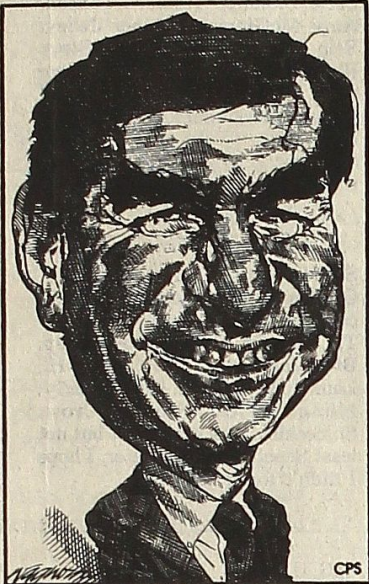


Promises, promises...

Faculty reflect on candidates' education proposals



MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS
Massachusetts Governor, Democratic
Presidential Candidate

By Marcus Yamashiro
Assistant News Editor

This week many Alma College students are being mailed absentee ballot forms. The reason for this is clear; They are away from home getting an education. Obviously, to many students education is an important issue.

The presidential candidates recognize the problems with education today, and they have different plans for the future of education in America.

Bush favors a program giving \$240 million for a pre-school program, and \$500 million for schools helping poor students, and he "would allow up to \$80,000 income tax free savings bonds for col-

lege," according to the Detroit Free Press.

The Detroit Free Press said Dukakis "favors \$250 million scholarships for teachers and \$170 million for science student loans."

According to the Christian

"Bush claims he wants to be known as the 'education president.' I have my doubts."

Some Alma College faculty doubt the "promises" made by one or both of the candidates.

"Bush claims he wants to be known as 'the education president.' I have my doubts," said Michael Yavenditti, professor of history.

—Micheal Yavenditti

Science Monitor, Bush also "proposes a merit award for schools that show the greatest improvement in students' performance," and Dukakis "advocates federal investment in children's educational programs," and "proposes a \$25 million Citizens Literacy Corps to end adult illiteracy."

"Given the track record of the administration of which Bush was a part, I lack confidence that [his] administration would result in significant increases in funding for higher education, including student aid," Yavenditti stated.

"Given his education policies as Governor of

Massachusetts, Dukakis, I think, is the more promising of the two candidates regarding education," he said. "At least Dukakis' rhetoric regarding education, and his policies, coincide much more closely than the rhetoric and policies of the Reagan-Bush administration."

Nicholas Dixon, assistant professor of philosophy, painted a similar picture.

"Like most Republicans I think that Bush is probably against spending much money on education. I know that George Bush is committed to cutting down on the amount of loans available."

"On the whole, Democrats are always more interested in providing money so that everybody can have an education," Dixon continued.

"Democrats are just more concerned about making education available to everybody, and Republicans are less concerned. It's part of what you might call the laissez-faire capitalism that Republicans believe in."

M.J.J. Smith, professor of history, said "The Republican party tends to favor programs of self-help or voucher programs, and it tends to reduce the availability of funds for students of limited means."

According to Smith, "with the bureaucratic infrastructure it doesn't matter who's president; bureaucracy in Washington makes these decisions about what they're going to support, and what they're not going to support."

"In terms of money



GEORGE BUSH
President, Republican Presidential Candidate

available," Smith continued, "what is needed is a radical change. I believe that the only reasonable alternative to this is the voucher system, where schools themselves will be forced to compete for students."

The presidential candidates have submitted their statements on education in America's future. But educators may have the real first word on American education.

"Will they keep their promises?" Smith queried. "No," he answered himself, "because they've been careful to make no promises about education."

New Alma democrats active, organized

A new campus political group is one result of this election year.

The Alma College Democrats, formed in late-September, are working in support of the Dukakis-Bentsen Campaign, and for the re-election of Senator Don Riegle.

The group conducted door-to-door canvassing, and a presidential debate party.

"Even though the polls show Dukakis is behind, these last few days of the campaign are the most important," said Alma College Democrats Co-chairman Andrew Clay.

"We have placed literature in the college mail in hopes

that students here will become more informed of the issues," he added.

Clay and Karen McDonald, both freshmen, are the main organizers of the group with the help of their advisor, Pro-

15 students so far, but hopes to expand with time. Regularly scheduled meetings will begin once the national campaign is over.

"Our main function after the campaign is over will be to

a national level, according to Clay.

According to College Press Services, the "Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters in Washington, D.C., was unable to get the phone numbers of or even the name of the College Democrats of America's executive director or national president."

College Republicans, however, have about 1,000 campus chapters, said their executive director, Susan Brackin.

Alma College, though, has no College Republicans group.

"Even though the polls show Dukakis is behind, these last few days of the campaign are the most important."

—Andrew Clay

fessor of Economics James Mueller. The Alma College Democrats work closely with Gratiot County Coordinator for the Democratic Party, Sam Buchalter.

The group consists of about

keep students informed about the Democratic party," McDonald said.

The group has no affiliation with the national group College Democrats due to its confusion and unorganization on

On the ballot: state congress proposals

PROPOSAL A

RESTRICT USE OF TAX FUNDS FOR ABORTIONS FOR PERSONS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Public Act 59 of 1987 is a law that states that tax funds shall not be used to pay for an abortion for a person receiving public assistance unless necessary to save the life of the mother.



Professor R. W. Smith and Alma physician Dr. Jack Stack debated the issues involved with abortion last Monday night in Jones Auditorium.

PROPOSAL B

PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN THE CONSTITUTION

The proposal would amend the constitution to provide:
1. That crime victims shall have certain rights throughout the criminal justice process.
2. That crime victims' rights, as provided by law, shall be the right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy; be reasonably protected from the accused; be notified of court proceedings and attend trials; confer with prosecution and make a statement to court at sentencing; restitution; timely disposition of the case; and information about conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.
3. That legislature may enact laws to enforce crime victims' rights and provide for assessments against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims rights.

PROPOSAL C

PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS

The proposal would:
1. Authorize the state of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$660 million dollars to finance environmental protection programs that would clean up sites of toxic and other environmental contamination, contribute to a regional Great Lakes protection fund, address solid waste problems, treat sewage and other water quality problems, reuse industrial sites and preserve open space; and
2. Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for payment of principal and interest on the bonds; and
3. Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund.

PROPOSAL D

PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL RECREATION PROJECTS

The proposal would:
1. Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$140 million dollars to finance state and local public recreation projects; and
2. Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for payment of principal and interest on the bonds; and
3. Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund.

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—Democratic Party
Michael S. Dukakis
Lloyd M. Bentsen

—Republican Party
George Bush
Dan Quayle

—Libertarian
Ron Paul
Andre V. Marrou

—Workers League
Ed Winn
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Kathleen Mickells

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PROPOSALS:

Proposal A—
—Yes
—No

Proposal B—
—Yes
—No

Proposal C—
—Yes
—No

Proposal D—
—Yes
—No

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All right, Triple Crown!

You gals are awesome! You've aced the test, memorized the alphabet, survived the oral ceremony, and now you're on your last week of pledging - fire up! It will be an exciting week. Just think - on Saturday, ya'll be wearing SHINY NEW BADGES!

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P.S. The doorsigns are great!!!

Alpha Gam I-
Well Guys, in less than a week we'll have three wonderful new actives among us! get ready for a great time Friday night, when Triple Crown will be celebrating their last day as pledges with us. Congratulations must go out to everyone of us for the hard work we put into Derby Days! Once again, the Queen was an Alpha Gam-yea Bethany!

Interested in International Politics?
Want to Learn a New Perspective in Foreign Affairs?

Join the Model UN Team. Informational meeting in Joe's Place on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 4 to 5. Call Jennifer Pitt (7731), Jason Sylvester (7599), or Steve Lindenman (7621), if you have any questions.

Thanks to all the Gamma Phi Betas for having a social with us. May your sisterhood grow and prosper in health and happiness. Your friends in Greek, Theta Chi Fraternity

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Alpha Gam II-
It's good to see Mary, Katie, and Susan recovering from their ailments. Keep the spirit up, gall! A special thanks from Deb to everyone who helped out on Halloween. The Masonic Home went smoothly, and we raised nearly \$100 while Trick-or-Treating for JDF. It was cold and wet, but it was worth it! Give our pledges an extra hug if you see them-they'll need it! Have a great week! The Pub Crew

Sigma Alpha Epsilon,
Great work on Paddy Murphy, guys. The air cleaved just in time to put the little knipper to rest properly. Congrats to Gilligan, but how did you manage to listen to yourself? Rocky, mind if I dance with your date? Don't leave home without a brother. Rev. Peasons, shouldn't you go to confession? It's a good thing you aren't a preist. Let's get it together for Saturday, have a good week! Phi Alpha, Rapunzel

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Hey everybody-
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Lu-Lu-
It's almost time!!

THE NEW YORK DANCE/THEATRE SPRING TERM IS CLOSED!! Thank you very much for all your interest and I hope those that did not get a chance to go this time will have an opportunity to go next time. It is very exciting to see so many of you interested in this course. I hope to see you for the next trip... Thank you, Carol Fike

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SIG I
Q. What do all these people have in common?
T.J. Booger, Goff, Gibby, Strap, Birdman, Smart, Os, Chiz, B.H., Lanky, Hicks, Chin, Koko, Cherry, Mungo, L.G., Stollie, Crow, Shmeckler, Rusty, and last but not least Scooter. Answer later. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

SIG II
Gibby, are you already giving up your throne? Well, we know Booger won't take over; was that six or seven? Wednesday night is now sensitive night at the house. You think that pledging was tough Chin and Bill...just wait. A. They're all slimes. I love Alma Convent, oops, I mean Alma College. ZE lives.




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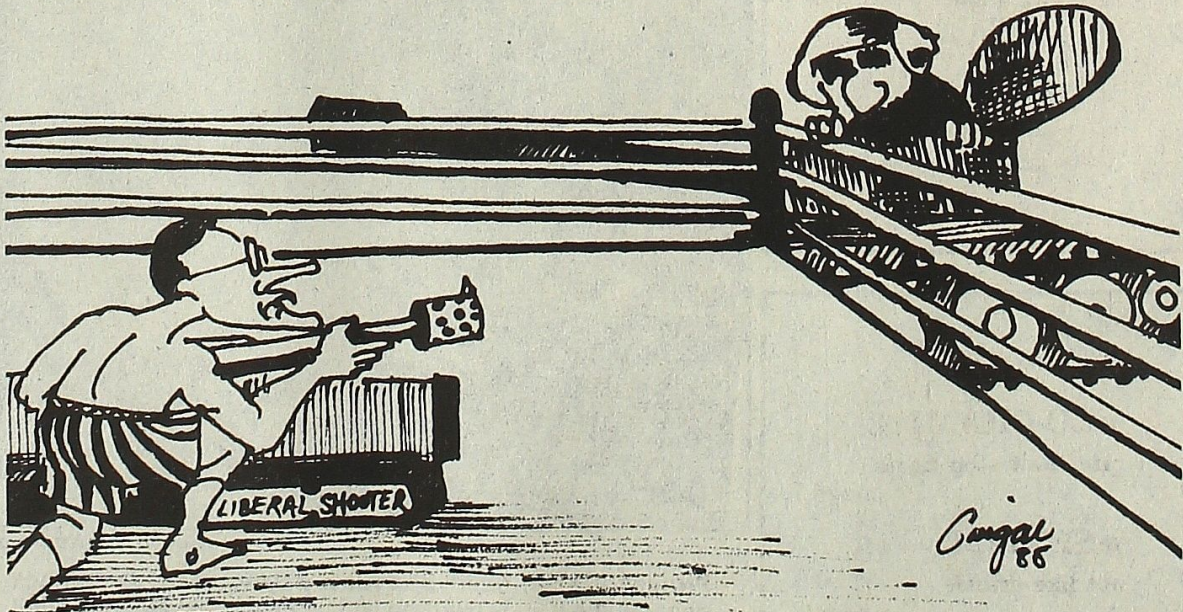
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CIA dissention

Former agent MacMichaels speaks on Central America

By Jennifer Gilchrist
Staff Writer

Former CIA agent David MacMichaels spoke to Alma students and faculty in Dunning Memorial Chapel last Wednesday night concerning the current presidential election and U.S. policy towards Central America.

MacMichaels is a former CIA contract employee who had a high level security clearance and was in a position to read all "top secret" classified intelligence data related to Central America. He contends the Reagan administration, along with the CIA, is working to achieve a "massive and deliberate deception of the American people" concerning foreign policy.

He lists three factors he feels primarily influence our current foreign policy. Firstly, he cites the U.S. demand for control over the Caribbean. Secondly, the reaction in the Republican party and Jackson wing of the Democratic party against the "Vietnam Syndrome" (the Vietnam syndrome is a plea a few Vietnam war veterans have used in the past to excuse their current illegal actions), and the third

factor is the personal obsession of Reagan who MacMichaels feels surrounds himself with like-minded zealots and opportunists which had the effect of a "tail wagging a dog."

MacMichaels says the U.S. government thinks what it wants to happen will, and the ruling elites will adapt to what the U.S. wants in Central America. MacMichaels argues that in reality there exists "ruined American credibility in foreign affairs."

This, at least in part, is a result of the Iran-Contra affair after which Central American leaders were "convinced the game was over."

"Internationally, no one thought that the U.S. would continue to support Reagan. In Nicaragua, social unrest increased because aid didn't come or was incredibly inadequate," he explained.

As a result, MacMichaels contends that there is not a respectable Latin American leader who puts anything in American support of democratic leaders.

Concerning a new administration, MacMichaels says he feels the U.S.'s foreign policy will probably soon change. Dukakis will give no

aid to the Contras and Bush will not be as "stupid" about the Contras as Reagan has been, according to the ex-agent.

Any new administration will have to deal with Nicaragua, and Latin America becoming

increasingly united against the U.S. The traditional relationship between the U.S. and Central America, according to MacMichaels, isn't viable anymore.

The bottom line for a successful foreign policy in Cen-

tral America is for the new administration to be prepared to give up illusions, he says.

A short question-and-

answer period followed MacMichael's lecture. A reception followed the presentation in Fireside Lounge.

Campus reacts to speaker

By Catherine Swender
Staff Writer

Students and faculty were both surprised and stunned by the words of former CIA contract employee David MacMichaels, who spoke on "Nicaragua and the CIA" in Dunning Memorial Chapel Nov. 2.

MacMichael's presentation focused on the inadequacy of U.S. Foreign Policy in Central America and on the harms perpetuated by the deceptions and cover-ups of the CIA.

From 1981-1983 MacMichael worked as a CIA contract estimates officer and reviewed top secret documents of U.S. relations with Central America. He left his job in 1983 because he believed that the Reagan Administration was deliberately misusing CIA intelligence to perpetuate the Cold War, resulting in the loss of many lives and dollars.

Since then he has served as senior research fellow at the Council of Hemispheric Affairs.

"A lot of people look at foreign policy only from the perspective of the U.S. and what the U.S. can gain. I think it's time we reexamine our policies and look at it from the point of view of the people involved, the Central Americans," said Alma College Chaplain Joseph Walser.

"The moral imperative is simply that they need help and as human beings we should respond to the call of human need," he added.

MacMichael said the U.S.

Foreign Policy of imperialism is causing the increase of social unrest as rightist and leftist groups clash. He viewed U.S. economic funding as insufficient because of the great occurrence of capital flight made worse by the Sandinista-Contra War.

MacMichael presented some little known facts to his audience.

"I thought it was really striking what he said about Costa Rica becoming the next Lebanon and having all the social unrest now because you don't see it in the newspapers," stated freshman Kristine Wildeboer.

According to MacMichael, an area of elite professionalism with corruption and deception is maintained in higher levels of the U.S. Government. He described the CIA as an organization that generates much disinformation and untruth.

"I really liked his dry sense of humor, his candidness, and his obvious knowledge on the subject. I liked the way he ragged on Reagan, too," said freshman Katherine Kelley.

MacMichael presented a valuable alternative view on the issue of foreign policy, she said.

"He brought up the non-official, non-government side of the event. He traced some of the hypocracies in our foreign policy and the disregard for human rights caused by some of those policies. I feel that he presented some arguments valuable to our understanding of U.S. Policy toward Central America."

Open forum sparks discussion

By Kristine Lovasz
Staff Writer

"Who should we be?"

President Stone posed this question to students in an open forum at the Student Congress meeting Wednesday, Nov. 2, asking their help in molding the future of our institution.

The topics for discussion centered on what Alma College is and what it should become. Issues raised included student body composition, the faculty, and financial aid.

Minorities and academic qualifications were two of the topics discussed concerning the student body.

Stone noted the consensus between the Executive Staff, the Trustees, the faculty, the administrative staff, and the students on the "1,200 number" for a defined size of

Alma College.

A slight increase in academic requirements was proposed. This would mean a change from an average ACT

you want to keep a quality institution, almost by a function of the numbers you're going to have to recruit more minorities," said Stone.

"All of us need to bump shoulders with minorities."

—Alan Stone

composite of 24 to 25 for enrolling freshmen.

A great deal of discussion surrounded the issue of minority students on campus, the number of which presently stands at approximately 35. Stone suggested that the growth of the minority population on campus should be gradual, and that admission policies universal for minority and non-minority students alike.

"All of us need to bump shoulders with minorities... if

The main points of discussion concerning the faculty were a need for more members and a need for a greater cultural diversity.

Financial aid, which now accounts for 21 percent of the budget, will probably see an increasing trend as this year's freshmen become upperclassmen, according to Stone. To keep the quality of students at Alma College high, financial aid has to continue to be a large portion of the budget.

Davis receives therapeutic research grant

A health promotion research grant awarded to Dr. J. Davis, assistant professor of exercise and health science at Alma College, will help him test the idea that a therapeutic exercise and fitness program will improve the quality of life and reduce health care costs for the elderly. What he needs now that his idea has been funded are volunteers willing to participate in an eight-month testing program.

"Alma is an ideal setting to look at the effects of a scientifically-based exercise program on the middle aged and elderly population (50 and 80 years of age) because of the number of long-term health care facilities and the large elderly population in Gratiot County," said Dr. Davis. Working with volunteers, he and Alma College students will compare the impact of therapeutic exercise programs on long-term care patients as well as individuals living at home. They hope to document physiological and psychological changes in these groups in response to the exercise program.

For the research, he needs approximately 150 adults from 50 to 80 years old, with

one group of 75 in long term facilities and the other 75 living at home. Of the 75 individuals in each group, 25 will be in an experimental group that will undergo an exercise program (30 minutes, three times a week of aerobic and/or range of motion activities).

therapeutic exercise and fitness program as a way of instituting preventive health measures that can improve the quality of life and stem the rising tide of health care costs in this segment of the population.

The grant funding the

"Alma is an ideal setting..."

—John E. Davis

The 50 others in each group will be in two control groups that will not participate in the exercise program.

For the first group of 75, he anticipates working with residents of Schnepf Health Care Facility and the Michigan Masonic Home. Anyone interested in being part of the other 75 should either contact John Davis at 463-7158 or attend an information session starting at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the Michigan Senior Center, 129 Michigan Ave., St. Louis.

"This project, I believe will make an important contribution to the literature in this field and it may also have a major impact on health care delivery in central Michigan," Dr. Davis said. He sees a

research is a \$17,000 Victor M. Hawthorne New Investigator Research Award in Health Promotion from the Michigan Department of Public Health. His grant is the first ever awarded to a private college in Michigan, according to Dr. Davis.

A member of Alma's faculty since 1985, Dr. Davis has health-related experience that includes a year as a post-doctoral fellow in the department of Environmental Health Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University. While working on his doctor of education degree through the Department of Exercise Science, State University of New York at Buffalo, he was a research assistant in the School of Medicine's Depart-

ment of Physiology.

Last summer Dr. Davis participated in the Summer Faculty Fellowship Program conducted at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. The program, co-sponsored by the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), was highly competitive, with less than one out of three applicants accommodated for the fellowship program. Davis concentrated his research on the cardiovascular deconditioning resulting from space flight.

Both his M.A. (from SUNY-Buffalo) and his B.A. (Kenyon College) degrees are in biology. His teaching assignments at Alma include human dissection, EHS research, and the physiology of exercise. He also works with students in independent research projects. Approximately five students will be involved in the health promotion-therapeutic exercise program research he is undertaking this year with the Hawthorne New Investigator Research Award funding.

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Model U.N. offers global perspective

By Becky Dine
News Editor

The Model United Nations team will be offering a taste of global perspective this winter term as students gather to learn about, discuss, and try to resolve some problems facing the world today.

The team will be conducting an informational meeting Thursday, Nov. 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Joe's Place, according to member Steve Lindeman.

Model U.N. is a winter term class, POL 180, under the direction of Mahmood Monshipouri, associate professor of political science.

"I encourage anybody, not just political science majors

and history majors, but anyone who is interested in foreign affairs to sign up," said Jason Sylvester, Model U.N. participant.

"It's a very dynamic process—you learn about the United Nations, how other countries think."

The Alma group plans to travel to St. Louis, Mo., during winter break next year to join other teams in a nationwide model United Nations. Alma will be representing India. Students are currently working with Dan Raleigh, director of alumni and community giving, to raise money for the trip.

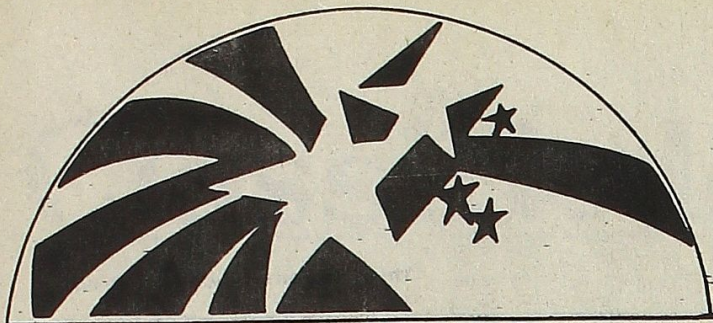
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Gratiot County Players host 20th birthday bash

By Elizabeth Burchill
Feature Editor

The Gratiot County Players is throwing a 20 anniversary birthday celebration Saturday, Nov. 26 with a dinner at VanDusen Commons, followed by a special repeat performance of its premier production "Everybody Loves Opal."

The theatre group, originally formed in 1968, has long provided entertainment for the Gratiot County area.

In conjunction with the birthday celebration, GCP will be presenting a revival of

"Everybody Loves Opal," first performed by GCP in 1968. Helen Knowles, who originally appeared as Opal, will re-create her old role and perform it again this season.

The production, which runs from November 26-27 to Dec. 1,2,3, has combined ticket prices for all three celebration events (VanDusen dinner at 5 p.m., 8 p.m. performance, and afterglow refreshments) of \$23 per person. Reservations and payment are required by Nov. 16.

Bus transportation will be provided between Alma College and the St.Louis theatre to the first 45 reservations received.

By Jennifer Dine
Editor in chief

"Dress for Success" is the theme of a fashion show to be held in Hamilton Commons tonight at 8:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by the South Complex Resident Assistants staff and The Center, the show features business attire for both men and women. "During R.A. training, we were brainstorming for ideas (for programs). Since we deal with seniors in South Complex, we decided to take on

this project," said Lisa Gale, co-coordinator of the show with Bill Schulz.

The program will not be limited to seniors, however. "It will be helpful to seniors, and also for summer job interviewing. It's not only geared towards seniors, but we are encouraging freshmen, sophomores and juniors to attend also," said Gale. Clothes, Gale notes, are an important mode of expressing a favorable image during a job interview, but other aspects of interviewing will also be

discussed during the show. "Jonieta Stone will be the emcee, and do commentary. She's put on various programs before, and will point out

mocktails will be served to the anticipated audience of 100 to 150. Outfits were donated by Alma and Mt. Pleasant mer-

"It will be helpful for seniors and also for summer job interviewing."

—Lisa Gale

helpful hints on the outfits and on mannerisms," she said.

"The show will be an interview clinic on top of it all." Cheese, crackers and

chants JC Penney's, Gittleman's, Stacey's Men's Shop, Martin's Jeanery, Ecclestone and Trillum. South Complex R.A. staff members will model.

GPB's Tavern boasts long history

By Jodie Blankenburg
Staff Writer

"Tavern," Gamma Phi Beta's annual semi-formal girl bid dance will be premiering Nov. 12 in Van Dusen Commons from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The official 1988 theme is "Tinsel Town Tavern" but the dance itself has a long history that stems back to Alma College's first Women's Literary

Society, Alpha Theta. Organized in 1890, Alpha Theta was dedicated to the development of it's members through the study of all types of literature. In 1891 the Alpha Theta's held their first "Public," a short play acted out by the sisters. It was a success and they were asked to continue the tradition. Although records of the event are hard to come by it is believed that

these "Public's" eventually evolved into what we now know as Tavern.

The first mention of "Theta Tavern" can be found in the fall minutes of 1968. "Tavern," like the old "Public" is unique because the sisters provide their own brand of entertainment and it is open to all members of the campus community.

Ticket costs for this year's dance can be purchased from any member of the Gamma Phi sorority, at the door, or in Hamilton Commons during lunch and dinner all this week.

Those who buy their tickets ahead of time will receive a little "something extra" at the dance, with all proceedings going to the Alma Women's Shelter.

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Continued from last week

It was a beautiful ride. Getting away from Alma, one is again impressed with how pretty hills can be. The countryside was rolling (as were the fish in the bowl, I'm sure), the rivers and multi-colored trees all seemed to be lining the road to welcome us back from

school. We passed many farms, each and every one offering us a roadside table full of pumpkins for sale. As the purchase of a pumpkin would have called for the eviction of one of the passengers, or, heaven forbid, Lenny and Squiggy, we passed the stands full of regret. None of us particularly needed a pumpkin, but I think we all secretly wanted to stop and buy one, or at least poke at it as if we were interested in buying one, just because it seemed the proper thing to do.

As we came closer to Delton, the other occupants of the car grew excited, started to recognize places of their childhood, pointed out places of importance to their lives. I had never been to Delton; everything was new to me. I recognized no buildings or parks or houses from my youth. Their excitement at finally coming home disturbed me. I won't see the Home Place again until Christmas at the earliest. I can understand their happiness at coming home, but I think that if I had had a shotgun handy, I might have burst some bubbles. A good smack with a tennis racket at least would have brought them a little closer to my own feelings on the occasion.

Delton is a good town. Coming into the main metropolis there is a sign that reads 'Welcome to Delton: A Good Place to Live and Work.' There is a restaurant that advertises itself 'Ellie's Good Food'. Everything about Delton seemed good. Except it was not home.

I was to wait at Felpaush's Grocery until my friends came to pick me up. I set my bags down by a bench and sat down to wait. Everyone who came in or out of the store noticed my suitcase, and I tried to shove it under the bench with my foot. I was just wondering exactly how long it takes to get from Plainwell to Delton and why no one had picked me up yet when two old guys in a Buick pulled up. One of them sat down next to me on the bench while the other disappeared into the market. The man started to talk to me, without so much as introducing himself or requiring me to introduce myself. He seemed to know that I was a stranger while at the same time accepting that we were best friends and always had been. I found

no reason to disagree. He told me that if I got a chance before leaving town I should walk down and see the river. Just then the other fellow came out of the store with a six-pack of Vernor's and some bubble-gum.

As they pulled away from the curb, I noticed a sticker on the back of their old Buick. It read 'Welcome to Delton: If you've ever been here, its your Home Town.'

The appearance of these two singular old gentlemen had done much to buoy my spirits. I was further cheered by the thought that my friends would no doubt have some cookies

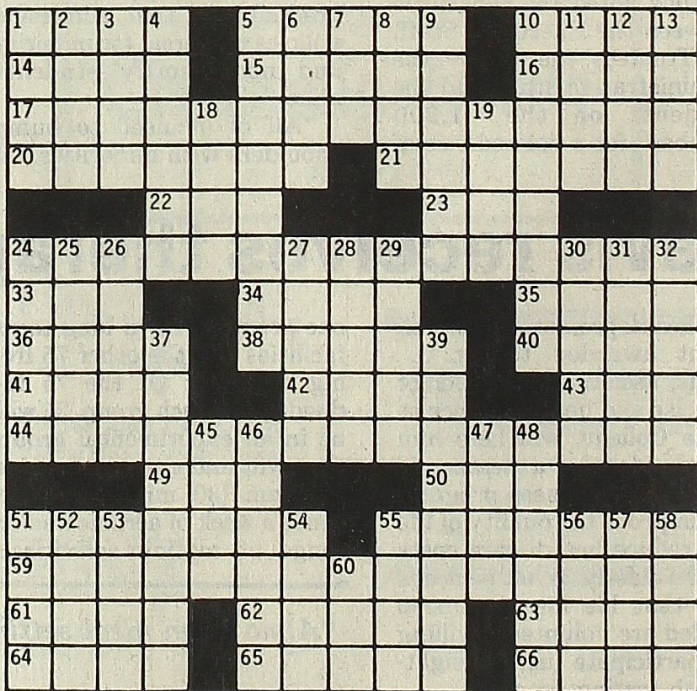
waiting for me, and I left a note for them with my bags that I could be found down by the river. There was an old oak

tree that hung out over the water, and as the fall wind was blowing, its leaves were leaving the branches to strike out on their own.

My attention was caught by one leaf in particular, and I followed its path with my eyes. It drifted down, swaying side to side, was caught in an updraft, soared up and away, and then paused, poised, levitating for a moment before wafting toward the ground again. It came down over the river, where it was snared by the stream, and carried away by the currents not of its own choosing, transported to destinations not of its own desire, floating.

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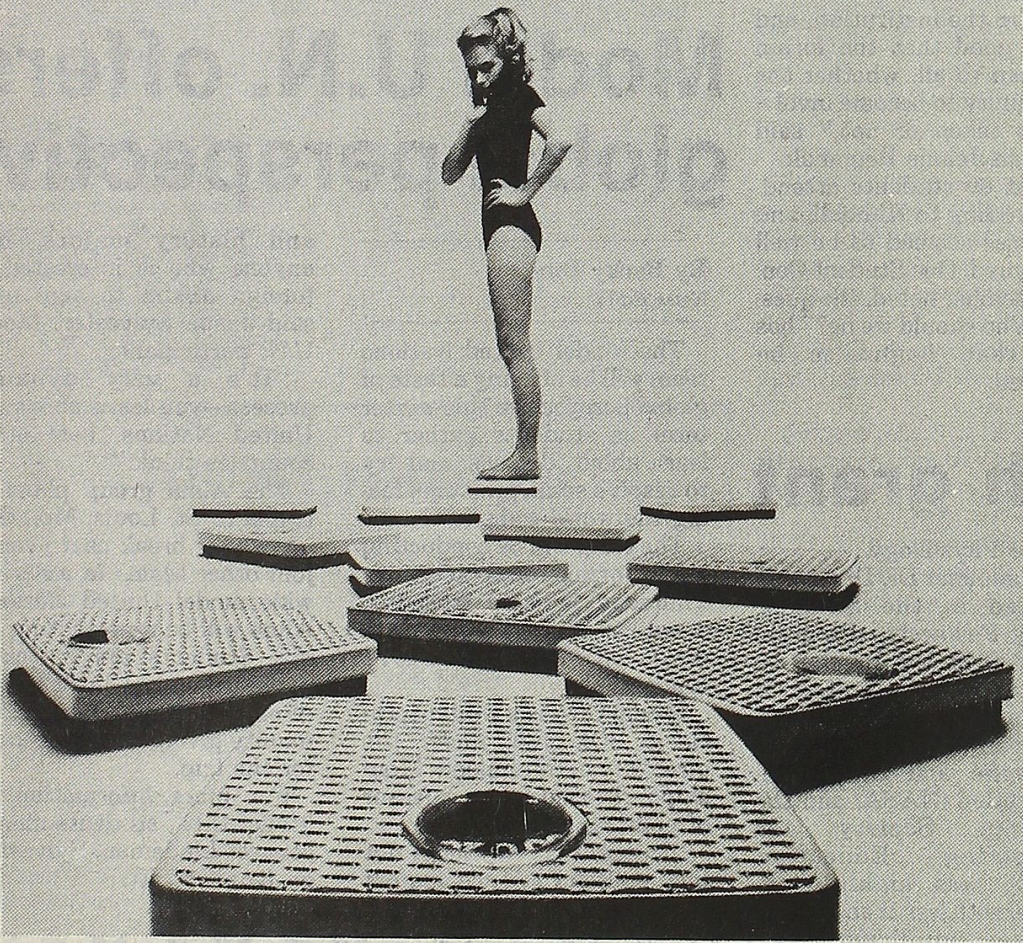
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- 1 French head
- 5 Basketball move
- 10 Raise
- 14 October's birthstone
- 15 One-celled animal
- 16 '50s song, e.g. (var.)
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- 20 Tyrants
- 21 Tennis tournament favorite (2 wds.)
- 22 Mr. Whitney
- 23 Common tattoo word
- 24 House of
- 33 Be human
- 34 Inter (Lat.)
- 35 Mr. Waggoner
- 36 Eat
- 38 Undeliverable mail or water sprite
- 40 Chicken
- 41 First-rate
- 42 Word of warning
- 43 Compass point
- 44 Former Time Magazine "Man of the Year" (2 wds.)
- 49 To be announced: abbr.

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- 50 Grecian
- 51 Classroom need
- 55 Stupid
- 59 Party meeting of sorts (2 wds.)
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- 62 Miss Comaneci
- 63 Neon
- 64 Yield
- 65 Inexperienced
- 66 Do in, as a dragon
- 18 Mr. Porter
- 19 "Out, damned ..."
- 24 Part of some newscasts
- 25 Diamond bungle
- 26 Lying flat
- 27 Omit in pronunciation
- 28 VP in '53
- 29 Tarnish, as a reputation
- 30 Competing
- 31 Actress Verdugo
- 32 The Sisters
- 37 "Story"
- 39 Of ancient W. Italy
- 45 Casino words
- 46 Adventurous
- 47 Assam silkworm e.g.
- 48 Invalidates
- 51 The Odyssey, for one
- 52 Ceremonial garment
- 53 Put on (cover up)
- 54 Dermatological mark
- 55 "I cannot tell"
- 56 Suffix for poet
- 57 Legendary Roman king
- 58 Catch sight of
- 60 Suffix for block

On a scale from one to twelve



Actually, she may constantly be on a scale at any hour of the day or night because she suffers from a serious medical problem called anorexia nervosa—a common eating disorder that causes obsessive preoccupation with losing weight by calorie counting, dieting, and strenuous exercise.

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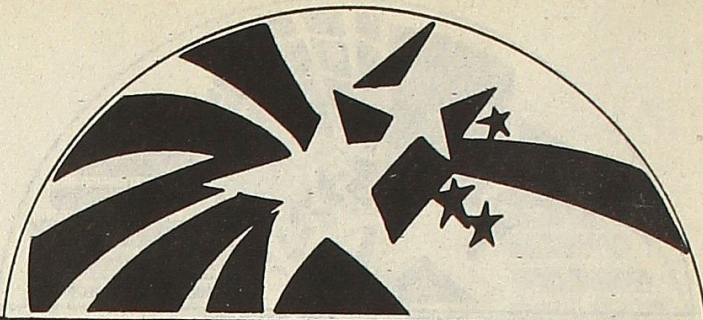
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FEATURES

Professor, student take part in NASA programs

COMMON HOUR

by Barb Sutherland
Staff Writer

"NASA is back" was the theme conveyed by Thursday's Common Hour speakers Dr. John Davis and Senior EHS major Kelly Holcomb.

Both professor and student spent time this summer working with NASA space programs.

Holcomb spent six weeks at the Kennedy Space Center in

Florida for the Space Life Sciences Training Program. She studied and researched

space travel, while Davis did the same at the Johnson Space Center in Texas.

In addition, Davis par-

ticipated in the Summer Faculty Fellowship Program to research the biomedical effects of weightlessness.

According to Davis, there isn't much in-flight data con-

Davis and Holcomb conducted experiments with weightlessness.

cerning weightlessness, because of the difficulties of experiments during flight. At the space center, he researched new ways of gathering in-flight data on the effects of weightlessness, and he also conducted ground-base research.

Davis said three primary problems dealing with weightlessness exist. One is

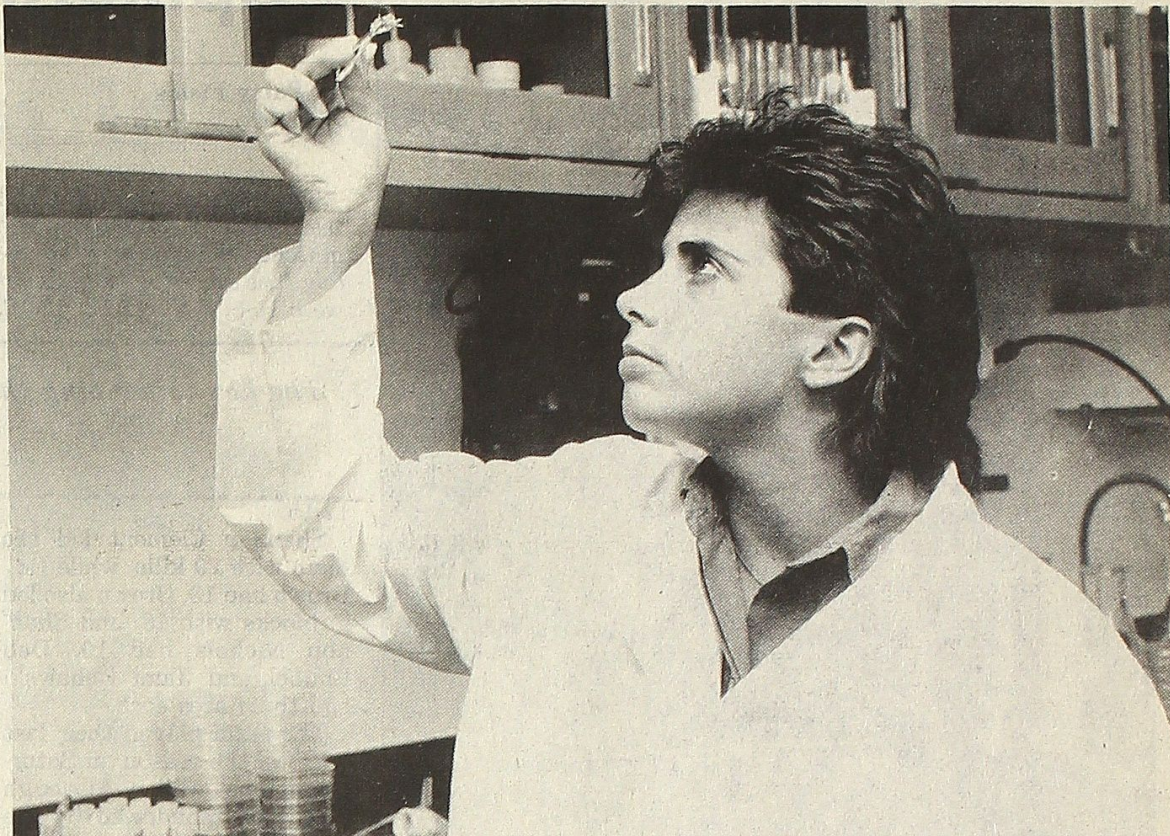
bone demineralization, which results in brittle bones. Space Adaptation Syndrome also occurs, which is a headward bodily fluid shift that effects equilibrium. Weightlessness also causes cardiovascular deconditioning, resulting in a loss of body fluids and circulation problems.

Holcomb's time was spent similarly at the Kennedy Center. During a six-week program, she participated in classroom lectures and conducted research. She also researched the effects of weightlessness, concentrating on cardiovascular deconditioning.

Experiments with mild electrical shocks, different diets, and spinning chairs were included in Holcomb's research of the effects of space travel on the body.

The program Holcomb participated in is open to freshmen, sophmores, and juniors majoring in one of the science fields.

Both Holcomb and Davis said that NASA is committed to progress and hopes to employ an orbiting space station in the future. This will



Kelly Holcomb at work in a NASA laboratory this summer.

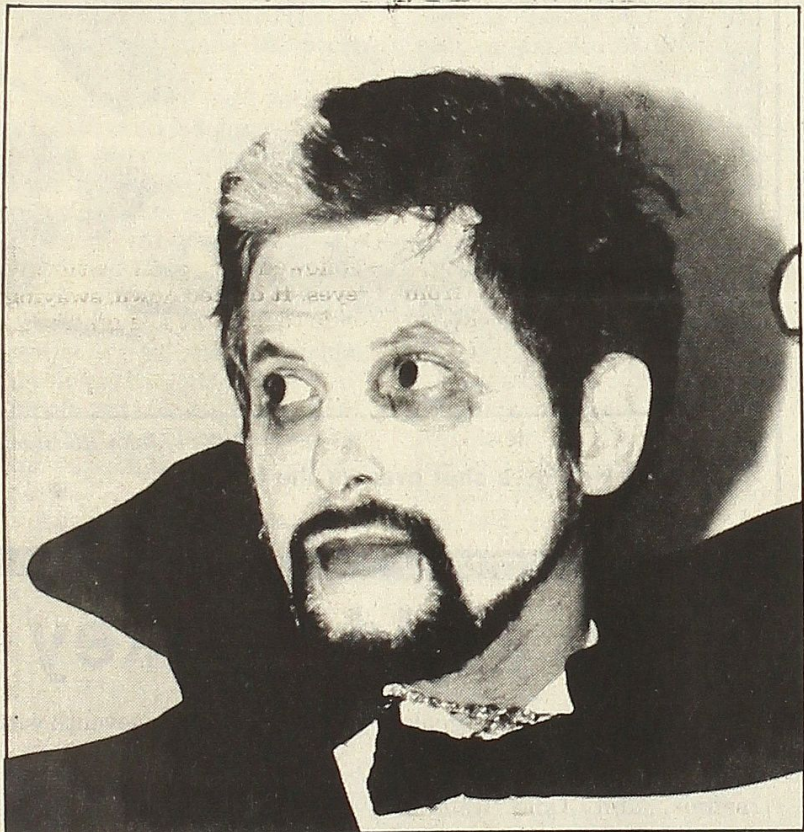
ultimately require a person to be in space, and therefore weightless, for six months or

more at a time.

Davis said there is no information on the effects of

weightlessness for longer than 80 days, so research is essential.

Halloween concert howls



The annual Alma Choir Halloween Concert was conducted from 11 p.m. to the witching hour Monday, Oct. 31 in Dunning Memorial Chapel.

The costumed singers were under the direction of Baron von Nichols, and Scott "Dracula" Messing (left) narrated the array of classic and contemporary Halloween music.

Choir members (including juniors Alyson Crabtree and Patti Dewey, pictured below) performed for a large crowd of students, faculty, parents and community residents. A soloist, two duets and a quartet were also featured in the concert, billed as "bone-chilling."

photos by John Rousseau



Mock rock

Airbands a rockin' success

By Elizabeth Burchill
Feature Editor

"Airbands" proved to be a hit last Saturday night complete with a bright comedian, colorful acts, and a large turnout.

The show, held in Cappaert Gymnasium, was emceed by comedian Jonathon Solomon and was comprised of four individual acts.

Seniors Brian Fuller and Paul Masnjak comprised the first act by lip-synching to the Wierd Al song "Lasagna."

The popular pop tune "Locomotion" was performed by Heather Hall, Meg Fowler, Kelly Holcomb, Barb Mollenhauer, and Mary Weitzel.

Airband veterans Carl Grant and Kevin Hoffman returned again this year to lip-synch to a medley of Negro "spiruals," while senior Kurt Moultime rounded out the night with his "Freak from Hell" performance.

Moultime captured the second place prize of \$50, while Grant and Hoffman both split

the \$100 first prize position.

According to ACUB major events coordinator Tia

Brandel, this year's Airbands was successful.

"I thought it went good considering the low student

response we had to applications," Brandel said.

She continued, "We plan to keep Airbands going in the future. I was really pleased to see such a large turnout. I thought everyone had fun."

Hunger relief

SPAN fasts fights famine

By Elizabeth Burchill
Feature Editor

Have you felt the moral responsibility to help the world's starving people, but never seemed to find a proper outlet in which to channel your interest? If this is the case, then the SPAN-sponsored one-day fast to help aid in the battle against hunger is for you.

Scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17, Alma College Students for Peace and Non-violence (SPAN) in cooperation with Oxfam America (a Boston-based hunger relief organization) will participate in a one-day fast from Saga meals.

According to SPAN president Toni Coral, SPAN members will be in Saga on Nov. 8, 9, and 10 with information on the cause.

In brief, Coral explained that for every Saga meal a student wishes to give up for that one day, Marriott will donate \$1.13 to Oxfam, which will

then send the money to needy, poverty-stricken countries such as Cambodia and Vietnam.

Coral stressed, however, that giving up one or two meals in Saga does not mean one must fast all day.

year SPAN has attempted such an organized fast, but said she is very optimistic about the cause's future.

"I feel this could become a pretty regular thing if we can get people to participate," she

"People can still go to Pizza Hut or McDonalds to eat. We're just asking people on one day to give up Saga meals."

—Toni Coral

"People can still go to Pizza Hut or McDonalds to eat. We're just asking people on that one day to give up their Saga meals. I don't think that's too much to ask for a good cause," she said.

Coral added this is the first

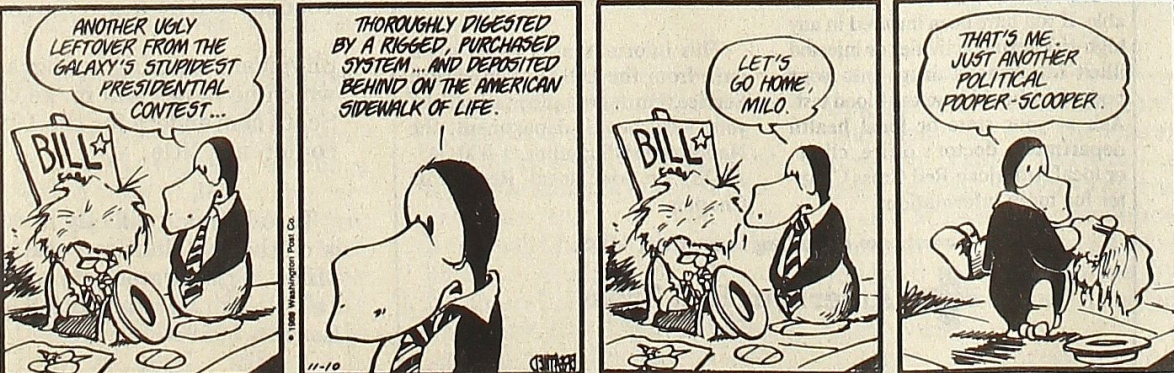
said.

She continued, "Perhaps through all of us giving up a meal, it will alleviate some poor person's suffering in Cambodia or Ethopia. We all need to help."



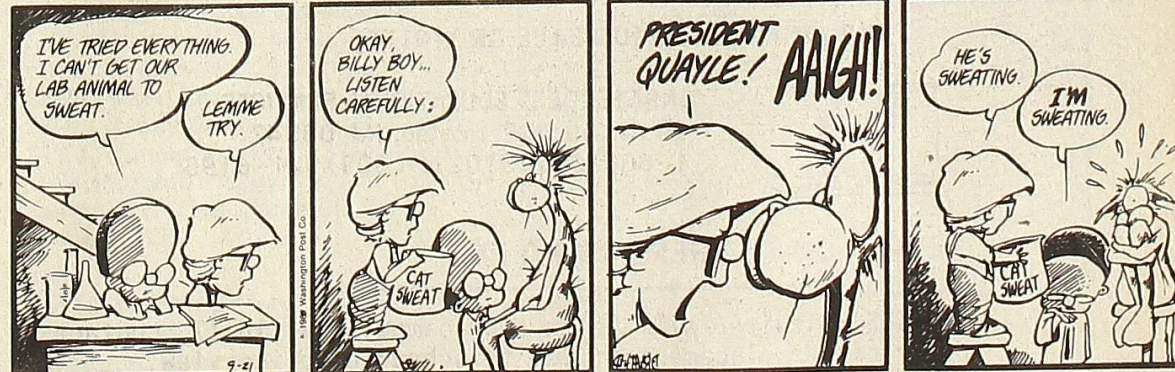
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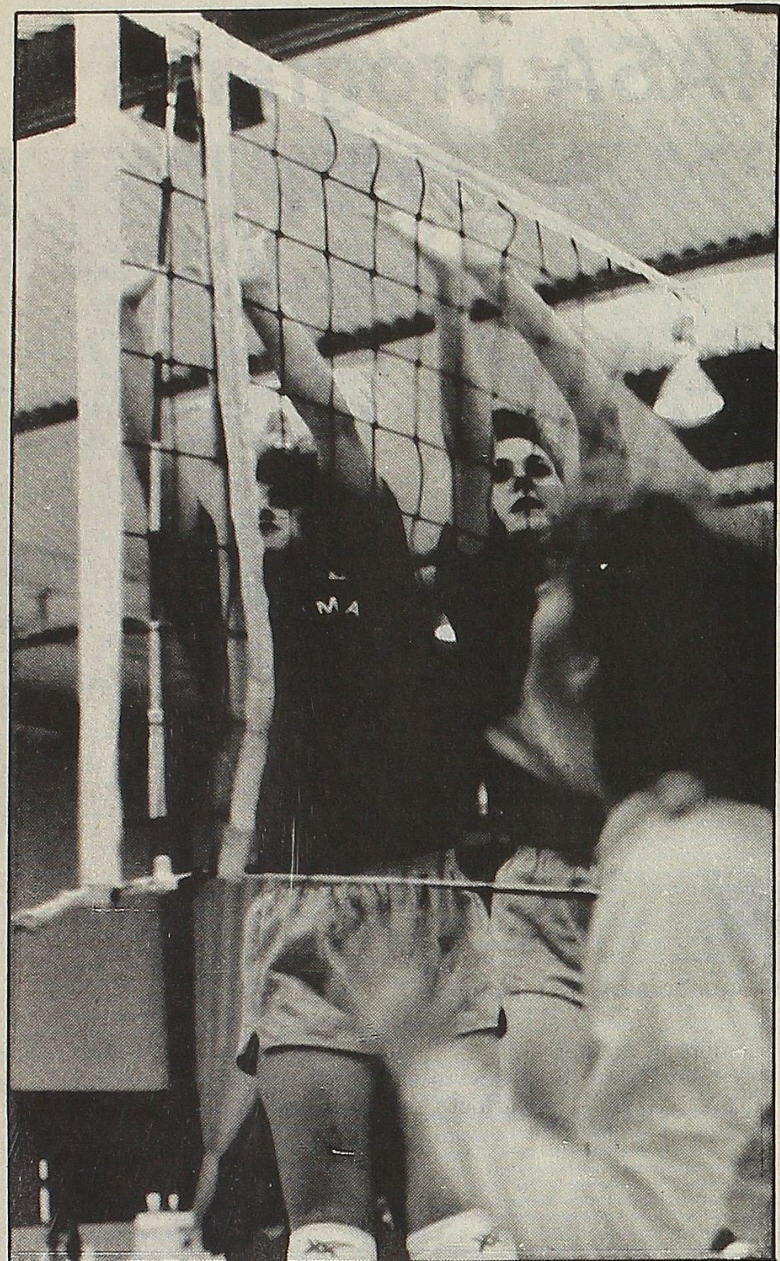
by Berke Breathed



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed





Alma players form a wall to block an Albion shot.

Season ends on a high note

Spikers beat Albion with four straight

By Patty Fields
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team lost to Kalamazoo in five matches at home on Wednesday. The scores of the matches were 15-5, 8-15, 12-15, 15-12,

football game, those who went had a chance to see an exciting game won by Alma in four matches. The match scores were 15-10, 15-7, 15-9, 15-9.

"The key to winning the game was our intensity," states Head Coach John Chiodini. "Our biggest problem has been our mental

"The key to winning the game was our intensity."

Coach Chiodini

17-15.

Shannon Clement led the team with 20 kills, while Bev Brown had 13. Brown also led in blocks with 18, and Shannon Nichols had 10. Deb Roubel and Jami Zabawski had three aces each.

The team played their last game of the season on Saturday against Albion. Although it was overshadowed by the

preparation. When we come ready to play, we execute."

Clement and Nichols led the team with 12 kills each. Brown and Nichols each had four blocks, and Roubel added three aces. Cindy Howell dominated as team setter, leading with 35 assists.

The team ended its season with an overall record of 12-15, and an MIAA record of 6-6.

LSU fans create an earthquake on dramatic last minute catch

(CPS) - When Louisiana State University's Eddie Fuller pulled in the touchdown pass in the final two minutes of the game that lead to LSU's 7-6 Oct. 8th victory over Auburn, the fans went wild and the earth moved.

Literally.

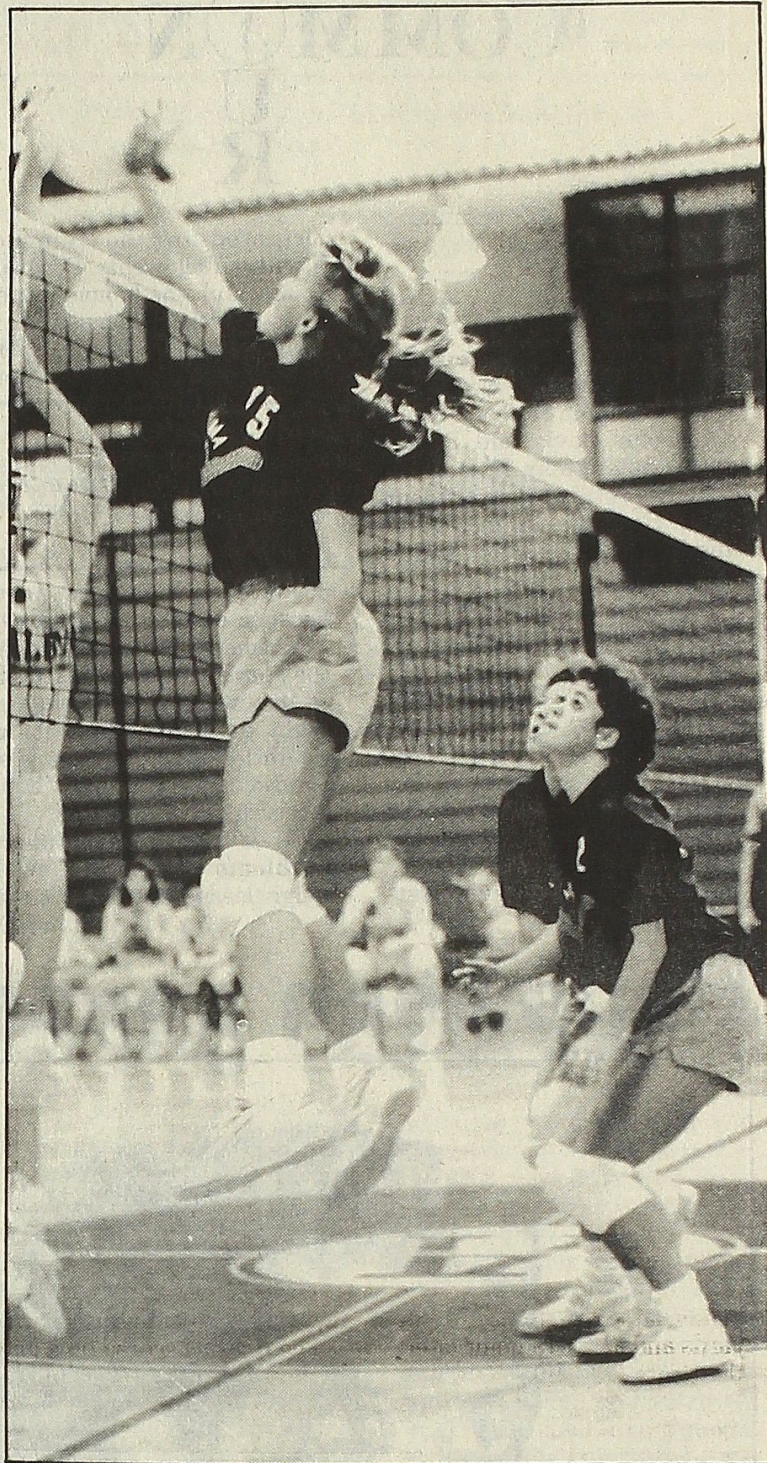
Tiger fans' cheers for the Fuller's touchdown were so powerful they registered on the LSU Geology Department's seismograph, which is used to measure earthquakes.

"Obviously the audience was excited," said geologist Dr. Vindell Hsu. "They must have jumped up and down in

the stands and caused the ground to vibrate."

Hsu said the seismograph picks up vibrations from all over the world, including earthquakes, but that sometimes it registers heavy footsteps in the adjacent geology offices as well as rumbling from trucks and buses that pass outside. But those vibrations come from extremely close sources, not halfway across campus.

Hsu cannot determine how the fans' rumblings measure on the Richter scale, however, because cheering produces a different kind of seismic wave than an earthquake.



photos by John Rousseau

Karla Steinke puts a shot over for the Scots.

Scots score big in MIAA field hockey

By Denise Coiner
Sports Editor

The final statistics for the 1988 field hockey season are in. Junior Tricia Todd tied the league record for assists in a

season with eight. Previous holders of this record also came from Alma: Lori Audrain (1982) and Meg Fowler (1985).

Senior Meg Fowler led the league in scoring with 17 goals. Earlier in the season, Fowler set a new single game scoring record with eight goals against Adrain in Alma's 14-0 victory.

Senior Barb Mollenhauer placed third among goals scored with 11 goals and Todd

ranked fifth with 9 goals. Other scoring leaders for the Scots include Kelly Holcomb, senior, and Jane Ravish, sophomore, in a tie for thirteenth place with four goals apiece.

While Todd ranked first in assists, Mollenhauer ranked second with five assists. Other leaders for Alma include Amy Neumeister, freshman, in a tie for fourth with three assists, Lisa Dailey, senior, and

Holcomb tied for seventh with two assists.

Alma players grabbed top honors for total points scored. Fowler led the standings with 35 points while Mollenhauer finished second with 27. Todd filled the third place with 26 points. Holcomb and Ravish finished the scoring for Alma in twelfth and sixteenth with 10 and nine points respectively.

Alma soccer finishes 3-8-1

Prospects bright for 1989 season

By Ken Craig
Staff Writer

The Alma soccer team ended its season last week with a

disappointing 2-0 loss to Hope. The loss dropped the Scots MIAA record to 3-8-1 and knocked them into a tie for fifth place with Hope. Overall, the Scots finished at

5-9-2.

Senior co-captain Brian Fuller led the team in scoring during league play with five goals and two assists. Fuller,

the only Scot to finish among the league's offensive leaders, placed ninth in the conference in total points. Paul Masnjack,

also a senior co-captain, was second in scoring for the Scots with two goals and one assist.

Although the Scots two leading scorers will not return

next season, there is still some hope for optimism. First year coach Carlos Toro-Mendez will return with his rigorous

physical training program which he hopes will make the Scots contenders for the 1989 conference title.

Toro-Mendez will rely heavily on the contributions of Kirk Miller, Craig Peterfeso, Mark Leibel, Tim Peraino, and Karl Leas in 1989.

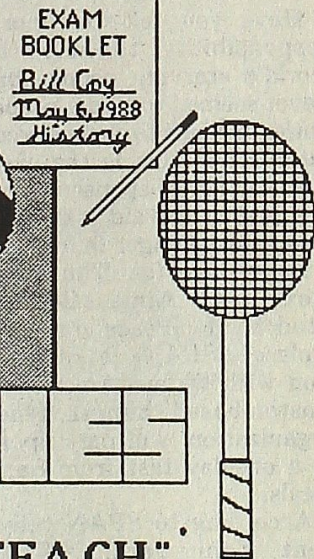
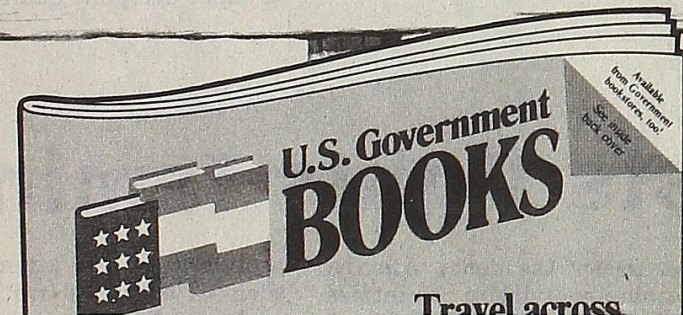
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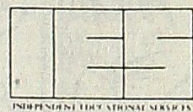
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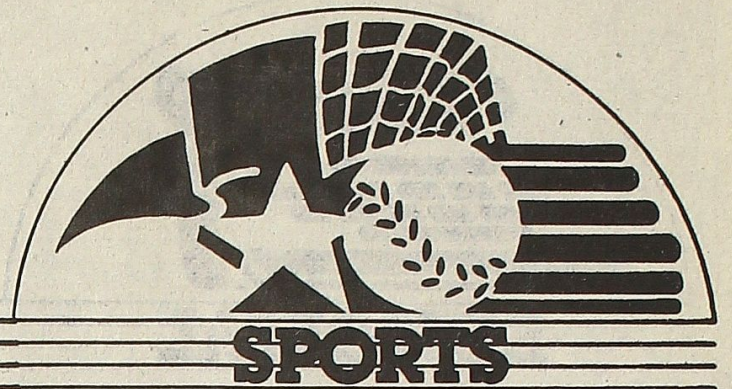
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Alma shares title

Scots defeat Albion in rough conditions

By Ken Craig
Staff Writer

The Alma Scots ended their season Saturday with a 17-7 win over the Albion Britons. The victory gave the Scots a share of their first conference championship since 1972. The Scots finished the season with a 4-1 conference record to tie atop the league with Adrian.

For the third straight week, the Scot defense stymied the opposition. Fittingly, the defense was led by seniors Tim Johns, Brian Hood, and Tim Bonter. Johns recorded two sacks of the Briton quarterback, Hood got credit for 2½ sacks, and Bonter intercepted and returned a Briton pass 34 yards for a touchdown.

Offensively, both teams started slowly. Due to high winds and rainy conditions, neither team was able to generate much momentum. Alma scored the games first points with 4:22 remaining in the half on a one yard quarterback sneak by Steve Kinne. Mike Meehleder kicked the extra point to make the score 7-0.

In the second half, Albion's first drive ended abruptly. On third down, the Briton quarterback fired a pass to the left side of the secondary. The ball deflected off the receiver's hands and into Bonter's. 34 yards and an extra point later, the Scots led 14-0.

As the wind and rain picked up, so did the Scot defense. Albion's next three drives ended in punts, with Bonter breaking up two third down passing plays.

Alma used the last five minutes of the third quarter to

15 years of waiting

By Ken Craig
Staff Writer

The Alma Scots won their 22nd MIAA championship Saturday by defeating the Albion Britons 17-7. The Scots share the title with Adrian.

"This one is the most satisfying," said Head Coach Phil Brooks. "We won the first two years I coached here -- 1971 and '72. Ironically we shared with Adrian both those years too. It's been a long 15 years."

The Scots stumbled early this season, losing two of their first three nonconference games. Going into the MIAA season, it looked as though the pre-season coaches' poll which had picked the Scots to finish fourth would be accurate. Brooks didn't believe that for a moment.

"I knew we had the kind of

defense that would keep us in games. I thought that if we could give the offense a chance to mature -- most of them are sophomores -- we would have a decent chance. At first though, our defense struggled and our offense carried us," said Brooks.

The only blemish on the Scots' MIAA record was a heartbreaking 32-27 loss to Adrian. "After that game, we were hurting mentally, we were a very hurt group. We talked to the kids about keeping their eyes on their goals. The week after the game, my wife got all the kids T-shirts that said 'Just do it.' We've played out of our heads since then. I think that got them to believe in themselves. These kids wanted their championship rings and they went out there today and got 'em," said Brooks.

Head Coach Phil Brooks was thrilled with his team.

"We had a couple of key plays, but Bonter's touchdown was a turnaround. I think the

weather may have helped our defense, Firek (Albion's quarterback) couldn't throw too well. Our defense peaked at the right time, we've been working hard on creating more pressure on the quarterback and it paid off today. We intercepted two passes, but we probably should of got two or three more. Anyway, I feel just super for the kids, they wanted this so bad, and they earned it."



Alma football players celebrate their championship season.

photos by John Rousseau

Scots nominated for Player of the Week for MIAA

Two Alma football players were nominated for players of the week by the coaches. Tight end Aaron Fletcher caught 10

passes for 141 yards and a touchdown in the Alma victory over Olivet.

Brian Hood, defensive

tackle, was credited with 10 tackles including three quarterback sacks in the same game.

Below: The rain did not dampen the spirit of the crowd.



Scots head for Regional meet IN THE BLEACHERS

by David Engelman
Sports Writer

The men's Cross Country Team was "ecstatic" about their surprise second placing at the MIAA Championships this past Saturday at Calvin, according to coach Charles Gray. The men defeated third place Hope and had their best placing since 1970.

The overall scores for the men's meet were Calvin-20, Alma-64, Hope-69, Kalamazoo-127, Albion-142, Adrian-153, and Olivet-185.

Bill Arnold took fifth overall in the MIAA meet, finishing with a time of 28:31. But, according to Gray, the times are, "irrelevant because in most places the mud was about six inches deep, at least." Matt Chovanec followed for Alma in 12th at 29:11, with Chris Jonas close behind in 13th at 29:20 and Evan McGrath 15th at 29:31.

"This is the first time since 1970 that we've had four men finish in the top 15. Also, the top six finishers were freshmen or sophomores, so this really bodes well for the future," said Gray.

Adding to this "extraordinary effort," said Gray, were Bill Huddleston, 19th at 29:57,

several Ohio schools, but, as Gray said, "the Ohio schools seem to be getting weaker and the MIAA stronger."

Calvin is favored to take first in the regional competition, while second place will be a "dog fight" between Alma and Hope, claimed Gray.

The women had a disappoint-

finishers in women's competition were Kelly Chura, 12th at 22:30, Amy Wolfgang, 13th at 22:32, and Michele Snyder, 16th at 22:47.

JV times are as follows: Steve Gardner, 13th at 31:35, Dana DeWitt at 32:02, Dave Stuebe, 23rd at 32:51, Dave Buchanan, 27th at 33:33, Kevin Hoffman, 28th at 33:35, Paul DesRosiers, 29th at 33:50, Steve Chovanec, 41st at 35:28, and Ed Covey at 35:44.

For the women it was Jennifer Gradowski, 22nd at 23:25, Lori Chura, 28th at 23:48, Jamie Grant, 34th at 24:13, Tupper Lysaght, 37th at 24:45, Lynn McKay, 40th at 24:53, and Tina Janoschka, 51st at 27:38.

The Scots will face teams from Ohio, Indiana and Michigan at the NCAA Regional Championships in Richmond, Indiana this Saturday.

"The Ohio schools seem to be getting weaker and the MIAA stronger."

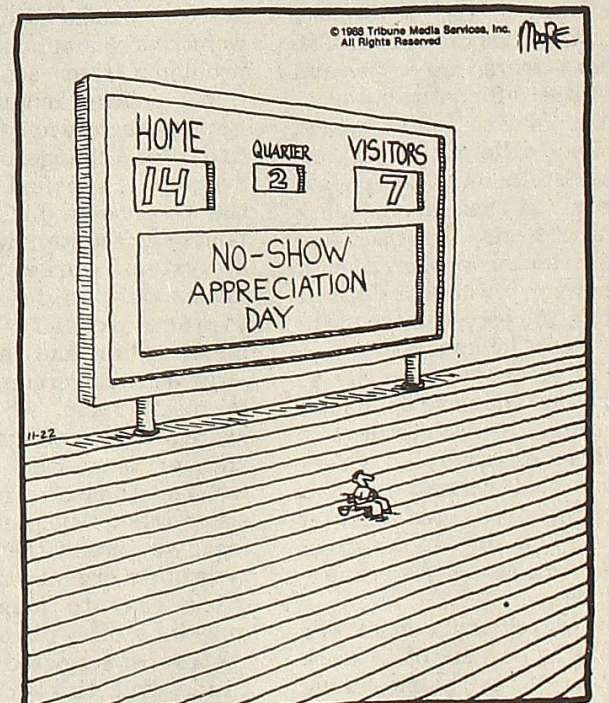
Coach Gray

Mike Holik, 20th at 29:59, and Mike Pope, 21st at 30:07.

Gray also explained that the top three schools in the MIAA are favored to win the Regional Championships to be held in Richmond, IN at Earlham College this coming Saturday, the three teams being Calvin, Alma, and Hope. In past years, the competition has been between Calvin and Hope, from the MIAA and

ting but not a surprising race, said Gray. It was their first time ever taking third in the meet overall. Calvin was the new MIAA Conference Champs, with 34 points, followed in second place by Hope with 40 and Alma in third with 51.

Sarah Braunreiter took third overall at 21:46, followed by Janet Reinowski in seventh at 22:06. Other top



by Steve Moore

Right to vote is important

Presidential election offers limited choices to voters

Robert Henry

Opinion Editor

Tomorrow's the *BIG* day. The registered voters of America will decide the fate of our country for the next four years. This is one of the grandest opportunities afforded to us by the powers that be.

At the end of September, I focused on how the candidates themselves have failed to focus on the issues concerning myself and many students and voters in general.

Since that time the campaigns have become even more obscured. I am waiting for them to challenge each other to a mud wrestling contest any time now. I'd say Bush would probably lose. His mud slinging capacity does not necessarily indicate an aptitude for the sport.

In this day of highly glazed ideologies, it is difficult for me to truly assess Dukakis' ability and sincerity. He seems more earnest than Bush about his platform, but maybe he's just better than Bush at "b.s."

Whatever the case may be, his personality at least is more in line with the type of president

I would prefer.

Mr. Bush, as I am too often told, has much more experience with foreign affairs than Mr. Dukakis. With experience like the Iran-Contra affair on his resume, I am not sure I would care to have him in the highest office in the nation. Dukakis is no innocent lamb either, but I guess I need to decide the lesser of the two evils.

The conservative Fundamentalists are siding with Bush, mainly for his stand on abortion. Big deal. If everything is to be decided on single issue voting, then our democracy is worthless. We need to balance our thoughts here for a moment.

This election reminds me of high school homecoming court elections. Listing the superficial qualities each candidate has, we decide the queen, or maybe we vote for the most popular person. This election is a popularity contest. We all know that.

The Presidential election is

probably the same thing except we list the worst qualities about each candidate and decide which one is the best of the two.

This is facilitated by giving the opposing candidate some controversial label—like "bleeding heart, liberal Democrat." Boy, that really makes me want to go out and vote for Bush. Perhaps Dukakis should just stand up, stick out his tongue and scream, "Bush is a right-wing, radical, fascist Republican, and his mother wears combat boots!" Boy, that would really make me go out and vote for Dukakis.

I guess the election campaigns are just a bit too elementary and insignificant to me. It is hard to believe that grown men and women are behind these campaigns and that we sit back and accept it. Oh well, I guess that's democracy.

Bush, quite frankly scares me. He does not seem all too intelligent and definitely does not seem the strongest candidate the Republicans could have produced. Dukakis on the other hand seems more intelligent but admittedly is less experienced in national



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politics (then again, so was Reagan—another column in itself). I am still not too sure about where I will put my vote.

A good friend of mine, a conservative Republican voter, has decided to cast his vote for a candidate outside the two major parties. He said he still believed in the Republican ideologies, but he could not see himself willfully voting for George Bush. When I see a conscientious and intelligent Republican not voting for his own party I know it is time to ask questions.

I recently receive some propaganda from the Bush supporters about Dukakis' stands on issues concerning criminals, taxes and environmental pollution. The flier claimed that Dukakis allowed hardened criminals to leave prison in the furlough program, that he was in favor of raising taxes, and that he was against cleaning up the environment.

My response to the claims

that George Bush would be better able to help America in these areas could take more than one column, but I will try to be brief.

First, Dukakis' program for criminals sounds like a step in the right direction. Sure, there will be downfalls, but at a macroscopic level the benefits far outweigh the very few pro-

then I am certainly willing to do so. Bush will only allow the deficit to continue on its way towards infinity.

Last, I seriously doubt that Dukakis cares less about the environment than any other politician. What we really want is action. Supposedly Bush is in favor of cracking down on industry for

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Should equality be as absent as urinals in a women's bathroom?

Todd Deci

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There are no urinals in any of the women's bathrooms here on campus. Most of us can probably figure out why. Most of us would probably agree that there is no need for urinals in the women's bathrooms here on campus, or in women's bathrooms anywhere else for that matter. But this is one difference between the daily lives of men and women here. It is probably a difference with which we can all live. But it seems

organizations can be an important, worthwhile extension to fraternities, but although most sisters to fraternities become so for more than just the parties, a sister can never become a part of a fraternity like a brother can. Furthermore, the existence of sister organizations is only another example of sexism in Alma's Greek system. If my friends who are women can become a sister to my fraternity, why can't I become a brother to

the differences between sororities and fraternities are proper and natural, like the absence of urinals in women's restrooms, then things are the way that they are supposed to be. But if we decide that there's a bit more to it, then perhaps we should let the administration know.

Campus Comment

By Toni Coral

Kris Giles

George Bush because he already has most of the electoral vote sewn up. It's going to be hard for it to turn around in the last week.

Curtis Bryant

I think Bush because everybody's stupid.



Who do you think will be elected tomorrow as President?

Shelly Craig

I believe that George Bush will win the presidential election because in the past eight years we've been bombarded with ultra-conservative propaganda, and therefore the American people no longer have liberal minds so Dukakis doesn't really have a chance.

Patty O'Dell

George Bush.

Barb Mollenhauer

I think George Bush will be elected on Tuesday. I just think that over the past couple months Dukakis' popularity has dropped.

Dave Hubbard

George Bush because he's the best, and the Democrats screw everything up too much, and the Republicans are for the rich and that's us so he's gonna win.

Krista Hensler

I think it would be Bush although I would rather it be Dukakis.

Tracy Fox

Bush, unfortunately.

that there may be other differences here at Alma which are not so easily explainable.

Women can't join fraternities and men can't join sororities. No one has much argument with this in and of itself. Fraternities are for men, and sororities for women. The college treats fraternities and sororities differently, however, and in doing so treats men and women differently. Fraternities are allowed to sponsor parties, in their houses on a regular basis. Sororities are not given this option. Even if they were, it would be difficult to fit a 150 people in one of the tiny sorority houses.

The sorority houses are so small that the sorority chapter meetings themselves have to be held elsewhere. A Greek house that cannot even accommodate it's own chapter seems to be lacking in qualifications for its primary purpose.

So we tell the woman who wants to be part of a Greek group and have parties in her house to become a fraternity sister. But this is a patch on a leaky life raft, at best. Fraternities are for men, and sororities for women. Sister

their sorority?

Perhaps in reality, sexism in the Greek system here at Alma College doesn't cause as many problems as I make it sound to cause. Those of us who want to be a part of the system join, and both men and women work around any of the problems that administration's policies might create. Perhaps there is no real reason to ask for a change, as long as everyone is satisfied. Perhaps the patched-up lifeboat will float satisfactorily. But even if a system works, it isn't necessarily right. If the average sorority has a membership half again as large as the average fraternity membership, why is the average sorority house a third smaller than the average fraternity house? If fraternity sister organizations are a good idea, why aren't there sorority brother organizations?

It's easy to laugh these questions off with a 'That's the way it's supposed to be' attitude. True, this is the way it is, and this is the way it has been, but it is only 'the way it's supposed to be' if it's the way that the Greek community wants it. If we decide that

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