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## Recent fires spark stricter safety practices

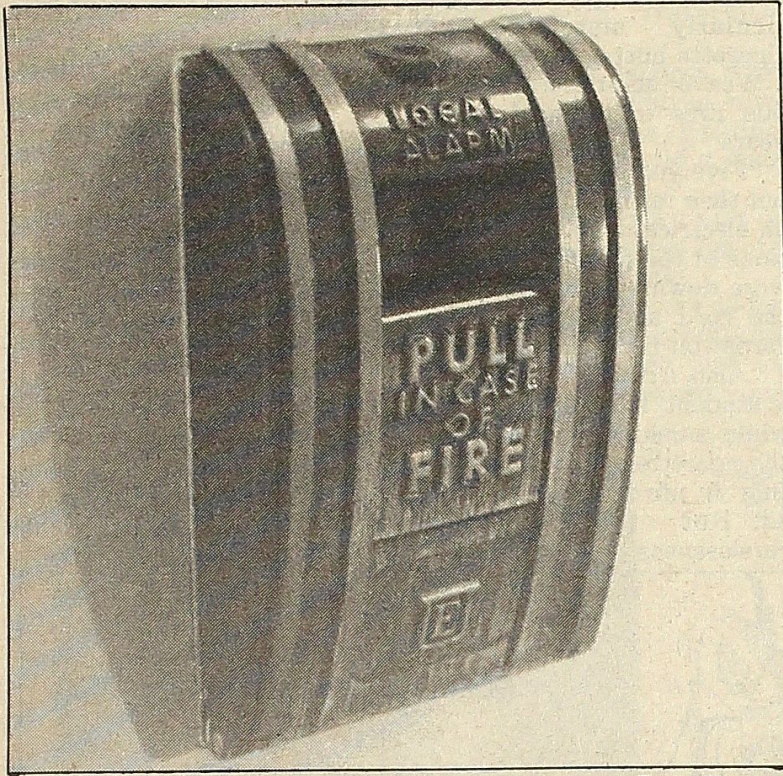


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Recent fires have prompted safety precautions.

### Campus safety

## Police Chief is to address congress

By Becky Dine  
Staff Writer

The Alma chief of police will be speaking to students about safety this week, Student Congress President Chip Hardwick announced at Wednesday's meeting.

"In light of the recent attacks on campus, I think this talk would be good for everyone to hear," said Hardwick.

"Campus safety is a very important issue. I think the Chief of Police will have many good suggestions for members of the campus community," Hardwick said.

The police chief will be speaking at an open meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Congress meetings are officially changed to 7 p.m., beginning Wednesday.

The change reflects members' desire to end meetings earlier in the evening and cut down on wasted time between dinner and the meeting, said Congress member Richard Renner, who made the proposal.

Student Congress officers announced they will recommend approval of the *Almanian's* budget request for 1988-89. *The Almanian* requested \$22,911, an increase of \$535.

Other organizations' budgets, funded by the Student Activities Tax, will present budget requests in up-

coming weeks.

The President's Advisory Committee reported retention rates have improved greatly since the implementation of the Enrollment Task Force Committee in 1981.

According to the Task Force Committee, its studies show activities such as Orchesis and Greek organizations have contributed to retention, giving students a sense of unity and closeness.

Applications for Union Board president are now available in the ACUB office. Students may pick up applications for other ACUB positions Feb. 29.

Students interested in interviewing for positions as general manager of WABM, editor of the *Almanian*, *Scotsman* or *Vespine* should submit a letter of application and resume to the Student Affairs Office by March 1. Applications for each position will then be available.

Orientation Committee applications are due Friday.

According to Dean of Students Jim Kridler, 46 students have applied for resident assistant positions. Thirty-one of these applicants will be interviewed for an estimated 14 openings, Kridler said.

The Student Congress maintains a balance of \$372.87 in the treasury.

Student Congress conducts open meetings every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in AC 113.

By Dave Engelman  
Staff Writer

Following an incinerator room fire two weeks ago—the second fire in Bruske this year—campus authorities increased fire safety precautions.

The most recent fire in North Bruske occurred in the first-floor incinerator room.

According to Physical Plant Director Bob Weaver, an unidentified person put lighted material down the garbage chute, but investigators were unable to determine what started the fire.

"It could've been a cigarette butt that wasn't extinguished; it could've been accidental or intentional. At this point we don't know," said Weaver.

The smoke alarm went off at

approximately 2:30 a.m. and the building was evacuated.

After resident assistants (R.A.s) unsuccessfully searched for the fire, students were allowed into the building, said

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—Bob Weaver

Bruske head resident Linda Harleston.

Senior Jamie Clancy opened the door to the incinerator room and spotted the fire, Harleston said. The building was evacuated for a second time.

All fire protection equipment worked properly, said Weaver. The smoke alarm went off, the sprinkler heads in the incinerator room ex-

tinguished the fire and the drafting mechanism in the trash chute took all the smoke out of the building.

Weaver also complimented the students, R.A.s and Harleston for each doing their part in evacuating the building and notifying security and the fire department.

Students were evacuated from Bruske in September while an overloaded washing machine belt smoldered. Proper washing instructions were posted in laundry rooms following the incident.

Administrators are discussing fire prevention measures for all residences.

"Students must be aware that the incinerator doors on the floors are actual fire doors. They should be closed at all

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## Freshmen and transfer applications increasing

By Lisa S. Donahue  
Managing Editor

The number of students applying to the college for fall admission has increased considerably in comparison to past years, according to Director of Admissions David Groff.

As of Friday, the total number of applicants for both freshmen and transfer students was at 826, as compared to only 718 at this time last year and 671 at the same time in 1986.

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—Sally Bowen

reasons for the increase," said Associate Director of Admissions Sally Bowen.

Bowen cited an article which appeared in *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the factors contributing to the increase. The article placed Alma in a tie for third place among liberal arts colleges in the Midwest.

"We've had a number of people say that they've seen the article," she said.

Bowen said she believed the magazine exposure informed people outside the Great Lakes area about Alma and offered a clear picture of its academic atmosphere.

Large numbers of early applicants are apparently not unique to Alma, however.

"People are generally getting their applications in early," Bowen said, explaining early deadlines set by some

state schools are partially responsible for the change.

In addition, Bowen said students are sending more applications than in previous years.

"We may simply be getting

more applications earlier," she said because of these trends.

"When this all comes down to the bottom line, we may find that we don't have the in-

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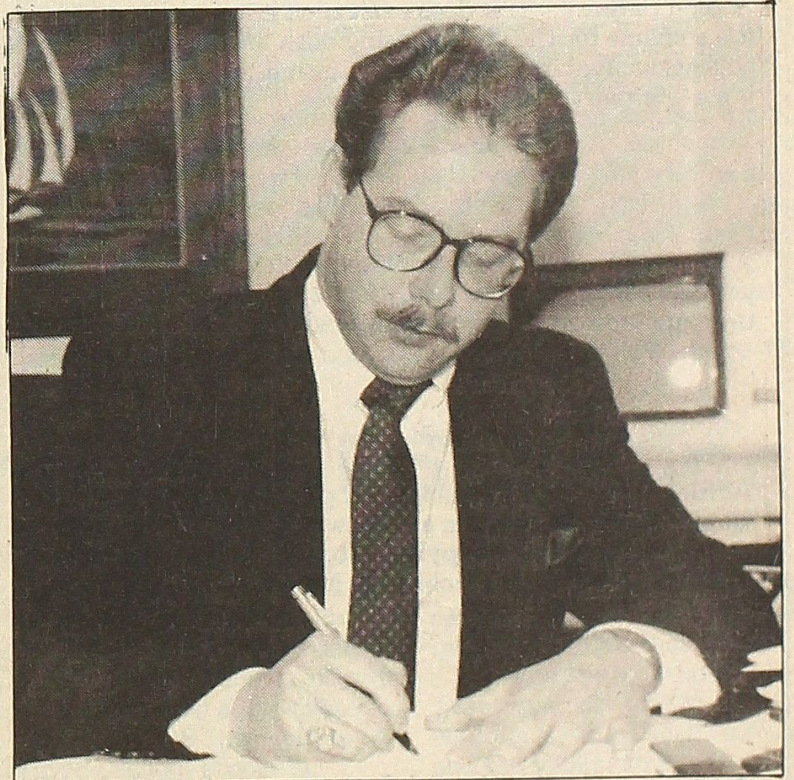


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Director of Admissions David Groff

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# News

## Campus Comment

By: Steve Hoffmann

Staff Writer

**Q: Do you believe plagiarism in any form exists or is a common problem on the Alma Campus? Why or why not?**

A. Jim Nelson: "Yes because I know people that do it. If one can't do his own work now, what's he going to do when he can't copy off anyone else? You don't learn anything by copying others' work."

A. Karen Horwood: "I've heard of it, but as a freshman I haven't been that exposed to it. The professors warn against it everytime we write a paper and explain that it's illegal and that we will be punished for it. I don't really think its a problem."

A. Chris Case: "Not with me. I consider it a shameful and dishonorable activity. I believe it also considerably deteriorates from the validity of the degree that the plagiarist receives."

A. Kristin Stahlbush: "It must be a problem because we were warned against it more this term. I know my professors have mentioned it a lot."

A. Tim Carbary: "If it does exist then it's a problem and it's a shame for the person losing both intellectually and educationally; but I've never run into it so I don't think it's a big hairy deal."

A. Theresa Fabus: "No, I think the professors make a bigger deal out of it then it really is. I think in a lot of cases they underestimate the student's ability."

A. Rich Rife: "The typical form of plagiarism does not exist as far as copying from a book without giving credit to the author. However copying between students is quite common, but not a big problem as it's merely trading ideas and not actual verbatim."

A. Bronwen Heath: "Yes, I do because a lot of people don't realize their plagiarizing when they borrow little phrases of other peoples work. If more people knew how it was defined, then it wouldn't be done so much."

A. John Michaud: "I don't personally find it as a common problem, but I believe that it's a commonly practiced thing in many forms on this campus as well as others. Many people don't fully understand all the different forms of plagiarism."

## Fire

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times in case of fire in the incinerator room," said Harleston.

Following a fire or false alarm, security comes to check the scene and reset the alarms, Harleston said. A report is filed the following day to make sure the alarms are not malfunctioning, she added.

Fire drills are a requirement at least once a semester, said Harleston, but "up until this point in Bruske, we have not planned a fire drill because we haven't had the need."

As a result of everyone in Bruske doing their part during the last fire, no damage resulted, "other than disrupted sleep," said Weaver.

He also outlined precautions students can take to help prevent fires.

Trash accumulation in dorm rooms should be minimized and no open flames should be

in rooms, he said.

Weaver added no heating devices are allowed in room aside from hot pots and popcorn poppers.

Students should also take caution with items thrown down incinerator chutes, particularly matches and cigarette butts.

Weaver also described campus fires in dorms in past years.

"Five years ago, a student put their refrigerator on top of an electrical cord. The vibrations of the fridge eventually wore down the insulation on the cord and it caught the carpet on fire," he said.

"Also, a couple of years ago a student fell asleep in bed while smoking and dropped the cigarette on the carpet setting it afire," Weaver added. "But this is just carelessness."

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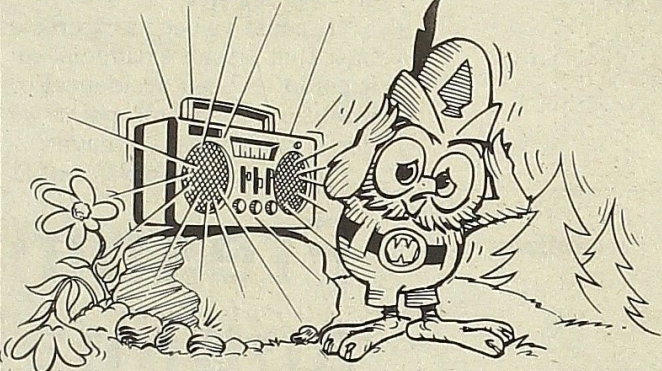
crease in matriculance that it appears we'll have now," Bowen said.

"At this point," Groff said, "the size of the class is hard to predict."

Bowen said the college received a greater percentage of out-of-state applications, especially from Illinois and Ohio, than in past years.


"The staff has been here long enough to offer experienced, consistent contact," with out-of-state prospects, she said.

Bowen said she believed the increase in out-of-state applicants is a positive sign and active out-of-state recruiting is something the college intends to continue.



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## Media head positions open

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## Frat talk

# No alcohol is no problem for non-drinkers

By Dave Engelman  
Staff Writer

"To drink or not to drink?" becomes an important question to Alma students on weekends.

Three non-drinking fraternity members offered their views on the subject of alcohol and its use or abuse at Alma.

Many students have stated abstention from alcohol in-

terferes with fraternity traditions.

However, sophomore Kirk Miller, who is involved with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity, said it does not interfere at all.

"I can be as much a part of our traditions without having to drink," Miller said.

"Alcohol is not such a major part of fraternity traditions that you can't get just as much out of them as everyone

else by not drinking," said senior Chip Hardwick, also an SAE.

Still, the non-drinking stance is "out of the ordinary" in Greek circles, said Ken Craig, a sophomore Sigma Chi (EX) member.

"Most frat members expect you to drink and it does take a while for them to get used to you not drinking," Craig said.

According to Craig, drinking is common place and not

only accepted, but expected.

The fraternity brothers "respect my choice and there is really no pressure at all to drink," said Miller. "With some minor exceptions, we decided as a pledge class to

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—Kirk Miller

not drink at all. It really doesn't figure into our pledge program."

Proud of his choice to not drink during pledging, Hardwick said he couldn't say alcohol wasn't available.

"If I didn't want to drink, it didn't matter. With the structure of our pledge program, there weren't that many opportunities to drink," he said.

Hardwick said other frater-

nity members were very tolerant of his decision, although they didn't necessarily understand it.

"They don't understand that I can have fun without drinking. People make jokes saying, 'Oh, he'll be drunk before he graduates.' I'm comfortable doing what I'm doing," Hardwick said.

"When someone is uncomfortable (with their decision to not drink), they may be more pressured to do so because others can sense this," he added.

Craig's decision not to drink caused him no problems during pledging, but it did take a

while for his fraternity brothers to accept the idea. Both Craig and Hardwick agreed that there is more pressure on fraternity members to drink than on their sorority counterparts.

"Girls don't have big parties as much," said Craig. Hardwick added alcohol often supplies a macho image for men.

"Some people think that girls who drink a lot are unladylike, so there's a double standard there," he continued.

According to each of the three men, people should question "Why do you drink?" instead of "Why do you not drink?"

Each of non-drinkers offered reasons for their individual choices.

"It's my choice not to drink," said Miller. "(Fraternity members) always ask other

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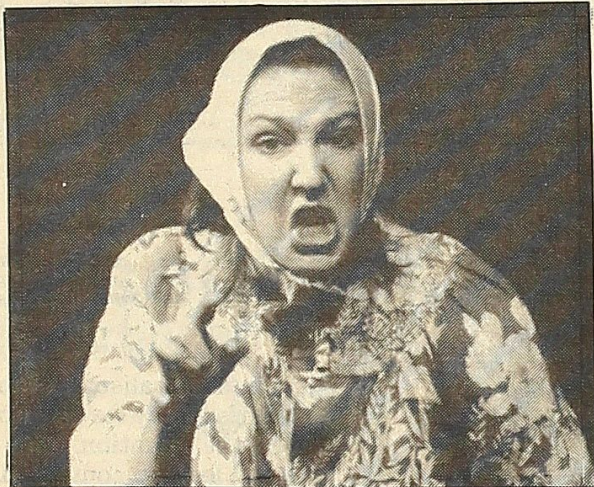
"Why? Because I don't like the taste of it. If you don't like it, why drink it?" said Craig.

He added, "I could get over the taste, but I like to have fun and remember having fun. I don't see the point in passing out or throwing-up. If drinking is done in excess, it's a problem."

However, Craig said he can understand drinking in moderation to relax and unwind.

Hardwick added another

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photos by Robin Roller

## Three Girls Live

Three Girls Live, a comedy team from Minneapolis, Minnesota, performed in Dow Auditorium Saturday night at 9 p.m. With skits ranging from *Iron World* (left) to *Love Your Private Parts* (below), the trio was sponsored by Union Board.



# Colleges to be chosen for mass AIDS testing

CPS— U.S Surgeon General C. Everett Koop wants to test every student of a major American university this spring to ascertain the prevalence of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) on college campuses.

Many students and several college health officials, however, said it's a bad idea.

"Why would we want to do this?" asked Dr. Richard J. Schuch, the University of Illinois-Chicago student health director.

"I'd rather deal with the risks at hand. We should be worried about getting decent condom ads on television and addressing the issue of safe sex. Why waste money on this stuff?" he added.

The tests, other critics said, wouldn't reveal much about college incidents of AIDS.

Testing students at a

California university, they said, reveals little about the AIDS prevalence at other schools.

"I don't think you can generalize," said Rutgers University Health Education

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—Fern Goodhart

Director Fern Goodhart.

Health officials warned college students are at prime risk to contract AIDS because of their general sexual promiscuity.

AIDS is a fatal virus spread through intervenous needles, contaminated blood products and sexual contact with an AIDS carrier.

However, the money to test students, Schuch said, "would be better spent on educational

purposes."

"I'm offended that kids are exposed to thousands of hours of violence and sex on television and we can't get the networks to run a decent condom ad or a safe sex spot," Schuch said.

Koop, who announced the plan Jan. 27 at a London conference on AIDS, has yet to choose a university, though he said he would like to study a 25,000-student urban campus where the mass testing would be part of a 1-day "gala" focused on AIDS prevention.

Testing would be done anonymously, Koop said, and those taking part would not be told the results.

Students who did not wish to participate in the testing would not be required to do so, he added.

Koop's past anti-AIDS efforts have also drawn fire,

especially from other Reagan administration officials.

Secretary of Education William Bennet objected to Koop's endorsement of safe sex practices and wishes to teach AIDS prevention to grade school students.

Bennet said he wants AIDS education to begin in high school and to stress abstinence and monogamy as the best ways to avoid AIDS.

*"We should be worried about...addressing the issue of safe sex."*

Dr. Richard J. Schuch

This policy, according to policy critics (including Koop), is both fanciful and unrealistic.

While Schuch said he admires Koop's past anti-AIDS efforts, he said this one

"doesn't make sense."

Testing all students on a single campus "raises a lot of questions," Goodhart said.

She said she is "troubled by questions of privacy that could arise from such testing and the public ramifications of testing one school."

Fears that the chosen school might have students who have acquired the disease could drive some students to transfer and others not to apply there, Goodhart said.

The college could also have trouble getting insurance.

"I have a lot of problems with the way the government handles AIDS," added Illinois-Chicago student government President Laurie Paul.

Her school is considering mandatory AIDS tests, she

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# Editorial

## Who's to blame for low grades?

The class of 1991 has been breaking records all over the place this year.

On the one hand, the members of the class combine to make up Alma's largest freshmen class in six years, with 330 students enrolled in September. However, the class is also responsible for the lowest freshmen grades in the past eight years.

Is there a connection? At first, many people tried to blame the class' poor performance on the admissions staff. After all, they must have lowered their standards in order to let in such a large number of students, right?

Wrong. In fact, quite the contrary is true, with the average formula score of this year's entering freshman being a few tenths of a percentage point higher than last year's. (The formula score takes into account the student's ACT composite score, the high school the student attended, the courses taken and the student's sex.)

Another accusation was that the college admitted more students by exception this past fall and that this fact explains the lower average grades.

Wrong again. Though a greater number of students were admitted by exception, the percentage of students so admitted was no greater than in past years.

*Face it, folks. The freshman class' performance can be blamed on no one but the members of the class themselves.*

Furthermore, those students admitted by exception performed comparably with past groups.

Also bearing some blame for the glowering grades were the faculty members.

After all, since it is the instructors who are responsible for making sure that students learn, they must be at fault in some way for the poor performance of these freshmen.

Once again, this theory isn't very plausible. This year's instructional staff—though some of the faces are new—is virtually the same as last year's. Therefore, this line of reasoning doesn't apply unless a majority have changed teaching styles. Unlikely.

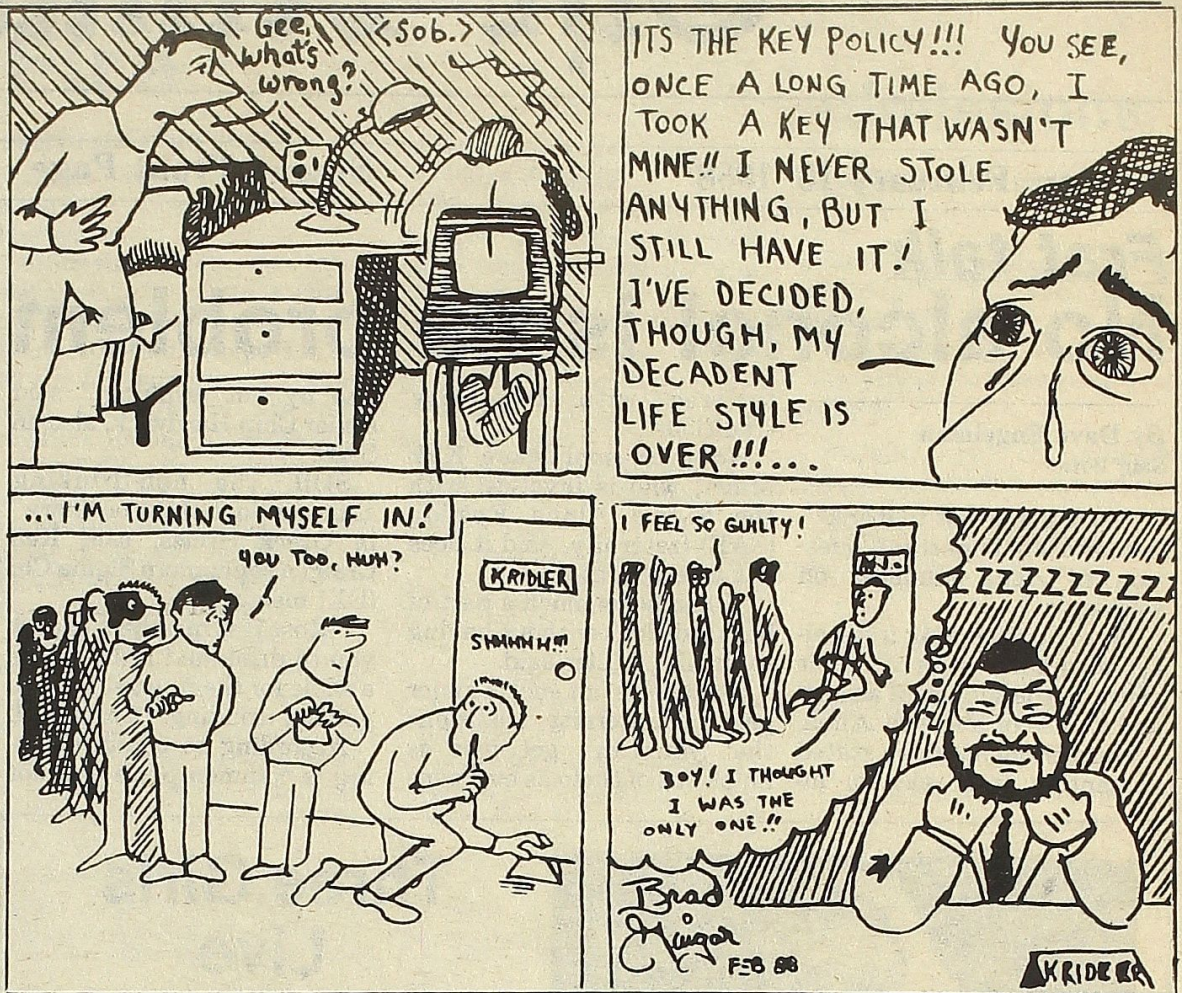
Face it, folks. The freshman class' performance can be blamed on no one but the members of the class themselves.

Perhaps, as the registrar's office suggested earlier in the year, lower class attendance has had something to do with the deficient grades. Or, possibly, this year's freshmen simply aren't putting forth enough effort in their classes.

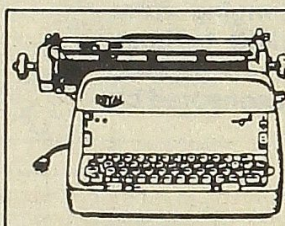
There has been much criticism on this campus, both this year and in the past, that though we are adults, the students of this college are not treated as such by the faculty, staff and administration. We suggest that Alma's students start practicing what they preach and take responsibility for their own behavior. And what better place to start than with this year's freshman class?

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## Mid-East cries for peace



### Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The nature and forms of conflicts in the Middle East are strikingly complex and peculiar.

At the risk of oversimplification, they can be shown as: Arabs vs. Israelis, Iranians vs. Iraqis, Israelis vs. Iranians, Arabs vs. Arabs, Fundamentalists vs. Socialists of Capitalists, Fundamentalists vs. Fundamentalists, Clergy vs. Secularists, etc.

These conflicts contain elements of history, culture, ethnicity, religion and nationality—an odd conglomeration of virtually inseparable and yet insoluble ingredients.

For politicians, this is an arena of rough texture and for the unfortunates and dispensables, it is certainly not a smooth and loose political fabric.

In the midst of all this, the Middle East cries out for peace and solution.

Out of the recent turmoil, wrote Anthony Lewis (*New York Times*, Feb 4), has come a moment of opportunity. Israeli and Palestinian leaderships should move in the direction of positive talk of what could be and must be done as opposed to years of negative talk of what ought not to be done.

The following sets of conditions that seem to have led to the upbeat feelings regarding the present standoff are incredibly unique:

(1) The Israeli government is in a state of ineptitude and it is not at all clear how long

it can cope with burgeoning pressures of local Palestinians demanding autonomy. Some kind of unilateral action on the part of Israeli government with regard to the West Bank and Gaza's autonomy seems inescapable and in order. (2) Super powers have in principle expressed their willingness to embrace the idea of an international conference.

(3) Fundamentalism, which is on the rise, may further complicate the situation.

(4) Arab leaders convinced of the indispensability of secure and recognized borders for Israel, appear to be willing to convert talks into genuine diplomacy in the hope of altering significantly this unpleasant and uneasy situation.

But then again all this might be a plodding inventory of the familiar, which is to say every once in a while the Middle East goes through a cycle of horrible violence and egregious violations of human rights just to pass unnoticed

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# Opinion

## No surprises for Democrats

# Iowa separates winners from losers

The results poured in from the Iowa caucuses last Monday, prompting a great sigh of relief heard round the world. The people had been pounded for weeks with predictions, prognostications and pontifications regarding the possibility and implications of various outcomes. Monday mercifully ushered in the end of all such nonsense.

We will now be treated to a new sort of nonsense as the pundits' analyses and hind-sights tell us what we already know.

What do the results from Iowa tell us as far as the Democrats are concerned? Probably not too much. But in the interest of political enlightenment, which is so necessary in the insulated con-

finer of our bubble, I give you my humble opinion.

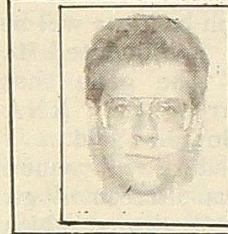
Richard Gephardt won, but hardly going away. His protectionist overtures played well in a state heavily dependent on government protection for its continued economic well being. Farming is not the most remunerative way to make a living these days, and Smilin' Dick said all the right words to these embattled corn growers, so his victory is not a shock.

Paul Simon's second certainly surprised me, and more

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than a few others as well. He probably gained the most when compared with the other top finishers. He added a certain amount of credibility from this exercise, and more people will now be forced to take him seriously.

Michael Dukakis's third place finish was not so far



**Joel Kimball**

behind Gephardt as to cause him any sleepless nights. His Reaganesque campaign of "Gee, look what I did in my state" played well enough to keep him in the race, and New Hampshire promises to be even more receptive to his platform.

Thus none of the top three gained or lost much. They have become separated from the rest of the dwarves a bit, but there's a long way to go.

The rest of the crew have a somewhat tougher row to hoe (pun clearly intended), however, as a result of the, in some cases, humiliating defeat they suffered.

Clearly the most crushing blow was delivered to Gary Hart's quixotic (some would say masochistic) run for the

Rose Garden. It's about time his futile campaign ground to an unceremonious halt. He can now sit down, shut up, and quit bothering the real contenders.

Media darling Bruce Babbitt finished about where most (except for the press and TV folks who loved him) figured he would: right near the bottom. He's history, as is Al Gore, most likely.

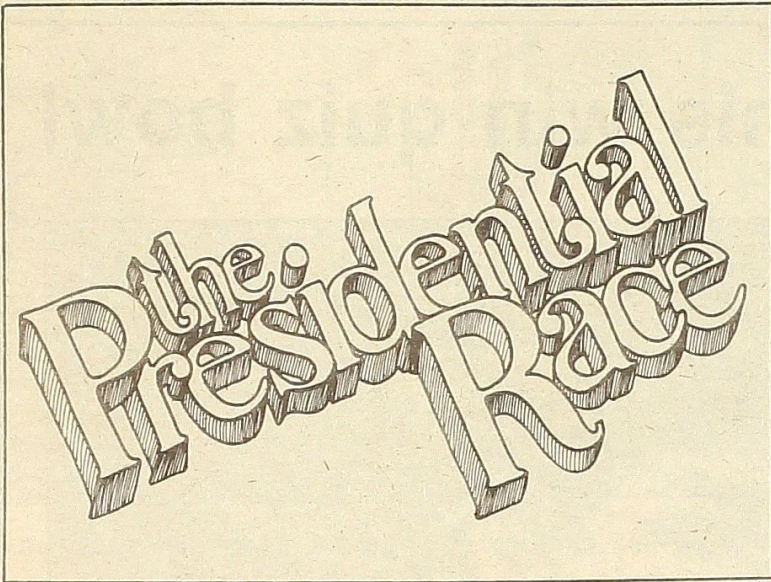
Jesse Jackson's small percentage of support was

*Jackson can go sit down and shut up with Hart, with my blessing.*

touted as some type of victory by the TV commentators I watched, but I'm frankly glad his empty rhetoric didn't sway more than a few to support him when it counted.

This man is not "unelectable" because he's black. He ought not to be taken seriously because he is nothing but a bag of wind with no governmental experience who hasn't the foggiest idea of how to successfully run this country. He's been cut a great deal of slack because he is black, and no one wants to offend him. Would a white minister be taken as seriously spouting the same gibberish and nonsense as Jackson? (Who said, "Pat Robertson?") Hardly. Jackson can go sit down and shut up with Hart, with my blessing.

Iowa doesn't mean much, but as Tom Brokaw said, it does give some definition to the race. Babbitt, Gore, Hart and Jackson can be counted out. Simon deserves another look, and Gephardt and Dukakis came out about where they were expected.



## Republican caucuses

# Dole wins popularity contest



**Robert Henry**

If the Iowa caucus is some great predictor of which candidate will get the Republican nomination for President, Bob Dole seems to be the lucky guy. But I'm not convinced that the caucus results actually carry that much weight.

The media hype that Iowa is the "be-all and end-all" of American politics is an overt misuse of media coverage of the Presidential race.

Newspapers and television networks undermine the political race by spending a disproportionate amount of time discussing the candidates: the winners are exalted; the losers ignored or scoffed at.

*But I'm not convinced that the caucus results carry that much weight.*

I am no Republican—nor am I a Democrat for that matter—so I may have nothing worthwhile to say to voters with strong political allegiance to either party.

I, instead, would like to take this opportunity to evaluate the Republican politics and politicians from a moderate point of view and to make some observations about the effect that the media has on them.

Behind Dole, the caucus placed Pat Robertson and George Bush respectively, a

significant blow to Bush according to the press.

I personally would not endorse Bush, but I also would not rule him out as a possible nominee.

However, the coverage of Bush's loss in Iowa (and specifically his coming in third behind Robertson) affects his campaign in other states. Voters outside Iowa will ask themselves, "Why should I vote for someone in third place? I want the best candidate."

Perhaps my illustration is simple, but it is one of the consequences of over-emphasizing the results from Iowa.

Bush's media "attention"—from Iowa to the Rather incident—may keep him from making much progress elsewhere, regardless of any political worth he may have.

The big surprise in Iowa was Pat Robertson, who ended up second in the caucuses between the dueling B's, Bob and Bush.

Robertson seems qualified to lead an evangelistic ministry, but his qualifications for the Presidency continually elude my understanding. His supporters favor his stands on abortion, free enterprise, and prayer in school, and while I do not chide his stance on moral or religious issues, it is not enough to have such convictions. So far, I'm not satisfied that he can run this

country any better than Dole or Bush.

Robertson lacks significant political experience necessary to hold the most influential and important political office—though that description may be less true today than two centuries ago.

His victory over Bush

*New Hampshire will be more difficult for Dole, who is currently behind Bush, but gaining due to his Iowa win.*

should be neither overemphasized nor underestimated. Robertson does have a strong following, and if he does well in New Hampshire and S. Dakota, he will remain in the top three for the Republican

nomination.

Robert Dole's victory in Iowa, by contrast, was not much of a surprise. He has been somewhat hindered by the "combat" with Bush, but that seemed to be minimally felt.

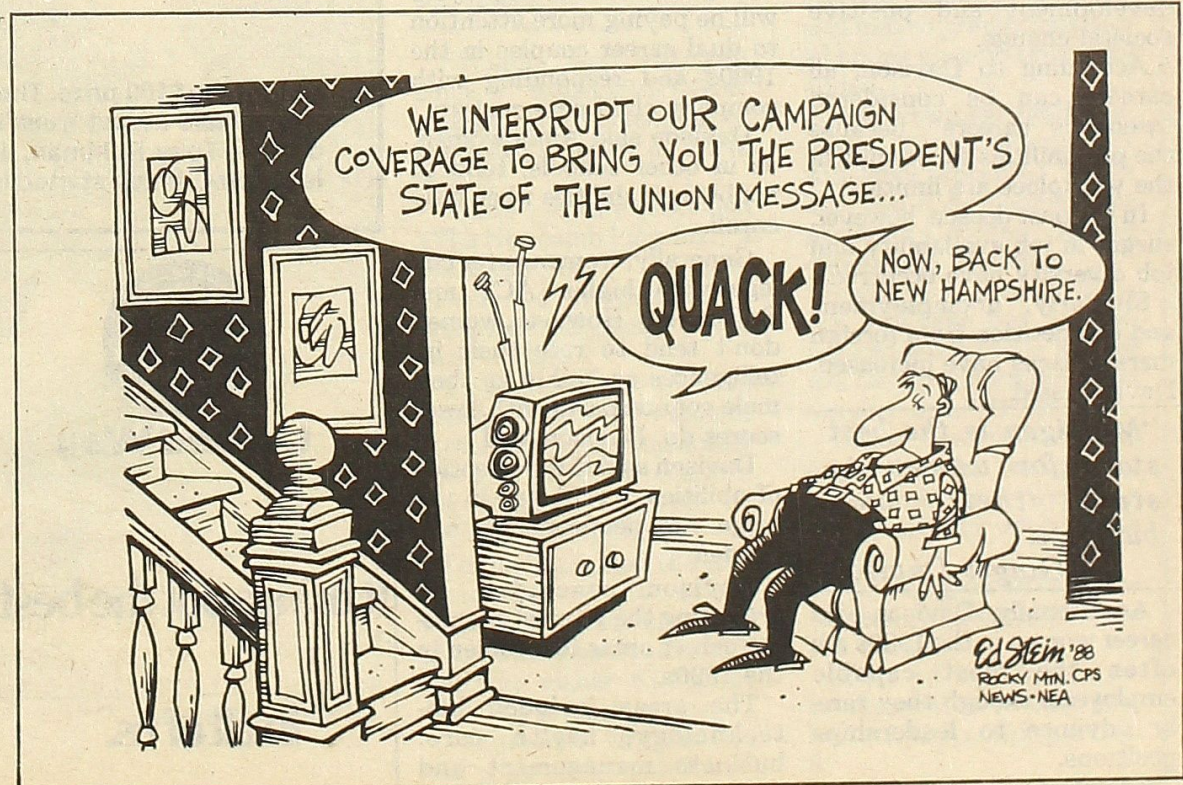
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I believe Dole represents American political interests better than the other Republicans. He offers "a package deal" with his wife, Elizabeth, whom he considers to be the family leader.

The Republicans who finished below third—Kemp, du Pont and Haig—not only lost in the caucus but also lost in the media coverage.

As the "losers" they are not  
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# Feature

## Chemistry prof receives research grant

By John Heinlein  
Feature Editor

David Bourgaize, professor of biochemistry, recently received notification that his proposal for a \$75,000 research grant was approved by the federal government.

A continuation of research he began in graduate school, Bourgaize's project will be funded over a three-year period by the National Institute of Health.

"The research involves protein synthesis in bacteria," Bourgaize said.

According to Bourgaize, the experiment will examine the function of an RNA molecule within an intestinal bacteria called *E. coli*.

"We're trying to damage, alter or remove the molecule from the cell and see what goes wrong," Bourgaize said.

The *E. coli* bacteria will be chemically manipulated to "shut off" the gene that manufactures the RNA molecule, Bourgaize said.

The procedure will require purchasing an ultracentrifuge, a "very fast" device which

*"The research involves protein synthesis in bacteria."*

*Dave Bourgaize*

uses centrifugal force to separate substances of different densities to make them pure, Bourgaize said.

Bourgaize said the \$45,000 piece of equipment is necessary "because the smaller something is, the faster you have to spin it to make it pure."

The ultracentrifuge will be funded equally through the grant and the college.

Bourgaize said students will be assisting him with the research.

"Hopefully two students will work with me each summer," Bourgaize said, "as well as several students during the school year."

Bourgaize said the research is "pure basic research. We are trying to discover how nature works."

According to Bourgaize,

"We will certainly be able to figure out something before the three-year grant is up."

Before he entered graduate school, Bourgaize said scientists knew no more about the RNA molecule than it existed.

While in graduate school, Bourgaize said his research "found that it (the molecule) is involved in protein synthesis."

"We also discovered what part of the protein synthesis

process it is involved in," he added.

Bourgaize said the grant is important to the college in that it will "facilitate future grants."

"Alma College is at a stage where there is a push to improve the sciences," Bourgaize said.

"Obtaining a grant like this will validate Alma in the eyes of others," he added.

## Women forced to be entrepreneurs

By Elizabeth Burchill  
Staff Writer

Speaking for Alma's chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Ginger Davison, assistant director of placement and career planning, discussed "Women's

forced to become entrepreneurs out of necessity simply because they never rise to the upper echelon in their companies or corporations as men do," Davison said.

"Luckily, Michigan is the best state for women to start their own business," she added.

Davison also predicted the

*"A lot of women are forced to become entrepreneurs."*

*—Ginger Davison*

Work/Women's Worth: Careers' Monday evening.

AAUW is a nationwide association for men and women who have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

AAUW promotes equality for women in education; self-development and positive societal change.

According to Davison, all careers can be considered "women's careers" because the possibilities for women in the workplace are limitless.

In the past decade, however, surges in job availability and job diversity have occurred.

Similarly, unemployment and competition from foreign marketplaces have increased, Davison said.

*"Michigan is the best state for women to start their own business."*

*—Ginger Davison*

Additionally, Davison said career women in the 1980s are often the most capable employees, though they rarely advance to leadership positions.

"A lot of women today are

job market trends of the 1990s.

According to Davison, educators are encouraging elementary and junior high school girls to examine all potential careers rather than traditionally female careers.

Davison added employers will be paying more attention to dual career couples in the 1990s and responding with company child care centers.

Davison said Alma women, as in other schools, tend to doubt their abilities when they enroll.

Generally, women enter college with higher ACT and SAT scores. However, women don't tend to rate their intelligences as highly as their male counterparts with lower scores do, Davison said.

Davison said this perception of abilities is reflected in the wage war between men and women.

Davison concluded by predicting the 10 most promising career areas for women in the 1990s.

The areas included biotechnology, health care, business management and veterinary medicine.

## Theta Chis win quiz bowl

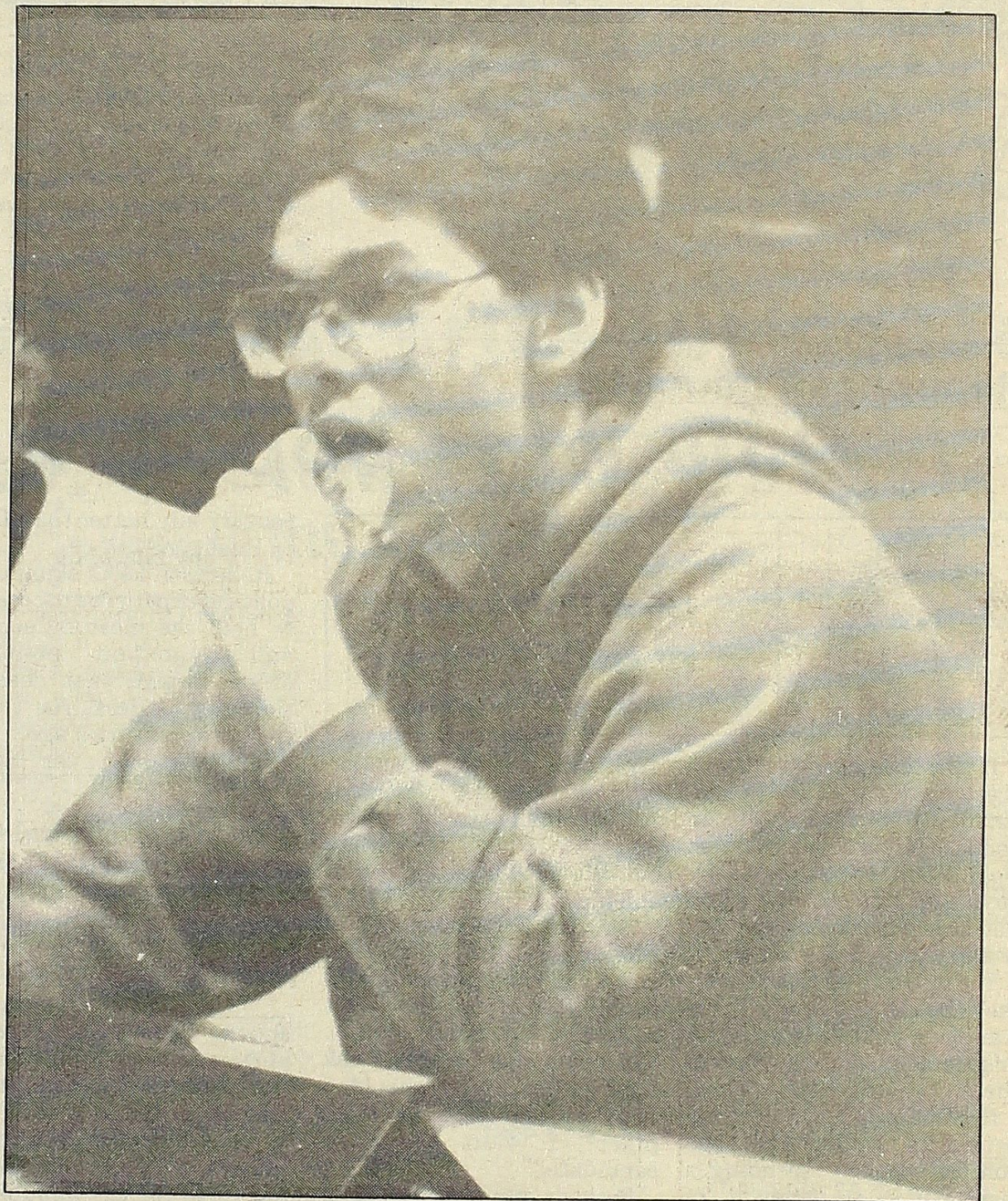


photo by Todd Klesert

Taking the \$100 prize, Theta Chi team number 2 defeated the Bruskevites in the Quiz Bowl finals at last week's Common Hour. Members of the winning team included captain Tony Ruhlman, Jamie Clancy, Andrew Dalian and Amy McIntyre. The college bowl, which started in January, was sponsored by the Alma College Union Board.



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## Calendar

### Tuesday, February 16

- Visiting Mathematicians, AC 113, 8 p.m.
- ACUB Video Night "China Syndrome," VanDusen Fireside, 9 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 17

- Mid-Term/Last Day to Add 2nd Seven Week Class
- Poetry Reading by Lee Upton—Reception to follow, Jones, 4 p.m.

### Thursday, February 18

- Begin 2nd 7 weeks
- Common Hour-Model UN Demonstration by Alma College Students, AC 113, 11:30 a.m.
- Kiltie Band Winter Concert, Chapel, 7 p.m.
- Cellist Lois Palen (Co-cur), Chapel, 8 p.m.

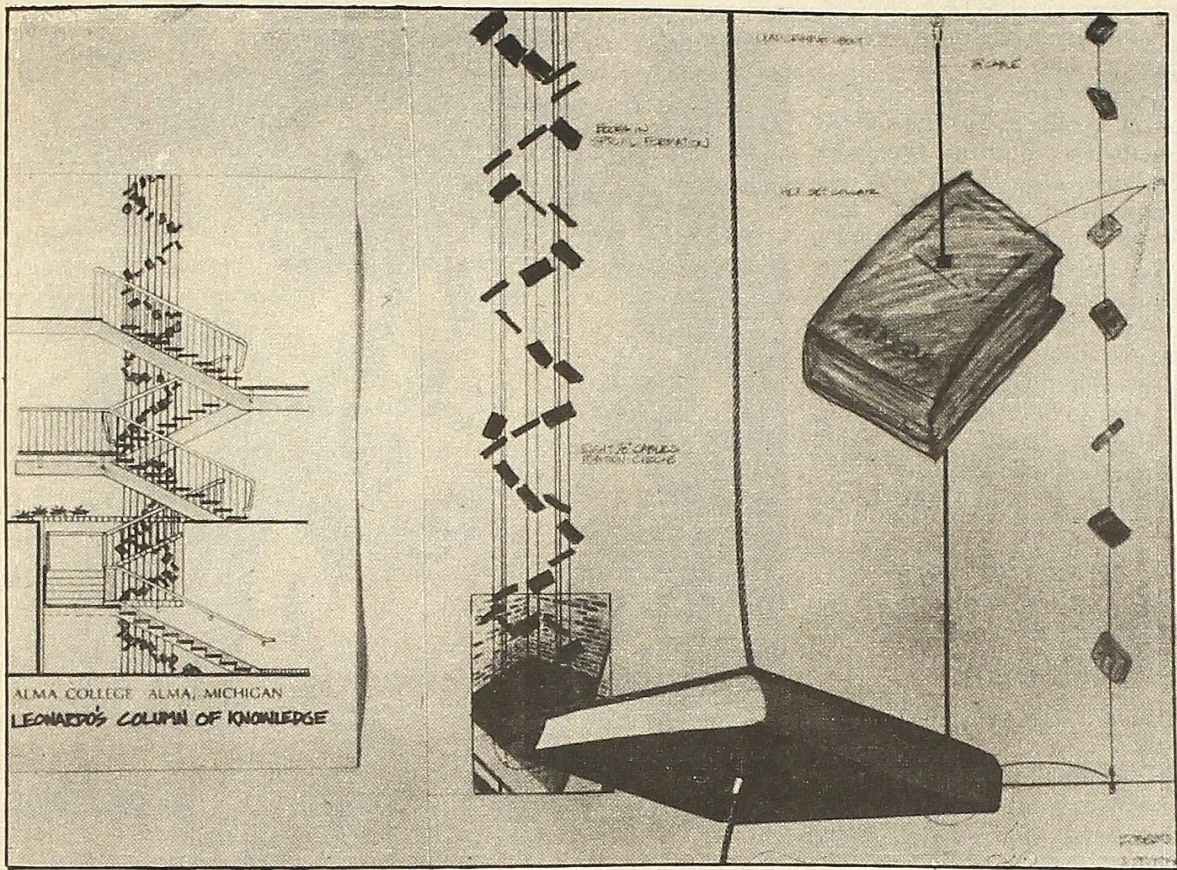
### Saturday, February 20

- WINTER TERM RECESS BEGINS



# Entertainment

## Salas' sculpture commissioned for library



A model of the winning sculpture of the Alma College National Sculpture Contest

By John Heinlein  
Feature Editor

Featuring books suspended from the ceiling to the ground on wire cables, the winning sculpture of the Alma College National Sculpture Contest was chosen Feb. 6. Titled "Leonardo's Column of Knowledge," the sculpture, by artist Roberto Salas, was

*"...the piece uses things grabbed right from the environment."*  
—Robert Rozier

chosen to be permanently displayed in the stairwell area of Montieth Library. "Basically, the piece uses things grabbed right from its environment," said Clack Gallery Director Bob Rozier. The books will be "strung up on the cables in a circular path" resembling a helix, Rozier said.

"From a distance it will look like (the books) are flowing—it will represent the flow of knowledge libraries stand for," he added.

Chosen from 43 entries from 20 states, the piece was selected by Juror Jan Van der Marck, Curator of Modern Art at the Detroit Institute of Art.

According to Rozier, "the juror felt good about the piece for a number of reasons."

Rozier said Van der Marck was interested in the piece because the manner in which it related to the site.

"He also found it to be an aesthetically pleasing to look at," Rozier said.

Rozier also said the piece is

appropriate because it resembles the brickwork found in the stairwell area.

"The bricks are arranged horizontally and vertically," Rozier said. This is similar to the arrangement of "cable and book, cable and book."

Salas will be receiving a \$5,000 commission to create the sculpture, which will be dedicated Sept. 15.

The cables used will be "spring-loaded" so the piece will be able to respond to the expansion and contraction of the library, Rozier said.

According to Rozier, "the piece could be viewed as controversial because it's not what we would traditionally view as sculpture."

"When we think about it, however, it becomes clear the piece is appropriate and makes a lot of sense and the idea is quite profound," Rozier said.

Students may be given the opportunity to become involved with the project by donating books.

*"I think the winning piece is gutsy; it's not typical."*  
—Robert Rozier

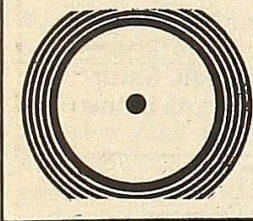
"I think visually the artist will select colors (of books) that will be aesthetically beautiful in the space," Rozier said.

According to Rozier, Salas, who received his master of fine arts from the San Francisco Art Institute, "is a young artist with a good reputation."

In addition to having install-

see ART page 10

## Despite talent, Oldfield releases shallow album



John Jacobson

By John Jacobson  
Staff Writer

Mike Oldfield  
Islands  
Virgin Records America

Even though you think you have never heard of Mike Oldfield, chances are you've heard his music.

He arrived on the music scene in the early 1970s, pioneering the possibilities of multi-track recording and larger than life instrumentation.

On *Tubular Bells*, he played nearly all the instruments including glockenspiel, a multitude of guitars, keyboards and percussion instruments. He produced the album himself as well.

Apart from music which he has written for commercials, he is probably best known for his soundtrack to the movie "The Exorcist."

Following a short break from music, he's back again with *Islands*, a half instrumental and half vocal release.

Side one contains "Wind Chimes, Part I and II." Part I is a prelude-like piece that sounds like Vangelis in the instrumentation and melody.

The simple diatonic melody is supported by very spacey, open electronic and acoustic sounds.

Part II is more typical of

Oldfield. It is a 20-minute sonic excursion with a sort of Wagnerian seamlessness. The style and instrumenta-

tion change rapidly without a break or any hint of direction in the piece.

I hesitate to say stream of conscience composing, but there is no sense of progression or tension in the piece.

When the climax arrives, it doesn't serve as a climax to anything but rather, is simply a way to end the piece.

What is heard along the way  
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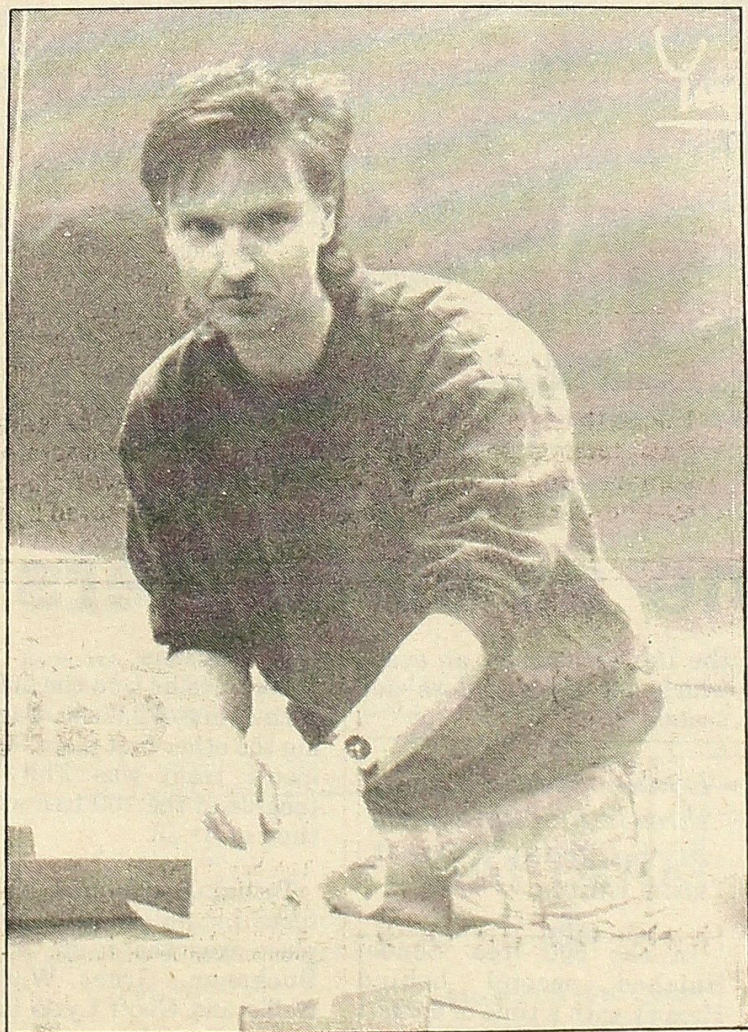


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Nick Dixon

## Dixon discusses paradoxical query

By John Heinlein  
Feature Editor

"Which box will you choose?" asked Nick Dixon, professor of philosophy, at last week's Friday at Three forum.

Nixon's lecture described "The Newcomb Paradox," a philosophical puzzle discussed in Scientific American magazine in the early 1970s.

Two boxes were presented to forum attendees—one containing \$50 and the other containing "either \$1,000 or nothing," said Dixon.

Dixon explained the problem solver is asked whether it is more beneficial to take only box one (which contains either \$1,000 or nothing) or both boxes.

"Now let's suppose we add a powerful predictor"

to the situation Dixon said.

"This predictor has studied human behavior and makes predictions based on his observations," he added.

Dixon said the predictor, who is 100 percent accurate, will have placed \$1,000 in box one if he believes the problem solver would choose box one only.

However, "if he predicts you will take box number one and box number two, he will have put nothing in box number one," Dixon said.

Dixon described several arguments for taking only box one as well as arguments for taking both boxes.

Following his lecture, the audience was asked to make the choice.

Most of the forum attendees chose to take just box one and nothing was in it.



# Sports

## Men lose to Albion 86-70 and Calvin 90-84

By Bryan W. Sharp  
Sports Editor

MIAA men's basketball may have reached a new level of parity this year, but the traditional powers—Hope and Calvin—have managed to stay on top.

Just two weeks ago, five teams were fighting for the

crown, but after Saturday's games the race has narrowed to Hope and Calvin, the former with a game edge.

Alma entered last week with an outside chance at winning the league title, trailing Hope by two full games.

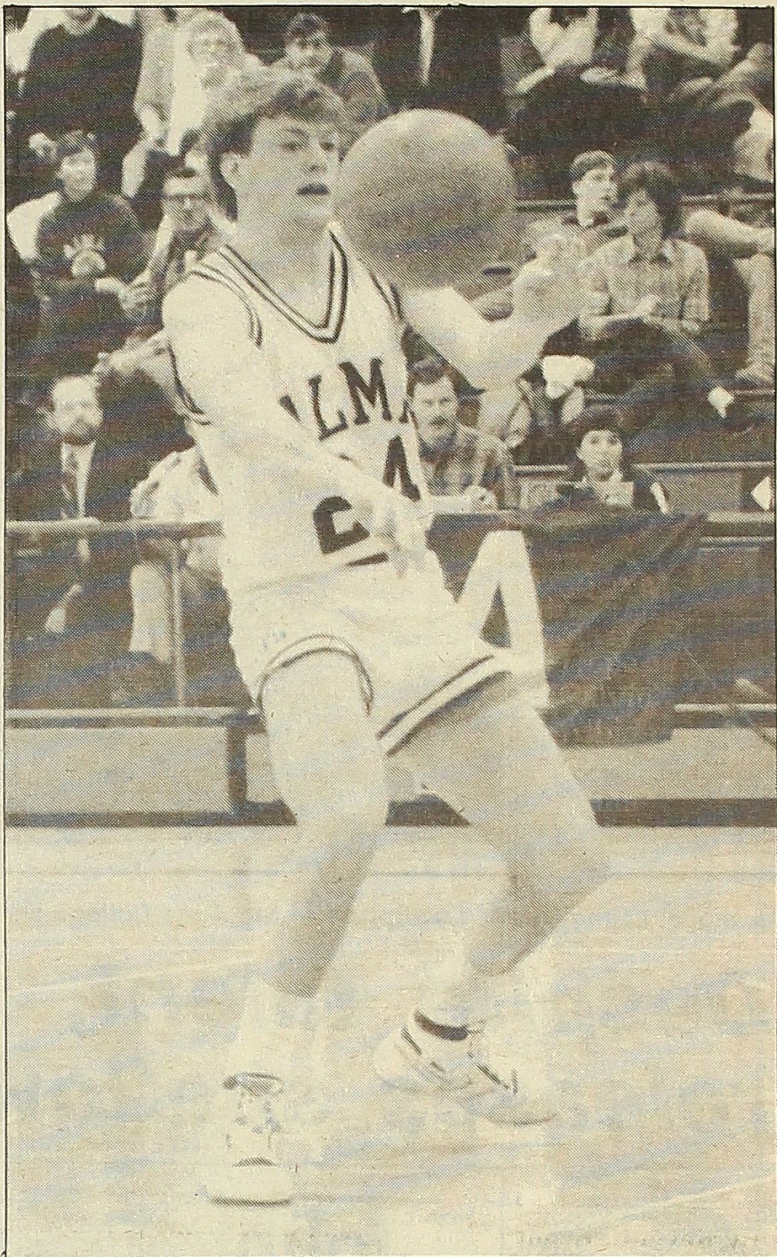
After losing both league games—Wednesday at Albion 86-70 and Saturday to Calvin 90-84—the Scots must now

win their final MIAA contest over Olivet to finish league play at .500.

Alma tried to play the role of the spoiler in hosting Calvin Saturday, but it was the Knights' Dan Davis who left town with the spoils. The Scots couldn't stop Davis, who finished with 32 points and nine rebounds.

Andy Mangin led the Scot attack with 23 points. Mark Bussell and Dan Darby added 17 and 14 points, respectively.

Calvin held the lead throughout the game, up by as many as 19 points late in the



Mark Bennett tries to gain control of a loose ball. Saturday's game with Calvin got out of hand for Alma in the second-half as the Knight's built a big lead.

### MIAA MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Hope	8	2	16	6
Calvin	7	3	15	6
Albion	6	4	13	8
Adrian	5	5	11	10
Alma	5	6	13	9
Kalamazoo	3	8	10	13
Olivet	2	8	6	16

#### Last Week's Games

**Saturday**  
Calvin 90, ALMA 84  
ALBION 67, Olivet 58  
Kalamazoo 80, ADRIAN 73

**Wednesday**  
ALBION 86, Alma 70  
HOPE 96, Adrian 78  
KALAMAZOO 75, Olivet 68

*"I'm looking forward to three-straight MIAA championships."*  
—Andy Mangin

second half.

A 10-2 scoring run pulled the Scots to within three, 41-38, at the end of the first half, but Calvin had Alma on the run from there out.

"We were trying to control the tempo. We didn't want to get into an up and down running game," said Ralph Pim.

Alma staged a last-minute rally, aided by two amazing Darby three-point-shots, but the Scots never got within striking distance.

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Alumni player from Alma's 1972 MIAA championship team were honored Saturday at halftime.

photos by Robin Roller

### MIAA SWIMMING

MEN			Women		
TEAM	W	L	Team	W	L
			Hope	5	0
Kalamazoo	4	0	Kalamazoo	4	1
Hope	3	1	Calvin	4	1
Calvin	3	1	Albion	2	3
Alma	1	3	Adrian	2	3
Albion	1	3	Alma	1	4
Adrian	0	4	Olivet	0	6

Last Week		Last Week	
Saturday		Saturday	
CALVIN 131, Alma 58		CALVIN 110, Alma 72	
Hope 134, ALBION 72		Kalamazoo 146, ADRIAN 37	
Kalamazoo 115, ADRIAN 58		Hope 132, ALBION 77	
Tuesday		Tuesday	
		CALVIN 133, Olivet 21	

## Harvey, Nellis shine as swimmers lose again

By Deb Smythe  
Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's swim teams struggled in losing to Calvin Saturday.

The women's team was outraced 72-109, but not before they captured five first-place and four second-place postions.

Lynne Harvey offered a perfect performance, winning the 100-yard butterfly and the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

Also capturing individual

first-places were Melissa Sondej in the 1000 free and Charlene Bartley in the 200 individual medley.

The team of Dawn Ingram, Kathy Rowan, Mary O'Leary and Sondej finished second in the 200 free relay with a time of 2:18.24.

Teresa Wood, Bartley and Sondej added points to the Alma tally with second-place finishes.

Wood got her second-place in the 50 free with a time of 27.13. Bartley was second in

the 100 backstroke, an event which she usually does not swim.

*Lynne Harvey won three individual events in Saturday's meet with Calvin.*

In the 500 free, Sondej finished second behind Harvey with a time of 6:09.61

Calvin demolished the men's team 58-131.

In the individual events, Alma men had only two first-

place postions.

Tony Nellis won the 200 fly with a time of 2:05.39. Capturing the other first place for the men's team was Phil Pattengale in the 100 free with a time of 51.43.

Bringing in points for the team by finishing in second place was the team of Joel Buchanan, Grant Walters, Nellis and Geoff Lytle in the 400 medley relay and the team of Pattengale, Jim Ledyard, Nellis and Buchanan in the 400 free relay.

Individually, Dave Anderson finished in second in two events: the 50 and the 100 free.

Also finishing in second place was Jim Ledyard in the 200 back with a time of 2:35.74.

In the men's home meet Thursday, Michigan Tech destroyed Alma 129-59. The Scots managed to captured four each of first-place second place postions.

The Scots host Kalamazoo Saturday.



# Calvin does it again to Alma women, 58-46

MIAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS				
TEAM	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Calvin	10	0	18	4
Hope	7	3	12	9
Alma	7	4	10	10
Kalamazoo	5	5	11	10
Adrian	3	7	4	16
Olivet	3	7	5	13
Albion	0	9	1	16

Last Week's Games

Saturday

CALVIN 58, Alma 46  
OLIVET 83, Albion 48  
ST. MARY'S, IND. 76, Hope 61

Friday

KALAMAZOO 84, Adrian 61

Wednesday

ALMA 71, Albion 29  
Kalamazoo 73, OLIVET 60

Tuesday

Hope 80, ADRIAN 46

By Kevin C. Kenny  
Staff Writer

The Scots rode a roller-coaster in women's MIAA hoop action last week with a

*"If we finish on a good note, it sets a good tone for next year,"*  
—Charlie Goffnett

71-29 romp at Albion's expense, offsetting a tough road loss at the hands of league champion Calvin.

The week's work left the Scot league record at 7-4, 10-10 overall.

Alma welcomed Albion into Scot territory Wednesday, and it was a see-saw battle for approximately 10 minutes. Alma spent the next 30 minutes dismantling the Briton offense while lighting the scoreboard in impressive fashion.

The Scots dominated every aspect of the contest with good shooting and a stifling woman-to-woman full-court press. Rebounding was a key to the lopsided figures as the Scots held a commanding 45-25 board advantage.

Pacing the Alma onslaught

were Chris Comtois with a 20-point, six-rebound, four-steal performance and Kelly Spalding who netted 16 points and cleared seven boards.

Freshman Doreen Walters, who sunk each of her four attempts, sparked the bench attack with a perfect night from the floor and gained team-high five assists.

The Scots then moved into Knight country Saturday. For the third time this season, Calvin turned on the juice, downing Alma 58-46.

"Calvin was really motivated," coach Charlie Goffnet said.

"We've won the league four straight years now and they

ice-cold, shooting two-for-15 in the opening minutes. In this time, the Knights built a solid lead and coasted to their tenth straight league win.

Calvin shot an impressive 56 percent from the field for the game while the Scots netted only 35 percent of their shots.

Coach Goffnet stressed the final week of league play would set the tone for next year.

"My goal is to finish strong," he said. "If we finish on a good note, it sets a good tone for next year."

"We play Concordia this week at home and travel to Olivet Saturday," Goffnet said. "We beat Olivet by eight

*"We've won the league four straight years now and they really wanted to clinch the league against us. This time around, they proved they were the better team."*  
—Charlie Goffnett

really wanted to clinch the league against us. This time around they proved they were the better team," he added.

The Scots stayed within six to eight points in the first half before a Spalding buzzer-shot pulled the Scots within four at the half, 30-26.

Alma began the second half

the first time, but this will unquestionably be a tougher game."

The Concordia contest at 6 p.m. Tuesday is followed by the men's varsity game and will mark the only doubleheader this season involving both men's and women's varsity squads.

# Hall gives experience to team in transition

By Kevin C. Kenny  
Sports Staff Writer

This season, Scot guard Heather Hall has been given the chance to learn the pressures and responsibilities of leadership.

At the season's opening tip-off, she was the most experienced player on a very young squad with a new coach at the helm.

"At the beginning of the year, I felt a little nervous," she said. "But once our team

became close and developed it took a lot of the pressure off me."

The 5'4" guard, who is among the league-leaders in scoring, free throw-shooting and assists, is also this year's team captain.

Hall was a member of last year's league-champion team, which may have been the most talented women's team to ever grace Capppaert gymnasium.

"This year's team is definitely closer than last year's. I think this is due to the fact that we are closer in

age and share a lot of the same interests," Hall said.

Hall is one of a select group of athletes on campus involved in two sports.

*"This year's team is definitely closer than last year's."*  
—Heather Hall

She also dons the field hockey kilt during fall terms.

She played soccer in high school, and after seeing the similarities between soccer

and field hockey, decided last year to give it a try.

She said she really enjoys playing field hockey and has made some close friendships among teammates.

Off the playing field, she is an exercise and health science (EHS) major with a biology minor.

She said she is planning on a career in secondary education, although she hasn't ruled out the possibility of working at the college level.

She is a member of the EHS Honor Society and her name can also be found on the dean's list.

Hall said playing sports demands a large portion of her time.

"At first, I was surprised at how difficult it was. I really had to develop a schedule for myself. You have to," Hall

said.

"You know two or three hours a day are automatically taken," she added.

In her spare time, Hall said she likes to ride her bike, read and play or watch all sports.

She added spending time with her friends is important to her. Her friends like to gather together in front of a television set for every major sporting event.

Hall said along with receiving a good education while being able to continue playing sports, the most important thing Alma College has given her is friends.

"My friends have had a lot of influence on me. They are always really positive toward what I do and provide me with a support system," Hall said.

"I know I can always count on them and when I need to talk they are always there," she said, adding "everyone needs to have that kind of support."

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Week at a Glance

(home games in capitals)

Tuesday, February 16

●MEN'S J.V. BASKETBALL (JORDAN-FLINT) 4 p.m.  
●WOMEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL (CONCORDIA) 6 p.m.  
●MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL (CONCORDIA) 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17

●MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING (KALAMAZOO) 6 p.m.  
●Women's J.V. at Alpena 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 19

●Women's varsity basketball at Olivet, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 20

●MEN'S J.V. BASKETBALL (OLIVET) 12:55 p.m.  
●MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL (OLIVET) 3 p.m.

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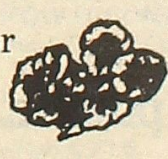
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## Hoops

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Alma has now lost in its last nine meetings with Calvin. Albion had to make some major adjustments this season after their star forward Tim Ervin, who was among the league leaders in scoring, was suspended. Ervin's absence, however, seems to be a blessing in disguise. In the first meeting between Alma and Albion, the Scots frustrated Ervin and beat Albion 66-62, but last Wednesday, without Ervin, Albion

## AIDS

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said, and many students are concerned about who will have access to the results. Still, Paul wouldn't oppose the plan if her campus was selected and a strong AIDS education program was included. "It could be controversial. It depends on how they do it. It's all in the marketing," Paul said. AIDS testing poses other serious problems, Goodhart added. False positive results, she said, are not uncommon, and can leave devastating emotional scars.

## Art

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ed other public sculptures, Salas has received several fellowships and grants in the past, including one to study murals in Mexico. The piece was named after Leonardo DaVinci because "the artist felt he wanted the sculpture to symbolize the melding of the many disciplines of a liberal arts college," Rozier said. Currently on display in Clack Art Center's Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery are the models of the other contest entries. "I think the winning piece is gutsy; it's not typical," Rozier said. "The artist has gone beyond what one would consider an appropriate style in favor of something that goes beyond the norm," he added.

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## Mid-East

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by the rest of the global community. Perhaps this is ineluctably the case and perhaps not. Thomas Friedman commented (*New York Times*, Jan. 31), for Arabs and Israelis the tribal warfare may never end. Perhaps! I would nonetheless argue

## Dems

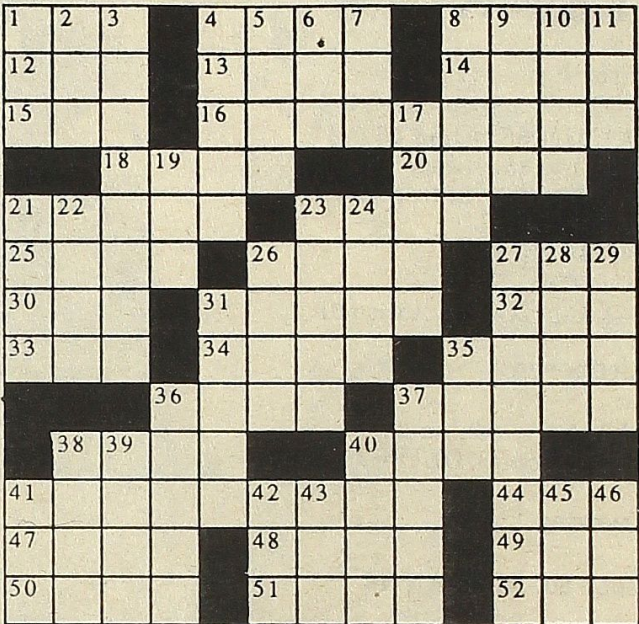
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But New Hampshire is coming up quickly, and it is a completely different ball game there. Gephardt will have more trouble selling protectionism and government handouts in a state with 2 percent unemployment. Simon faces the same problem, being a good liberal. However, he stated after the Iowa circus that he is "a fiscal conservative." Uh huh. Too late to change hats, Paul. New Hampshire "is in Dukakis's back yard", as the hackneyed phrase goes. But hackneyed or not, it's true, and he stands a good chance of walking off with the prize there. Remember this. Iowa is not like the rest of the nation. It is more liberal, and the caucuses do not perform the same function as primaries such as we have here in Michigan. One straw poll does not completely define a presidential race. It does serve to sort the lesser and greater dwarves. But there's a long way to go.



maybe it will and in fact, I strongly feel that what is important is that there has got to be a way out of this prolonged tragedy; otherwise politics falls far short of being the "art of possible." Victor is assured for all parties if equality of status, respect and identity are restored. The costs of failure

are immeasurable in the long run should the status quo ante which warrants marginalization for some (Arabs) and supremacy for others (Israelis) continues unabated in its current tragic form. Mahmood Monshipouri Assistant Professor of Political Science



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# Iowa — Oldfield

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as important now in the public eye. They will be easily forgotten when the country decides which name it wants for President.

More than anything else, the Iowa caucus indicates the overwhelming influence that it and the media have in these early stages of determining the party nominations.

Rather than helping us find out who the best person is for the job, the caucuses ensure that next fall, most of us will probably vote for the name or party with the best media coverage.

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is a rather mundane melody with the rich and varied timbres holding the spotlight.

Different rhythms and textures are complemented by Oldfield's use of sounds.

Speed guitar, fuzz guitar, percussion (not just drums), piano, organs, synthesizers, vocal chants and a flute (more breathy than Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull ever dreamed of sounding) are combined with various natural sounds, sometimes manipulated in a musique concrete style.

It's all very interesting for the first time—again much like

Vangelis—but it leaves you very empty because of its lack of structure.

Without form and a sense of musical direction a piece will sound shallow—even if its attempt is to reach the listener on a purely emotional level.

The vocal side, which recruits several vocalists, is similar to the first side.

The songs are all lite-rock, MOR-oriented and suited more towards VH-1 and adult rock-formatted radio stations.

"Magic Touch" is single material, but none of the songs stand out from each other. They belong as a group, all of them mature love songs with

strong introspective qualities and slightly religious undertones.

Oldfield travels new avenues in traditional song form and doesn't rely solely on guitar, bass, drums and cheezy electronic sounds.

He does take advantage of today's technology, however, which currently revolves around synthesized and sampled sounds, effects devices and multi-tracking to make the music sound modern.

The production and mix are very ephemeral yet very tight.

Oldfield has tremendous talent and a very different

style which makes the album worth hearing—even if you only want to expose yourself to different types of contemporary music.

However, the album falls drastically short in its emotional reach and in its sustaining interest.

Basically the album is shallow and ends up sounding schmaltzy, like most new age music, after a few listens.

## Drinking—

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reason for abstinence from alcohol, stating, "Drinking is not a good representation of the values that I grew up with. It's inconsistent with my Christian values."

Craig, EX social chairman, always provides at least five two-liter bottles of pop at all the group's parties.

"Last term they (SAE brothers) were good about providing non-alcoholic drinks for me. This term I've had to bug them a little more," Hardwick said.

He said he also finds the fraternity is better at providing a choice of non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks at larger parties such as Holly House than at smaller social gatherings.

Despite the existence of peer pressure to drink, the three men said they are prepared to retain their stance on alcohol.

"I put up with it (peer pressure) in high school, I can put up with it now," said Miller. "I don't need to drink to make other people happy. The pressure is less here than in high school."

Each frat member offered his own advice on handling pressure to drink.

Hardwick suggested having a pop in hand at a party and people would see you already have something.

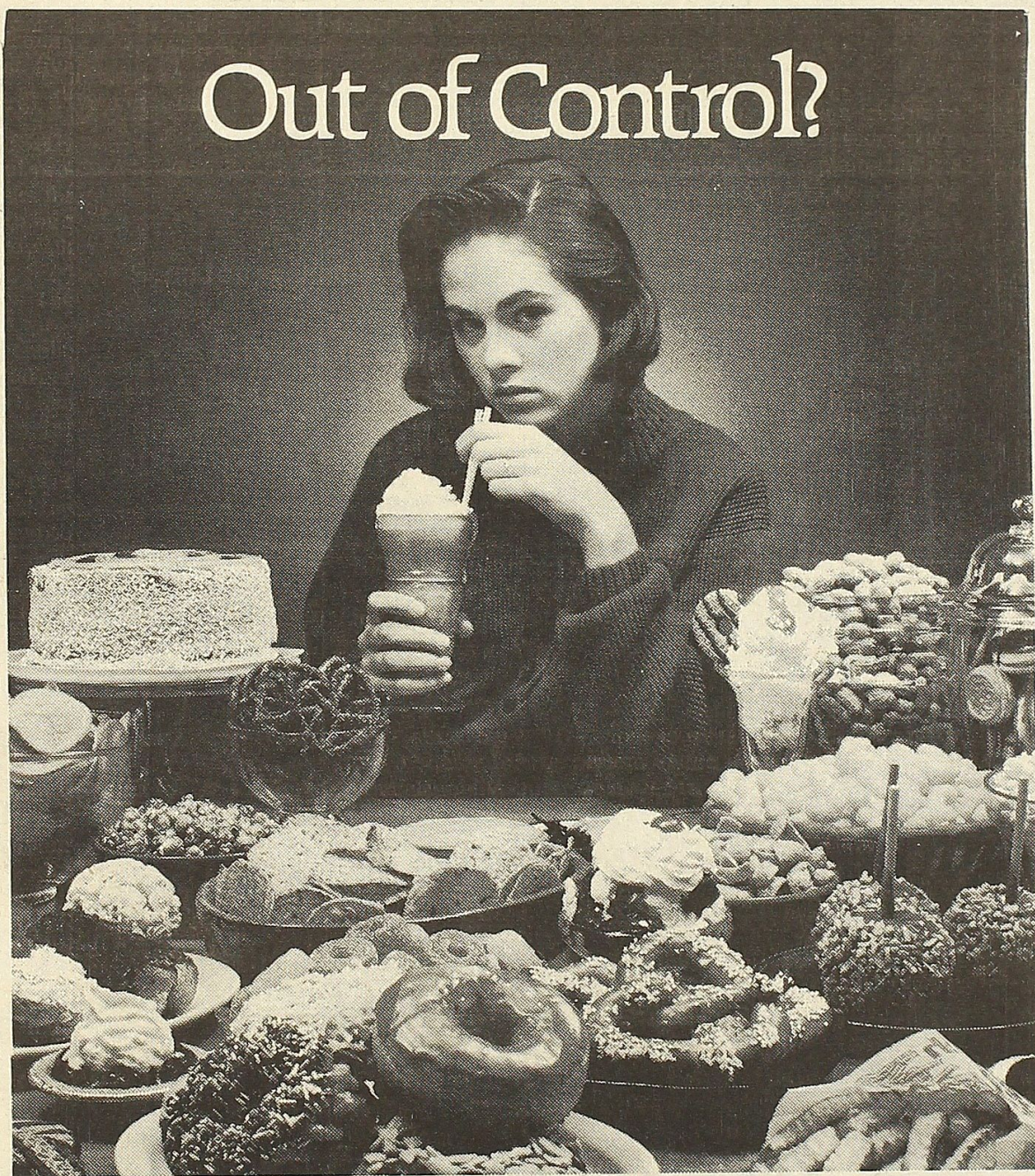
"The main thing is to be confident with yourself. Just keep thinking, 'I don't need to drink. I can have fun without it,'" he added.

Hardwick also emphasized a non-drinkers' support system. "A good friend will support you even if you don't want to drink."

"Be yourself," was Craig's simple advice.

"Be true to yourself," Craig said. "I felt like I had to drink at parties as a freshman" but added that his pledging made his decision not to drink very clear to him.

"Many people have the same mentality here as in high school. They use alcohol to show how grown up they are," he added.



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