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## Over 200 visit Medical Center last week

By Stacie Herriman  
Staff Writer

Susan Marron, sophomore, said she was suffering from a "sore throat and congestion—probably just a common cold."

This appears to be the typical case especially since "it's that time of the year" when everyone seems to be suffering from the "common cold."

In fact, a flu virus is sweeping the nation causing 35 states to declare an epidemic with deaths exceeding an all time record high.

Alma College campus is no exception.

The Wilcox Medical Center has been busy seeing over 200 patients during a three-day period (66 people on Mon., Jan. 22; 64 on Wed., Jan. 24; and 50 plus on Thurs., Jan. 25).

"Right now, we are seeing up to 20 extra people a day," said William Clark, Director of Health Services for Wilcox Medical Cen-

ter.

Tim Peraino, Assistant Hall Director of Bruske, said, "On the average, I've noticed there have been quite a few illnesses in Bruske—more than usual. On my floor alone where four out of fifteen people were sick at once."

Two major illnesses are sweeping the Alma campus causing students to become run down and worn out. The first is a viral, gastrointestinal illness with symptoms of diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. The other is characterized by upper respiratory symptoms, temperature of 103 degrees plus, coughing, sore throats, aching and overall tiredness. A majority of those seen at the medical center suffer from this.

Both of these illnesses are viruses; however, there have been some cases of true influenza reported. True influenza involves the upper respiratory symptoms, not, as most people commonly believe, the gastrointestinal system; it lasts from a week to ten days. The illnesses involving the gastrointesti-

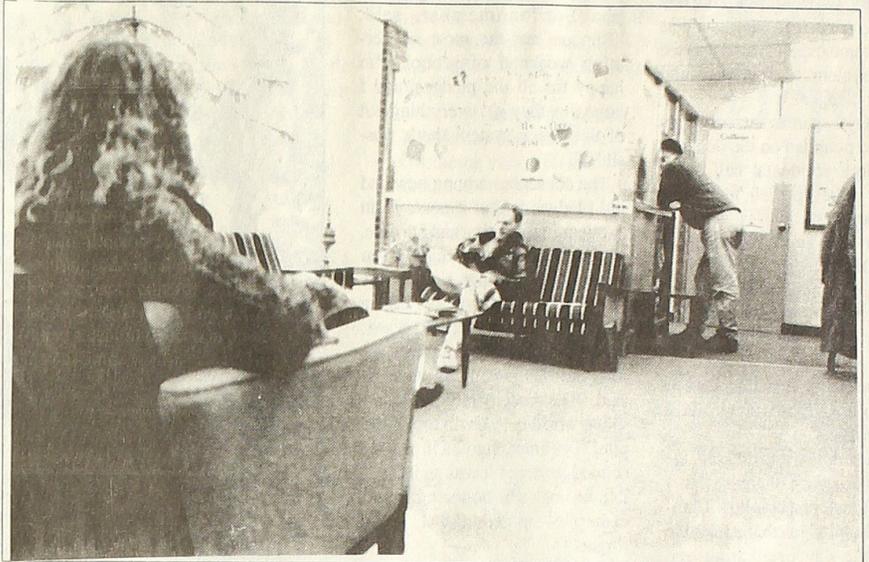
nal system are self-limiting viruses of 48-72 hours.

Although most have viruses, mononucleosis is becoming more prevalent. Last week, three new cases were diagnosed.

Stefani Farhat, sophomore, gave some insight and targeted the primary reason as to the cause of these illnesses. "The people that are sick are not taking care of themselves properly. They're not getting rest because they are worried about their classes and keeping up with the assignments."

Clark said, "The best advice is to follow what we tell them to do: get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids, take Tylenol, and eat a balanced, nutritional meal. Furthermore, use the good hygiene habits that you learned in junior high and high school; for example, wash your hands before eating and after handling objects touched by those people that are sick."

Other advice to follow in order to avoid illness and to get better includes: be considerate of both



Students visiting Wilcox Medical Center.

Photo by Stuart Tannehill.

roommates and friends when you are ill so as not to infect them and spread it any further; don't push

yourself to go to classes; if you are ill, instead get the proper rest and self-care that you need so as not to

prolong the length of your illness. Above all, watch out for and take care of yourself.

### STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT:

## Radcliffe wins election

By Mike Collins  
Staff Writer

After much debate and disagreement, the controversy over the vacancy of Student Congress Presidency was finally solved.

It was announced at last Thursday's meeting that Kerry Radcliffe had defeated Kevin O'Shaughnessey in the special election held Wednesday, Jan. 24. When asked if she was surprised she responded, "Surprised would not be the word. I wanted the position badly, but I didn't think I would win running against Kevin O'Shaughnessey. I just planned to use my candidacy for experience and to get my name out so people would know I was interested in the job."

The special election was held because Congress did not have enough votes to approve O'Shaughnessey using the line of succession method. In the last meeting of Fall term Congress fell one vote shy of approving O'Shaughnessey. This vote would have been cast by Radcliffe had she attended. "I didn't go to the meeting because I had just gotten my tonsils out. If I would have been there I would have voted for Kevin, because I

knew that he would do a good job."

Radcliffe is only a sophomore, but she doesn't think that this will limit her effectiveness. "The only bad thing about being a sophomore is that I'm not in tune to all the workings and relationships Student Congress has, but anyone new has a difficult time. Unfortunately with the time we

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-Stuart Tannehill

have left this year I won't be able to accomplish much; except, learning as much as I can from Kevin, Michelle and Lisa."

Radcliffe does expect to run next year and believes that this special election has afforded her an excellent opportunity. "I have been given a definite advantage that most past president's have never had."

The rest of the Student Congress meeting dealt with three contingency requests. *Pine River Anthology* requested \$1000 to cover expenses not previously in their budget. Expenses rose due to an increase in circulation, content and style. The *Anthology*

hoped to attain a level of quality comparable to other fine institutions. Congress overwhelmingly voted to grant their request.

The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority requested money for the Alpha Theta Centennial event they are putting on for the campus. Alpha Thetas were the first sorority on campus, and are the ancestors of the present day Gamma Phi Betas. The amount they were looking for was \$3800. However, after cutting out nearly \$2500, Congress on the recommendation of the Contingency Committee, granted \$1190 for the event.

The most heavily debated request came from the Theta Chi Fraternity. They requested \$285 to support their movie nights. The Committee recommended that they get nothing. Theta Chi representative Stu Tannehill claimed, "Movie-night is open to the entire campus and thus falls into the guidelines stated for requests made on the contingency fund." Congress tended to agree with him and granted the fraternity \$60.

The next meeting will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in AC 113. Kerry Radcliffe will preside over her first meeting, and the agenda will include defining contingency request more effectively.

## Recycling becomes reality

By David Engelman  
Staff Writer

"We have a moral obligation to preserve our natural resources," said Julie Arnold, a member of the Recycling Task Force.

Robert Weaver, Director of Purchasing and Maintenance, assembled a group of faculty and staff members interested in helping with paper recycling in late November.

"The project was put on hold until this term. We're now looking at final details," said Arnold. She summarized the four types of recyclable paper that will be collected. These are white—which includes among others letterhead, computer paper, notebook paper and index cards, colored paper, newspaper and corrugated cardboard.

Uniform boxes will eventually be placed in residence halls, computer rooms and various other buildings around campus to collect the recyclable paper.

The task force is also revising a four part process for the paper collection. Individual offices will collect the paper either in a folder or larger box. This will be transferred to a central collection point in the building.

"Reid-Knox may have one collection point. There may be four in the Academic Center. It depends on the size of the building," said Arnold.

From this collection point there will be one pick up per week, supervised by the particular building's representative. The representative will be responsible for moving the

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-Julie Arnold

paper to the designated loading dock.

Staff from the Physical Plant will take the paper to Mid-Michigan Recycling, Inc. in Ithaca. "The recycling center will soon be opening an outlet on Michigan Avenue," Arnold said.

"Before the process actually starts, the campus community will receive a memo describing it in

more detail," said Arnold.

The memo will contain a list of what does and does not constitute recyclable paper. For example, original carbon copies are unacceptable, but normal computer paper with print or ink marks can still be recycled. The task force has decided to start small. "The more cooperation and participation we have, the more we might be able to expand to other paper products and other recyclable materials," said Arnold. She listed plastics, glass bottles and jars and chipboard such as cereal and tissue boxes, as examples.

"Landfills are filling up at a rapid rate. We have to start taking responsibility for our trash and keep more conscientious standards for our planet," she added.

The Recycling Task Force includes Associate Professor of German John Arnold, French Instructor Julie Arnold, Sue Deel, Sophomore Tracy Fox, Faculty Secretary Ruth Ann Farrier, Vice President of Finances Jon Groteluschen, Junior David Kinsworthy, Senior Kevin O'Shaughnessey, Freshman Emily Shaw, Assistant Director of the Physical Plant William Steffes and Director of Purchasing and Maintenance Robert Weaver.



The TKE fraternity awaiting the arrival of new pledges during the run-outs ceremony last Saturday evening.

Photo by Stuart Tannehill.

### Financial Aid Office offers assistance

## It's time to renew scholarships

By David Engelman  
Staff Writer

Deadlines for Renewal Applications for Financial Aid are April 15 for Alma College Assistance and March 15 for State of Michigan Assistance.

Robert Marble, Director of Financial Aid, stressed that all students need to reapply.

"For the last couple of years the state has run out of money. They have not been funding late applicants, so try to get that financial aid form in by the March 15 deadline," Marble said.

Students receiving a Michigan Competitive Scholarship or Tuition Grant are not the only ones with deadlines. Trustee Honors, President, Performance and Music Scholarships, Alma College Grants, campus employment and Marriott Food Service employment are all examples of financial assistance administered by the College

for which students must also reapply.

Marble encouraged those who have questions about either form, the purple Alma College Scholarship Renewal Application or the Financial Aid Form (FAF), to come to the Financial Aid Office.

"We'll give them any help we can," he said.

He continued, "The FAF is more detailed, but we can help students work through any of the difficulties."

The FAF is not without its tricks. "Half way through, you have to sign and date it," said Marble. "This causes some students to think they have finished applying. Be sure to complete the entire form before you turn it in."

Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs John Seveland said he highly recommends filling out the forms and turning them in on time. This way, students know sooner how much money they will

receive in aid for the following fall.

"If you know what your finances are, you'll have a better idea how much money you'd like to make from a summer job," he said.

At Alma College, financial aid is based on need and academic record, sometimes simply on the latter. Seveland explained that more students receive Alma College Academic or Performing Arts Scholarships based on their high school grades and experience.

"If they don't qualify in need, we still support the effort of those with strong academic record," he said.

Marble estimated that 90% of the students receive financial aid from the college itself, while 65% receive Michigan Competitive Scholarships or Tuition Grants.

Just before Christmas vacation, Financial Aid Renewal Applications were sent through campus mail. Lost forms can be replaced by stopping by the Financial Aid Office.

## Greek community welcomes new pledges

By Stacie Herriman  
Staff Writer

January 27, 1990, was a big day for many Alma College students as they became indoctrinated into the Greek system as fraternity and sorority pledges.

The day began as the sororities sang and pounded on the doors in the various residential hall corridors to wake up their numerous new pledges.

Renee George, a freshman Alpha Xi Delta pledge, said that feelings of excitement rushed through her as she heard them whispering and then begin pounding on the door.

"I knew that it would lead to good things and loads and loads of fun," George said.

Once assembled and dressed, the various sororities gathered together for breakfast in Hamilton Commons. The pledges then spent the rest of the day celebrating and getting to know their new sorority sisters.

Jenny Vogel, a freshman Gamma Phi Beta pledge, said "I am eager to get to know my sorority sisters better."

The day was hectic from beginning with sororities wake-ups to the end with fraternity runouts. A day full of surprises—

Surprises were only a part of the action-packed hour-long runouts festivities. There was so much to see and hear that one could not focus on a particular group for long for fear of missing something else going on in the other corner of the crowded gymnasium.

The gym was decorated with banners from the various fraternities. It echoed with the fraternity sisters' chants and the crowd's roar of approval and surprise as each man ran out and revealed his newly chosen fraternity.

Runouts, was highlighted by continuous action. Men and women dressed in white shirts sporting the name "G.D.I." carried banners and ran through the stands and back and forth across the floor every few minutes. This group is composed of non-Greek students. Another focal point was the four men dressed in red kilts and gray sweatshirts; Scott Rea and Brian Haara ran out Zeta Sigma, and Mike Stargardt and Todd Albery ran out Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Todd Albery, a freshman Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledge, said runouts was "exhilarating" because "there were so many feelings." Meanwhile, his fellow pledge, Mike Stargardt, freshman, said he felt "nervous not knowing what was and is to come."

Focus returned to front and center ring when Jeff Payne, Joe Joseph, and Tom Essian took the stage. The three men walked out in shorts and t-shirts carrying bags. Out of the bags came blue blazers and tan trousers which they quickly donned to symbolize their new unification with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

In the words of Amy Peraino, perspective freshman, "Runouts was fun with all the action and

excitement of a circus. I'll like it next year when I know everybody."

Pete Baumgartner, Sigma Alpha Epsilon member, said, "Runouts are the most exhilarating weekend of school. I'm happy for all the pledges, and I hope that they get everything out of the Greek system that's possible."

The consensus among new and old pledges is that runouts is an exhilarating, exciting and fun time.

In the words of Brett Ingle, a Tau Kappa Epsilon pledge, runouts was "the greatest time of my life; a natural high." Curtis Bryant, Sigma Alpha Epsilon member, reinforced this statement when he said, "The most incredible feeling in the world is to be on top of the pile." Ty Parent, Sigma Chi pledge, echoed Bryant, "It was an incredible feeling to be bouncing on top of the pile—something that I won't forget."

Andrew McLetchie, a Theta Chi pledge, perhaps captured the true significance of runouts.

"It was the most exhilarating experience that I've had at Alma, and it was great not to just rush a fraternity, but to become part of a family."

Dave Devine, Interfraternity Council president, summed up the evening in these words: "Runouts went fine. I am very excited at the number of pledges that each group took. It shows that the Greek system is alive and well on campus. Congratulations and best wishes to all groups on campus."

The Kappa Iota Sorority took five new pledges: Laine Hilts, Glenda Narmore, Sally Wilhelm, Tammy Holsinger, and Mary Cain.

The Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority took 18 new members. The new members are: Carol Alexander, Acissa Barnard, Katharyn Carlson, Amy Hodges, Kathy Hribar, Lisa Hronec, Brenda Koglin, Theresa Morris, Julie Powers, Alisa Richardson, Amy Schuesselin, Laura Sherman, Lori Shimamura, Ann Worthington, Kimberely Wright, Dana Young, Anne Buckalew, and Lisa Geloneck.

The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority welcomed a pledge class of 27 new members. The new members are: Christine Atkinson, Leslee Bartrem, Julie Boltman, Becky Boston, Emily Bowen, Stephanie Cady, Jennifer Clement, Janet Devine, Jennifer Feyes, Jill Gray, Amy Hamman, Cathy Horan, Amy Jeschowitz, Chris Komperda, Jody Kurkiewicz, Kerri Nielson, Shay Norton, Shandra Nosal, Sharonne O'Shay, Christine Perez, Leigh Pokora, Charlotte Sanders, Jennifer Smart, Marcy Starck, Heather Townsend, Jennifer Vogel, and Julie White.

The Alpha Xi Delta Sorority took a big pledge class consisting of 32 new girls. The new pledges are: Nichole Biebuyck, Jennifer Bork, Robin Crumbacher, Heather Cummings, Laura Deller, Tonya Frisbey,

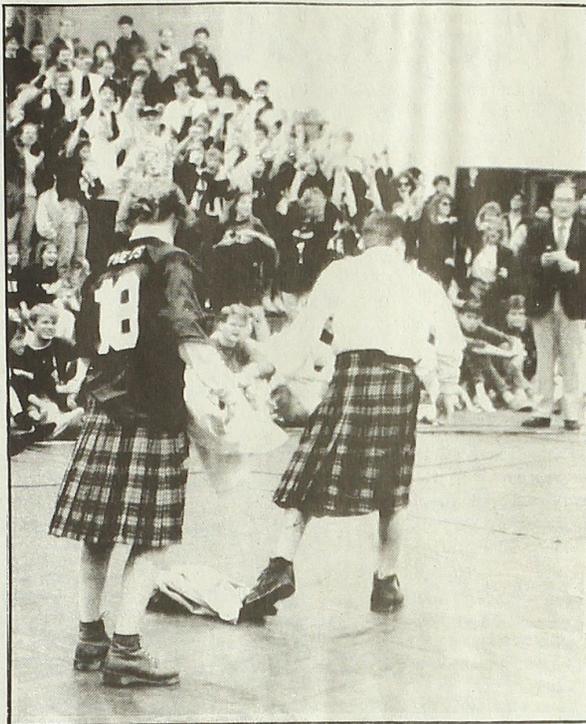


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Killed freshman taking an active role in run-outs.

Renee George, Kym Goetz, Melissa Hogan, Sarah Houghton, Cyndi Hubbard, Amy Joseph, Julie Karkosak, Michelle Kingsley, Katie Kinne, Judy Kirkwood, Meredith LaBreaque, Katherine Laurence, Julee Leipprandt, Debi Mertz, Andrea Mull, Taeko Nishimoto, Robin Olson, Amy Rockwell, Carrie Roth, Aimee Schaefer, Michelle Soper, Donna Strang, Cathy Stroia, Karrie True, Oona Velasquez, and Zuelke.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity took 12 new pledges. The pledges class includes: Todd Albery, John Babala, Tom Downs, Tom Essian, Dave Johnston, Joe Joseph, Victor Lebedovych, Kent Miller, Steve Moore, Jeff Payne, Mike Stargardt, and Dave Woodruff.

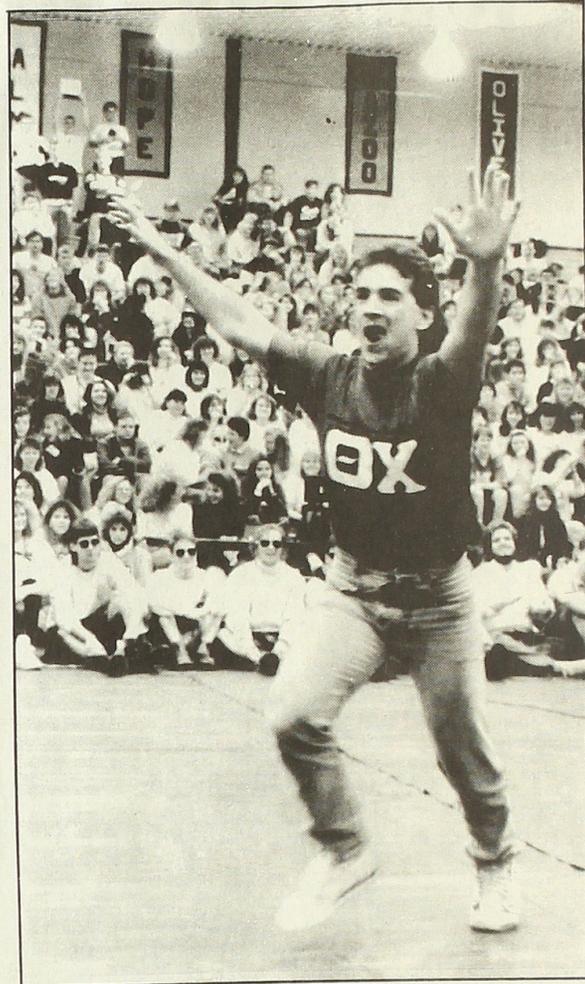
The Sigma Chi welcomed 14 new guys. The new pledges are: Andy Almy, Phil Doroh, Bill Eremia, Keith Erwin, Kevin Ferguson, Tom Hopper, Steve Jessap, Bob Lindeman, Ty Parent, Dennis Polsgrove, Delton

Reames, Jerry Thompson, Pete Wood, and Scott Worthington.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity took a total of 20 new pledges. The pledges are: Pat Adams, Tim Bailey, Eric Blomquist, J.C. Clarkson, Matt DeNicola, Adam Dettman, Dave Felicelli, Wade Hanna, Doug Hopek, Brett Ingle, Kevin Knapp, Greg McKee, Tom Miskowski, Kirk Pedersen, Max Reck, Jed Rowe, John Ruggles, Jeff Skinner, Cary Strickler, and Steve Watkins.

The Theta Chi Fraternity took 9 new guys. The pledges are: Eric Addington, Mike Duriech, Jeremy Evans, Chuck Gallagher, Tim Herpst, Andrew McLetchie, Jim Sherman, Everett Wiggins, and Kirk Yodzevicis.

The Zeta Sigma Fraternity took 12 new pledges. The pledges are: Jacob Boss, Chris Butler, Eric Caugh, Jim Demarest, Matt Glaspie, Brian Haara, Mark Lauzon, Matt McCollum, John Nester, Scott Rea, Dave Schmidt, and Scott Schoessel.



The OX fraternity receiving one of many different pledges during run-outs. Photo by Stuart Tannehill.

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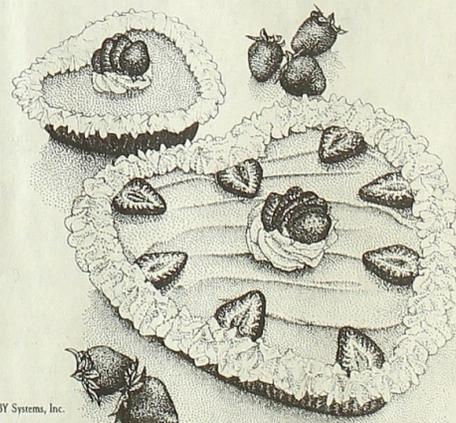
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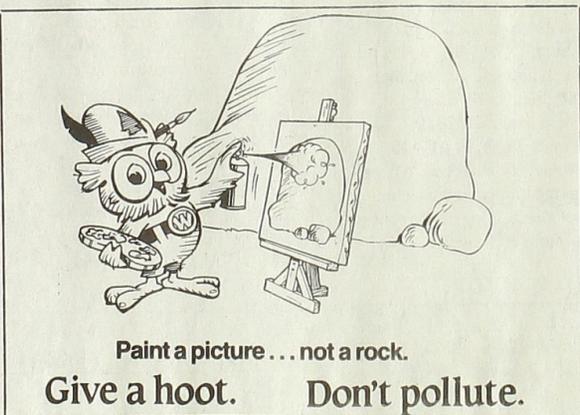
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## Swim team suffers defeat by Hope

By Todd Emerson  
Staff Writer

After an incredibly tough meet this past Friday, the Alma Scots Swimming and Diving teams were unable to surpass the Flying Dutchmen of Hope. Even still, there were moments of victory for both the men's and women's teams.

Diver Robyn Grieve executed dives that gained her first place on both the 1 meter and 3 meter boards. Though the women swam strongly, the only other first place this evening was to come to Lisa Eberly. Eberly

captured the 100 Breaststroke with a winning time of 1:17.36. She also took second place in 100 Freestyle and third in the 50 Freestyle.

Melissa Sondej swam to second place in both the 1000 and 500 Freestyle events, with Dawn Ingram finishing third in those events. Also taking second place was Jennifer Feyes in the 200 I.M. and the 100 Butterfly, and Julie Boltman in the 100 Backstroke.

The 200 Medley Relay of Shannon Zamoyksi, Kerry Jelenchick, Lisa Hronec, and Heather McManus placed third in

that event. The team of Zamoyksi, Jelenchick, Hronec, and Ingram captured first place in the 200 Freestyle Relay.

Unfortunately, the Flying Dutchmen barely beat the Scots with a score of 105 to 95.

Despite a strong showing on the men's team, the outcome was the same. Once again outnumbered, the men's team did their best but fell short in the end.

Kurt Watkins powered his way to first place in the 1000 Freestyle with a time of 10:53.46 and in the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:10.33. Captain Jim Ledyard captured the only other

first for the men that evening by winning the 100 Backstroke with a time of 1:05.69. Sprinter Brett Powers grabbed second places in the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Butterfly. Distance swimmer Todd Emerson swam to second place in the 500 Freestyle and third place in the 1000 Freestyle.

Outnumbered, the men's team was defeated by Hope with a score of 111 to 51. Yet team captain Jim Ledyard remained optimistic.

"Regardless of score," said Ledyard, "every swimmer had a personal victory due to excellent

swimming and their positive attitudes."

Coach Kathy Davis was also positive about the swim meet. She pointed out that both Eberly and Watkins had achieved their personal bests; Eberly in the 100 Breaststroke and Freestyle events and Watkins in the 1000 Freestyle.

"At this time of the season," said Davis, "the teams are swimming very well and we should see many new records set at Conference."

Alma's Swimming and Diving teams will have their next meet on Saturday at Calvin.

## Scots claw their way to victory

Tia J. Brandel  
Staff Writer

The Women's basketball team overcame the Bulldogs from Adrian in what was describe as a "very exciting, hair-pulling game." Adrian led 47-40 at halftime, but Alma came out for the second-half ready to play and determined to win. In the words of Head Coach Charlie Goffnett, the Scots "clawed their way back into the game" to reign victorious 82-79 at the final buzzer.

Goffnett was especially pleased with his team's offensive performance for the day. "Usually our defense wins for us," said Goffnett, "it carries our offense. Today our offense was superb and took over the game. We shot an impressive 57% from the floor."

Point guards Doreen Walter and freshman Lauri Labeau were key players in the offensive success. Turnovers were low and, between the two of them, they added 14 assists to the game.

Co-captain Kelly Spalding had an excellent all-around game, leading the team in scoring with 29 points while also contributing 6 assists, 6 rebounds and 4 steals. Chris Comtois from Saginaw Nouvel also had a strong performance with 17 points and 6 steals for the day.

Freshman Julie Long had her strongest game of the season with 15 points and 6 rebounds.

The Scots are now 4-2 in the MIAA and 11-5 overall. Senior Spalding feels the team is in a "really good position going into the second half of conference play." The next game for the women will be Wednesday at 8pm home against Kalamazoo. Saturday they will play Calvin at Calvin.

The JV team lost in overtime to Adrian by a score of 58-55 to bring their record to 6-7. They will play home on Wednesday at 6pm against Alpena.

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### This Week in Sports

#### Men's Varsity Basketball

Wed. 31	Kalamazoo	8:00pm
Sat. 03	Calvin	3:00pm

#### Men's Junior Varsity Basketball

Wed. 31	Kalamazoo	6:00pm
Sat. 03	Calvin	1:00pm

#### Women's Varsity Basketball

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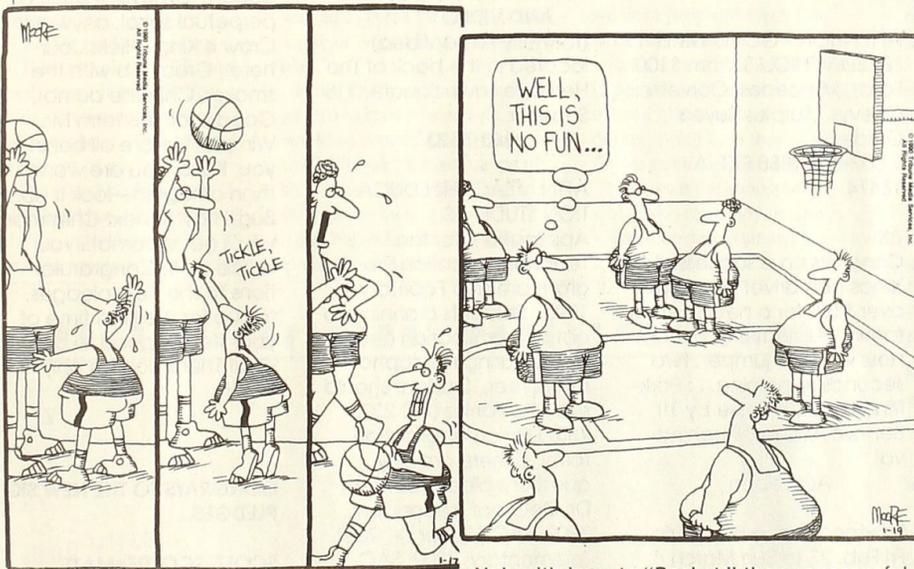
#### Women's Junior Varsity Basketball

Wed. 31	Alpena CC	6:00pm
Sat. 03	Calvin	1:00pm

#### Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

Sat. 03	Calvin	1:00pm
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## IN THE BLEACHERS



Naismith invents "Basket," the unsuccessful forerunner to the game of basketball.

## NCAA considers new academic standards for eligibility

By Scott Alexander  
Assistant Sports Editor

The NCAA is currently considering several alternatives to its current Propositions 48 and 42. Under these two rules, freshman athletes who do not score above a certain level on their ACT or SAT tests are made ineligible during their freshman year, and are not allowed to participate in any form of intercollegiate athletics until they prove, via their grades, that they can handle college level classes and can be successful students.

Many people believe that Props 42 and 48 are discriminatory because they affect, most of the time, only minority athletes. In my experience, the basic consensus seems to be that these two rules must be replaced.

One alternative that the NCAA is considering is to make all freshman ineligible to compete in intercollegiate athletics, giving them 4 years of eligibility beginning with their sophomore year. This would give all freshman the opportunity to adjust to being away from home, to adjust to college life in general, and most importantly to

get their grades in order before they begin playing athletics.

We asked some of Alma's athletes their opinions on replacing Propositions 42 and 48 with this other alternative, and here are some of their responses:

Bob Rankin: "Sure. It'll give them more time to develop and give the Division III college another year's worth of tuition."

Carol Childs: "I think that if their grades are good enough then they should play. I don't think someone should be excluded with no basis for their situation. Some people are ready to play their freshman year."

Scott Taylor: "It'll be very good for the smaller players to grow and develop in Division I or Division II. The school is the one to benefit at the Division III level because the player will be forced to pay another year of tuition. Some freshmen are able to play Division III without being redshirted."

Tia Brandel: "I'm not sure that the ACT is a valid judge of how well someone will perform in school. If the student athlete is failing then pull them out of that sport immediately."

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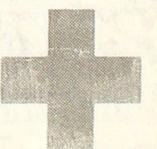
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## 'Mock Rock' participation lacking

By Sarah Houghton  
Feature Staff Writer

Art, poetry, short stories and essays. This is what the *Vespine*, an alternate literary magazine to the *Pine River Anthology* is all about.

It is a liberal literacy magazine compared to Alma college's more traditional magazine, the *Pine River Anthology*. The *Vespine* had been in publication four years ago, but due to lack of interest it began to fade out. It has now been reorganized and holds a staff of six to seven students, with senior Jodie Blankenburg as editor.

The member's duties include reviewing and choosing submissions as well as distributing the magazine throughout the community. In fact the next *Vespine* magazine issue is due to come out the week before final exams.

If anyone is interested, all entries can be submitted to Dr. Luke's office starting Monday, January 29. Blankenburg encourages anyone interested in this kind of work to submit their writing.

By Heather Herman  
Staff Writer

Friday, January 26, was the annual Alma College Union Board (ACUB)'s sponsored Mock Rock. The event began at 8 pm in the gym. The admission price of one dollar went toward the \$225 in cash prizes.

"I had a really good time at Mock Rock this year," said Marti Amundsen, sophomore.

Seven groups were originally entered in the competition. Only

four of the acts participated. In fourth place was Mike Stargardt and Scott Rea who

in second place, receiving a \$75 award, were the Gamma Phi Betas. They performed to the

Peguese. They performed to the song "My Fantasy" by Guy. This was the third year that Grant has

Cross.

"I especially loved the group Too-Hype. Their act was so entertaining to watch," said Kelly Arnold.

"I'm really disappointed with the turn out of the number of acts this year, however, each of the groups that were involved had so much talent," said ACUB member Tia Brandel. "We're even considering not holding Mock Rock next year because of the lack of campus interest."

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-Kelly Arnold

performed to Simon and Garfunkel's "Celcia." The Zeta Sigma fraternity took a third place position and prize of \$50. Their performance was entitled, "Runs and Hoses."

song, "In the Mood" from the 1950s era.

The grand prize of \$100 went to the group Too-Hype which consisted of Patrick Adams, JC Clarkson, Carl Grant and Martel

won first place for his performances.

"I wish there would have been more acts in Mock Rock this year, but the acts that were there were really great," said Missy

## Whatever happened to Drew Barrymore?

By Karen Pawlowicz  
Assistant Feature Editor

I found myself in the library recently, searching through the periodicals for story ideas.

I flipped through *The Grand Rapids Press* and *The Detroit Free Press/Detroit News* (or whatever it's called nowadays), with little enthusiasm.

Not finding much of interest, I turned to the magazines. I perused *The New Yorker*, *Life* and *Newsweek*. My prospects were looking pretty slim.

As a last resort, I turned to *People*, that literary work which

is always on the cutting edge of professional journalism.

There on the cover, looking all of 26, was teenaged Drew Barrymore staring back at me.

After a warm story about Sammy Davis, Jr.'s successful battle with throat cancer and an article about a lawyer with a "Drive Up Divorce" window (in Oregon, of all places), was Drew's Story.

(If you're wondering where Drew got such an interesting name, consider the fact that her mother's name is Ildiko Jaid—that's not a typo.)

It seems as though Drew has

had quite a tumultuous life in her 14 years.

Drew rocketed to stardom in the mega-hit movie, *E.T., The Extraterrestrial*, at the tender age of seven.

Everything went downhill from there, I guess. Drew checked into a rehab clinic recently to correct her alcohol/marijuana/cocaine addiction.

She claims that starting in 1988, when her dependency battle began, she has been sober for the first time since she was nine.

Nine?! How can something like this begin germination at such a

young age?

Something was wrong in the genes, apparently. Drew is a fifth generation alcoholic. She was raised single-handedly by her mother, who said she didn't see this happening.

The clincher was this past summer, when Drew tried to cut her wrists with a kitchen knife.

She had gained ten pounds, a boy she liked was not reciprocating interest, and her father was asking her for money.

Drew says she only "wanted attention," from her suicide attempt. Luckily, a friend walked into the room and stopped her.

I guess her mom finally woke up and smelled the coffee.

Drew has undergone treatment at a clinic, and spent time in Hawaii with her sponsor and her sponsor's husband—none other than Jan and David Crosby.

So, what do you do if you're 14 and a recovering addict? You write a book.

Soon, coming to bookstores everywhere, will be Drew's story—*Little Girl Lost*.

It should prove to be an interesting account about the pressures and expectations of Hollywood stardom.

I think I'll wait for the movie.

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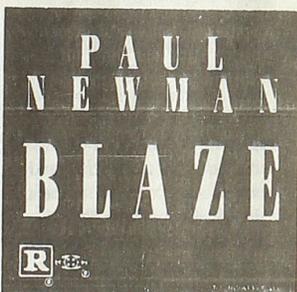
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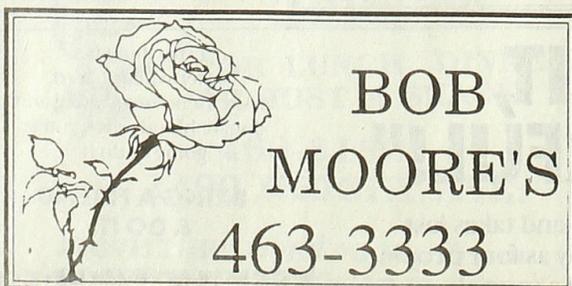
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# Roach House to acquire an international flair



The Roach House will soon become home to Spanish majors.

Photo by Stuart Tannehill.

By Ann Fuller  
Feature Staff Writer

Alma College continues to expand its horizons, and talk of a Spanish House is being confirmed. The Spanish House would be a residency for those students who are majoring or minoring in Spanish and want to live in an environment which could help to improve their language and their knowledge of the country.

Like the French House, the Spanish House would bring in a native Spaniard to live with the students to help with their grammar and their accents. The students would be responsible to do programming to promote the Spanish House, and to get other Spanish students to come to the house and speak the language.

The proposed location for the Spanish House is currently the Roach House. The ladies who currently live in the Roach House are not very pleased about this. A lot of work needs to be done to the house in the ways of interior improvements and the Roach Houses have not seen anything

done to the house this year except painting of the fireplace bricks and carpet/furniture cleaning.

"It could be a great house to live in," said junior Nikki Smith, Roach House inhabitant, "and when we moved in, the administration said they were going to fix it up and they have barely done anything. Now they want

*The French House works very well and we are hoping for the same success in a Spanish House.* -President Stone

to give it to Spanish majors and fix it up for them."

The women of the Roach House are also upset because they do not know where they are going to live next year.

"We aren't going to have any pull in the dorms next year," said junior Mary Cain, Roach House inhabitant, "and none of us really want to move into the dorms after experiencing small house living."

President Alan J. Stone said that the reason for turning the Roach House into a Spanish

House is because currently the Roach House is not full and the foreign language house would be a better use of the facility.

"The French House works very well," said Stone, "and we are hoping for the same success in a Spanish House."

Stone also expressed some interest in getting other foreign language houses, although no planning has yet been done.

"I understand why foreign languages are getting houses," said Smith, and I can see the benefit in what they do, but I just don't like not knowing where I'm going to live next year."

The college has bought some small houses in the area, some of which are going to be turned into a parking lot for the new Performing Arts Center, one which is going to become a new house for the Sigma Chis and others for which no plans have yet been made. Stone suggested that maybe there will be other opportunities available to the Roach House ladies for next year that will not require moving back into the dorms.

## Jazz Band swings toward 'something different'

By Sara Rowland  
Feature Editor

A liberal arts education is what we stress here on the Alma College campus. It is also from this education that we can explore the many talents we all have as individuals. Several individuals on the campus have started a contemporary jazz band that will play personal music that they appreciate.

The band is made up of Jenn Kuhn, flute and piccolo, Michael Stargardt, saxophone, Bill Sommerfeldt, percussion and Louis Cubba, saxophone. They are now in the process of auditioning for bass players and keyboardists. The jazz band has already started by playing individual pieces.

This contemporary jazz band

will play not only jazz, but Latin and swing music. The idea for the band came about when Jennifer Kuhn, a sophomore, began to see that musicians here didn't get a lot of support.

"In band (class), I was frustrated with all the music I was given to play. It doesn't leave much for own interpretations," said Kuhn, adding, "I personally wanted to break the stereotypical music of what a flute should play."

Kuhn finally realized that if she wanted to start a jazz band, that would be something different and would "break" the stereotype of band music. She would have to do it on her own.

She began last term by talking to members in Alma's band with

the interest she stirred, she got some help with her idea.

The jazz band will provide something for both the audience and the band members.

"Everybody in the band will get their own chance to do what he/she wants and explore the music they want to play," said Kuhn.

"We want to perform because we want people to enjoy the work we've done."

Kuhn's goal is to have the band in performing quality music by the end of this term so that during spring term they can play for the public in McIntyre Mall.

"We want the atmosphere where you can enjoy the music without having to sit and listen to a formal concert."

## Senior Dance Concert a display of choreographer's ability

By Ann Fuller  
Feature Staff Writer

On Sunday, January 28, Katherine Everett held her Senior Dance Concert. The concert was the result of hard work and sweat of many people, but Everett was the driving force behind it.

Being a dance major, it was required that Everett organize a concert of her own. Although she was advised by Carol Fike, dance instructor, the student did do most of the work.

"I was there to help her," said Fike, "and I did a lot of reminding of things she needed to get done, but basically the concert

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-Katie Everett

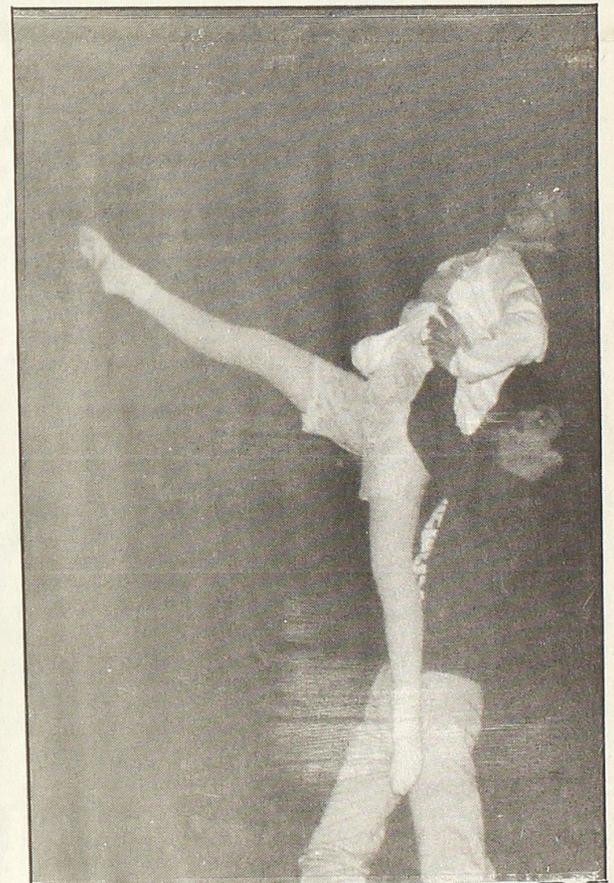
was her own work."

The concert featured several seniors including Jenny Canary, Lori Lee, Laura Vintevogel, and Peggy Nielson, who have actively participated in the dance program and Orchesis throughout their years at Alma College. Underclassmen also performed in the concert.

"I really learned a lot about people and how to put shows together," said Everett. "I thought the show went really well. Everything came together at the right point and I'm very pleased."

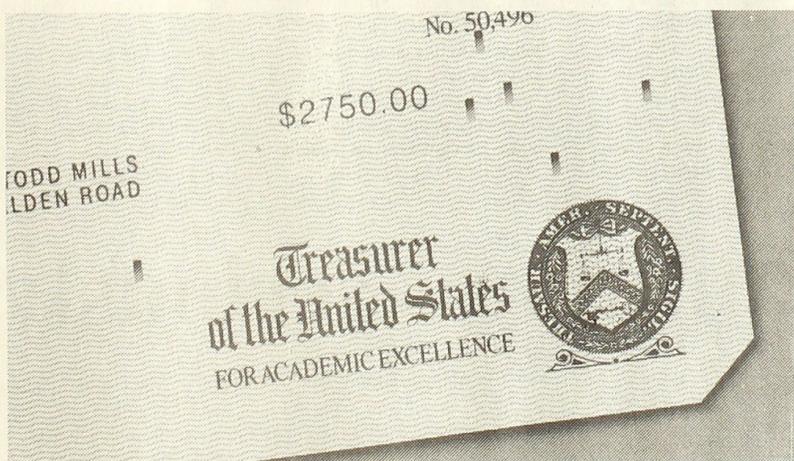
The concert consisted of nine dances ranging in variety from Highland dancing to tap to ballet to jazz and modern. All the performances were choreographed by seniors.

"The show went really well, taking into account that this is the first time Katie has ever had to organize one," said Fike.



Mike Thompson and Katie Everett participating in the Senior Dance Concert.  
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## Placement center often taken for granted

One of the most important offices on campus is also one of the least thought of.

That is, until students reach their senior year and realize that this office is a wealth of vital information.

This office is, of course, The Placement Center and *The Almanian* wishes to draw attention to the important work done there. In addition, we would like to point out to the "powers that be" that the lack of adequate funding and personnel resources devoted to Placement is hurting the student body, alumni, and all others to whom the reputation of Alma College is of importance.

Seniors who have worked with The Placement Office all know that without Bob Perkins and Ginna Holmes we would all be lost in a world of Ivy League job applicants, hard-to-reach

recruiters, and, "what's Alma College?" As resumes are revised and interviews are scheduled, these two dedicated individuals become close allies of the senior class.

As April 21 looms closer and closer, these individuals have increasing demands upon them. The twice annual In-City Interview program in Chicago gears up, and the Placement Office becomes a virtual zoo as Holmes and Perkins scramble to get one more "good" company to agree to interview Alma seniors.

Add to this night-time meetings, the regular load of resumes and cover letters, Perkins' counseling load, and the various other demands placed upon them, and Perkins and Holmes (not to mention their dedicated secretaries) become a bit ragged as a result.

Amazingly, with all they are responsible for, they never

appear discouraged. They always have time to offer frustrated seniors a kind word and a small pep-talk as those who thought that job interviews would pour in by November still have no second interviews in January. Even in a year when Holmes is out on maternity leave and the

*The message is clear. Placement is an area that Alma College takes for granted.*

business of Placement is temporarily Perkins' sole responsibility, the list of Chicago recruiters is strong. Holmes' advance footwork and willingness to come in and pick up resumes to critique from her house, and Perkins' refusal to take no for answer from recruiters have certainly contributed to this impressive list of possibilities.

Still, the Placement services offered by Alma College are underutilized. There are many

seniors who have yet to set foot in Hamilton Basement to begin a resume. This might be different if there were an additional staff member available to promote the Center and let students know what's available there. Or if there were someone available to take on some of Perkins' heavy

counseling load so that he might have more time to run additional workshops and practice interviewing sessions.

There are definitely many more companies that might be interested in Alma College grads if there were someone with the time to make the necessary contacts. Anyone who has ever tried to contact college recruiters knows that it can take weeks of unreturned phone calls before one finally makes contact.

Perkins and Holmes spend every available minute trying to widen the circle of recruiters who are interested in interviewing Alma seniors. There just simply are not enough hours in there day.

The message is clear. Placement is an area that Alma College takes for granted. The job market for entry-level college graduates is down an estimated 13% this year, making the job of finding employment even more difficult than in previous years. It takes time, effort and adequate resources.

*The Almanian* commends the work of Perkins and Holmes. They have kept the business of the Center in order and have done it under extreme pressure and personal sacrifice.

It is time that Alma College dedicates itself to strengthening its national reputation by strengthening the position of its alumni. By allocating the

resources to improve the Placement program, the College will place grads in excellent companies and graduate schools, improving the level of its contacts. Once done, the institution will reap the benefits in years to come through improved statistics to be used in admissions recruiting, a higher level of national recognition, and strengthened alumni ties. Future alumni contributions alone would pay the cost tomorrow of committing the resources today.

*The Almanian* asks the Board of Trustees, Dr. Stone, and the Vice Presidents to review this important issue and make a commitment to the future of Alma College by committing the necessary funds and personnel to assist the Placement Center, Holmes and Perkins in their work which is of the utmost importance to the future of this institution.

## Take time to be socially conscious

By Jennifer Gilchrist  
Staff Writer

"Send not to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee"

When John Donne wrote those lines in his "Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions" he was saying that each individual's death is your own.

All human's lives are interconnected.

What happens to one person, what one person does, affects all other people. His view was almost Gaeian, a line of thinking which sees the world as an organism. When part of the organism is hurt the whole is affected. Harm multiplies itself, and has a domino effect.

To remove the vagueness of this philosophy I suggest it be applied to plastic disposables. This was one of the issues discussed in the Free Press Magazine article "No Escape" in the Jan. 14 issue. No one wants to think about what happens to every plastic bag, cup, spoon, etc. that they throw away. Besides, nuclear war seems like a bigger problem. But the fact remains there is nothing "disposable" about plastic, as we are unable to dispose of it.

In addition, when plastic is incinerated it produces hydrochloric acid, a component of acid rain. Plastic is made out of petroleum which is a non-renewable resource. This all adds up to an astronomical problem, one that far surpasses nuclear war for the present.

Think about all the plastic just you yourself have bought and thrown away in your lifetime. (Your diapers will outlast you by an eternity. Now that's immortality!) Just by living without thinking you are doing some serious harm, so the flipside is that by living responsibly you can seriously help the situation.

Refuse to use one-use products. Instead, eat and drink with the traditional washable types (washed with biodegradable soap, please). Carry your treasures in canvas totes. You might feel like a freak loading your groceries into your duffel bag but, hey, this is your chance to be strange for a good cause!

And don't get me wrong. I'm not advocating flawless goody-goody do-gooderness. Every once in awhile tell someone how you really feel about them, without being asked. Balance is key.

## Movie Review:

# Mixed feelings about 'War of the Roses'

By Elizabeth Burchill  
Editor-in-Chief

Because I live in the Lansing area, I'm lucky enough to have a number of major theaters showing a variety of different films at my disposal. Being a longtime movie buff I enjoy watching good films, and so that's why, as I settled into my seat clutching my popcorn bucket, I was looking forward to watching the newly-released "War of the Roses," a film starring Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and Danny DeVito.

Billed as a "black comedy," the film features this well-known trio from the "Romancing the Stone" series; however, while in those films Turner and Douglas portrayed a couple of light-hearted adventurers, "Roses" places this modern-day Tracey and Hepburn in a much different setting of failed love, depression, divorce and ultimately death.

The story begins with the college-aged Oliver and Barbara Rose (Douglas and Turner) meeting at an antiques auction

where Barbara, eyeing Oliver, outbids him on an ugly little ivory statue. This, of course, garners Oliver's attention and the two wind up in bed that very night. The story then

zooms up a few years and we see the struggling (Oliver's studying to be a lawyer) young couple married and enjoying an impoverished Christmas with their two young children. Of course, love abounds in the Rose household when there's little money, but as soon as Oliver becomes somewhat successful in his law practice, tensions arise and Barbara begins to feel inadequate as well as neglected by her ambitious husband.

Soon, the Roses find a mansion which enables them to move out of their apartment and into a new lifestyle. This is where the trouble really begins. From this point on the story takes a downward spiral and we see the complete deterioration of a once

### REVIEW

"WAR OF THE ROSES"

STARRING: Micheal Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and Danny DeVito

DIRECTOR: Danny DeVito

RATED: PG

CRITIQUE: 5 on a scale of 0-10. A black comedy with some funny moments and superb performances by its stars. Overall tone is depressing.

psychos continually hurt each other. As I mentioned earlier, "The War of the Roses" is billed as a "black comedy." This is most certainly the case, for, while there are some funny moments, most of it I found to be depressing, sad and sickening.

For example, at one point in the film Turner (who is attempting to start her own catering business) is throwing an elegant dinner party for various food magazine editors. Douglas, realizing how important it is that the dinner go well, humiliates her by urinating on the fish she's about to serve to her guests. Another time Turner, furious at Douglas for killing her cat, turns around and kills his pet dog and then serves Douglas pate made out of dog meat. SICK!!!! Similarly, there is also much physical violence in this movie with Douglas throwing Turner down a flight of stairs, and Turner repeatedly setting up traps in the house for Douglas with the hope of physically injuring him.

Perhaps the saddest thing about this movie, however, is its underlying truth. Divorce is predominant in American society today and all too often physical pain goes along with mental anguish. Of course I don't know how many divorce's end in the violent death of the couple, as in "Roses". I'm sure this does occur, as a casual glance through any newspaper's headlines demonstrate, and this, I believe, is the ultimate sadness in the film. In actuality, "The War of the Roses" is not a comedy at all.

So I'd give "The War of the Roses" a five on a scale of zero to 10. The stars give excellent, realistic performances and there are some truly funny moments in the film's two hours. However, the fighting is simply dragged out to the point where it's simply not funny anymore and just makes you wonder when you will stop watching this couple who were once in love stop hurting each other.

Maybe I'm too idealistic or too much of a romantic, but at the end of this movie I felt sick to my stomach. Either way the results are the same: love often hurts. Check it out for yourself.

## Lysaght takes faithfulness seriously

By Tupper Lysaght  
Assistant Opinion Editor

It was five in the afternoon and I decided to see what Oprah Winfrey had to offer today.

I turned on the television only to have a very disturbing statistic slap me in the face. Oprah's opening line on the show was that 70% of all men cheat and 50% of all women cheat on their loved ones.

I honestly could not believe that the number was that high. The rest of the show was a blur to me for I was busy contemplating a master plan to try and put a stop to this outrageous fact. At first I thought about going from room to room preaching to everybody on this campus that by being faithful to their loved ones, they will then feel better about themselves and lead much more enriching lives.

But I then decided that maybe I would bore people so much that it would result in the opposite

behavior I was trying to encourage and everyone, just to get back at me, would cheat on their boyfriend or girlfriend.

My next idea was that maybe if I tried to develop a strong relationship with everyone on this campus they would never want to cheat on anyone because it would mean so much to me that they did not. But then I realized that not everyone would hold my relationship with them sacred so that idea went out the window.

However, my third master plan seemed to me to be a very effective and brilliant idea. I decided that I was going to secretly follow several couples of my choice around this campus and then subtly intervene if I noticed if one of the partners was going to cheat on the other. So for the last two weeks I have been spying on two wonderful couples on this campus and I actually prevented a few incidences that could have possibly

ruined a beautiful relationship.

Now it is important to me that I do not come across as arrogant or heroic, I did what I did because I was very disturbed by a statistical fact and this was the only way I knew how to get it out of my system. This Friday night I was at a party where one of my couples was at.

These two lovebirds were joyously dancing in each others arms when suddenly they seemed to drift apart. The male partner left the dance floor and wandered out of the room. My palms began to sweat and I became very nervous because I knew I was being faced with a challenge to try and keep my eye on both of them.

Then a drunken male entered the room and with little equilibrium meandered over to the female half of my couple. They started to dance and I prayed that this girl's boyfriend would not walk into the room and witness this scene which could possibly

ruin something beautiful. I did the MC Hammer over to the two dancers and pretended to be really into my my rhythmic moves. The female half of my couple had been drinking and I was worried that she would do something she would regret (I had become very fond of this couple and believed that they were perfect for each other).

The drunken hooligan who was not her true love started to kiss her on the side of the head and I immediately realized that it was my turn to do something to prevent this a' air.

I threw my body in between the two that I knew were not meant to be together and tackled the drunken male to the floor. He was startled and dumbfounded so I yelled for some backup and my editor Karen McDonald came to my assistance at once. We dragged him into one of the bedrooms and proceeded to tie him up and gag him. I then ran to the male half of my couple, that I

really respected, and told him that his beautiful girlfriend was looking for him and hated being away from him for very long. Well he bought this and seemed to be flattered by it and went in search of her.

Well ten minutes later I saw them leaving together so I grabbed my jacket and followed them hoping they were not going to another party. I jumped from tree to tree and car to car until we finally reached their true destination where they both belonged. They happily went into Brazell and a smile touched my face.

I hope this true story did not sound sappy or in any way fake. I just have difficulty understanding some destructive behavior and not being loyal to someone often if not all the time is destructive behavior. The thought that females only have a 30% chance and males only have a 50% chance of finding someone they can truly trust really frightens me!