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## Administrators disagree with report

# Report questions use of liberal arts degree

By Kathy Brown  
Staff Writer

Many corporations constantly praise and give high marks to the capabilities of liberal arts graduates, but at the same time often shut out liberal arts graduates in the job market, according to *Business Week* magazine.

Several Alma administrators, however, said that a liberal arts degree should not be a hindrance in job hunting and does present certain benefits.

The *Business Week* article stated that companies usually think of employees as short-term, which works against liberal arts graduates who may take six months or more to become productive.

A complaint presented in the article was that some companies believe

liberal art graduates are too vague about their goals; however, the main complaint seems to be a lack of technical skills.

"We (Alma College) are not technical, not technical by choice," said David Groff, director of admissions.

Daniel Behring, vice president of student life, believes that graduates "need one or two marketable skills and a good general liberal arts background."

"A liberal arts degree in itself isn't a selling point. What's critical is for students to interpret their experiences and skills in a way that their skills apply to the appropriate area," Groff said.

Groff also stressed the necessity of leadership and organization skills.

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## Messiah



The Alma College grand chorus and symphony orchestra performed Handel's "Messiah" in Dunning Memorial Chapel this weekend.

photo by Peggy Grover

## Students experience stress

# ACCD counsels 83 percent more students

By Lisa Donahue  
Staff Writer

It's no secret that the last few weeks before the end of the term can be very stressful for Alma College students, but what isn't as obvious is that stress has been a major problem on campus all year.

The Advising, Counseling and Career Development center (ACCD) deals with student stress every day, according to Director of ACCD Robert Perkins. The office sees between 40-50 students a week, helping them with academic concerns, personal problems

on campus, and just about any other problem they might have, Perkins said.

"We like to keep in contact with students and let them know we're here for them," Perkins said. "It's a constant struggle for us to present ourselves in a way in which students will feel comfortable coming to us."

This year, there has been an 83 percent increase in student counseling as compared to the first two months of last year.

Part of this increase can be attributed to student concern for their academic performance, Perkins said.

"We've done more counseling for academic concerns this year than we did in the previous two years I was here," Perkins said.

ACCD sees between 25 and 30 percent of the students on campus during the year, whereas most colleges and universities nationwide average about 10 to 25 percent.

Since Alma is a smaller college, it's easier to be more personal with students, Perkins explained.

"We make it a point to try and screen students and be in touch with them before problems get out of hand," said Perkins. "We want

students to benefit from their experience here."

To help them in this, ACCD uses an early-warning system including low grade reports that instructors fill out, RAs reports and other reports. Also, freshmen who have a 2.0 grade point average or below at midterm are usually contacted by ACCD.

"This isn't a disciplinary measure," Perkins emphasized, "and we don't want to invade anyone's privacy. We simply want to detect problems before they are so far along that they can't be fixed."

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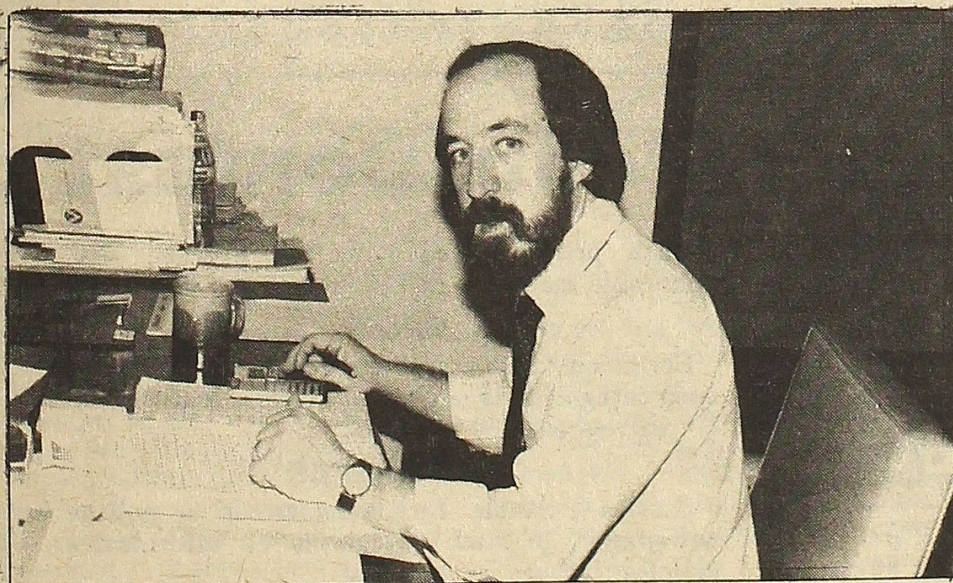


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Bob Perkins

## Legislature funds state placement service at MSU

By Diane Schefke  
News Editor

The Michigan College and University Employment Institute was recently established at Michigan State University to aid all Michigan college and high school students in matching their career choices with the needs of society.

The institute, funded by a \$150,000 state grant this year, grew out of recommendations from the Governor's Commission on the Future of Higher Education and the Mindpower II Conference planned by Senator

William Sederburg.

"This is a significant step in an area that higher education has needed for a long time," said John Shingleton, director of MSU placement services, where the institute is located.

Combining the research and data already at the MSU placement services, the largest and most comprehensive operation of its kind at an American university, and new research in the graduate employment, Shingleton believes "this will be helpful in making career decisions."

The institute aims to get the "whole

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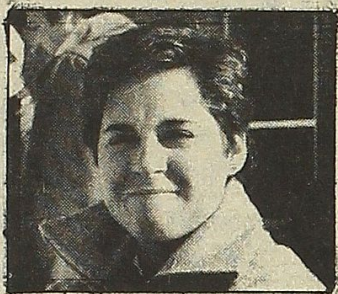
By Kerry Wilson  
Feature Editor

photos by Colleen Ryan

**Q. What do you feel is the overall effectiveness of class evaluations?**

A. Tina Mudge: "I don't know if they do anything with what they get. If they do, do they interpret it as well as the students want them to? Some of the questions are very difficult, because you don't know how they will interpret your answer."

A. Wendy Kuzniar: "It depends on the class. If it's a visiting professor, it won't do much good because they'll be gone soon anyway. But, if they're a permanent professor, they may or may not change their curriculum. They can't really fire them so it doesn't do a whole lot of good. On the other hand, it's good for the professors to know how the kids feel about the class, whether they think they're getting a complete course, whether they're missing something, whether it's going too fast, or what. The professor doesn't have to follow the suggestions, so I don't know how much good it really does."



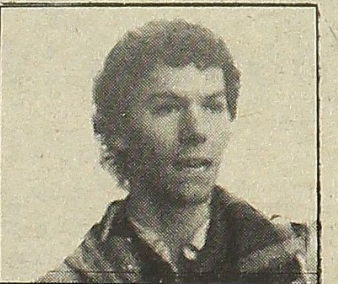
A. Dave Kirk: "I don't think anyone answers them honestly. Even though they're 'anonymous,' students still write it so teachers get a good feeling about the class and hopefully give everyone good grades."

A. Pat Hengesbach: "I don't think they're that effective. I don't think that many students take them seriously."



A. Chip Hardwick: "It doesn't really seem like the professors do anything with the evaluations because I've heard a lot of people say that professors get bad comments year after year and they're still here and nothing ever happens."

A. Brian Bartes: "I think class evaluations are very useful, because you can give a lot of positive and negative criticism. If you support that, it has an effect on the general level of classes. I think it helps."



A. Jen Lorimer: "Profs need to take them into deeper consideration, and I think they need to really find the value in them, because I think there is value. And I think most students take them seriously (there are some students that don't) but I also think that profs need to look at them and study them because there are constructive comments in them."

A. Michele Myers: "It gives the teachers a chance to improve themselves—if they want to be better."



A. John Merner: "I think they would be valuable if they were looked at; I'm not saying they're not, but I don't see any results of the evaluations."

## Congress approved

# Delegates to go to convention

By Don Wheaton  
Staff Writer

Student Congress moved to send two delegates to the Student Conference on National Affairs at its meeting Wednesday.

The conference will be conducted February 12-15 at Texas A&M University.

Congress voted to subsidize these delegates' registration fee, which includes all meals and lodging, and their round-trip airfare.

In other business, Congress approved a \$600 expenditure

from the Contingency Fund to the championship Zeta Sigma intramural football team to defray travel costs to New Orleans for the national flag football tournament.

Congress also approved the appointment of Mimi Thomas to the Communications Committee and ratified the revised and updated constitution of the Kappa Iota sorority.

It was announced that WABM and Union Board will co-sponsor "The Jingle Bell Rock," a Christmas party and dance on December 14th at 8 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

Students interested in par-

ticipating in the Jamaica spring term should attend a meeting tonight at 10:00 in Van Dusen Fireside Lounge.

*Congress voted to subsidize these delegates' registration fee, which includes all meals and lodging, and their round-trip airfare.*

Congress tentatively decided to meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m. next term.

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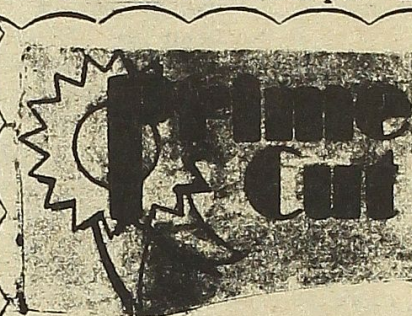
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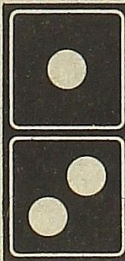
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### NEWSPAPER

Stories suitable for inclusion in a college newspaper, in such categories as informative articles, feature, or editorial.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Subjects suitable for campus publication. Both negatives and prints required. All negatives become property of the Scotsman, which reserves first publication rights.

Deadline will be announced after break. Submit all entries to Communications Committee, c/o Student Affairs Office.

Judges reserve the right to withhold awards in any category if in their estimation no entries are of sufficient merit.



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## German workers cite problems

# Several factors to blame for Bahlke delays

By Pam Hanson  
Staff Writer

Delays on the Bahlke field renovation, which is now suspended until the spring, are being blamed on a variety of factors, including rainy weather, a local contractor's mistakes and conflicts with too many workers.

*"(There is) no room for so many contractors to work."*

Dietmar Ritz

A local firm hired to put up the stadium misplaced a wall and a new one had to be constructed.

According to Bill Dougherty, the American manager for the German workers, "What should have taken two weeks took six."

Meanwhile, other contractors had to go on to other jobs since they could not wait for the wall's completion and each contractor's schedule was upset, Dougherty said.

"There was some work not done to specifications and had to be corrected. That isn't why things did not get done on time," said Physical Plant Director Bob Weaver.

Weaver attributes the delays in construction to the poor weather conditions after Sept. 1 and "slack time" necessary between operations.

"Some things are outside of our (the administration's) control and their (the contractor's) control," Weaver said.

Translated by Tom Pritchard, German expert Dietmar Ritz said that another problem in the renovation is that "(there is) no room for so many contractors to work."

"We were trying to do an awful lot in a confined space," Weaver said.

The work space for many contrac-

tors is limited by the railroad tracks, health center and residential area, Weaver said.

Alma has spent \$1.2 million on the project, and it is now expected to be finished late spring or early summer. Originally, the field was intended to be finished on or before Oct. 1.

Balsam International will not rush the job, though the administration is very disappointed, Dougherty said.

"Since this field is a showpiece, they'll take the time and won't gamble on anything," Dougherty said.

Balsam gave Alma a good price for the field, as it is a model.

At present, all the supplies necessary for the completion of the field are being stored through the winter at the contractor's expense.

Speculating as to why a small academically-oriented college would want a large, extravagant field, Ritz and his partner, Karl Heinz Skora, said, "Isn't everything in America big?"

Balsam International is involved in

many U.S. projects.

Before arriving in Alma during the first week in September, the German team worked on a project in Monroe, Mich.

Other projects are located in New Hampshire and New York.

On Nov. 7, the Germans left Alma to finish work in Logan, Utah. They

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Bob Weaver

will be back in the spring to complete Alma's field.

The company also does surfacing in 40 countries around the world. Balsam builds soccer, football and field hockey fields as well as tennis and basketball courts.

# Renovations planned for SAE, OX houses

By Bob Barnett  
Office Manager

Tentative housing renovation plans have been made by the Theta Chi (OX) and Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternities, with work scheduled to begin as early as spring term of the current academic year, according to chapter presidents.

The plans are in compliance with the Greek housing guidelines recently outlined by the administration, the presidents said.

"A renovation plan for our house is underway and final plans will be drawn up sometime in December," said SAE President Pete Larsen.

According to Larsen, house renovation may begin as early as the end of this academic year.

Similarly, the OX fraternity house may be renovated beginning spring term this year, said OX President Ric Aymen.

The Sigma Chi (SX) fraternity has also submitted a proposal for house renovation, but no significant developments have taken place yet, said SX President Don Nelson.

Plans have not been finalized for the renovation on any of the houses, said Dean of Students Anand Dyal Chand.

Despite difficulties with some of the Greek housing guidelines, Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Scott Smith said, "All of the groups (fraternities) feel it a positive step that the college is concerned with the future quality of Greek housing."

However, "by reducing the number of men in the houses...the college is weakening the deep rooted ideals of fraternities and restricting fraternal needs," Smith added.

Although the fraternities were informed of the new guidelines in a special meeting, no administrators have informed the sororities.

"The Greek Housing Guidelines have never been presented to us, but it really won't affect the sorority houses," said Jennifer Lorimer, Panhellenic Council president.

No action has been taken by the Panhellenic Council so far.

IFC has formed a committee, head-

ed by Todd Bruggema, to exclusively deal with the new guidelines.

The committee will evaluate the

needs and desires of each chapter and then make recommendations to IFC and the administration.

# Barnett is elected IFC president

By Larry Baker  
Managing Editor

Bob Barnett has been elected president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) for the 1986 calendar year.

Barnett, a Sigma Chi, won the election Nov. 25 election over Mike Morawski and will replace current IFC president Scott Smith at the beginning of next term.

Barnett said he decided to run for the office because "IFC is in a crucial spot right now, especially with the housing policy, and we need strong leadership."

"I was honored," Barnett said about being elected.

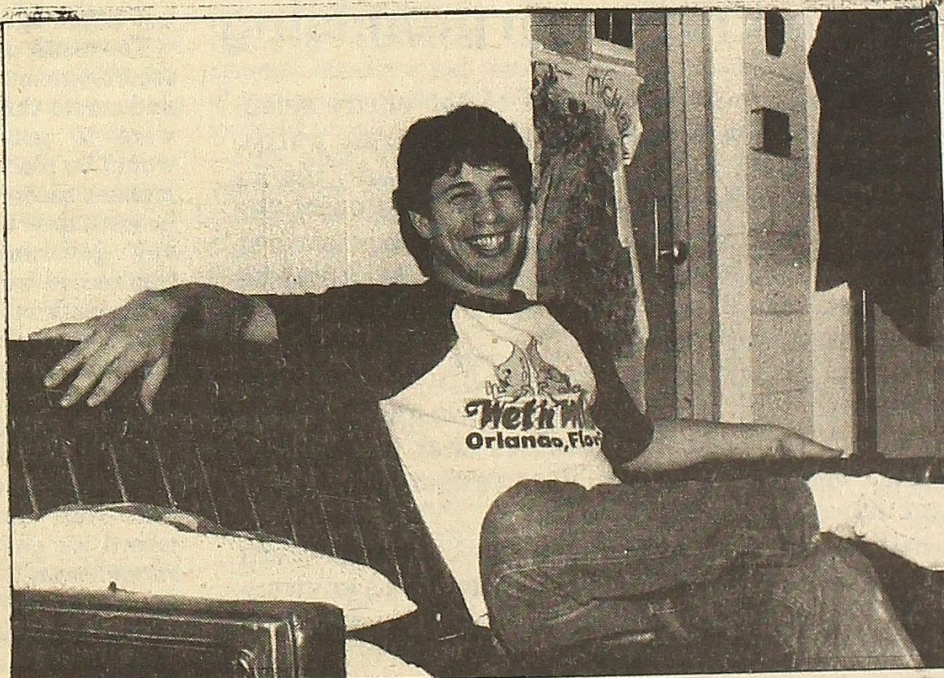
"For that many guys to put trust in one person to run their Greek system is great," Barnett added.

After serving five terms as an IFC representative, including one term as recording secretary, and one term as Sigma Chi president, Barnett believes experience will help him handle this position well. According to Barnett, the two problems facing IFC are raising the number of people running out and "settling" the Greek housing issue.

"The fraternities are having a problem" with the administration's guidelines to cut the houses down to a certain number of members, Barnett said.

"I want to reach a compromise on that issue and some other important issues," said Barnett.

Barnett expects that he will be able to work with the administration to reach a compromise. "As president of the Sigma Chi Fraternity I've had to deal with, fight with, and what not with the administration, and I think I do that very effectively," Barnett said.



Bob Barnett

photo by Peggy Grover

Smith leaves the office after serving for more than a year as IFC president. Both Smith and Barnett feel that a lot was accomplished this term, and hope that the success will continue.

"I think this last year has been a big success; the Greek system as whole has improved," Smith said.

Smith, commenting on next term, said, "He (Barnett) has his work cut out for him. He has to tackle the issues of rush, pledging and alcohol abuse that are opened because of the expectations on IFC."

"The resolution of the alcohol policy was the biggest accomplishment of IFC this year. We did something we don't usually do—we took a firm stand on what we believed. We didn't stop there; we tried to reach a compromise and we did," Barnett said.

"After that happened, I think

groups on campus, as well as the administration, respected and do respect the IFC more, for taking a position and standing by it," continued Barnett.

Barnett would like to continue the emphasis on Greek unity implemented by Smith. The first thing planned for next year to help this cause will be an all-Greek smoker designed to "push the Greek system as whole," Barnett said.

"Scott Smith did an excellent job and deserves a lot of praise," Barnett said.

"IFC has come a long way over the past couple of years. We've strengthened ourselves. It's our job now to keep that up and make sure that IFC remains the strong body that it is," Barnett said about the coming year.



# Editorial

## Prosecution, when prevention has failed

The little body of four-year-old Shaun Gates was recently found in a dumpster near Tiger Stadium in Detroit. He had been beaten to death.

The child's legal guardian and her husband have been charged with the death; they face second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter charges, respectively. So what? These charges seem so pathetic in the face of the fact that a small boy has cruelly lost his life.

According to reports, Shaun had been passed from caretaker to caretaker for the majority of his life. He never had a constant, reliable support figure, and he most likely never knew to whom he could turn.

The courts claim that this child's odyssey was entirely legal, in view of the fact that Shaun's natural father appointed his guardians. Shaun's accused murderers are supposedly "friends" of the Gates family. This is ridiculous (not to mention unfathomable), as friends do not murder other friend's children.

In our opinion, the courts have failed miserably and fatally in this case. In most instances, adoption and guardianship cases are handled with extreme care, with meticulous inspection and analysis of the guardians and the involved children. Further, these processes are rightfully justified on the basis of the past troubles that have occurred between adults and children not well matched for each other.

Apparently the archaic days when the law justified child abuse through possession (the child was viewed as the parent's property, thus the parent has the right to do anything he or she wished with the child) aren't really over. Shaun Gates' case is pure and simple child abuse at its most pitiful and pathetic. Sadly, all we can do now is prosecute, as prevention has failed.

## Genetic research promising

Never before have the eyes of the entire scientific world been focused on a single fruit patch. Soon, scientists will spray 2,400 strawberry plants with a man-made bacteria designed to protect the plants from frost. This spraying will be the first deliberate release into the environment of genetically altered organisms and it has caused a ruckus among environmentalists.

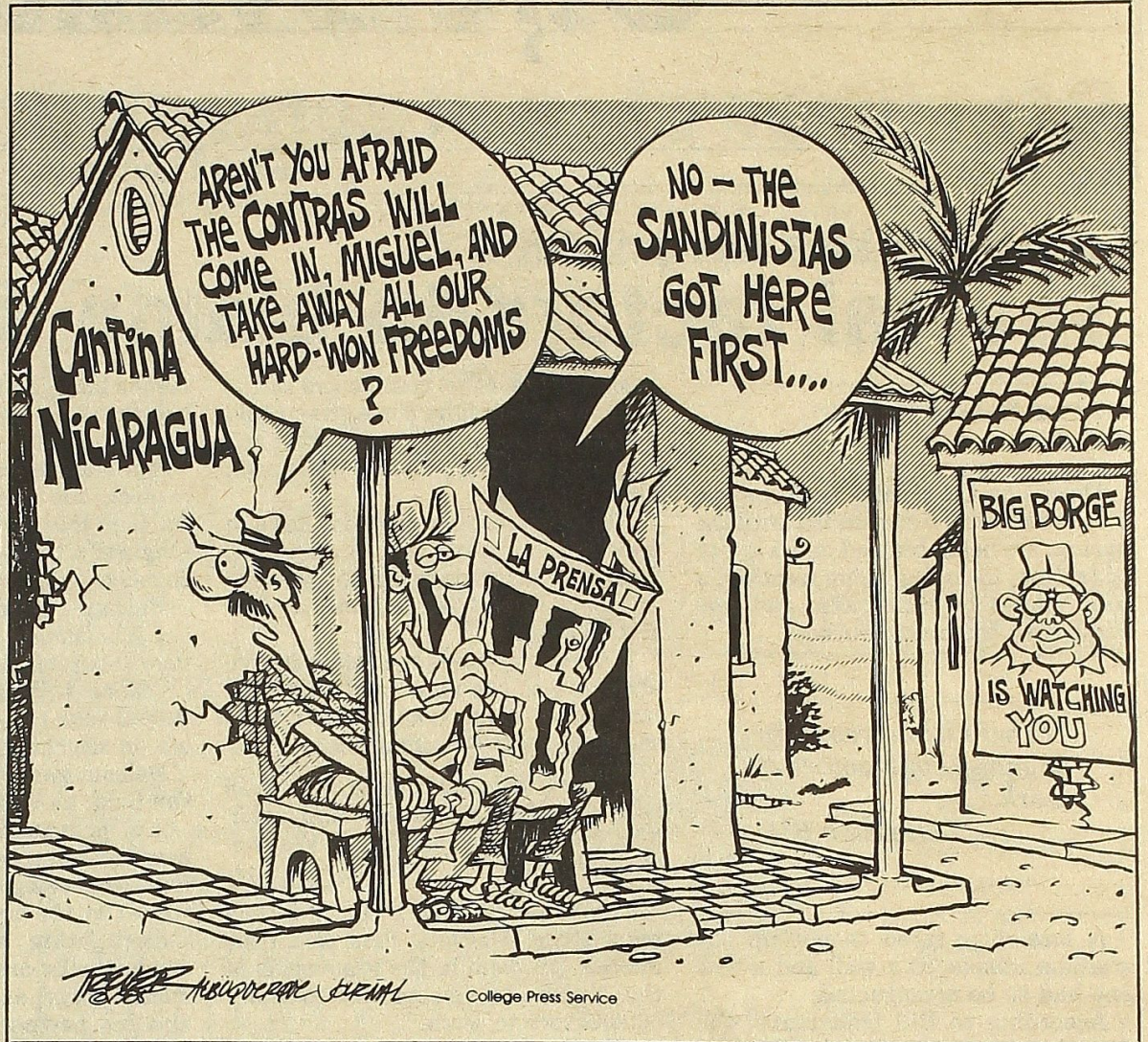
This is all part of the future's brave new farm: crops that fight drought and disease and thrive in poor soil; fruits and vegetables that are bigger, tastier, and more nutritional; cows that give 40 percent more milk each day.

Still, there is a legitimate reason for concern when scientists begin to play games in the environment which may alter nature for decades to come. Questions still remain to be answered: Will these organisms survive, multiply, disperse? How will they react with natural organisms already in the environment?

Reports indicate that the risks of this experiment can be minimized, and that the experiment is indeed safe. So far, researchers have exercised restraint and responsibility. This care and caution must continue, and Congress must make sure that it is continued. Moreover, they must revise and expand regulations to make sure that this research is as safe as humans can make it.

Some extreme critics demand that all genetic experiments be halted. This demand is ridiculous, as our world has much to gain from genetic engineering—a marvelous array of agricultural, industrial, and medical breakthroughs.

The quest for knowledge is inevitable and those who attempt to stop it can only hinder the promise that knowledge has to offer. Onward with the scientific research.



## Letters

We would like to both inform and warn the Alma College community of the consequences of having a police record as the result of a college prank. We were involved in such a prank and were fortunate that police action was not taken against us.

The result of having a police record are both far reaching and career threatening. If one were to get arrested, this would be placed on one's permanent record and can never be erased. When applying for any governmental position this record would clearly prohibit one from getting the job.

In addition, on their applications, all graduate schools specifically ask whether a student has a police record. Obviously, they ask this question for a reason, and if an applicant were to have such a record his chances for acceptance would be severely reduced.

In closing, it is quite clear that a police record is

something none of us want or need. Its implications on a person's life are both fair and wide-reaching and should be avoided. We were fortunate, but before doing something

stupid, think of the consequences for both you and the innocent person you may be causing unnecessary grief. We wish we had.

Anonymous Alma students

## Quotebox

"The figures mean to me that the job recovery we have so long hoped for and anticipated is finally starting to take hold."—David Verway, director of Wayne State University's Bureau of Business Research, on a drop in Michigan's unemployment rate.

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# Opinion

## Star Wars propaganda battle unfair

Tait  
Norton



As President Reagan continues his post-Geneva persuasion in an attempt to gain Soviet acceptance of the Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly known as Star Wars, a domestic propaganda battle has been launched on our own shores. Such organizations as the Committee for a Strong Peaceful America and the High Frontier are actively vying for the allegiance of the American public. This Star Wars Public Relations War will serve only to escalate the arms race even faster.

The duel consists of advertisements using children to promote the value or the fate of the SDI program. The imagery presented through this newly launched media battle is ineffective as an informative campaign and will ultimately create a society of paranoid children and propagandized adults.

On college campuses, in leading national media, in conference rooms, and in laboratories, the two sides are intent on persuading, not informing. American society that Star Wars is either an "impossible and dangerous dream" or that it is "the ultimate nuclear umbrella." Both sides realize that the issue requires grass-roots support. Nonetheless, the political composition of our national defense can not possibly justify a campaign leading only to a misinformed and misguided citizenry.

The newest players in the public relations game include such affluent groups as The Union of Concerned Scientists, the Council for a Livable World, the Arms Control association, and the Trilogy Foundation. Even private citizens have joined the show, to the tune of one million dollars donated by actor Paul

Newman. Meanwhile, the world abounds with poverty and human oppression. It is a deep tragedy that this money cannot be contributed to other, more pressing issues.

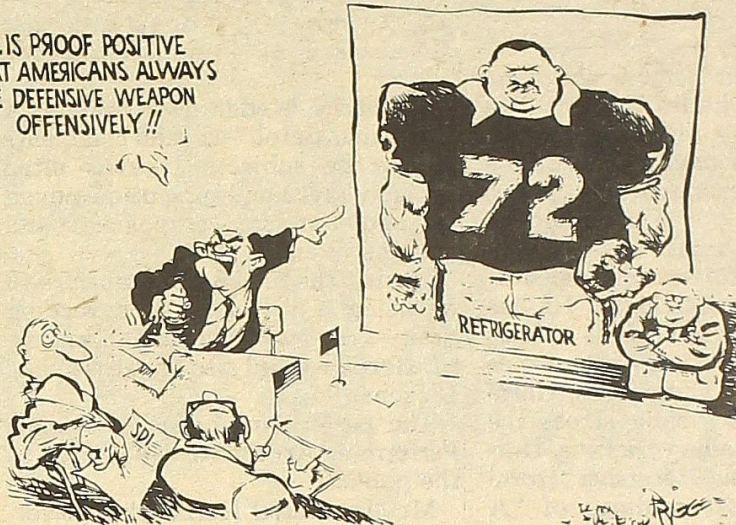
The propaganda war tends to oversimplify the entire Star Wars system. At the moment, SDI is highly complex and consists more of theory than hardware. To portray the program on national television through the use of a child's crayola drawing undermines the very intelligence and reasoning ability of Americans.

If Star Wars must be advertised, it should be presented in a factual setting to allow the grass-roots political spectrum a fair chance to draw a reasonable conclusion as to the relevance of the program.

Moreover, it is difficult to accurately initiate a campaign during a period of non-consensus. The supporters of SDI do not even agree amongst themselves what it is actually supposed to do. Is it meant to be a "perfect defense" or is it meant to "enhance deterrence?" How can the Star Wars proponents demonstrate to the public the purpose of the program when they do not actually know what that purpose is? Or, for that matter, how can SDI opponents portray an evil image of the system when they do not actually know what it can't do?

Regardless of the ability or the inability of the Star Wars program, the American people have a right to hear the truth, not the flashy, misleading, and opinionated propaganda that is currently before us. The two teams need to call an arms freeze on the public relations war until the ammunition is justifiable and the weapons verifiable.

...IS PROOF POSITIVE  
THAT AMERICANS ALWAYS  
USE DEFENSIVE WEAPON  
OFFENSIVELY!!



## Holidays promote understanding

In the midst of the hustle and chaos of the end of the term, it seems strange to look around and realize that we are, once again, in the middle of the holiday season. Somehow it feels foreign and practically impossible to get involved in Christmas or Hanukkah activities when term papers and finals are breathing down our necks; we're so busy that the holidays tend to sneak up on us—a surprising reality at the conclusion of finals week.

So, even though it's probably not the foremost thing in our minds at the moment, the holidays that are widely regarded as the most important for two of the world's major religions are almost here. And while we experience Christmas and Hanukkah every twelve months, they—like finals—risk becoming mundane occurrences, similar to last year and next year as well.

These holidays are, however, much more than routine and usual. Judaism and Christiani-



Joy  
Miska

ty look to their holidays as an occasion for renaissance and renewal; agnostics and atheists often find the warmth of the season to be refreshing in itself.

But regardless of one's ecumenical orientation, one question always seems to surface this time of year, namely (as Charlie Brown put it in the *Peanuts* television special of our childhood)—What is the true meaning of Christmas?

Unfortunately for Charlie Brown, but perhaps fortunately for the rest of us, this question of the meaning of the holidays doesn't seem to have one single straightforward answer. This is a question that must be, if we find it important enough, answered within ourselves. For some of us this may be difficult, and for some of us it might be very easy.

The holidays will not be celebrated within the surroundings of peace in South Africa this year. The violence and pain of prejudice dramatically alters the lives of black persons in Capetown and surrounding areas as they demand only their human rights. The "true" meaning of the holidays for black South Africans might likely be the hope of peace and the promise of determination and belief.

A Soviet sailor, after attempting defection to the United States, has been returned to Communist authorities in the U.S.S.R. As American citizens, it is highly unlikely that we will ever be informed of this man's fate, but

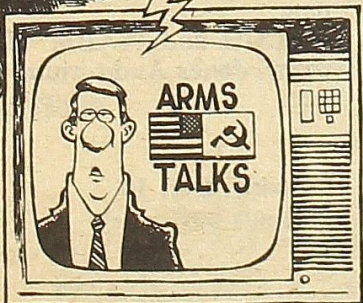
we can hope that the holidays—to him—mean faith, faith in himself, in the powers in which he believes, and in the possibility of freedom.

The people that find the streets of Detroit their cold home this winter might better define the meaning of the holidays through the actions of the more fortunate around them. A blanket, a warm room in which to sleep, and food for a hungry stomach can make the holidays a reality for the homeless poor.

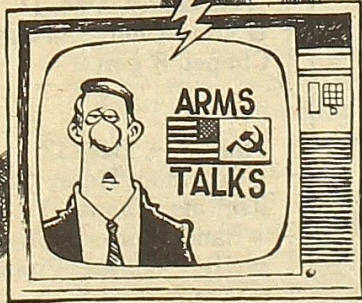
Masses in Europe, threatened by and caught in the midst of the hostilities and misunderstanding between Washington and Moscow, likely find the hope of the holidays symbolically represented in the summit talks between Gorbachev and Reagan. Forced to live among nuclear arsenals supported by the world's two super-powers, Europeans directly experience the fear and discouragement of tension between the powers, while looking for a sign—any sign—of eventual peace. If only Moscow and Washington could define their "true" meaning of the holidays through peace, and mean it...

Searching for hope, for peace, for the absolute existence of human rights—these begin to touch on the meaning of the holidays to me. This season, perhaps we will all be lead to a better, personal, understanding of the holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

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# Feature

## Hornback to relate "A Christmas Carol"

By Denise Coiner  
Staff Writer

Dickens scholar Bert Hornback will be portraying Charles Dickens in a dramatic reading of "A Christmas Carol." This presentation will be staged in the Louanna Baker Jones Auditorium in the Tyler Campus Center 7 p.m. tonight.

Hornback is a professor of English at the University of Michigan. He has written four books on Dickens and has hosted a ten part television series about the author. Since 1976, Hornback has been traveling across the United States reading Dickens. During November and December, Hornback performs 20 readings of "A Christmas Carol."

James Mueller, chair of the Co-Curricular Affairs Committee, said

that the college had "good reports on his performance." He added that Hornback is a "45 minute one-man show."

Hornback, in addition to reading "A Christmas Carol," will add comments about the subjects Dickens often covered: greed and corruption, poverty and hunger, compassion and generosity and love.

During the reading, Hornback will be using a velvet covered reading desk—a replica of the one Dickens used. Hornback will also be dressed like Dickens.

The performance, part of Alma's Performing Art Series, will be open to the public.

Mueller stated Hornback's performance "sounded appropriate for the holiday season." He added it is a "Christmas present for the campus."

## Christmas investment list focus on high-tech

By Howard Carbone  
Staff Writer

George Gazmararian, professor of business administration, presented his annual Christmas list of attractive stocks at the Dec. 5 Common Hour.

Gazmararian has been making a list of promising investments since 1973, when students from his investments class challenged him to prove his knowledge of stocks. Since then he has built up quite a reputation for success. Like last year's list, this year's consists exclusively of Over-the-Counter (OTC) stocks. This year's list, like the past twelve, consists of high-tech stocks.

All of the stocks on this year's Christmas list are priced below \$9 per share. Three of the stocks on the list are repeats from the 1984 list on which 11 of the stocks increased and nine declined.

One of this year's stocks, Musto Exploration Inc., which sells for 3.875 per share, is unique because it is a mining company. It is considered high-tech because it mines galium arsenide, a material that may soon replace silicon in silicon chips.

Gazmararian had to consider many factors when compiling this year's list,

including recent economic trends, Japanese competition, and technological obsolescence. He noted that timing is the most decisive factor in investing. "Since humans are naturally piggish, they may delay selling a stock with a 30 percent gain hoping for a 40 percent gain, and may lose the 30 percent or even their entire investment," Gazmararian said.

He also had to consider the interest rate, the economy, industry, and the new companies' management as factors to determine the likelihood of the stocks' appreciation.

Gazmararian's advice, especially with such a speculative list, is to investigate before investing. With some risk, the investor may lose some money in the market, but may also stumble upon the next IBM.

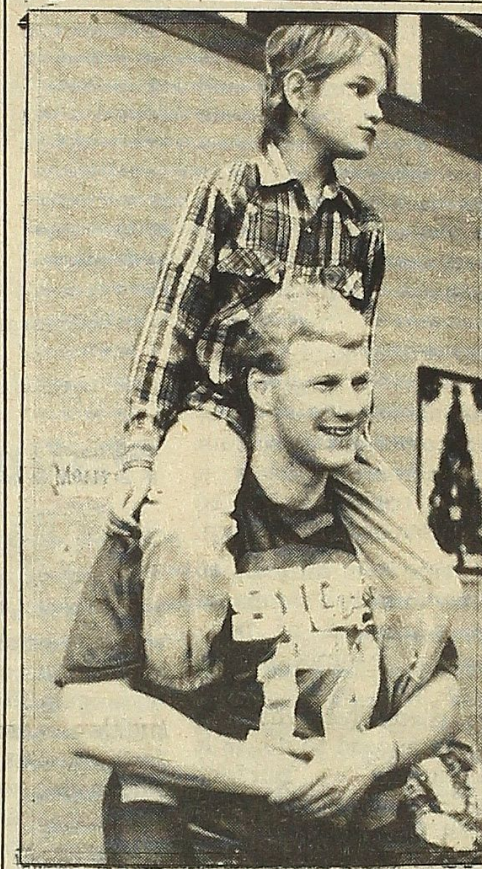
This week's Common Hour will be the last program of this term. It is a student music recital and will feature several Alma students. The performers and their instruments are scheduled to be Joy Davis—flute, Judy Braisted—harpicord, Laura Griffiths—oboe, Susan Black—piano, and Anne Smith, who will be singing. These students were chosen after a hearing last week. The program will be at 11:30 on Thursday in Dunning Memorial Chapel.



## Christmas Party

photos by Colleen Ryan

Amy Barr and Rob Cramer are pictured with children from the local chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The Gamma Phi Betas and Zeta Sigmas sponsored their annual party for the little brothers and sisters on Friday December 6 in South VanDusen. This party is a long-standing tradition between the two groups who organize and pay for games, food and entertainment.



## ACUB/WABM plan party

By Pamela Ensinger  
Staff Writer

Alma College students can enjoy Christmas cookies, a mocktail bar and a blazing fireplace while listening to the sounds of WABM at "Jingle Bell Rock," Union Board's all-campus Christmas party, scheduled for Saturday.

The dance will begin at 9 p.m. in Tyler and will end at 1 a.m. Students will tend the mocktail bar, which will feature Christmas drinks.

Admission is free and dress is casual. The refreshments will include chocolate mint brownies and rice-

crispies bars. The evening will also feature a visit by Santa Claus, who will bring candy to the partygoers.

Union Board will also sponsor a window-painting contest in Tyler, in conjunction with Domino's Pizza. Registration forms are available from resident assistants and major campus organizations. Prizes include a VCR movie and ten large pizzas to persons with the winning window. Judging will take place Friday, Dec. 13.

According to Kandy Knisel and Andrea Johnston, "the ACUB Christmas Party will be a great way to relax before exams and, at the same time, get into the holiday spirit."

## Calendar for weeks of December 9—20

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
● Reading of "A Christmas Carol," Jones Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
● Alma Choir Christmas Concert, Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
● Common Hour, Student Music Recitals, Chapel, 11:30 a.m.  
● Band Concert, Chapel, 8 p.m.  
● NBC Night, Fireside Lounge, 8-11 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 13**  
● Opening night of Orchestris con-

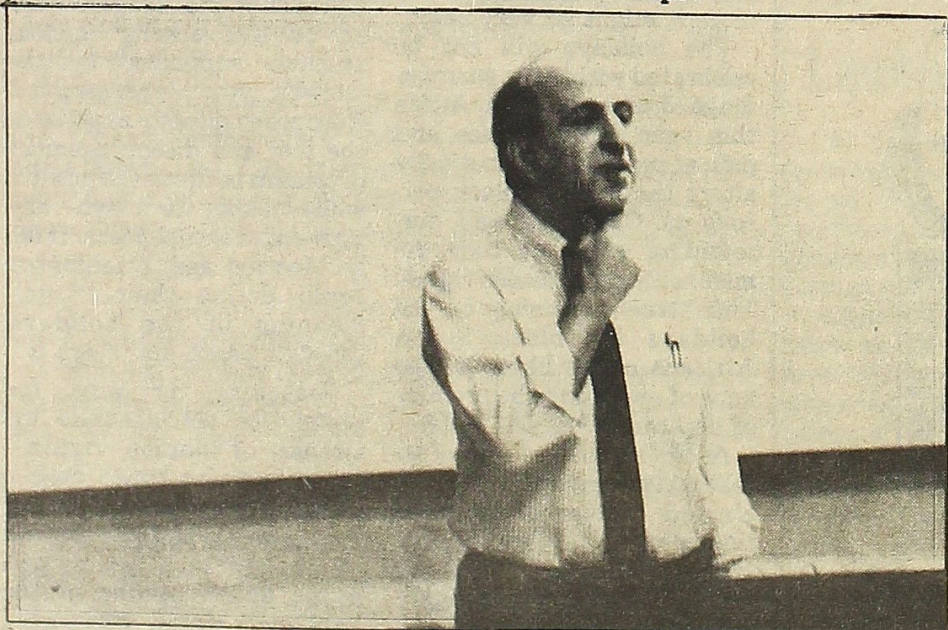
cert, Dow Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 14**  
● Orchestris, Dow Auditorium, 8 p.m.  
● ACUB and WABM Christmas party, Jones Auditorium, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**Monday, Dec. 16**  
● Finals begin

**Friday, Dec. 20**  
● Last finals begin at 2 p.m.

● HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



George Gazmararian explains his 1985 Christmas Investment list.

photo by Peter Schulz



# Entertainment

## Orchesis dance program shows diversity

By Michelle Matlenga  
Staff Writer

The Orchesis dance troupe will present its fall dance concert at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Dow Auditorium. The concert will involve approximately 50 students, including Orchesis dancers and 16 members of the Dance Experience II class.

The Orchesis dancers consist of people "that like or want the experience of performing. Dance is involved, but it serves both the experienced dancer and those that want to get experience in it," Carol Fike, assistant professor of dance, said.

Molly McIntyre, a three year member of Orchesis, said that "people who want to improve dancing or are just starting out, get a lot out of Orchesis."

Dances in the program in-

clude ballet, modern, jazz, a tap number and a traditional Highland Kiltie dance with a live piper. There is variety in the dance and music because "I try to have the concert appeal to a large audience," Fike explained.

"An interesting addition" to this year's show, according to Fike, is the first dance, which will employ face masks. Another dance will include a musical accompaniment by Scott Messing on the piano while William Nichols sings. Tim Carbary composed and plays the music in another dance, which will also use slides of autumn scenes.

There will be a reception in the Dow Auditorium lobby after Friday's performance, which should last about an hour. Punch, cheese and crackers will be served. Tickets are \$1.50 for students and \$2.00 for adults.



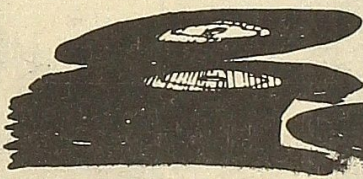
Dancers rehearsing "Let's Misbehave."

photo by Peggy Grover



"Falleavesfall" with Carol Fike and Kris Ulmanis

photo by Peggy Grover



## On the platter

By Don Wheaton  
Staff Writer

SADE—  
*Promise*  
Portrait/CBS Records

Just in time for Christmas comes Sade's (pronounced Shar-day) latest album, *Promise*.

The smoky-voiced Sade Adu and her jazz-pop sound first scored in America earlier this year with the successful LP *Diamond Life*.

Sade shows no sign of sophomore slump on *Promise*, however. In fact, the music is less pop-flavored and more straight jazz than on the band's previous work.

Adu has developed a distinct identity as a crooner and a storyteller. The lyrics she composes are short stories in themselves about people and their lives.

For example, "Jezebel" is a story of a girl from the wrong side of the tracks, grittily determined to get ahead in life any way she can—even if it means she has to walk the streets.

"Maureen" is the tale of the loss of a best friend and the sadness and heartache that goes with such a deep loss. The lyrics are rich, pulling at the listener's emotions, eliciting empathy.

The band of Stewart Mathewman on saxophone, Paul Denman on bass, and Andrew Hall on keyboards has truly developed into a more cohesive unit on *Promise*. They execute well with feeling and style.

The strongest candidate for

the pop charts is the current single, "The Sweetest Taboo." According to Sade, the sweetest taboo is unrequited love.

"Fear" is an interesting tale with a Spanish flavor: a woman waits in fear of the news that her matador lover has been gored by his foe.

"Is It a Crime" shows the more straightforward jazz sound the band is pursuing. The addition of horns to the band provides for a fruitful combination: the music builds a quick bridge and travels back and forth across it.

Sade's *Promise* is a strong second effort for the Nigerian-British band. It comes as perfect timing for the one on your Christmas list with an ear for pop, r&b or jazz. Just the style for listening to when you're relaxing and basking in the soft glow of the Christmas tree, this one's a keeper. Strongly recommended.

By J.D. Jacobson  
Staff Writer

The Clash  
*Cut the Crap*  
CBS/Epic Records

*Cut the Crap* is the anxiously awaited debut release of the reformed Clash. The new Clash has been a topic of discussion since early spring, when the group was randomly spotted in the U.K. doing street corner acoustic mini-concerts. They were trying to regain their grassroots following after it was lost, due to their commercialization and lack of sincerity in the protest

songs they were singing.

This album was heralded as having that "old" Clash sound, but it really doesn't sound similar to any previous Clash recordings. It has more of an upbeat feel, like that of top 40 music, and a few slick production techniques.

"Dictator" and "Movers and Shakers" both feature the use of bright horns and are two of the best songs on the album. The latter summarizes the theme of the entire album. It urges people to get out of their seats, accept their responsibility and do something because radical social change begins on the street. Grassroots rock 'n' roll.

Two medium tempo rockers, "This is England" and "North and South," both feature good solid mixes with keyboards playing second fiddle to the stirring guitar and emotional vocals. Joe Strummer sounds very energetic and very convicted to the cause he's singing about. "We are the Clash" is another solid rocker with a powerful melody.

"Fingerpopin'" and "Are you Red..Y" exaggerate the "pop" feel on the album. Poor synthesizer and monotonous drumming give these songs a sound very appropriate for dancing adolescents.

Overall, this album is enjoyable, and it's good to see Strummer back in the rock 'n' roll spotlight. However, the album as a whole is somewhat disappointing, mainly because it doesn't live up to expectations. It is a very commercialized album, sort of a conservative punk sound. This album conjures up images of yuppies slam-dancing.



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# Sports

## More fall sports seniors are recognized

By Denise Coiner, Diane Wagoner and Patsy Warner  
Staff Writers

This week wraps up the fall sports with a last look at the seniors from cross country and volleyball.

The 1985 cross country team is losing four seniors: Annmarie Bloomquist, Dave Gulley, Molly Joseph, and Cathy McDonough.

Bloomquist ran cross country for four years with three years on a championship team. Coach Charles Gray said that she was "running at No. 5 or No. 6 (and this) was by far her best year."

Bloomquist believes she "improved a lot over the four years." Her best memory is "when the team won regionals two years ago."

"That was quite an exciting day," she said.

Gulley was a first year letterman who joined after the season began. Gray stated he "showed improvement after each meet." Gulley's best improvement



**Cathy Lombardo** photo by Peter Schulz  
"Joseph was the No. 4 runner who according to Gray finished the season stronger. Gray's only regret was that Joseph did "not run for the entire four years."

McDonough was a four year member of the team. She was also part of the



**Kathy Turner** photo by Peter Schulz  
according to Gray was "the final performance at conference when he ran his best ever." Gray also described Gulley as one of the "most intense" of people. Joseph was a member of the team for two years. She stated she liked cross country because of "the closeness of the



**Denise Clark** photo by Kari Williams  
three championship seasons. Gray stated that her best year was as a freshmen but in McDonough's senior year she "regained her ability for a strong finish."

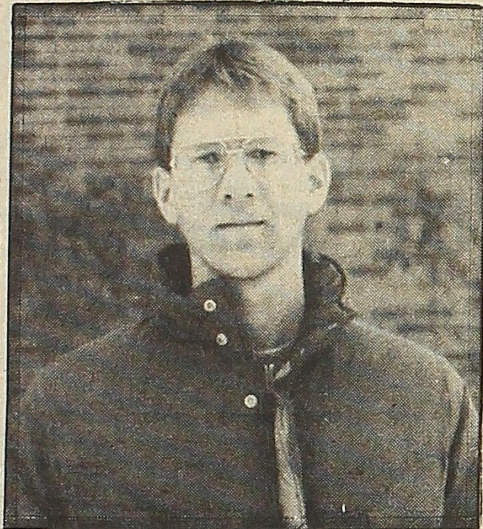
McDonough felt there was really no year that she could call her favorite. "Every year is so different and special in its own way," she said.

However, she commented about her sophomore year saying, "Going to nationals was a once in a life time experience. That was really special."

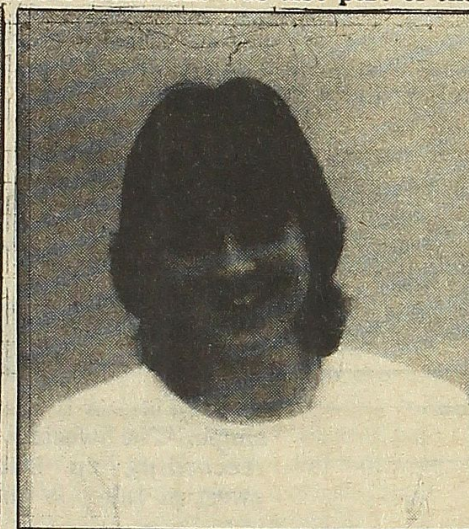
McDonough summed up her years on the cross country team by saying, "I think athletics are a good opportunity to grow. You learn a lot about yourself through competition and gain a lot of discipline through training which (helps) in other endeavors."

The four seniors on the women's volleyball team reflected on their last four years by recalling some most memorable events in their college careers.

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**Dave Gulley** photo by Colleen Ryan



**Molly Joseph** photo by Peter Schulz



**Cathy McDonough** photo by Kari Williams

## Women's basketball rolls over opponents

By Denise Coiner  
Staff Writer

The women's varsity basketball team is running over their opponents.

In the Nov. 26 game against U of M Dearborn the Scots jumped out to an 18-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, however, the team ran into "difficulties on offense"

according to Coach Bill Klenk. The score was tied 22 all at the half.

The Scots came back and outscored the U of M team for a 63-50 victory. Klenk attributed the success to a "full court zone press" which lead to a number of turnovers and scores.

Tammy Feenstra was the leading scorer with 25 points. Ann Sheedy added ten points. Both Sheedy and Mary Ellen Luczak grabbed seven rebounds for the Scots.

The team's next challenge was against Findlay College on Nov. 30. "Playing very well on defense," accor-

ding to Coach Klenk resulted in a 36-23 lead at the half.

After the half, the Scots had at one time a 21 point lead. However, Findlay fought back.

Klenk said, "They (Findlay) went into a zone press which bothered us. And there were some misshots. We let them get into within nine points."

The Scots pulled off a 72-59 victory with a key performance from Mary Duff with eight points coming off the bench. The leading scorer was Feenstra with 18

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## Men's swim team has 'high expectations'

By Amy McIntyre  
Staff Writer

The men's swim team will be helped this year by some new talent as well as by the return of six swimmers from last year.

Sophomore Phil Pattengale, juniors Ian Duncan and Chris Slater, and seniors Dave Clyne, Paul Kurtzhals, and Jeff Schamanek were members of the team that swam to a 2-4-1 record last year. They placed fifth in the MIAA league.

Because of the large number of new swimmers: freshmen Todd Emerson, Dave Anderson, Scott Gibson, Jim Dunbar and Rodney White, and sophomore Brian McIntyre, Coach Rene Allen and Assistant coach Nancy Davis have "higher expectations for this year's team."

Last year was Allen's first year as coach of the men's team. This year she is also coaching the women's team. Diving this year for Coach Andy Scogg are freshmen Dave Quigley and sophomore

Fred Morley.

Last year the men's team did well at the conference meet and broke two varsity records.

Clyne and Pattengale both finished in the top six at conference in 100 freestyle. Schamanek was in the top six in three events: 100 and 200 backstroke and 200 individual medley (IM). Kurtzhals was in the top twelve in the 400 IM. Slater set a record in the 200 butterfly with a 2:11.71, and he and Clyne, Pattengale, and Schamanek broke varsity marks in the 400 free and medley relays.

This year's captains are Schamanek and Kurtzhals and the managers are Leah Goin and Shelly Craig.

Over Christmas break team members will travel to Florida for a rigorous training session which includes two practices a day.

Allen told swimmers she "sees that (the swimmers) are far ahead of last year's (team) going into Florida, as far as conditioning and attitude are concerned."

## New coach trains women swimmers

By Sue Andrews  
Staff Writer

The women's swim team is looking towards a stronger season this year with five returning swimmers and 12 new swimmers.

The women expect to fare better this year than last season in which the team finished with a disappointing six losses, one tie, and no wins record.

The returning swimmers include: Lynne Harvey who was the MIAA champion in 100 butterfly last season, Suzie Wolf, Cindy Hultquist, Wendy Kuzniar, and Amy Hooton.

New swimmers include: Barb Karunas, Wendy Kaap, Patsy Warner,

and Lynn Fragomeli. Freshmen include: Kim Slater, Beth Serwick, Tammy Waidlich, Janine Eggertsen, Melissa Brown, Sue Andrews, Amy McIntyre, and Tracy Wardle. Diving for the Scots are Becky Drayton and Harvey.

Coaching for the first year is Rene Allen assisted by Nancy Davis.

Allen has coached many teams in Michigan. For three years she coached the Midland Masters who won two state championships in that time.

She has also coached the Midland Dolphins and the Mount Pleasant Pacers, both age-group teams, and she has spent two years at the Midland Dow high school team and the Jefferson Intermediate school team.



# Men's basketball team is previewed

By Kevin C. Kenny  
Staff Writer

The 1985-86 Alma men's varsity basketball team is represented by a young group, featuring no seniors, but containing one of the tallest Alma teams in recent history.

Three players return from last year's 9-14 (5-7 MIAA league) squad. Third year letter winner Scott Lewis, a six foot guard returns, along with 5'8" junior guard Steve Gonzales, and sophomore center Mark Bussell (6'6"). Lewis, a second team All

MIAA selection last year, led the Scots in scoring last year, and may surpass the 1000 point mark by the end of this season. He is co-team captain this year. Rob Flinn, a 5'10" sophomore, shares point guard duties with Gonzales.

Coach Chris Ragsdale said that he feels this position is critical, since it runs the offense and requires game experience. Neither player has much varsity experience, and as they improve and gain confidence, the offense will

become more effective. At center, sophomores Dale Vos (6'7") and Bussell alternate. Ragsdale considers Vos a steadying force on the team, with his physical play and good passing. Bussell, a "very intense player," leads the **see PREVIEW page 11**

# Cagers lose heartbreaker to Northwood

By Kevin C. Kenny  
Staff Writer

After an early season 93-47 rout of the Nazareth Moles, and a 81-63 loss to Division II powerhouse Aquinas, the men's cagers took on Nor-

thwood Institute Saturday. The result was a 77-75 heartbreaker. The Scots started slow and the halftime buzzer saw a 36-24 Northwood lead. Coach Chris Ragsdale said, "In the first half, offensively

we got off to a good start, but they (Northwood) made a defensive change and we had trouble adjusting. Our inability to rebound in the first half cost us defensively and offensively."

In the second half, Alma made a strong comeback bid led by Mark Bussell's 23 second half points. The Scots managed to close the gap, and the score went back-and-forth until the Scots called time-out with five seconds on the clock and the score knotted at 75-all.

Alma's inbounds pass bounced on the out-of-bounds line, giving Northwood the ball. Northwood's guard tossed in a six foot game winner as the buzzer sounded. "Down the stretch we shot very well," Ragsdale explained. "I was happy with our poise and confidence. It was a fine defensive performance and dominating type of play in the second half."



photo by Doug Moeggenborg

Kyle Dickson does some fancy dribbling during practice.

The coach also added that although it was a tough loss, many positive things came out of the game. "We've got a tough ballgame on Wednesday against (nationally ranked) S.V.S.C. (Saginaw Valley State College). We hope to carry the momentum we established in the second half to our next ballgame," he said.

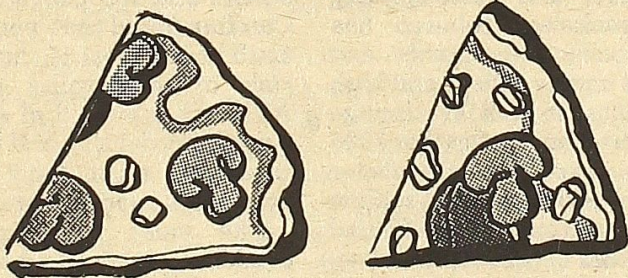
# Charron 37th at nationals

By Denise Coiner  
Staff Writer

Junior Jill Charron competed in the national cross country finals. After a first place finish at Regionals, Charron placed 37th out of 112 runners. Gray stated Charron did an "absolutely tremendous" job. With Charron's 37th finish, she placed third best ever among Alma's cross country runners who have made it to nationals. Only all-American Chris Cooper who was 22nd

and Leith Filker in 33rd place, has done better than Charron. Charron missed all-American honors by 12 positions. "Next year I want to get all-American," she said. Charron also went to nationals as a freshman. "I went to nationals as freshmen but as part of a team," she said. Charron felt she accomplished more this year by qualifying by herself even though she said it is "alot more fun to go as a team."

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# Greek Spotlight

## ΣΑΕ

Anybody wants eight tons of slightly used Holly House greens? See Blanks for details. 22 tasty stitches and the 1st Annual Goldfinger Award to Staff O. LeCaucus. Let's give him a big hand. Hats off to the trail blazing, pitcher-pounding first few participants of SAE Wednesday Nite at the P.K. By the way, Jamey's new nickname is "Blondo," and he loves it. Dormies: don't think we won't barricade the dorms. To all new officers: do it up.

## AZT

BEARY Congratulations to Prez Pam, V.P. Jeanne, Treasurer Paula, Recording Sec. Mimi and Corresponding Sec. Joanne. AZT of last week: Jen the streaker; this week's is Wendy—Great Job Guys! Not enough slime, Mimi? Guess who couldn't hold her punch at the Sig House? Guess whose nickname is grace after falling down steps at the SAE House? Mimi, do you kiss on the truth or dares—6th! What kind of shots were taken after the Christmas Party?! Sarah, did the Pi like your cup? Cindy, how is everything WORKING OUT in the weight room? We will miss you, Rach and Heidi. To everyone who attended our googie, Thank you! Good Luck on Finals!

## ΣΧ

Congratulations to Bob Barnett on the IFC Presidency; we know you'll do a great job. Also congrats to Nuge; calendars and posters will be available soon. Between the AI letters and the

bell ringing, we had a swell week for service. Thanks to our Sisters for the hors d'ouvres and thanks to everyone for the classiness outside of class. We will miss graduates Michael, Leanne, Michelle and Leslie. Take care out in the real world.

## KI

The KIs are happy to say that even during this hectic period of the term the brothers and sisters can spend time together. This Friday everyone is planning to put worries aside! The entire organization will be gathering in celebration of the upcoming holiday. And will soon find themselves in a festive atmosphere! But the problems of the outside world aren't totally forgotten. Plans for a dance-a-thon are in full swing to help support M.D.A. Happy Holidays!

## ΓΦΒ

We quickly approach the end of this year. We spend all available time cramming information into our heads; it's one last attempt to learn before exams. With all this, we forget to take time to look back. It's been a wonderful semester...with all our friends! Congratulations, new officers! Missy, what will you do with that single? I hope it doesn't take you as long as it took your mother to figure that out. Andi, you're going to make a G-R-E-A-T pledge mom. I guess I still have me "pledge rag" title. I feel sorry for them (hee hee). We had a stupendous time with the Zeta Sigma boys Friday. Aren't kids fun? Let's do it again some time—soon. Trivia Question: How many Alma College students wake up with headaches on Saturday mornings?

## ZΣ

The extravaganza of the new year is selling fast—SIG SKI WEEKEND. Sign up before all the fun is gone. As the Wall's carousel turns, fireman Bradley is busy earning the FUA award. On a slimier note, Crusher is making the most of limited Alma time with the help of Aquabutt. Zi, thanks to all who helped in the recuperation of our raspberry smurf—Julian will live.

## ΓΣΣ

"Snowflakes that cling to my nose and eyelashes..." ah, the final stretch is here. Doesn't seem feasible...as I sit here reclined in an incense-soaked room the lazy snowfall outside reminds me that there is more to life than studying. Take a break and enjoy yourself. Entertain a Fantasy. Write a poem. Live.

## ΘΧ

Three cheers for Phil. The coke ran out early on Saturday. To boldly start saving, Daytona is just around the corner. Tobor lies dormant? According to an informal poll the snow falls down. Throw them a penny and they'll make

you a dream, but you'll find that life's not always what it seems. Welcome to Christmas season. Q. Auf leben.

## TKE

Wwwwow, my last spotlight in my last office. Kelsey, congrats on making President. May your past transgressions haunt you two-fold in the guise of the apathy crew. Nothing's worse than past responsibility run amok. Further congratulations go out to Bob Barnett, new IFC President; Bakes and B-Appy, World Federation Foosball Champions; and most importantly to Steve and Laura. May your good times be filled with happiness.

## ΑΓΔ

Hope everyone enjoyed sharing the spirit of Christmas! To the Brotherhood of Sigma Chi we wait (in Room 310) with watchful eyes. To those suffering from marshmallow bruises, the only cure is retaliation. Beanie, next time close the curtains. Harold, tell us about those older men. We'll miss you Betsy, Beth, Jennifer, Susan, April, and Missy remember you're always be in our hearts. Happy Holidays to all and All Good Luck on finals.

## Housecalls: the medical dangers of joining users of smokeless tobacco

By Melinda Kocks

Student Assistant, Wilcox Medical Center

Once only associated with lumberjacks, laborers, and juice-spitting hayseeds, smokeless tobacco has become a socially acceptable and popular habit among college and high school students as well as teenage boys. As reported in the October 1985 issue of *Physician and Sportsmedicine* there are an estimated 22 million smokeless tobacco users in the United States, and sales of smokeless tobacco have increased by about 11 percent each year since 1974.

Local surveys done in Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Massachusetts report that between 20-40 percent of high school boys are chewing or dipping. In Texas, 55 percent of those young dippers started before the age of 13. Many of these young men are being inspired by television advertisements featuring athletic idols. Advertising implies that smokeless tobacco habits are safe, but existing scientific evidence indicates that dipping and chewing are potentially harmful to one's health.

The link to cancer, while less thoroughly studied than that for cigarettes, has become increasingly clear. Smokeless tobacco products have shown the potential for causing cancer of the oral cavity, pharynx, larynx and esophagus. Smokeless tobacco can produce significant effects on the soft and hard tissues of the mouth, including bad breath, discolored teeth and restorations, excessive abrasions of the incisal and occlusal surfaces of the teeth, decreased ability to taste and smell, gum recession, advanced periodontal destruction, erythema (redness) of the soft tissues, and leukoplakia, as well as cancer.

Dipping can cause visible damage in as little as three to four months and users are two to three times more like-

ly to lose their teeth.

In a major study reported in *Physician and Sportsmedicine* and conducted by the National Cancer Institute and the University of North Carolina found that women who used snuff have almost 50 times the normal risk of developing oral cancer. Although a mere 8 of every 100,000 Americans develop oral or pharyngeal cancer, an estimated 7,000-8,000 annual cases reported are fatal.

The most publicized case of smokeless tobacco's harmful effects involved the late Sean Marsee, a former high school athlete. Marsee died in Feb. 1984 after developing cancer in 1983. He endured four operations, progressively losing parts of his tongue, throat and jaw.

The stimulant effect of nicotine leads athletes to believe that smokeless tobacco enhances reaction time and improves athletic performance. But according to a recent project measuring reaction and movement time of 60 college-aged men, neuromuscular performance is not enhanced in snuff users. In relation, nicotine in smokeless tobacco elevates blood pressure, allowing for the decrease in aerobic capacity in athletes.

Smokeless tobacco seems to be on a course similar to that of smoking tobacco. In December, Massachusetts will become the first state to enact legislation requiring health warning labels on all smokeless tobacco products. The bills will 1) require warning labels on all smokeless tobacco products, 2) ban electronic media advertising of the products, and 3) launch a public awareness campaign. It is hoped that by these efforts the public will be made aware of the threatening outcomes posed by the use of chewing tobacco.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the Wilcox Medical Center, 7181.

## ACCD Comments on the 'holiday blues' problem

By Robert Perkins, Ph.D.; David Kaplan, Ph.D.; Elizabeth Waies, M.A.

Advising, Counseling and Career Development

"Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Let your hearts be light. From now on our troubles will be out of sight...."

For most of us, the holiday season is a time of celebration. A time to spend with family and good friends—attending religious services, singing carols, exchanging gifts, feasting and sharing in the warmth of each others' company. Building, trees and shubbery are adorned with bright lights and other decorations in celebration of this festive occasion. And our thoughts are generally filled with the anticipation and excitement of going "home."

However, for many, the holidays are occasions which evoke unhappy memories and dreadful feelings. Popularly referred to as the "holiday blues," this phenomenon includes such emotional concerns as anxiety, loneliness and depression.

There are a number of factors which contribute to the phenomenon, such as a negative reaction to holiday commercialism, difficulty shopping, and increased demands on time and finances. However, studies have shown that the most important factor in problems arising during the holiday season is the family.

Communication problems among the family members, marital separation, divorce, illness or a death in the family, unemployment, financial concerns,

alcohol abuse or alcoholism are the reasons given most often by students who are concerned about going home for the holidays.

If you, or someone you know, are experiencing some of these concerns, you may want to consider the following:

1) Often, matters are made worse by unrealistic expectations. Take some time to think about your hopes and fears regarding the break, paying close attention to recurring, irrational thoughts. Work at relaxing and being realistic.

2) Consider sending a card or letter to your family a week or so before your arrival home. You can facilitate communication by telling them a little about what your life has been like at school and how you are feeling about yourself. Follow up with a telephone call a couple of days before you leave campus to let them know that you are on schedule. This also provides you with an opportunity to see how things are going at home.

3) If things are really bad at home, you may want to consider going home for a short visit and then going to a friend's home for the remainder of the vacation. Or, you may want to consider not going home at all. In this case, you may be able to arrange to stay with another relative, a friend, or some other acquaintance.

If you or a friend would like to discuss these or similar concerns, please do not put it off or wait until the last minute. We encourage you to talk with someone you trust. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact the ACCD Center (7225).



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## Basketball

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points and ten rebounds. Shedy added 14 points. Leading rebounder Luczak contributed ten points as well as 11 rebounds.

Klenk said the team's game against Findlay was a "totally much better game" due to the longer time of concentration.

Feenstra who scored a total of 43 points and grabbed 16 rebounds in the pair of victories, was selected as Player of the Week.

The women continued their winning streak against Hillsdale last Saturday with an 84-69 victory.

The Scots again had a lead at halftime with a 48-28 score. The bench was then used in an overpowering win.

Feenstra said, "I thought we played well. It was nice

that everyone got to play. It was a total team effort."

Feenstra again headed the Scot charge with a team leading 20 points. Duff added 18 points and Kris Johnson put away 11 points. Luczak lead the Scots in rebounding with nine.

The J.V. team has not had the same success as the varsity team. Their first game on Dec. 2 against Glen Oaks resulted in a 80-63 loss. Lisa Elbers was the leading scorer with 18 points followed by Sharon Slawski with 12 points.

The J.V. Scots next game against Lansing Community College was a much closer game. The Scots, behind 25-29 at the half, went on to outscore their opponents in the second half. At 57-50 in favor of Lansing with a minute

left, the Scots scored the last three baskets but lost 57-56.

The J.V. team "played a much better total basketball" game according to Klenk. Heather Hall was the leading scorer with 19 points. Forrie Sovereign contributed 14 points with Slawski adding 12.

The J.V. Scots won their next game overpowering Grand Rapids JC 71-46. Slawski was the leading scorer with 24 points.

The varsity Scots have a home game against Northwood on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm. They will then take Ferris away on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The J.V. Scots will be away against Delta CC on Monday Dec. 9 and home against Nazareth on Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 pm.

## Seniors

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Deneen Clark's best memory was "winning the MIAA championship three years in a row." "Of course I can't leave out the memories of the friends I've made," she said.

Her most embarrassing moment was when she forgot to bring her court shoes to a game and she had to run around and find someone else's shoes to wear.

She summed up her feelings about her last season saying, "Right now I'm kind of glad because I have so much more free time. But I'm disappointed, too. I'll probably never play again."

Traci Harrison felt her best game was against Adrian this year. "They were ranked high and (were) really cocky but we destroyed them," she said.

Harrison felt the worst game came at Olivet "because the fans were so rude." "Everyone felt very pressured and intimidated," she said.

Harrison reflected on her attitude about volleyball when she said, "I always give 100 percent. I feel I've cheated myself and the team if I don't."

Cathy Lombardo's best memories were off the court: riding to and from the games, going on weekend trips, and just talking with the other players.

Lombardo's most embarrassing moment came during the game against Olivet. "A ball came to me. I was going to bump it, but I tripped over my own feet. The Olivet fans really laughed," she said.

Kathy Turner best memories were the Alma fans who "were out there and really supporting." "It's always great to have them out there cheering us on," she said.

Turner feels the best game was against Amherst at the Ohio tournament. "Even though we lost," she said. "I feel we played exceptionally well."

Her most embarrassing moment was when she lost one of her contacts the day before a game and didn't have them in when she played. "I went to hit the ball and missed by a long shot," she remembered.

Turner said she felt that not only she, but everyone gave 100 percent. "You go out there and you want to win!" she exclaimed.

## Grads

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Director of Placement Van Edgerton concurs with an article from the *Journal of College Placement* (Spring 1984) which states, "...employers have no reason to doubt the general capability of liberal arts graduates. They know that most can think logically, write adequately, speak articulately, follow instructions correctly, and so on. In fact, employers have long known that liberal arts graduates in general make fine employees once they focus on a profession."

Edgerton also stressed the difference between the big university liberal arts programs and small university liberal arts programs.

"Small liberal arts college students are usually more academic and brighter. Most are already predisposed to a certain area," Edgerton said.

"If a college is doing its job and doing it well, I believe the key is that they have been taught to deal with complexity," Behring said.

Behring also believes the liberal arts graduates should have a "developed sense of independence and self-confidence that allows them to be interdependent with other

people."

Most corporations that think of liberal arts graduates think of them as long-term managerial staff, *Business Week* said.

According to an AT&T study, most successful managers had liberal arts undergraduate degrees. The employees who do have the specialized technical skills without the degree usually do not make it to the top of today's corporate ladder.

The AT&T study continued to state that some things that make the liberal arts graduate

more appealing are their human and people oriented values, their critical thinking skills and their ability to produce well over the long run.

*The Journal of College Placement* suggests that employers reject liberal arts graduates for five major reasons, including their poorly developed professional work skills and lack of commitment to a certain field of professional work.

According to Groff, Alma has a 94 percent employment and acceptance to graduate school rate within three months of graduation.

## ACCD

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Although Perkins stated that he feels the early-warning system has worked very well, some people do get "missed." Usually, these people show up later at ACCD as "emergency" cases.

"Sometimes an instructor will call us and say 'So-and-so is really having a bad time of it and needs to see you right away.' Other times, students just show up here without an appointment and make it ob-

vious that they need immediate attention," Perkins said. "Fortunately, this doesn't happen very often."

This year, ACCD is operating with two full-time counselors, Perkins and Assistant Director of ACCD David Kaplan, and one part time counselor, Elizabeth Waess, who is doing her doctoral internship at Alma College.

Kaplan and Perkins are also on 24-hour call to the campus.

"Whenever there's an

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team in rebounding.

Three players share the perimeter (small) forward position. Chip Jerome a six foot sophomore, starts, though

emergency on campus that we know about or even someone who just wants to talk, we see to it that that person gets the attention they need," Perkins said. "That's what we're here for."

Students with academic concerns or other personnel problems are encouraged to visit the ACCD office, which is located on the second floor of the Swanson Academic Center.

## Placement

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picture of employment" by uncovering statistics—such as supply and demand—according to the graduates' fields, salary information and graduates' employment for one, two and five years out of college, Shingleton said.

"Many students don't have

good outlets for (regional) information," said Alma Director of Admissions David Groff.

"This (insitute) will provide the good, solid information that people need in career planning," Shingleton said. "The data will be especially helpful to advisers in high

schools and colleges in coordinating curriculum planning with careers."

According to Groff, this new information source will offer opportunities to make career decisions not based on employability alone; however, he wouldn't advocate the institute as a sole source of information either.

During its first year of operation, the institute will collect data on where the state's recent graduates have gone, estimate the occupational demand and supply for Michigan's graduates of higher education and publish materials containing forecasts that can be used by high school counselors, college placement officers and students.

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The Intercollegiate Studies Institute is offering at least ten Richard M. Weaver Fellowships for students who will be in graduate school for the purpose of teaching at the college level. The 1986-87 Fellowships consists of a \$2500 stipend plus tuition payment at the student's chosen school. For more information, write: Richard M. Weaver Fellowship Awards Program, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 14 South Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

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**Travel Field Opportunity.** Gain valuable marketing experience while earning money. Campus representative needed immediately for spring break trip to Florida. Call Bill Ryan at 1-800-282-6221.

**LIBRARY'S END OF TERM HOURS**—The library will extend its hours for the remainder of the Term. These extended hours will be in force from Sunday, December 8 through Thursday, December 19. Sundays 1 PM - 1 AM  
Mondays-Thursdays 8 AM - 1 AM  
Fridays 8 AM - 10 PM  
Saturdays 10 AM - 10 PM

**COMPACT DISC PLAYER**  
The library has purchased a portable Sony compact disc player that can be checked out for use outside the library. It will plug fairly easily into your stereo system. The library has on hand a small but growing collection of compact discs, mostly classical music. If you'd like to hear what this new technology can do (some say it will quickly supersede 33 1/3 phonorecords), give the library's machine a try.

Tait: Washington is awesome in the winter. Enjoy!

Bruce.

Dearest Albanians,  
Have a holly, jolly Christmas!

Let's put the fun back into a college education, do something. E.A.Relevant.

Cross-country skiers: once again we will attempt to hold an informational meeting for those interested in ACCACCSC (the bike and ski club). We can try anything you want, so show up and give us your ideas. All students and faculty are welcomed. Be there Wed. Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Basement.

Nominations for E.A.R. of the Month and E.A.R. of the Year (the most distinguished of awards on campus) should be forwarded to the Committee for a Saner Universe, c/o Room 7, Kirk House. (Yes, there's a committee for everything.)

The Alma Choir is very fond of Dill Pickles.

**HO!HO!HO!** Buy your Christmas Candy Canes today! Remember only 25 cents each or 3 for 50 cents at dinner!

Will the person who left Ten-Hut Tavern with a blue pinstriped suit-coat which does not belong to them please return it to the Gamma Phi Beta House. No questions asked.

Dan-Roo and Christa:  
Enjoy Egypt!!  
Miss you both

Joy

Any student musicians interested in playing chamber music, for fun or for credit, call Mr. Messing, ext. 7125.

**FOR SALE:** 1977 Chevrolet Impala, 2-door, gold color, \$1500 or best offer, campus phone ex. 7629.

Celebrate an Alma College Tradition at the Service of Candles and Carols on December 15 at 7:00 in the Chapel.

For anyone who desperately seeks help for final exams: You are welcome to pray for a miracle at the Sunday Chapel Service before finals week. It's a sure cure for pre-exam depression!

Do you want to celebrate Christmas early? Take time out for an hour of Christmas worship at the Chapel on Sunday, December 15 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Come to the African Art Sale Thursday, December 12, 12:00 - 1:00 in Hamilton Commons and find jewelry, wooden masks, statues, a hand-carved chess set and more! All objects acquired by former Africa Fellows: all proceeds go to Africa Fellowship Program.

To Leah, Lori, Lynne, & Melinda, we want you to know that we have really appreciated your help this term. We couldn't have done it without you. May you all ace your finals, and have a great Christmas! See you in January. Thanks from Jim and Irene.

Mitch:  
Good luck in the 'real world' - I'm going to really miss you. Bruce.

Announcing: Kirk House Bash '85. It's more than just an Open house, it's a Bon Voyage party for the students going overseas next term. Come on over and tour the house, meet the residents, and say farewell to your friends. Mark your calendars now, the date is December 10th, and the fun and refreshments last from 8 to 10 p.m.

Diane and Larry  
Thank you for all the late Albanian nights - more of the same next term?

## Menu

|           | Breakfast  | Lunch  | Dinner  |
|-----------|--|--|---|
| Tuesday   | Homemade Donuts<br>Bagels and Cream<br>French Toast<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>Hash Browned Potatoes                               | Cream of tomato soup<br>Grilled Cheese<br>Beef Ravioli<br>Mushroom and Spinach Quiche<br>Sliced Zucchini<br>Potato Chips                       | Turkey Rice Soup<br>Salisbury Steak w/Gravy<br>Breaded Baked Fish<br>Corn Dog<br>Hearty Fries<br>Broccoli<br>Wheat Rolls                                    |
| Wednesday | Bran Muffins<br>Whole Wheat Pancakes<br>Scrambled Egg<br>Home Fried Potatoes<br>Poached Egg                                  | Clam Chowder<br>Sloppy Joe on Bun<br>American Lasagna<br>Tuna Salad on Whole Grain   | Garden Vegetable Soup<br>Baked Ham<br>Lasagna<br>Potato Pancakes w/Applesauce & Sour Cream<br>Scalloped Potatoes<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Garlic Bread        |
| Thursday  | Homemade Donuts<br>Muffins<br>Waffles<br>Fried Eggs<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>Hash Browned Potatoes<br>Bacon                      | Cream of Broccoli<br>Grilled Club<br>Tamale Pie<br>Banana Citrus Fruit Plate<br>Peas and Carrots<br>Potato Chips                               | Minestrone Soup<br>Briouille Chicken<br>French Dip Sandwich<br>Cheese Omelet<br>O'Brien Potatoes<br>Country Kitchen Vegetables<br>Soft Rolls                |
| Friday    | Quick Coffee Cake<br>Bagels<br>Blueberry Pancakes<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>Soft & Med. Eggs<br>Home Fried Potatoes<br>Shaved Ham | Boston Clam Chowder<br>Pizza Deluxe<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Chicken Sukiyaki<br>Egg Salad on Rye<br>Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce<br>Potato Chips      | Cream of Tomato Soup<br>Breast of Chicken Sandwich<br>Batter Fried Fish w/Tartar Sauce<br>Swedish Crepes<br>French Fries<br>Whole Kernel Corn               |
| Saturday  | Homade Donuts<br>French Toast<br>Baked Eggs<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>Hearty Fried Potatoes                                       | Chicken Gumbo Soup<br>Ham Garden Club<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Cheese and Mushroom<br>Omelet<br>Broccoli Cuts<br>Potato Chips                   | French Onion Soup<br>Steaks<br>Breaded Shrimp<br>Pizza<br>Cantonese Stir Fry<br>French Fries<br>Baked Potato<br>Parker House Rolls                          |
| Sunday    | Muffins<br>Waffles<br>Fried Egg<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>Saluteed Potatoes   | Split Pea Soup<br>Breaded Pork Chops<br>Beef Tacos<br>Stuffed Cabbage Rolls<br>Mexican Fried Rice<br>Southern Fried Beans<br>Whole Wheat Rolls | Cream of Mushroom Soup<br>Hot Roast Beef Sandwich<br>Ham & Noodles Au Gratin<br>Egg Foo Yong<br>Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy<br>Green Peas<br>Potato Chips  |
| Monday    | Homade Donuts<br>Buttermilk Pancakes<br>Boiled Eggs<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>Home Fried Potatoes                                 | Cream of Tomato Soup<br>Grilled Cheese w/side of Chili<br>Ravioli<br>Ham Salad on WW<br>Corn<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Potato Chips               | Beef Barley Soup<br>Pot Roast<br>Turkey Pot Pie<br>Grilled Liver w/<br>Grilled Onions<br>Whole Red Tiny Potatoes<br>Cauliflower w/Parsley<br>Homemade Bread |

LOST!!! A jean jacket at the Sig house the Saturday night before break. If found, please call ext. 7749 as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated!!!

Peggy,  
No matter where you go, your friendship will warm my heart. Take care. I will miss you immensely.  
Love always, Di

Mess,  
Let it snow...let it snow...

Brian,  
I hope that you find everything for which you may search in Europe. Enjoy every minute of it! I will truly miss you, dear brother.

Larry,  
Have a great Christmas! See you at New Years Eve I.  
Your typist.

Bruce,  
You ARE a rummy expert and a super friend. It (coffee parties, late nights, and cards) has really been fun!! See you in Detroit!  
Di

Paul  
Good luck on next week's finals-just think, in one more week you'll be done with your first term! I am very much looking forward to spending the holidays with you - see you soon!  
Love Elyse

Ed  
Au Revoir!  
Alma

Le and Michael:  
Wedding bells are ringing,  
Sleigh bells are jingling,  
And I'll miss you both.  
(poor poetry, but heartfelt!)  
Joy

To the sweetest brother a sister could have, thanks so much for being there and for always caring. I hope your Holidays are wonderful. Of course, I'll miss you.  
Lovingly,  
Elyse

There will be a special Christmas Mass for the entire campus on Sunday, the 15th, at 10 a.m. in Fireside Lounge. Come celebrate the joyous season with us!

There are still some openings for the NEW YORK DANCE TRIP - Spring Term 1986. Join us for Cats - Chorus Line - 42nd Street and more!!! If interested see Carol Fike immediately... AC 323 ext. 7242.

Dear EX fraternity,  
Amnesty International thanks you for taking the time to help us in our struggle for human rights by writing letters for a recent urgent action case. We deeply appreciate the effort and hope to see the action repeated by yourselves and other organizations similar to your own.  
Thank-you,  
AI

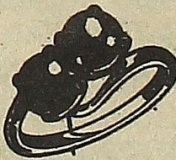
Laurie:  
The best of luck in married life - I Corinthians 13.

Bruce.

Peg -  
Words cannot say how much I'm going to miss you!  
Bruce.

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