sit back and wait. The U.S. has been pushed around too much lately by little countries that we have supported and helped develop. If the hostages are put on trial then the U.S. should begin some kind of action immediately, if necessary military."

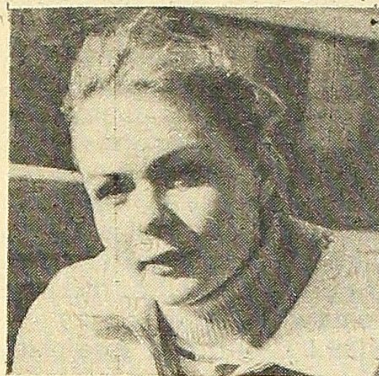


Sue Hallitt--"There are too many men trying to get too much power. This isn't just the case in Iran. It is true in cases all over the world. Both Iran and the U.S. are going to have to learn to make some sacrifices."

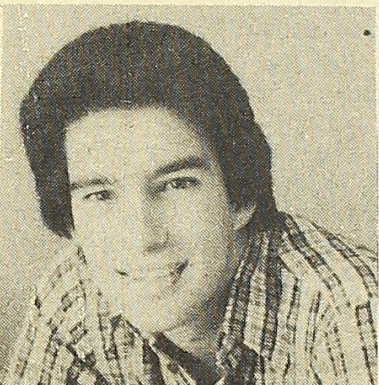


Jay Tomaszewski--"The U.S. is in a difficult position. Carter hasn't done anything wrong yet. One of the biggest problems facing us is that if the U.S. gives in to the demands then we will be put in a vulnerable position. On one hand, one life (the Shah) for forty-nine lives is

the greatest good for the greatest number, but as humans we have an obligation to protect each individual's basic human rights."



Theresa Plichta--"Carter and our government are handling the Iranian crisis in the only way feasible. They're taking it slow and step-by-step. We as Americans have always upheld our "Good Samaritan" image. But if the hostages are harmed in any way, I feel military action by the U.S. is the right way to show them we are not a passive people when we're threatened."



Steve Boff--"Carter is handling the situation extremely well. He is in a sense handcuffed not only by the Iranians, but politically as well. He has no choice but to wait it out and let the Iranians make the first move and then react. I don't think we should do anything harsh to the Iranians. Their country is falling apart. I understand that the Iranians hate the Shah and want him back, but I don't think they are going about it the right way. I am fascinated that the people are willing to fight and die for their religion. The Islamic people don't want to bring the Western world into their religion. However, if harm was to come to the hostages I would support military action."

Chess club tournament in final rounds

The Chess Club's Fall Tournament has entered its final rounds of play. The eighteen people who entered this year's tournament were placed in three different sections: one section was reserved for Alma students and the other two sections were for college faculty and area residents.

Dave Wallace and Tom Spencer have tied for first place in the student section. Both won five games and lost one. Wallace lost to John Franklin and Spencer lost to Wallace.

The other two sections will complete play by December 13.

The Chess Club will continue meeting through December 13 and resume meeting next term on January 10. The Club will sponsor another tournament during Winter Term.

All interested chess players are invited to join in on the Club's activities. The Club meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the PE Building.

Faculty Focus

You can't get it retail

By Timm Thorsen

Recent experiences with Christmas shopping's rush and disorder stand as rationale for the following presentation from Samuel Susser's **The Truth About Selling**. I had just walked out of a discount store fuming over the lack of clerks in general and capable clerks in particular. Susser speaks to this point with deep insight:

Hypocrisy once used to enrage me. I listen to it now with half an ear, and turn away from it, more in sadness than in anger. It is the present fashion to decry the low quality of retail selling. The complaints about mistreatment are equal in number to the rages generated by the indifference of clerks with no compulsion to sell. If you press me I will admit that I, too, have stared back into the bovine eyes of clerks standing behind merchandise I yearned to buy, but could not, because no one would move to sell me. And, pressed further, I will admit to quiet desperation because I wear a 10-A shoe, and meet shoe clerks who try to fit me with a 9-D, because today stores selling shoes at fifty dollars a pair rarely carry the stock needed for the perfect fitting of shoes.

Now people like you, a buyer, could hate such a man as this one, who could give you bunions, and back problems, by fitting you to short shoes. Or, you could burn with resentment because you wish to buy, and are frustrated by a cluster for sales clerks engaged in a private chat, indifferent to the money you hold in your hand. But I, a man who once sold women's shoes in the grim 1930's, feel nothing of what you feel, and care less. Because what is wrong with retail selling has nothing to do with the poorly paid wretches who serve you to the best of their limited ability. And may I add here that most buyers, at whatever level, from consumer to professional, get the measure of treatment they usually deserve. And you don't, in a retail store, deserve much if you do not understand that your enemy is the store and not the little people out front who are exposed to your wrath.

What the present consumer does not understand is the radical change in the whole process of putting goods in his hands. Part of this process consists of downgrading service and quality, and upgrading volume. They can do this only if assisted by two prerequisites, both of them you; they need and affluent buyer with easy money to spend, and they need a generation of slob who can't distinguish good quality, and good service, from bad.

In the early stages of the present decline in selling it was possible to shift one's buying activity from a mediocre store to one of the great ones. There are now no great ones. What is left is a handful of small shops specializing in a narrow range of quality goods, staffed by a vanishing breed of retail people who sell with pride and distinction. These establishments account for less than one per cent of the goods sold at retail. If you are a holdover from that time for the Age of the Slob you will seek them out; but run don't walk, if you want to get there before they are gone.

In my effort to save a few dollars, I had forgotten important things about myself and the world. Susser's words provide an important perspective for viewing both. Of course, Susser's message has wider scope than retail activity; education is but one of the areas where his words carry significant weight. One may well have to pay a bit more "up front" in support of quality; the alternatives, in terms of the nature of an age, make it a bargain in the long run.

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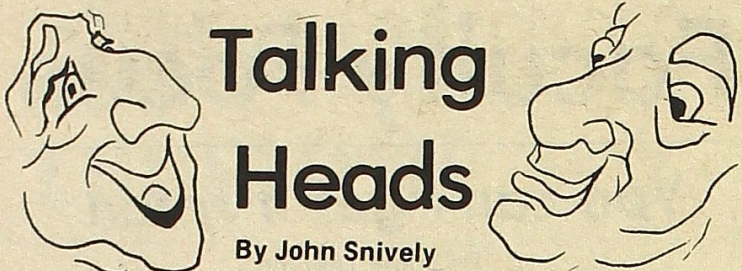
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I recall my earlier years when all things started. It was so long ago that yesterday hadn't yet been invented. As a matter of fact, the only thing that was invented was the rock. The only things older than the rocks are the Lord and I. One day, I was having fun playing with the rocks. I invented all kinds of games to amuse myself. Games like "spin the rock," "lift the rock," "throw the rock," "hide the rock," and "count the rocks," were my favorites. After a long time of playing I became bored. I yelled out, "Hey Lord! Ya wanna play 'hide the rock'?" He agreed and I went first. I hid the rock under another rock while the Lord counted to ten. This game soon became boring too. You see, the Lord knows all and sees all. It was real hard trying to trick him. He soon invented a new game called "throw and hide the rock." To play he would throw the rock at me and try to hide it under my skin. He thought it was more fun than I did. I finally said, "Jesus Christ, why don't you give me something to do besides play with these stupid rocks?" He said O.K. First he whipped up a Timex watch and a stick. Then he asked me if I had a copyright on my previous interjection. He gave me the watch and said, "See that little hand going around?"

"O.K., you count the number of times it goes around. When it goes around 525,600 times, take the stick and make a mark in the dirt. That will be one year."

"Oh, this should be fun!" I said. It started to get dull after about seven years. So, one afternoon, I yelled, "Hey, Lord! How about something else to do? Come on; I'm tired of winding this damn watch!" So the Lord came down and sat on a rock beside me.

"Well, tell ya what I'll do. I'm gonna whip up a couple of people to keep you company. Their names will be Adam and Eve." Then, the Lord disappeared and up walked two nude people. I soon found that watching Eve was a whole lot better than winding a Timex. Adam thought so too. Everything was going great until one day a snake showed up. The snake invented sin, Adam invented the fig leaf, and Eve invented the headache. It was all rather like watching one of those pre-Roman soap operas. Soon there was the pitter-patter of little children running about. Once the little animals pitter-pattered in the dirt where I kept track of time, and we lost 6,000 years (that's why we have leap year, I'm still trying to make it up).

As the years passed, the Greeks came, the Romans came, the Kings and Queens came, and the rest of the "civilized" world showed up. Throughout remaining history, these and other people have entertained themselves by hitting, stabbing, shooting, poisoning, and bombing one another. It's all quite entertaining to watch, however it's rather a nasty business if you get too close. That's why I stay up here in this cave. I spend most of my time winding my Timex, scratching in the dirt, and reminiscing with the old timers. They're really not the best conversationalists, being rocks and all.

The gifts they'll never forget

Creative Christmas shopping

By Shari Boone
Feature Writer

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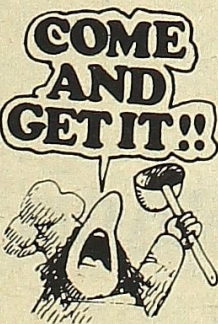
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Fall to Ferris in overtime

Scots open season with split

By Steve Rusticus
Sports Writer

Alma's men's basketball team opened their regular season last week by splitting their first two games. Last Monday, the Scots dropped a thrilling overtime game to the Ferris State Bulldogs 72-65. Then on Wednesday they evened their record by taking another close game from Aquinas College at Grand Rapids 75-67. Both games were played at Alma's Cappaert Gymnasium.

The Ferris State game was a seesaw battle all the way. The game started out as a tough defensive battle with Ferris getting the better of the Scots under the boards. Jeff Meath hit a jumper with just six seconds left to give Alma a slim 28-26 lead as they went to their locker room for halftime.

The second half was almost a precise replica of the first with Ferris jumping out to quick leads, but the Scots kept coming back. With 1:51 remaining to be played, the Bulldogs went into a stall against a Scot zone. The score at the final buzzer 58-58.

Something must be said of the outstanding job done by the Scot defense as they held the Bulldogs scoreless for the last 2 minutes of the game.

In the overtime period things didn't work out to Coach Dan Switchenko's or his players' advantage. Ferris hit 4 out of 4 shots from the field but more importantly made 6 out of 7 free throw attempts to outscore Alma 14-7 in the five-minute overtime period. Cavin Mohrhardt and Jeff Meath led Alma with 18 and 16 points respectively. Dicks Mills contributed 14 points and 6 rebounds to the losing cause. Ferris was led by Jeff Howell who garnered 24 points and 8 rebounds.

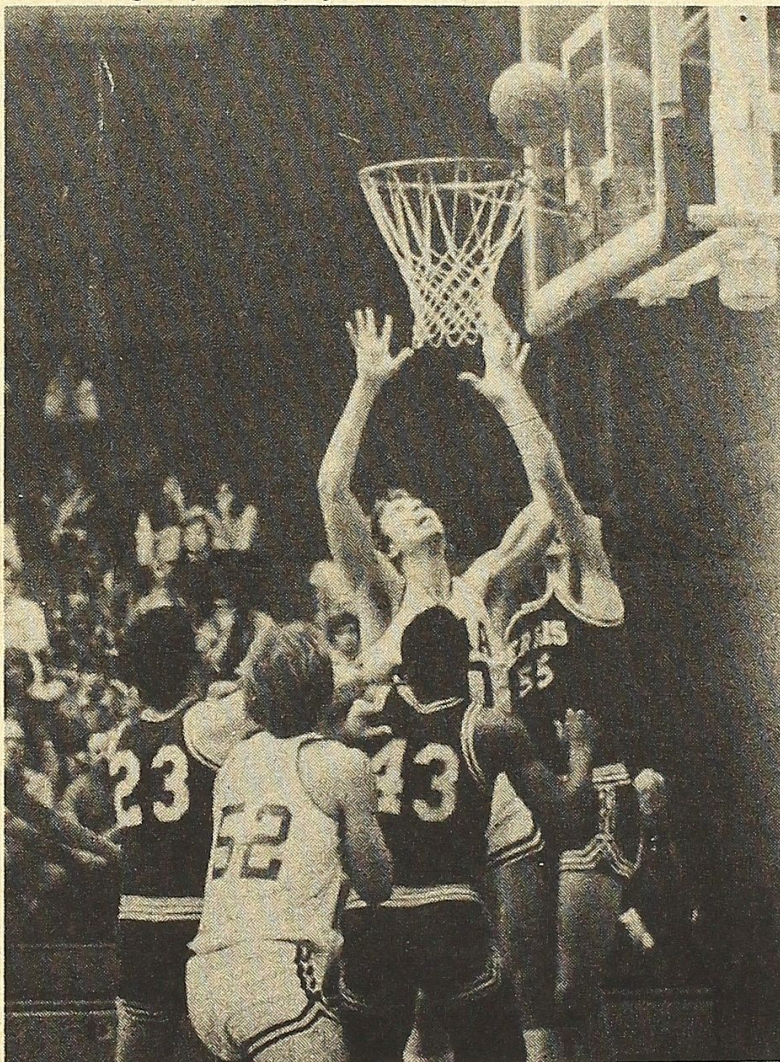
Wednesday night's game was the same type of game

as Monday's. Both teams started out playing excellent defense. Aquinas was set up a 2-1-2 zone which seemed to baffle the Scots until they sent in their zone-buster, Jeff Meath. Meath hit on 7 of 9 shots in the first half to kept Alma in the game. Still, the Tommies went to the lockerroom with a 41-38 lead.

The second half was played very evenly, and although it seemed like Aquinas was going to pull out to an insurmountable lead, the Scots managed to pull within striking distance. Just after Aquinas had pulled ahead 54-44, Alma scored five straight points to pull within 5, 54-49. Aquinas coach Terry Bociow called a timeout to regroup his players

and settle them down. This strategy didn't seem to work as the Scots came out from the timeout and outscored their opponents 8-2 for a 57-56 lead. The rest of the game went back and forth until Junior Paul VanderMeulen hit on both ends of a one-and-one for a 71-67 lead. The Scots ran off 4 straight points that accounted for the final score of 75-67. Mohrhardt again led Alma with 17 points, followed by Meath with 14—all in the first half. Dick Mills led the Scots under the basket with 11 rebounds. VanderMeulen followed with 8.

Mike Doremeire led the losers with 19 points. The Scots will participate in the Aquinas tournament December 14 and 15 in Grand Rapids.



Alma's men's varsity basketball team split two games last week. Above, Dick Mills [center] and Bob Schikorra [no.52] fight for a rebound against Ferris State.

Jayvees go undefeated

By Bob Kizer
Sports Editor

Last Monday night the Alma College J.V. basketball team started its season with an impressive 85-83 win over Ferris State College in Cappaert Gym. The Jayvees got some excellent help off the bench from sophomores Mark Apsey and Dean Gardner. Marty Spencer led the Scots with a game high 25 points with Apsey and Gardner chipping in 15 each. Harry Evans led Ferris with 20 points.

Alma opened the game evenly with the Bulldogs, but the Scots made repeated careless errors as the first half rolled and gave Ferris as much as an eleven point lead. As the first half came

to an end, the bench strength in Apsey and Gardner had brought the Scots back to within five points. Ferris took a 40-35 lead into the lockerroom.

When the second half got underway, it was all Scots as they jumped out with twelve unanswered points for a 47-40 lead. The Scots led by as much as 12, but their carelessness returned as they allowed Ferris to come back again and knot the score.

After a quick time out, during which Coach Kurt Kaeding apparently calmed his team down, the Scots raced to a 10-point lead with just under three minutes remaining to be played. With this seemingly insurmountable lead, the Scots

appeared to relax a little too much as they started to turn the ball over on careless errors and fouls.

Fortunately for the Scots their lead was insurmountable, and Ferris's last gasp effort fell just 2-points short. The Scots played well in their first game and were it not for periodic let downs on their part they would have handled the Ferris squad with no trouble at all.

In action again on Wednesday, the Jayvees easily disposed of an overmatched Aquinas squad. The Scots won 92-63 after jumping out to a 20 point lead at the half. The Scots coasted in from there with Spencer again leading the way with 20 points. The Jayvee's next game is at home against Kalamazoo on January 12.

sports page

Wrestlers grab their first team trophy

By Maxine Button
Assistant Sports Editor

The Alma College wrestling team took home its first team trophy on Saturday by taking third at the Southwestern Michigan College Holiday Classic. The Scots took home five individual trophies; one of them a first place by Steve Gross. On Wednesday, the team tied Oakland College 18-18 and lost to Eastern Michigan University 21-20, in a double duel meet at Eastern. The Division Three Scots made a strong showing against Division One Eastern and Division Two Oakland.

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The Oakland-Eastern meet was highlighted by outstanding performances by freshmen Gary Adams, Greg Hatcher and Mike Kreiner. 126 lb. Adams upset Oakland's Lieblang, an All-American, 2-0, and won his second match 2-1. Hatcher, an inexperienced but promising wrestler, had a fine showing at 142 lbs. He won his first match 7-5 and tied his second 5-5. At 158, Kreiner also wrestled superbly, winning 8-2 and pinning in 1:25. Overall,

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As I See It...

By Bob Kizer
Sports Editor



Sometimes I wonder if it is all worth it. As a dedicated Detroit sports fan, I will support any professional sports team that the city can offer and am more than willing to take the jokes and the abuse that comes from supporting losing teams. Despite this undying devotion, especially to the Tigers, the peddling of Ron LeFlore is a very hard pill to swallow.

I have never been a staunch LeFlore supporter and was not at all against trading him away. However, to throw him away for a virtually unknown and untested kid pitcher makes my stomach turn.

Jim Campbell has always impressed me in past dealings on the trade market. He is known for getting-the-better of other clubs in trades. After all, didn't Campbell unload a useless Denny McClain in return for Joe Coleman, Eddie Brinkman, and Aurelio Rodriguez? What could possibly have possessed Compell to take Dan Schatzeder in a straight-up, one-for-one deal for LeFlore?

This column is by no means trying to run down Schatzeder. I'm sure that he is a fine man, and if the statistics can be trusted, he is a better than average pitcher. Still it is hard to believe that he can be LeFlore's equal. Even when you consider that Schatzeder is a competent left-handed starter--and the Tigers desperately need a left-hand starter--and that LeFlore could leave the Tigers flat in two years as a free agent, the deal still reeks of personality conflicts.

It has never been a secret that LeFlore likes to speak his mind whenever he sees the need, no matter who or what he is discussing. In the conservative Tiger organization, such openness is not welcomed with open arms. When LeFlore's contract demands reached the millions, the stage was set for his departure.

The timing of LeFlore's departure raises the question of whether or not new Tiger manager Sparky Anderson might have had something to do with the trade. Anderson is a task master, and he must have complete command of his team. LeFlore, while not intentionally trying to undermine Anderson, was a slap in the face to Sparky: he was constantly late for games, and even was against learning how to bunt. If Sparky did influence Campbell's decision, he must know something about Schatzeder that nobody else does, because he just lost the one sparkplug that he had in exchange for a possible starter and stopper.

No matter what the reasons, or whose decision it was, Ron LeFlore is no longer a Detroit Tiger. Despite all of the moaning and groaning that is going on in households all over the Detroit area, the people will once again pace Tiger Stadium this coming summer in hopes that the Tigers will once again be a contender. Sometimes I wonder if it is all worth it.

Peerless Picks

By Bob Kizer
Sports Editor

A couple of weeks ago, we analyzed the division races in the National Football League. We analyzed all six of the tight division races and we look to be right in five out of six of our picks. In the NFC we picked Tampa Bay in the Central Division, Dallas in the East, and New Orleans in the West. In the AFC, we tabbed Pittsburgh in the Central Division, Miami in the East, and Denver in the West.

Our AFC picks have a good chance of being perfect. In the Central Division Pittsburgh has assumed its usual position at the top of the heap, with Houston only a game behind. The Steelers are healthy for the first time this year, and they should have no trouble winning their fourth consecutive title. The Steelers final game will be in Pittsburgh against Buffalo, while the Oilers must face play-off bound Philadelphia in Houston.

The Dolphins have only to beat the Detroit Lions and the New York Jets to take the Eastern Division title, while Denver may have more of a battle from the San Diego Chargers. If both the Broncos and the Chargers won last weekend, then the race for the playoffs will be decided next Monday night when the two teams hook up in San Diego.

In the NFC, we are assured of at least one loser. The Los Angeles Rams have over taken the Saints and are ready to enter the play-offs with yet another division title.

The Central and Eastern Divisions are very tight races, but both the Cowboys and the Buccaneers seem poised to claim their titles. Dallas defeated St. Louis last Saturday to pull into a tie with the Eagles for the Division lead. Both teams have tough opponents next week as Dallas hosts Washington, and the Eagles travel to Houston. Tampa Bay can clinch a playoff spot by winning either of their last two games.

Last week we finished 10-3 to push our overall record to 123-69. Here are this week's selections as well as our revised lines on the college bowl games:

Dec. 15: Garden State Bowl
California over Temple by 4.
Independence Bowl
Syracuse over McNeese St. by 7.

Dec. 21: Holiday Bowl
Brigham Young over Indiana by 20.

Dec. 22: Liberty Bowl
Tulane over Penn St. by 7.
Sun Bowl
Texas over Washington by 13.
Tangerine Bowl
Wake Forest over Louisiana St. by 2.

Dec. 25: Fiesta Bowl
Pittsburgh over Arizona by 14.

Dec. 28: Gator Bowl
Michigan over North Carolina by 6.

Dec. 29: Hall of Fame Bowl
South Carolina versus Missouri, even.

Dec. 31: Peach Bowl
Clemson over Baylor by 3.
Bluebonnet Bowl
Purdue over Tennessee by 10.

Jan. 1: Cotton Bowl
Nebraska over Houston by 10.
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Southern Cal over Ohio State by 13.
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Women basketballers fall easily

By Lynnette Whitkopf
Sports Writer

The Alma College women's basketball team was handed a tough loss Saturday morning as the Ferris State Bulldogs manhandled them 77-53.


Both teams were anxious to start the game after an hour delay due to schedule conflicts with referees. The game was scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. but the officials' contracts specified game time as 1:00 p.m. Substitute refs were called, and the game started an hour late.

Alma was in trouble from the minute the ball was tipped as they trailed Ferris almost the entire game. Except for a few moments towards the end of the first half when Alma put on an effective full court press and scored 10 points in a row to go ahead 26-24, Ferris controlled the game at both ends of the court. Alma couldn't hold on to a firm lead as the first half ended with Ferris State on top 44-34.

The second half was all downhill for the Scots. Bad passes, inability to break the Ferris press and costly turnovers helped contribute to Alma's defeat. After Ferris had assumed a large lead they played there entire bench; but Alma still could not penetrate the Ferris defense.

Linda Ban was Alma's leading scorer with 18 points. Cookie Novitsky tossed in 16 and grabbed a team-leading 10 rebounds. Barb Lundy chipped in with 8 points and had five assists for the Scots.


Alma's record dropped to 1-1, and their next game will be at home tonight against University of Michigan-Dearborn. Game time tonight will be 7:00 p.m.



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White escapes with Heisman

Charles White's nation leading 1803 yards rushing helped him crush Billy Sims in the Heisman balloting. The U.S.C. tailback received 453 first place votes, 144 seconds, and 48 thirds, for the 1695 points on a 3-2-1 scale. The runner-up Billy Sims finished with 773 points, 82 firsts, 180 seconds, and 167 thirds. White broke Sims chance of becoming the second person to win the award twice.

Tigers throw away LeFlore

The Detroit Tigers stunned the entire baseball world last week by trading star centerfielder Ron LeFlore to the Montreal Expos for lefthanded pitcher Dan Schatzeder. LeFlore, whose lifetime batting average is .297, expressed shock and was quoted as saying, "I'm hurt. Really, I am." Schatzeder was 10-5 last season with a 2.83 ERA. In another trade, the Tigers sent veteran third baseman Aurelio Rodriguez to the San Diego Padres for a player to be named later.

Nadia withdraws due to infection

Nadia Comaneci, the world's best known gymnast, spent Wednesday night and much of last Thursday in the All Saints Hospital. She was admitted to the hospital after a scratch on her left arm became infected. The infection was said not to be serious, however, she was given antibodies intravenously after her physician re-examined the wound. Comaneci had a narrow lead over Nelli Kim in the race for the individual Gold Medal. If she should not be able to perform in the team portion of the event she would automatically lose her hopes of winning the world all-around championship.

Silverdome considered by NCAA

The Pontiac Silverdome is on of four finalist for hosting the NCAA 1985 Division 1 basketball championships, according to an announcement from the NCAA basketball committee.

Set five school records in the process

Swimmers lose to Hope, CMU

By John Byrne
Sports Writer

Alma's women's swim team dropped two meets last week, but in the process broke five school records. Coach Greg Schweinzger's tankers fell to Central Michigan 123-17, and then Hope 71-60.

On Monday Alma swam Central Michigan at Mt. Pleasant. The Division II Chippewas came away with a 123-17 victory. Two days later the Scots had Hope in Alma's home water.

The meet was very close throughout, with the score just 64-60 in favor of Hope going into the final event; the 400 yard freestyle relay. Hope won the relay and

consequently the meet 71-60.

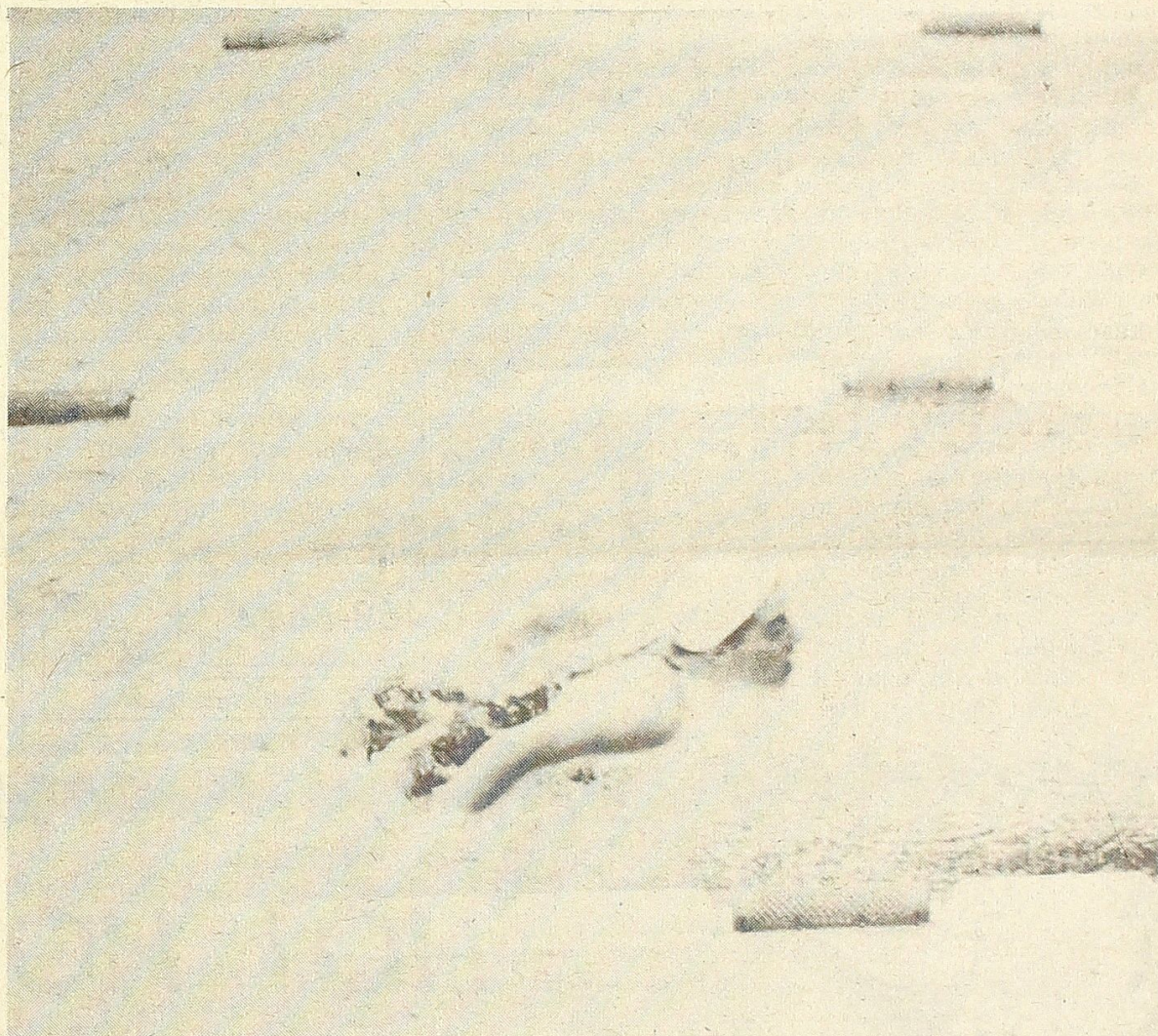
Against Hope Lynn McLellan broke diving records on both the one meter and three meter boards with scores of 174.8 and 184.75 respectively. Laura Rudd had a record breaking performance of 59.86 seconds in the 100 yard freestyle, and Karen Kelly also set a new record of 31.16 seconds in the 50 yard butterfly. The team of Kelly, Rudd, Kathy Kirsch and Laura Wilkening, set a new record in the 400 yard freestyle relay with a time of 4:07.53 seconds.

Coach Schweinzger commented "everybody has improved their times." Mary Locher and Jeri Bell both had personal bests in their freestyle events along with

Lisa Adams. Breaststrokers Barb Lee and Mary Ann Miller also posted personal best along with backstrokers Julie Jones and Sue Sulisz. Jan Price stopped the clock at 36.91 seconds in the 50 yard butterfly for her personal best.

Schweinzger said his team's performance was, "fantastic, everybody's improving and the times are coming down. Right now we are at the same point we were at the conference meet last year."

The Scots next opponent will be Albion. The Britons have one of the largest teams in the MIAA with its 30 swimmers. The meet is tomorrow at home and it starts at 7:00 p.m.



The women's swim team lost two meets last week to Central Michigan and Hope College. The Scots were successful in setting five new school records. Here Kathy Kirsch participates in the butterfly event.

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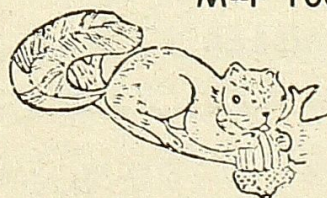
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Last Week's Answer:

The two players that share the record for most touchdowns in a single game with Gale Sayers are Ernie Nevers and Dub Jones. Last week's winner was Bruce Gerish.

This Week's Question:

In the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, an American male swimmer had apparently won a gold medal in the 400 meter freestyle when he had his medal taken away due to a drug that he was taking for asthma. Name the American swimmer.

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Grapplers take third in SMC classic

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Alma won ten, lost nine and tied one. The Scots lead in overall team scores for the majority of both matches. Four out of four losses at the 190 and heavyweight classes cost the Scots two team wins.

The team had a better performance at the SMC Holiday Classic.

Gross took first. Adams, Frank Goodrich and Neil Tuomi placed second. Dan Coon came in third, while Andy Beachnau and Kirk Schaibly finished fourth. Alma finished third overall with 60¾ points. Muskegon won with 100¾ points, while SMC had 78½. Dickey said, "It's the first time that we've ever gotten a team trophy. We didn't have all our weights covered; we didn't have Mike Munyan and we didn't have a heavyweight. We beat Ferris, who beat us in the Hope Tournament. The best thing was that we doubled the points scored by Olivet."

Gross had an exceptional day. He drew a bye in the first round, won 8-0 in the second, decisioned 4-2 in the semi-finals and took the finals 3-2. Gross "wrestled smart" in the tournament, stalling when necessary. His semi-final and final matches were both extremely close. In his final he came from behind in the last period to win. Gross said, "After Wednesday, I decided to try more escapes and different moves. I think it really helped today. I'm happy, I didn't think I'd win today. I wrestled well enough to win,

but I didn't wrestle as well as I can wrestle."

Adams finished a strong second, at 126 lbs. He won his first three matches 4-3, 10-7, and 8-6. In the finals he was decisioned, 6-0 by the same wrestler who'd beaten him in the Hope Tournament. Goodrich also wrestled well, winning with a 5:38 pin, and 5-2 and 1-0 wins. He was defeated in the finals 5-0. Tuomi breezed through the first three rounds with a bye, a 1:52 pin and a :59 pin. His first place hopes were fizzled by a 10-4 loss in the finals. Coon placed third; bying in the first round, then pinning 1:50. He was then pinned by Wendell Mitchem from Ferris. Mitchem had beaten him in the Hope Tournament. Coon then won 18-4 and received a default to advance into the finals for third place, where he had a rematch with Mitchem. In the third period Coon started on the bottom, escaped and took Mitchem down, then put him on his back for a three point nearfall that clinched the match. Coon won 9-4.

Beachnau, at 150 lbs., received a bye in his first

round, won 8-2, was pinned in 2:47, won 3-1, then lost in the third place finals 8-2, to finish fourth. 158 lb. Schaibly byed, pinned in 3:29, was pinned in 3:27, won 8-5, then lost in the third place finals, 4-2. Both Beachnau and Schaibly finished fourth.

The team wrestled reasonably well, but weight class shifts and the absences of Munyan and heavyweight Bill Shoemaker due to injuries, affected the team's overall score. Statistician Mary Tuomi said, "The team performed really well. The weight classes could have done better if they were wrestling at their normal weights. Coon and Kreiner would have finished higher. Neil could have won the tournament if he'd been at his own weight class."

Alma's next meet is against Saginaw Valley, Wednesday at 3:00 at Saginaw.

5-2. 158-Kreiner 8-2, pinned 1:25. 167 Tuomi 7-4, lost 5-1. 177-Coon 7-5, lost 4-0. 190-Pemble lost both 5-3, 15-1. Heavyweight-Palik lost both-default (stalling), was pinned-1:22.

Final scores
Alma-18, Oakland-18.
Alma-20, Eastern-21.



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U.S. and China threaten Vietnam

Editor's note:
The following article is a special feature taken from the November 18 publication of GRAMMA, a weekly review, printed in Havana, Cuba.

On November 3, Vientiane radio charged that "the United States and China will try to attack us by all possible means." The large-scale mobilization of the Chinese neofascists' troops and military equipment along the borders with Laos and Vietnam and the stationing of the mercenary bands led by Kong Lee and Vang Pao on Chinese territory near Laos make it quite clear that the Peking expansionists are preparing an attack on the nations of the peninsula.

The Government of Vietnam has repeatedly charged China with concentrating 15 divisions, some 200,000 men well-supplied with heavy artillery, armored cars and planes along their common

border. The Lao Government has made similar charges.

It is noteworthy that such close collaborators with the United States as the wretched Kong Lee and CIA agent Vang Pao are in the front line of the military operations undertaken by the Chinese forces against Laos.

In May 1975, when the Lao people swept away the pro-Yankee administration in Vientiane which had allowed the CIA to operate freely and had tolerated the parallel government of the USAID, the United States reorganized the Meo mercenaries in Thailand as an element to be held in reserve since it still hoped to regain control over the small country which the Pathet Lao had liberated after a long struggle in which all the Pentagon tactics had come to naught.

Laos was very important to the Yankee imperialists, as shown in Arthur M. Schlesinger's book about the thou-

sand days of the Kennedy administration, in which he described the country as the door to Southeast Asia. Both Johnson and Nixon tried to use it as a springboard for operations against the then Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

It seems that the strategy which served as the basis for the Pentagon's hidden war in Laos has now been adopted by the high command of the Chinese hegemonists. And not only the strategy but the tools as well, like the mercenary bands of the CIA.

It should be pointed out that stepped-up Chinese military activity along the border with Vietnam and Laos coincides with a big increase in the U.S. naval and air presence in the Pacific and Indian Ocean.

Just by looking at a map it becomes clear that the regions threatened by China, such as the nations of Indochina and India, are also within range of U.S. naval forces.

All this leads one to wonder if the urgent strengthening of U.S. naval forces in the Pacific following the murder of Park Chung Hee was simply due to the situation created by the CIA after the incident, or whether or not it wasn't also a subtle form of support for Peking's geopolitical campaign to take over vast areas in southern and southeastern Asia.

It is interesting to see that the U.S. Government is now trying to bring new members into the ANZUS military alliance. These new members will participate in maneuvers to be held in Hawaii, code-named Pacific Encirclement.

If, in view of the growing identity between the Chinese neofascists and U.S. imperialists in the foreign policy field and China's important economic concessions to the United States, especially the oil deals, both governments had not demonstrated in equal measure their interest in the areas which are now threatened and if both had not tried to dominate Indochina by force of arms, the military activity undertaken by China and the United States might have been called circumstantial.

When Deng Xiaoping threatens to teach Vietnam a second lesson and China stations 15 divisions along the border and Washington makes public old papers in which Kissinger tells of Chinese assurances to safeguard U.S. interests in the Far East, the U.S. mobilization in the area must be viewed as potential backing for Chinese expansionism.

Washington would find it very difficult to return to the area on a war footing, but it would surely fish in the troubled waters stirred up by Peking. However, neither of the parties should get over-enthusiastic, since they have both suffered defeat in the region and this is no longer the day and age for revolutionary gains to be lost.



Chappaquiddick, the motion picture

A movie entitled "Chappaquiddick" is in the process of being filmed in the backwoods of Massachusetts. As the title implies, the film is a "docu-drama" based on Sen. Edward Kennedy's 1969 bridge accident.

Promoter Glenn Stensel claims that he is not trying to harm the Democratic presidential candidate's campaign. "I'm a Kennedy supporter--I want that made perfectly clear," Stensel said. "The picture won't change people's minds; it will merely present the facts." The \$800,000 project is scheduled to be released next summer.

Reagan borrows competitor's ideas

"We were surprised. The only major difference was where to send the check," a spokeswoman for Republican presidential candidate Rep. Philip M. Crane of Illinois said after discovering that a fund-raising letter and contribution form recently sent out by GOP presidential candidate Ronald Reagan was almost a word-for-word copy of one mailed by Crane 16 months ago.

Compare the following excerpts from the two letters.

"I've decided to set up a special organization for those who will have this personal relationship to me and my campaign. I'm going to call this special committee Friends of Phil," reads Crane's letter from August 1978.

"I've decided to set up a special organization for those who are key supporters in my campaign. I'm going to call this special committee the Reagan Key Supporters Committee," reads Reagan's November 7, 1979 letter. Reagan's campaign aides conceded last Wednesday that they had borrowed a page from the lesser-known GOP candidate's letter.

Billy Carter takes unique stand

Billy Carter doesn't agree with his mother Lillian's statement that the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini should be killed.

"Well, I don't feel as strongly as she does," the President's brother said. "He's a religious leader, and anytime a religious leader gets in charge of anything, he screws it up."

Billy also said that Sen. Edward Kennedy's statement that the exiled Shah of Iran should be banished from the United States was a political blunder. "I think Sen. Kennedy did a 'Billy Carter'--he put his foot in his mouth and now can't get it out," he said.

Billy claims that "it was a mistake" to admit the shah, but he should now be granted asylum providing no other country will accept him.

Joan Kennedy won't be No. 2

Joan Kennedy will campaign for her husband, presidential candidate Edward M. Kennedy, and will live in the White House with him if he is elected, but she will "never be number two again" to her husband, politics or anything else, she said in an interview last Wednesday in her Boston apartment. Mrs. Kennedy claims that instead she will seek "balance in my life now that I am successfully recovering from alcoholism."

When asked how she would feel about going back to Washington with its political pressures, Mrs. Kennedy said that she was confident since she has conquered alcoholism. "I did not leave Washington because of the so-called pressures of political life or because of any of the other things I have read about, or leaving Ted and the family. That was pretty far from the truth. Again, I left, pure and simply because I was a very sick lady and needed to try a new treatment program," she said.

Dems refuse Labor Party member

A close friend of Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and other leading Michigan Democrats is helping U.S. Labor Party founder Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. with his presidential campaign in New Hampshire. Former Michigan state senator Edward J. Robinson has been representing LaRouche in the candidate's attempt to obtain copies of Democratic voting lists for his campaign.

The New Hampshire Democratic Party has refused to release its mailing list of Democratic voters to LaRouche because it questions his claim that he is now a Democrat, according to New Hampshire state Democratic Party chairman Romeo Dorval. LaRouche has filed documents with the Federal Election Commission that state he was changing his party affiliation from the U.S. Labor Party to the Democratic Party. According to Dorval, LaRouche also registered as a Democrat in New York City on October 2.

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TUES

7:00 Women's Basketball:
U of M Dearborn-Home
7:00 IVCF-Hamilton Basement
Men's Swimming: Michigan
Tech. [Telethon] --Alma-
Houghton

WED

3:00 Women's Swimming: Al-
bion College-Home
9:00 Tyler Movie: "Billy Jack"-
Tyler

THUR

7:00 Women's Basketball:
Nazareth College-Home
8:00 Synchronized Swim Show-
P.E. Center

FRI

12:00 Luncheon for Commuter
Students-Heather Room
8:00 Varsity Basketball:
Aqinas Tournament-At
Grand Rapids
9:00 Synchronized swim Show-
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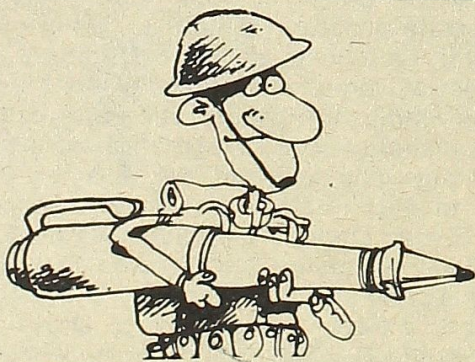
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2:00 Men's Swimming: Ferris
State College-At Ferris
8:00 Delta Gamma Tau "Holly
House"-Dgt House
9:00 Varsity Basketball:
Aqinas Tournament-At
Grand Rapids
Deadline for contributing photos
for Theta Chi exhibit.

SUN

11:00 Chapel Service

MON



This week's menu

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1979
BREAKFAST

Hot Cakes
Fried Eggs
Hashed Brown Potatoes

LUNCH

Chicken Gumbo Soup
Fishwich
Pork Chop Suey
Broccoli Quiche
Ratatouille

DINNER

Minestrone Soup
Oven Fried Chicken
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Fruit Fritters
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans Bretonne

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1979
BREAKFAST

French Toast
Poached Eggs
Home Fried Potatoes

LUNCH

Cream of Tomato Soup
Hamburger
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Fruit Plate w/Cottage
Cheese

Sweet & Sour Green Beans
French Fried Onion Rings

DINNER

Christmas Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 13, 1979
BREAKFAST

Waffles
Scrambled Eggs
Hashed Brown Potatoes

LUNCH

Pepper Pot Soup
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato
Sandwich
Beef Noodle Casserole

Assorted Cold Cut Plate
Peas

DINNER

Tomato Bouillon
Grilled Chop Steak
Polish Sausage
Cheese Enchiladas
Whipped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables

Friday, Dec. 14, 1979
BREAKFAST

Hot Cakes
Soft & Medium Cooked Eggs
Lyonnais Potatoes

LUNCH

Potato Chowder w/ Corn
Hot Dog
Beef Turnovers w/ Gravy
Egg Foo Yong
Buttered Corn

DINNER

Vegetable Soup
Pizza Variety
Breaded Fish Fillets
Corned Beef w/ Cabbage
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Peas

Saturday, Dec. 15, 1979
BREAKFAST

French Toast
Fried Eggs
Hearty Fried Potatoes

LUNCH

Cream of Mushroom Soup
Club Sandwich
Spanish Macaroni
Scrambled Eggs
Buttered Brussels Sprouts

DINNER

Tomato Soup
Sirloin Steak
Grilled Half-Pound Patty
Melt

Shrimp Plate
Baked Potatoes
French Fries
Green Beans
Buttered Cauliflower

Sunday, Dec. 16, 1979
BREAKFAST

Blueberry Pancakes
Poached Eggs
Home Fried Potatoes

LUNCH

Beef Noodle Soup
Baked Ham
Swedish Meatballs
Cheese & Ham Omelets
Sweet Potatoes
Fluffy Rice
Lima Beans

DINNER

Cream of Chicken Soup
Fishwich on Bun
Old Fashioned Ground Beef
Pie

French Toast
Spinach

Monday, Dec. 17, 1979
BREAKFAST

Pineapple Fritters
Scrambled Eggs
Hashed Brown Potatoes

LUNCH

French Onion Soup
Hamburger
Tuna Noodle Casserole
Mixed Fruit Cold Plate
Buttered Green Peas

DINNER

Mullegatawny Soup
Roast Beef Au Jus
Turkey Pan Pie
Tacos w/ Refried Beans
Whipped Potatoes
Broccoli



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ACUB Presents...

Billy Jack starring Tom Laughlin and Delores Taylor. Wednesday, December 12, Union Board will be presenting the movie **Billy Jack** in Tyler at 9 p.m. It is a meaningful and moving story of anti-establishment. Billy Jack is a young half-breed who comes to the rescue of a teacher and her students from the bigoted and hypocritical townspeople. This will be an excellent opportunity for entertainment before exams. Don't miss it!

We have an excellent schedule of programs for next term. A few of the movie highlights will be; **Up in Smoke**, **Hells Angels**, **Heaven Can Wait**, **Paper Chase**, **Foul Play**, **King Kong**, **The Birds**, and **Silver Streak**.

Live entertainment will be featuring the inspirational **John Bayley**, **The Orange Lake Drive Jazz/Rock Band** and the **Burton and Tapper** comedy team. Next term, the major events will include the annual **Snow Carnival**, and an "Irish Pub", featuring the traditional folk songs of **Devilish Merry**. College Bowl campus competitions will also begin early next term. If you are interested please contact the Union Board (Ext. 354).

Due to final exams the Union Board office will be closed December 17-21. But

when you return in January, be prepared to let us entertain you. Until then, best of

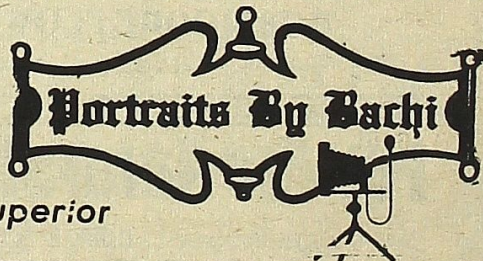
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