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Tuition raised and science building named at Trustee meeting

By David Engelman
Asst. News Editor

The Alma College Board of Trustees conducted their second annual meeting for the 1989-90 academic year last Friday at the Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham.

Associate Trustee David Devine served on the Committee for Instruction and Faculty which, among other issues, discussed a 7.67% tuition increase, later approved by the full Board.

According to Devine, this makes next year's comprehensive fee \$13,478. "Respectively, the last two years' (tuition) increases were 7.93% and 6.4%. So, (the increase) is somewhat less than last year and more than the previous year," said Devine.

Devine labeled one reason for the increase "backward productivity." "We don't want to have less people doing more work; we want to have more people teaching less students. Our goal is to lower the student to faculty ratio," said Devine.

Devine listed tuition increases for other Michigan liberal arts colleges from this year to last year: Calvin

College—9.7%, Aquinas College—9.5%, Albion College—8.3%, Kalamazoo College—8%, Adrian College—7.9% and Hope College—7.4%.

"This shows that for the kind of liberal arts school that we have, its necessary to raise tuition," Devine said.

According to Devine, the increase in tuition will go for a 7% salary increase for faculty, an additional allocation of \$10,000 to upgrade the salaries of assistant professors, a 5% general inflation increase for department programs, a 10% increase for student employment and the elimination of the user fee for Wilcox Medical Center, among other things.

"The faculty are the ones who give us our education. It's necessary to pay the faculty the best we possibly can," he added.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Fred Secrest commented on the Nominating Committee's proposal and the Board's approval of six people to be offered positions to fill six Board of Trustees vacancies. "The Board of Trustees made a concerted effort to offer the positions to women, minorities and alumni. All six (of those offered

positions) are in one or more of those categories," he said.

Last Wednesday before the Board of Trustees meeting, Alma College President Alan Stone said, "I've spoke with six of the leading businesswomen in the state, all of whom want to come on the Board."

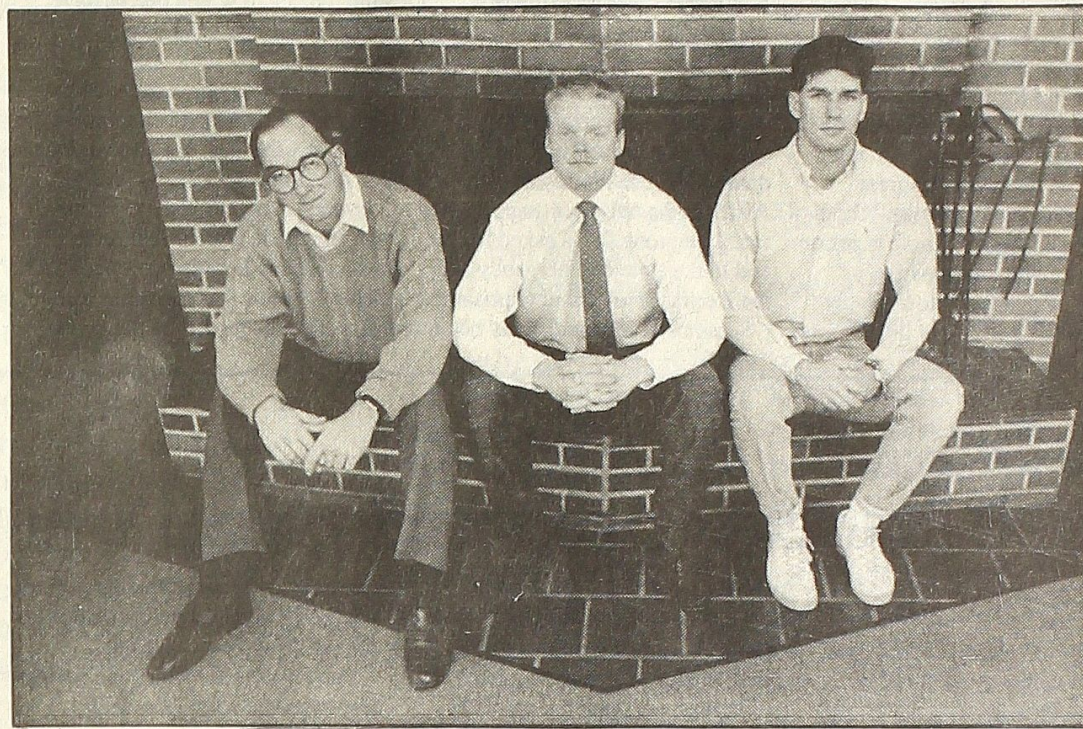
In other business, Secrest said the Board voted to name the new science facility the Ronald O. Kapp Science Laboratory, in honor of Alma's former Provost who resigned last semester due to illness.

Commenting on the Investment Committee's report, Secrest said, "despite a weak stock market, we're in good shape," valuing the College's total investments at \$44,000,000.

The North Central Accreditation Association Report was also presented, along with Stone's response to the review of the College made by the Association last fall.

Secrest said the Board discussed where the college got high marks and "where we need improvement."

Devine summarized the strengths and weaknesses of the College made in the Association's approximately 30 page report. "They feel that the student body is very enthusiastic and



Associate Trustees David Devine, Jeff Appelt, and Drew Walker

photo by Jane Steffee

dedicated to its school, and that we have a very hard-working faculty," he said. "They consider the need for more computer center staff," to be a weakness and, "they felt that first and second year faculty needed to be given a little bit more direction of what was expected of them."

"One weakness of the report in general is that the time that the visit was made was when Dr. Kapp first was compelled to leave campus because of his illness. The Committee noted it two different times in their report that they were disappointed that they could not speak

with the Provost. At the time the report was written, they did not know what the extent of his illness was," said Devine.

The Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting on Alma's campus on May 3 and 4 1990.

One of '100 Most Powerful Women' in Washington to visit campus

By Charlotte W. Schmidtke
Media Relations and Publications Editor

Judith Areen, dean of Georgetown University Law Center and executive vice president for Law Center affairs, has been invited to speak on the Alma College campus March 8. A noted scholar in family law and the interrelationship between law and medicine, Areen has been widely published in legal and medical journals on bioethical

issues, such as living wills, prenatal rights and human gene therapy.

According to Professor James Mueller, coordinator for Alma's Speaker Series, Areen's general topic for the Alma presentation, which begins at 8 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel, will be family law in the 1990s.

The first woman dean of Georgetown University Law Center since its founding in 1870, Areen began her teaching career at Georgetown in 1973. When she was named dean in

1989, she became the only woman dean at a Washington, D.C. law school and one of only 10 women deans among the 184 U.S. law school deans. She was appointed dean while on sabbatical as a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars researching the moral and political dimensions of family relationships.

In an article in the September 1989 issue of *The Washingtonian*, Areen was listed as one of the "100 Most

Powerful Women" in Washington, along with such notables as Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, First Lady Barbara Bush and CBS "Face the Nation" moderator Lesley Stahl. Called one of the "Women Who Make a Difference," Areen was noted for her high profile in the area of Educators and Experts.

In June 1989, *The National Law Journal* listed her among the 50 lawyers under 50 years old who will be among the leaders in facing the next generation's challenges to the

legal profession.

Areen, a graduate of Cornell University and Yale Law School, has a lengthy list of powerful credentials. Working with consumer advocate Ralph Nader, she was one of the seven original "Nader's Raiders." She has served in the Office of Management and Budget and as special counsel to the White House Task Force on Regulatory Reform. In addition to extensive publications in legal and medical journals, she is the author of two

casebooks, *Family Law* and *Law, Science and Medicine*.

In addition to her Law Center professorship, she is a professor of community and family medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center and a senior research associate at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics in Washington, D.C.

Areen is the daughter of Alma College Board of Trustees member Gordon Areen of West Bloomfield, who served as Alma's interim president in 1987-88.

Seniors raise funds for Andrea Chaney Scholarship

By Stacie Herriman
Staff Writer

Each year, the Senior Challenge Committee raises money for Alma College. Last spring, the 1990 Senior Challenge Committee established a scholarship in honor of Andrea Chaney.

Chaney was a dedicated student-athlete who died in a car accident in the spring of 1989. Mary Sweet, senior, said, "Andrea was a really good student who was well-respected among her peers." Chaney was also active in many sports and excelled academically in biology.

The 1990 Senior Challenge Committee, co-chaired by David Devine and Mary Sweet, agreed that establishing a scholarship would be the best way to utilize the money raised. Other members on the Committee include: Tia Brandel, Elizabeth Burchill, Heather Coats, Laura Dalla Vecchia, Diane Grant, Kelly Long, Kevin O'Shaughnessy and Teresa Wood.

The Senior Challenge Committee determined the qualifications of the scholarship with the help of the Annual Giving Office and Vice President for Development and Institutional Relations Richard Warmbold.

The Andrea Chaney Memorial Scholarship is designed to benefit an Alma College student entering his/her senior year with genuine financial need. Also, the recipient of the scholarship will have demonstrated high academic standards; they must have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. The scholarship will be awarded at the end of

the student's junior year. Children of alumni of the Class of 1990 will be given preference if the need criterion is met.

The scholarship is an annual award of \$500; however, a minimum scholarship of \$250 may be awarded until sufficient principle has accrued to produce the \$500 award. Scholarship recipients will be announced by the college after the award has been made. The Scholarship, in memory of Andrea Chaney, will become effective next year.

The Andrea Chaney Memorial Scholarship is an endowment that will provide an indefinite, lasting gift. Obtaining scholarship money originally came from within the senior class, but the Senior Challenge Committee has also searched for funds from outside their class: faculty, administrators, students and the senior's parents.

The Committee has exceed the original fund raising goal of \$5000; currently, \$5925 have pledged. The money was raised in a number of ways, starting off in the fall with a wine and cheese party. The Committee raised \$1460 through a Senior Parent Telethon, soliciting senior's parents for money and receiving many offers for future donations.

A letter was sent to the PanHellenic Council and the Inter Fraternity Council asking sororities and fraternities to donate money. The Senior Challenge Committee also wrote letters to the senior class along with pledge forms listing the different types of payment plans available in order to donate money. Most recently, the Senior Chal-

lenge Committee raised money for the scholarship by conducting a skip-a-meal program in conjunction with Marriott Food Services. Approximately 385 students skipped their dinners on Tues., Feb. 6, collecting a total of \$412 for the scholarship.

Director of Marriott Food Services John Reid said, "Students pay \$8.27 per day for three meals and about \$4.00 of that is designated for dinner. \$1.07, 27% of the dinner cost, went to the scholarship."

The amount of \$1.07 was chosen for two reasons. First, it is the percentage of food cost. Marriott still has economies of scale to meet; it still takes the same number of people to do the work whether or not 100 or 500 students come to eat. Secondly, when people know that they are going to miss a meal, they eat heavier at lunch, so that cost must be figured in and compensated for.

Reid stressed that this meal-skipping monetary donation on the part of Marriott is, "not in our contract; it is something that we wanted and felt that we should do."

He continued, "We feel committed to helping out those worthy causes that the whole student body can identify with and benefit from, such as the Andrea Chaney Memorial Scholarship. We do it once or twice a term. As different causes arise in the future, we'll take a look at them and determine whether they will benefit the educational process of everybody. We want people to realize that if they are committed to a cause, then they have to personally

commit themselves by giving up something of their own to help."

The Senior Class, furthermore, conducted a raffle for a pair of Pistons tickets, and designated that the money raised through this raffle would go towards the Andrea Chaney Memorial Scholarship. The raffle drew \$285 for the scholarship with Ginny Rademacher, secretary to the Vice-president of Finance, winning the tickets to the February

22, 1990, Pistons basketball game. This money now brings the scholarship total to \$6210. This raffle, the Senior Class Officer's idea, is another aspect of the campus community working together for a worthwhile cause.

Mary Sweet, on behalf of the Senior Challenge Committee, said, "Thanks to everyone who gave up their meal. It was a great turn out. In general, we are very enthusiastic

about the turn out we've had and how much money we've raised for this cause. It's a cause that we, the senior class, feel very strongly about. Receiving help, not only from the senior class, but from a lot of different aspects of the campus, made the Committee and myself excited about what we've done and all the work we've put into the Andrea Chaney Memorial Scholarship."



Senior Challenge committee is raising funds for the Andrea Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund.

photo by Mary Sweet

Mandela released from prison after 26 years

By Michele Myers
Staff Writer

Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment 26 years ago for sabotage and conspiracy to overthrow the white minority government.

He was captured in 1962 on a country road after he had been underground for 17 months, directing a resistance against apartheid through a sabotage campaign with the African National Congress (ANC). Mandela maintains, "these long, lonely, wasted years" in prison have not solved South Africa's problems and he will now simply renew his struggle. Only three hours

after his release from Victor Verster Prison, Mandela was giving a speech heard around the world.

He humbly acknowledged the crowd, "I stand here before you not as a prophet but as a humble servant of you, the people. Your tireless and heroic sacrifices have made it possible for me to be here today... Our march to freedom is irreversible. We must not allow fear to stand in our way. Universal suffrage on a common voters roll in a united, democratic and nonracial South Africa is the only way to peace and racial harmony." He asked for the end to the state of emergency and the freeing of all political prisoners.

Some of his demands may begin to

be met as it has been promised by Viljoen, the minister of constitutional development and national education, that "it is the current government's policy to ensure that last September's parliamentary election would be the last election in South Africa in which blacks have not been fully participating as voters."

Many European governments have begun to lift their bans on South Africa, but the U.S. has shown no sign of doing so. U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., said, "Nelson Mandela made it clear that sanctions must continue because outside of his release, nothing has changed...and I

will work in Congress to make sure

there will be no lifting of any sanctions."

Support for Mandela and his ideals is strong, yet in South Africa on the day of his release riots continued and police killed at least four people and wounded dozens more by firing buckshot into crowds. Mandela said, "We can no longer wait... I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunity. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die." AMANDLA! (which means 'power' in Zulu).

Hill and Ferguson acquire grant for Alma science labs

By Sharonne O'Shea
Staff Writer

The W.M. Keck Foundation recently awarded a \$150,000 grant to Alma College for the construction of an Advanced Organic Chemistry Lab in the new science building.

The W. M. Keck Foundation grants are primarily used to support higher education, medical research and science. In recent years, Keck science grants have financed various types of projects such as immunology, earth science and molecular genetics. Assistant Professor of Chemistry Scott Hill and Capitol Campaign Director John Ferguson's efforts in applying for the grant have greatly benefitted Alma College.

The new laboratory is planned for completion in the fall of 1990. Currently, the sophomore lab doubles as the advanced organic lab. Hill described the new facility as, "a suite of labs, with an instrument lab adjacent to both the advanced and sophomore labs."

Sophomore Valerie Hitsman explained a benefit of this separate lab arrangement. She said, "(It allows) for more independent study.

There are labs every afternoon making it difficult to get in to work (on an independent study)." Hitsman also said new instrumentation gives more opportunity for hands-on experience.

Hill explained that the new instrumentation will make Alma graduates more competitive and will encourage consideration of graduate school.

The new laboratories will also allow Hill the opportunity to teach advanced students current techniques in synthetic organic chemistry. Students will learn to create new molecules that do not presently exist. This can be particularly useful in the making of drugs, plastics and agricultural products. Hill said he is especially interested in the design and synthesis of prostaglandin inhibitors, drugs associated with pain response.

Much of the advanced course strategy, "reflects additional perspectives gained over the summer at Indiana University." In addition to benefiting the students, Hill said the new laboratory facility will "enhance the College's reputation from increased exposure."

Student Congress

Amell presents proposed constitutional changes

By Mike Collins
Staff Writer

At Student Congress meeting, Thursday, Feb. 16, the membership was presented with plans that would alter their guidelines for operation. The two areas affected were the constitution and the contingency fund guidelines.

Sara Amell, Chairperson of the Constitutional Review Committee, presented her committee's recommendations for revisions in the constitution. The revisions included a procedure to be followed if the office of president was vacated. The changes would have the vice-

president assume the presidency upon approval of the congress. If the vice-president is not approved, the next in line for approval would be the treasurer and then the secretary. If no one on the Executive Council is approved to succeed the president, a general election for the position would be held.

These changes are in response to events that occurred earlier in the year, when Kim Driver vacated the office of president and Vice President Lisa Deutsch opted not to take the presidency. After this occurred there was much confusion as to the next logical step to take. These revisions in the constitution are

designed to alleviate this confusion and give Congress definite steps to take if similar events occur.

The Contingency Fund guidelines also received some proposed modifications. In response to some criticism about guidelines that allowed the Theta Chi Fraternity to receive money from the fund to support their Movie Night, the Contingency Fund Committee was asked to draw up some new guidelines.

Treasurer Kevin O'Shaughnessey presented the Committee's proposed changes to Student Congress. Under the proposed guidelines, funding would be limited to events that do

not occur regularly. In addition, organizations with funding from other sources may be given less consideration. These new changes would have weakened the Theta Chi request had they been in effect. Movie night is a regular event and the fraternity receives money from other sources other than the Student Activity Fee.

Both sets of changes will be voted on by the membership at the Feb. 22 meeting. In addition Alma College President Alan Stone will speak to Congress on issues dealing with admissions, financial aid and the Capitol Campaign to fund the Performing Arts Center.

STUDENT JUDICIAL

Violations of alcohol and noise policy result in student sanctions

By Stacie Herriman
Staff Writer

The Student Judicial Committee met last Thursday to hear three cases involving a total of six individuals. The violations ranged from breaking the noise policy to breaking the Alma College alcohol policy.

The first case involved one student who was charged with violating the noise policy. The individual was found guilty by the Committee, receiving a \$25 fine and a warning probation.

The second case also involved one

individual. The individual was charged and found guilty of violating the College alcohol policy. The individual's sanctions were a \$25 fine and a written warning.

The third case the Committee heard involved four students also charged with violating the College alcohol policy in regards to the possession of a keg. The Student Judicial Committee found all four individuals guilty sanctioning each with a \$62.50 fine, 25 hours of community service and disciplinary probation.

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—A.W.

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ΣAE,
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Alpha Gams,
How's it go? The State party was a blast—I had a S - MASH'IN good time! How about you all? I'm really fired up for the week of March 4 and especially initiation (so I can find out what it means).
Love from the fearless
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ATTENTION: Applications for the 1990-91 Jerry Smith Africa Fellowship program are now available in the Provost's Office. Deadline is March 9, 1990. See Georgene Slagle for an application or for further information. Watch for the annual Africa Fellowship Auction, coming March 17!

ØX—
We remembered! Congrats to all fathers on their new sons, let's learn these boys somethin'. Honors to Grossman on redefining the word "Decibel" and finally managing to get his stereo up to "11". Retreat was swell, keen even...Instant Shoebox just add Theta Chi. As our bubbly and effervescent grand Poohbah once said..."Guys, respect the....".
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Start spreading the news! Little Siblings weekend is March 16-18. Gamma Sigma Sigma has planned lots of fun activities for siblings of all ages, including free roller skating at Ithaca Town and Country Rink. Look for more information around campus and in your mailbox. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Berkey (x7660)!
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FUN!FUN!FUN!FUN!FUN!

Alpha Gam,
Happy midterms everyone! Kim, how many men were there at Bowling Green? Has Kelley heard from Brock lately? Cheryl Learst—I heard your teddy bear was run over by a Mack Truck! Cathy, how different did he look in the light? Caryn, how did his underwear look (no, not Nick)? Brenda, you haven't done anything good lately—what happened? Boy, our pledges have been pretty quiet lately, wonder what they'll come up with next? Everyone be nice to Renai, she's been good this week! But I hear A.N. needs some action? (just kidding!) Have an awesome break, all. Fire up for Florida, Deb!

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Eldridge sees college from new perspective

By Shannon Nichols
Sports Editor

If we all take a moment to remember back to how we felt when we first arrived here on the Alma College campus, there tend to be a flood of emotions. We were scared, hesitant nervous, but most of all curious. These are just some of the emotions that Head Basketball Coach Bob Eldridge felt when he arrived back on this campus. He had seen the college as a student and now he would have the opportunity to view it as a faculty member.

"At first I was hesitant to come back, I did not want to be disappointed with the college after all of the great memories I had had as a student," said Eldridge.

After almost a full school year, he claims he is far from disappointed. "I love being back, my family has adjusted well, (his wife also attended Alma as a student), and things haven't changed much," said Eldridge.

When asked about the changes that have occurred, he has only positive things to say.

"The one thing that I was glad to see had remained the same is the 'warm atmosphere' of the campus and the people here. This college is very people-oriented, people count. There have been physical changes to the campus, which are a great improvement," said Eldridge.

Eldridge joked about things that have stayed constant for many years.

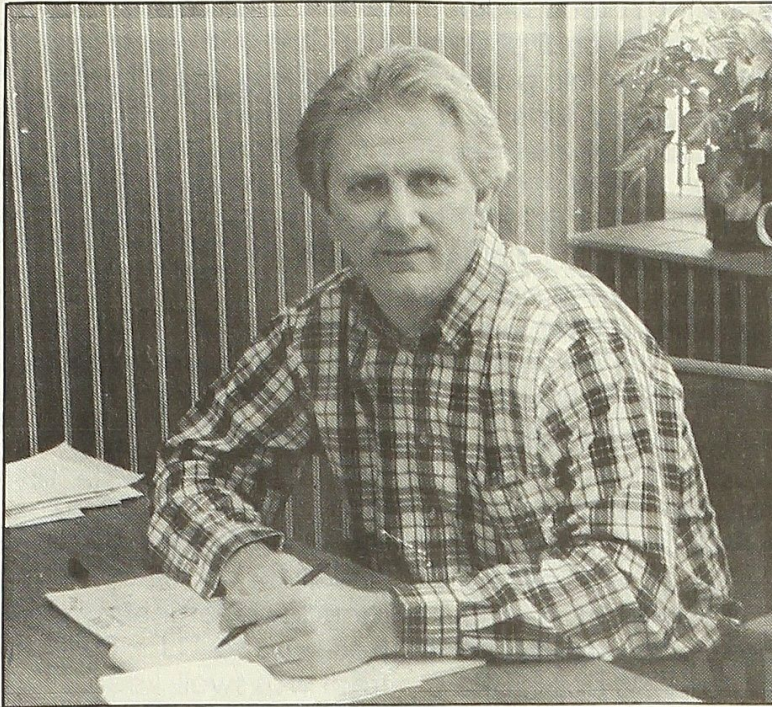
"When I first arrived here to start in my new position, I remember hearing people talk about New Dorms and I soon realized that they were talking about the same set of dorms that my class had been the first to christen in 1971. I also took notice on my occasional visits to Hamilton Commons the way the different groups on campus segregate themselves to certain areas—just like we did when I was here. It is good to see that some things never change," said Eldridge.

Though many coaches claim that education and family should come first, Eldridge said he lives by that belief.

"I think the job of this college is to produce well-rounded individuals. Basketball can be part of this, but education is the building block for a persons whole life. I want to take individuals with different abilities and come together for a common goal. An athlete, just as any person, must sacrifice some selfishness for that common goal. We must do the best we can with our God given ability," said Eldridge.

How does Eldridge instill these beliefs in his players?

"I tell my players that basketball should be fun; if it ceases to be fun then they should walk away. It is just like life. If you are happy with



Alma Head Coach Bob Eldridge

by Mary B. Sweet

what you do then the rest of your life will fall into place. I do stress fun, but I also emphasize discipline. The discipline one learns from sports should be carried over into your life," said Eldridge.

How does Eldridge view his new team?

"I love our team. They work hard and they are very together. I was worried for awhile about the

division in our team, but in the last week I have really noticed them pull together. I strongly believe that the true test of character is how well you handle diversity and in the last week we have done a lot of growing up, which was evident in our effort against Hope. After all, we are a team going through transition. I am a new coach and there are a lot of new combinations playing together

for the first time," said Eldridge.

Eldridge claims that the team's future is bright and that he is hopeful about their chance to contend for the conference title in the years to come.

"We are not losing any players next year, and we have many strong points. We have outstanding perimeter play, but we do need work on the consistency of our post play, though Mike Miles is having an great year. I am also hoping for a strong recruiting class," said Eldridge.

How does Eldridge feel about the support his team receives from the campus?

"I feel the teams here get much better support than at the bigger school I was coaching at. Not only do we average a nice size crowd, I believe the enthusiasm is better. I think support is a two way street, if we are going to ask the students to support us then we must represent them well and support their interests. I do not expect the students to come watch us play if all the players have bad reputations and act poorly. I try to return the favor to the students by getting involved in campus activities," said Eldridge.

As we sat discussing basketball the conversation started to drift in a new direction. I listened closely to what Eldridge had to say about life, because I knew he had once been in the same position that we are all in

right now, the position of the student. Eldridge talked of his priorities and how lifes occurrences sometimes change them.

"Basketball does not seem as important to me as it used to, because of a recent illness in my life. I was stricken with Guillain-Barre syndrome, a virus which affects the spinal column and can cause paralyzation. This illness, though I was lucky and it was caught in time, reaffirmed my priorities and put them in the proper perspective. We only go through life once and it is not important whether or not we are important in the eyes of others. What is important is that we are true to ourselves. We must treat others with respect and we must be our biggest critics. I have the chance to be a teacher when I coach and I am thankful that I am in the position to help students," said Eldridge.

Eldridge said he wanted his players to remember him as not just a coach, but a friend.

"I want them to remember me as someone who did not just push them to be great athletes, but great people. I want them to remember that I am not just their basketball coach, but their friend. I may not always agree with my players but I am always there to listen, and I want them to remember that the day I stop pushing them to be their best, is the day I stop caring."

Swimmers end victorious

By Todd Emerson
Staff Writer

This past Wednesday the Lady Scots hosted the women's swim team from Olivet. After an hour of competition, Alma had wiped up Olivet to win the meet.

The 200 Medley Relay of Lisa Hronec, Kerry Jelenchick, Lise Eberly, and Melissa Sondej started off the meet by taking first place. Dawn Ingram followed this up by swimming to victory in the 1000 with her best time of 12:54.48 and then went on to win later in the 100 Fly. Heather McManus captured first place in the 50 Free in addition to taking third in the 500 Free. Jennifer Feyes also captured first this meet in the 200 I.M. and the 100 Back. Julie Boltman was to take first in the 500 Free as did diver Robyn Grieve on the 1 meter board. Eberly also captured first in the 100 Breast with a time of 1:18.21. The meet was rounded off when the 200 Free Relay of Feyes, Boltman, McManus,

and Eberly took first.

In the 200 Free, Sondej took second with Shannon Zamoyksi taking third. Hronec took second in the 50 Free as well as in the 100 Back. Jelenchick took third in the 100 Breast this meet in addition to fourth in the 200 Free.

At the close of the meet, and after many great and personal best swims, the Lady Scots rose to victory over Olivet by a score of 116 to 45. Both coaches and swimmers were pleased with the meet and have set their sights high for the upcoming Conference meet.

The MIAA Swimming and Diving Conference will be held this Thursday through Saturday at Alma's McLure Natatorium (February 22-24). The teams competing during the three day meet will be Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo, and Olivet. Preliminaries will run in the mornings starting at 10:00 am and all finals will be run in the evening starting at 6:00 pm.

Seniors reflect on season finale

By Tia J. Brandel
Staff Writer

As the Women's Basketball team prepares to play their final game of the season on Wednesday, there are six seniors on the team who are preparing to end their competitive basketball careers. Anyone who has had to face the end of something they love to do knows that this is a difficult time filled with complex emotions of happiness, at all that has been achieved, and sadness, at knowing this is the end.

This season's seniors have been a part of two MIAA Championship Teams and two trips to the Regionals of the National Division III Play-offs. Together they have amassed honors of MIAA Most Valuable Player, ALL-MIAA First and Second Teams and numerous MIAA Player of Week Awards. They have led the league in scoring, and have been among the leaders in rebounding, steals, assists, and free-throw shooting.

The six seniors, Chris Comtois, Kelly Spalding, Stephanie Mills, Lori Erskine, Tricia Todd and Melanie Martin reflected on their feelings as they head into their last game.

Comtois, a Co-Captain from

Saginaw Novel High School, said she is sad to be ending her career, but knows she has many good memories of her competitive years in basketball.

"This season has been kind of long and in a way I am glad it's ending," said Comtois, "but its not like other seasons when I knew I had more to come. This is the end of my competitive basketball career. Sure I can still play, but it will never be the same. I'll enjoy the extra time for myself, but in the back of my mind it will be hard to accept the end."

The other Co-Captain is Spalding, a 5'9" forward from Manton High School.

"I'm looking forward to more time," said Spalding, "but after a week I know I'll want basketball back again. It's hard knowing I won't be able to play competitive basketball again. This has never happened to me before. I've always had another season to look forward to. It's difficult knowing this will be the end. It's really hard."

Mills said she is filled with mixed emotions about the end of her career.

"I will miss it, but I've been playing for so long and now I can move on to other things. We've had a lot of fun times. I've made good

friends. Being part of the sport has made me a better person and given me lots of great memories. It's hard to sum up my feelings. Basketball has been such a big part of my life. Now it's totally over."

"I'm glad I played," said Erskine a forward from Hemlock, Michigan. "I'll miss the people, my teammates, the coaching staff...I know I'll miss the sport, but I'm happy with what we've done here. It will be nice to have a free schedule."

A graduate of Fulton High School, Todd is disappointed at the outcome of this season.

"I wanted to leave with a MIAA Championship. This season was a rollercoaster with highs and lows and that was frustrating. I'll miss the friendships on the team and I'll miss basketball, but I guess its easier because I have softball season to look forward to."

Martin, a post player who has been plagued by a knee injury since her sophomore year, said she is looking forward to life after basketball.

"I know I will miss basketball, especially after so many years of playing, but I'm looking forward to focusing on my career and other things. It will be different, but basketball will become a recreational sport for me."

Women basketball suffers defeat

Tia J. Brandel
Staff Writer

After traveling to Holland on Wednesday, the Alma College Women's Basketball team suffered a defeat to the Hope Flying Dutchmen by a score of 68-57.

Hope, ranked sixth in the nation, improved their record to 16-2 and 7-2 in the MIAA, while Alma fell to 13-8 and 6-5 in the MIAA.

According to Coach Charlie Goffenet, the team came out playing hard, but Hope came out even harder. The Scots fell behind 11-2 within the first two minutes of the game and were never able to catch up.

Two key factors in Hope's win were out-rebounding Alma, 34 to 27, and shooting an excellent 60% from the floor. Coach Goffenet felt that Alma played tough inside but just couldn't stop the outside shots.

Leading the scoring for Alma was Kelly Spalding with 17 points, freshman Julie Long with 16, and Chris Comtois with 12. Laurie LaBeau and Tricia Todd each added seven and four respectively. Long led the Scots' rebounding effort with eight.

The last game of the '89-'90 season will be played Wednesday at Adrian. Game time will be 6pm.

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Do you know your black history?

By Maria Stephens
Staff Writer

February is Black History month — a time of increased awareness and education about the contributions African Americans have made to our society, a time to remember and recognize the continuing struggle of black Americans for freedom first from slavery and now from racial discrimination. Our present-day society's appalling ignorance of history extends into this area. The following quiz questions taken from *The Black Collegian* (Jan-Feb '90) offer a few fundamental facts about the prominent events and figures in the African-American saga.

1. Name the African-American man who was the first to give his life in the skirmish later known as the Boston Massacre. He rallied his comrades saying, "Do not be afraid," as he led the ranks.

2. What is the title of the novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe, which appeared in 1852? This novel sold over 300,000 copies in one year and won over countless thousands of sympathizers to the abolitionist cause.

3. Called "The Black Prophet" by some, this visionary slave revolutionary led a small band of slaves on

a two-day insurrection that rocked the area of Southampton, Virginia in August of 1831. He fled to the nearby Dismal Swamp where he remained at large for six weeks before being captured.

4. What is the name of the famous Supreme Court decision that, in 1857, opened federal territory to slavery, denied citizenship to African Americans and decreed that slaves do not become free when taken into free territory? It was named after the slave who sued his master for his freedom.

5. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued an important document, that declared all slaves in rebellious areas be free. What was this document called?

6. In 1863 in Tennessee this terrorist group was formed by whites with the express purpose of reasserting white supremacy and minimizing the influence of the Union in the South. Name the group.

7. What is the name of the former congresswoman from New York who was the first African-American woman to sit in the U.S. House of Representatives, in 1969?

8. Who was the first African American appointed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1967, by President Johnson?

9. On what date was Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. assassinated?

10. This well-known human rights activist of the 1960s first became involved in the Nation of Islam while serving a 10-year prison term for drug peddling. He was instrumental in developing a sense of pride in the black community. He encouraged assertiveness and self-defense on the part of blacks and even advocated forceful tactics. He was assassinated in 1965.

11. In 1905 in New York, 129 African American intellectuals from 14 states met and organized the Niagara movement which became the forerunner of this important civil rights organization, which still exists today.

12. In 1955 in Montgomery, AL, this brave African-American woman refused to surrender her seat on a bus to a white man and was arrested. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called for an African-American bus boycott which sparked the Civil Rights Movement.

13. Who was the woman called "Black Moses," a major conductor on the Underground Railroad, who returned to the South 19 times, leading over 300 slaves to freedom in the North and in Canada?

14. Name the woman who, in 1905, invented a hair softener, grower and straightening comb, that

revolutionized the cosmetics industry in the African-American community. She became the first African-American, self-made millionaire in America.

15. This outstanding African-American woman rose from a field hand picking cotton to the position of confidante and advisor to Franklin Roosevelt. The 17th child of sharecropping parents, this outstanding educator founded and built a well-known liberal arts college that bears her name.

16. Name the famous agricultural chemist whose crop research at the Tuskegee Institute led to better and more productive farming in the South. He also discovered a multitude of products and uses for the soybean, peanut, and sweet potato.

17. In 1940, this important African American educator and founder of the Tuskegee Institute became the first African American to be featured on a postage stamp, belonging to the "Famous American" series.

18. During the decade after World War I, an exciting cultural movement emerged in the African American community, a resurgence of African-American literature, art, music, and politics; it was named after a well-known New York community.

19. The prolific poet, novelist,

essayist, and world-traveler flourished during the Harlem Renaissance. One of his most famous poems, "The Negro Speaks of Rivers," inspired the theme of the Afro-American Pavilion at the 1984 World's Fair.

20. Name the African-American poet, who in 1950 became the first African-American to win a Pulitzer Prize for poetry.

ANSWERS: 1. Crispus Attucks 2. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* 3. Nat Turner 4. Dred Scott Decision 5. Emancipation Proclamation 6. Ku Klux Klan 7. Shirley Chissolm 8. Thurgood Marshall 9. April 4, 1968 10. Malcolm X 11. NAACP 12. Rosa Parks 13. Harriet Tubman 14. Madame C.J. Walker 15. Mary McLeod Bethune 16. George Washington Carver 17. Booker T. Washington 18. The Harlem Renaissance 19. Langston Hughes 20. Gwendolyn Brooks Adrena Nelson, a black student at Alma, commented on Black History month: "Black History Month is important to me because I think its important for blacks to be aware of our history and where we came from in order to know where we are going. We must know what took place in order to appreciate the rights and privileges we have so that we can take advantage of them."

Kathy Wilson, another black student, feels that the month is also important to educate non-blacks. "Especially here at Alma," she added. Wilson feels that more could have been done at Alma for Black History Month. "If they (the administration) were aware that it was Black History Month, they must have forgot," she says. Wilson says the only evidence she saw of the month's observance was the display in the library and the speaker. She thinks something more memorable could have been done.

Julia Robinson agrees. "It is important because many people here have never dealt on a personal level with blacks," she said.

Wilson thinks that many people here think that blacks will lower Alma's academic standards. "If they realized how far many blacks have gone in some fields, maybe they would change their minds," she says.

Eunice Rowe feels that, "If they (the society at large) realized the role the black man has played in society, they wouldn't belittle the black race so much."

Scott Rea also feels that more could have been done on Black History Month. "I haven't learned anything more about black history so far this month," he said.

Plan to see "The Time of Your Life"

By Ann Fuller
Staff Writer

The Time of Your Life, written by William Saroyan, has been chosen by director Phil Griffiths as the play to be presented this semester.

The play, which is a comedy in three acts, is set in 1939 in a San Francisco saloon where the lower class society hangs out. Throughout the play, a variety of people enter and leave the saloon, leaving their impressions of their life. It is an emphasis of character personality versus action or plot. It is an example of how good is achieved over evil.

"It is a look at all different types of people with their own stories," said Griffiths. "It has moments that shows people in a humorous fashion and others that shows them in a serious and painful way."

"The audience will come out of it thinking about people and how their environment affects them," said sophomore Karen McDonald, who plays the lead women's role of Kitty Duval.

The casting for the play required many specialty performances, such as piano playing, singing and dancing. Because it involves such such a large cast, the play offers many challenging roles. Griffiths feels confident that the cast he has selected is well-suited to the roles.

"My role playing Kitty is going to be very challenging for me," said McDonald. "I am going to have to show how a cheap prostitute with no morals can be an admirable person. I've never played a role like that before."

Junior David Engelman, who plays Joe, one of the lead male roles, agreed about the difficulties he would face portraying his character. "It will be challenging for me because I am seated throughout most of the play," said Engelman. "I have to express my character through facial and hand gestures."

Due to the fact that the play takes place in another era, finding authentic props has been quite a task. Griffiths said he wants his actors as well as the audience to feel like they are in a different place.

The play opens on the weekend of March 17 and 18 with additional performances on the weekend of March 23 and 24.

Common Hour Faculty posts a victory in Quiz Bowl competition

By Karen Pawlowicz
Assistant Feature Editor

Common Hour took on a different flavor last Thursday as the students were pitted against the faculty in the Faculty/Student College Bowl competition.

The crowd of about 45 watching the event was decidedly for the student team, but the cheering was to little avail as the faculty went on to victory in best-of-three match series.

Each match of the competition was comprised of two seven-minute halves with a two-minute break in between matches. There was also a five-minute half-time break.

William Potter, registrar, James Schmidtke, history professor, Nicholas Dixon, assistant professor of philosophy and James Buschman,

director of international studies won the first match by a score of 155-50. The half-time score was Faculty 30, Students 20.

A match is composed of a series of questions from different fields, such as history, biology and government. The teams buzz in on a toss-up question worth ten points, and the team which answers correctly first has a chance to collect up to 30 points on a follow-up question.

You can lose five points by ringing in before the question is finished being read and then giving an incorrect answer. The other team would then have a chance to answer the question after it is re-read.

The student team, The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, seemed to have a victory in the second match. Eric Steinorth, John

Ferguson, Cathy Farrell and Kevin Copes held a 70-35 lead at half time, which caused commentator Charlene Schmidtke to wonder if "in this instance the students are twice as smart as the faculty."

The faculty team took that comment to heart and fought back to tie the score late in the second half. They went on to take the match by a score of 125-90.

The student team was the winner of the student Quiz Bowl competition, which competed on the Tuesdays of January and February in AC 113. The "varsity sport of the mind," as it's called, was organized by the Alma College Union Board.

Lisa Thauvette, special events coordinator on the Union Board, with the help of member Michelle Kaufmann, organized the student

competitions. Teams paid a \$5 registration fee to compete.

A team is composed of five members-four who are involved in the match, and one alternate. Although there were only five teams this year, Thauvette said that "there was good competition among the teams that participated."

The five teams which competed were The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, The Degenerates of Mars, The Five Points of Light, Team Appelt and a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity team. The winning team won a prize of \$100, t-shirts, and a chance to compete against a faculty team.

"I don't know why there wasn't much interest," said Thauvette. "Maybe we should have gotten the advertisements out earlier to get

people thinking about it. We are definitely going to hold the competitions next year, because we just purchased new equipment especially for this purpose," she said.

The questions for the competitions are generated from the College Bowl Company, which also sponsors a national quiz bowl. They resemble Trivial Pursuit or Jeopardy-type questions.

Farrell, who was a member on last year's winning team, enjoys the academic nature of the competitions. "I've always had a head for semi-useless information," she said.

It appears that Quiz Bowl is an excellent way to showcase the "well-roundedness" of the education students receive at Alma College, and more importantly, yet another way to "get involved."

Look before you dial "0"

By Cara Sell
Staff Writer

Punching zero to get someone's phone number may be easier than trying to find the Pig Book or campus phone book, but it makes it harder on the switchboard operators. Last week flyers were sent to everyone on campus explaining this point.

Many people don't realize that Jan Prais, the switchboard operator, has responsibilities other than giving out phone numbers. Prais is in charge of the phone bills which everyone receives each month, keeps track of all the campus lines which are receiving long distance service, employs 10 student operators, and publishes the campus phone book.

But this is not the end of the list of her duties. The switchboard operators also transfer calls coming into the campus to the correct departments, answer general information questions, and act as receptionists for the campus.

With almost 60 percent of the calls answered by the switchboard being for campus phone numbers, it is difficult to get the other necessary jobs done. The lines are tied up for people who need to get through, and it is annoying for visitors to have who wait to receive information. Because of this, Prais has requested that the campus turn to the phone book to find out numbers whenever possible. Let your fingers do the walking in the pages of phone book instead of on the numbers of the dial.

SHOULD YOU WORRY ABOUT GETTING AIDS?

Co-editors-in-chief give insights

By Sara Rowland
Feature Editor

Kris Lovasz and Karen McDonald have the experience and ideas behind them to make *The Almanian* a paper worth being read.

This week, Lovasz and McDonald were given the job of co-editors-in-chief of *The Almanian*. Usually on *The Almanian* staff there is a business manager and an editor-in-chief, but Lovasz and McDonald decided to apply as co-editors-in-chief.

"We think that the job of editor-in-chief is too much for one person," said McDonald. "By both of us working together, we can do the job effectively."

Lovasz and McDonald take over the jobs of Elizabeth Burchill, editor-in-chief and Amy Reis, managing editor, who will be graduating this April.

"We work well together, said Lovasz. "We each are in different organizations which helps us to get a wider perspective on campus."

Karen McDonald is a sophomore on campus. She is from Portland, Michigan and is majoring in English

with a journalism emphasis. After graduating, McDonald would like to join the Peace Corps for a two year program. Eventually she would like to obtain a career in broadcast journalism. She is currently the opinion editor on *The Almanian*.

Kris Lovasz is also a sophomore and is from Dearborn, Michigan. Her major is in chemistry. Last year Lovasz was assistant news editor; while this year she is news editor for *The Almanian*. Lovasz wasn't always interested in newspaper work, but after someone asked her to write a story on a speaker she attended, she began her career on *The Almanian*.

Lovasz and McDonald have a lot of ideas for next year's *Almanian*.

"We basically want to continue with what's been started," said McDonald. "We want to tighten it up."

"We've made a huge transition from last year to this year," said Lovasz. "The Almanian has become more focused and organized."

Lovasz and McDonald plan to go to the English department on campus and ask professors to talk to their students and encourage them to

write for *The Almanian*.

"We want to know that if something needs to be covered, that we can call up a writer and be confident that they will get the story done," said Lovasz. "Also, it is important that they will be able to cover all angles."

Applications are now available to the student body for positions on *The Almanian* staff. Interviewing will start after midterm break.

"We are looking for people who are motivated, competent, and possess leadership abilities," said McDonald. "Plus, good journalism and strong business people."

The format of *The Almanian* may change to tabloid size next year thus creating more leeway for everyone on the staff, but this decision is still up in the air. Lovasz and McDonald said they also plan to have a workshop for their staff.

"We'd rather have four pages of good solid stories than eight pages of just okay journalism," said McDonald.

"We want *The Almanian* to become a newspaper that the student body wants to read thoroughly," added Lovasz.

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FAMILY ALTERATIONS IN THE REAR OF THE STORE

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Shifters gets an average rating

By Dave Hubbard
Restaurant Reviewer

This week Tutti and I review the restaurant Shifters, located within the Comfort Inn Motel, next to Burke's Body Shop.

When we walked in, there was not a soul to be found. After finding a very young looking girl who seated us, we waited for about ten minutes until an even younger looking girl came to take our order.

I ordered cheese sticks and a wet burrito and Tutti opted for wing dings and a fish sandwich.

When the cheese sticks arrived, I could barely believe my eyes. Instead of long and skinny, greasy pieces of fried cheese, I saw huge, puffy items that had a pie like crust on the outside. Needless to say, I was apprehensive about these sticks. Boy, was I surprised. The cheese was light and airy, very tasty and although the barbecue sauce was a little odd, it complemented the

cheese perfectly.

The burrito was of the meat and bean variety and was, at best, average. The salsa was spicy but couldn't make up for what I suppose

chicken wings from tasting bland.

Tutti informed me (and I took a bite myself) that the fish sandwich was fine, but it seemed a little bit too

fried for me. All the sandwiches come with fries and these were the highlight of the whole meal.

The fries resemble curly fries at Joe's Place on campus, but the similarities end there. These fries have been dipped in either batter or flavored oil and are so tasty, they disappear before you can finish the sandwich.

The lunch menu is small and fairly priced, dinners are more expensive and numerous. Lunch sandwiches range from \$2.85 through \$3.75 with burgers, french

dips, clubs and ham & cheese. There are also salads—a chef and a taco, nachos and burritos.

The decor is racecar theme, pleasant and private, a good bet for a quiet dinner but a bad bet for lunch.

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Food critic David Hubbard hard at work

by Laura Poyner

Please don't go to Key West

by Karen Pawlowicz
Assistant Feature Editor

If Key West is your spring break destination next week, you may want to choose another vacation spot. The resort town is asking college students not to visit for spring break.

Ron Herron, the city manager of Key West, sent letters in late January to officials at 210 colleges and universities urging them to persuade students to choose another

vacation spot. In the letter, Herron stressed the high cost of hotel rooms (\$100-to-\$300 a night) and the fact that alcohol is not allowed in public areas.

The two-by-five mile island was invaded by 20,000 students during spring break last year. Projections by hotel officials of 40,000-plus visitors during this year prompted the letters.

The Key West Hotel and Motel Association issued a statement which concluded that "If not confronted, spring break could take

Key West on a wild roller coaster ride where the last leg, inevitably, is straight downhill to ground zero."

Other vacation places where college students are not welcome this spring break are: Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Springs. Daytona Beach is one of the few spots that still encourages spring break visitors. However, Daytona Beach is taking its precautions too—it has dispatched a "task force" which is touring colleges and asking students to "behave civilly."

Anti-drug efforts ineffective

by Amy Hudson
CPS Staff Writer

Even as President Bush prepared to go to Colombia by claiming there's been "notable progress" in the war on drugs, academia's officials said anti-drug efforts on college campuses are failing.

A number of the campus officials who are supposed to lead the charge against illicit drugs, moreover, have flatly refused to do so.

"I don't think institutions believe it's their responsibility to become Big Brother," said Dallas Martin of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA).

Aid officials at Nebraska and Harvard universities and at the University of California at Berkeley recently admitted that, aside from collecting signatures on aid forms, they're doing nothing to help enforce the federal search for student drug users.

Aid officials at other campuses have not reported any student drug users' names to the U.S.

Department of Education since July 1, 1989, when a new law empowered the department to strip students convicted of drug offenses of their federal financial aid.

"It's a little too early to tell" if the law will work, asserted Education Department spokesman Phil Cauthen.

Nevertheless, four state governors advocated tightening the noose on the students a little more in recent weeks.

In their list of new laws they would like passed, both Nebraska Governor Kay Orr and Georgia Governor Tommy Thompson separately proposed in mid-January to make state schools expel students convicted of drug offenses.

In Arizona and Wisconsin, lawmakers will consider bills to cut off state financial to student drug users.

Statewide student associations in Florida, Oregon, California and Arizona have passed resolutions denouncing federal and state government efforts to tie financial aid to the "drug war."

The 1988 Drug-Free Workplace Act and Bush's September, 1989, anti-drug initiative would force students who get Pell grants to sign a pledge that they will not use illegal substances.

By 1991, all campuses are supposed to have anti-drug programs in place, along with the means to expel collegians convicted of drug offenses.

Already, campus aid officials are supposed to report students convicted of drug crimes to the Dept. of Education, which is then to take the money away.

Legally, the students also may be prosecuted for fraudulently signing the pledge not to use drugs, fined \$10,000 and sent to jail for five years.

Woodrow Wilson scholar visits

By Sara Rowland
Feature Editor

During the past week, Alma College students had the chance to get in touch with the ideas, opinions and experiences of Jan Soetenhorst, a Woodrow Wilson visiting scholar.

Soetenhorst, who is from the Netherlands, visited a number of classes during his visit and talked about such things as the turmoil in the countries of Rumania and South America. Since 1985, Soetenhorst has been the editor-in-chief of the Haagsche Courant/Rotterdams Nieuwsbald/Goudsche Courant, a newspaper that has a daily circulation of 250,000.

One main task that Soetenhorst has is to write a column on international or international affairs four times a week. Soetenhorst is active in a number of organizations throughout

Europe. They include being a member of the Board of the International Press Institute (London), Advisor to Atlantic Exchange Program, and member of the Board of Clingendael, which is the Institute of International Relations.

In Eugene Pattison's English 370 class, Soetenhorst talked about the experience of one of his reporters on assignment in Rumania. The reporter rented a car in Hungary to get to the border of Rumania. After extensive time spent describing his duties to guards on the border, he was let in to Rumania. The reporter then decided to interview people in a nearby village to get a perspective on the freedom that is now being given to the Rumanian people.

From this story, Soetenhorst stressed that it is important for a journalist to know all of his facts before beginning a story, and also for the journalist to take different

perspective on stories to make what's happening in the world more interesting.

Upon visiting Robert Smith's classroom of Speech 327, Persuasion and Propaganda, Soetenhorst touched on the topic of the Soviet Union and all the changes that country is going through. In accordance with this, Soetenhorst said Soviet leaders have been making promises to the Russian people for the last 70 years that have virtually been broken. Soetenhorst said these promises have been reflected in such things as propaganda.

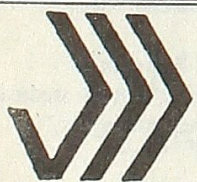
"They (Soviet leaders) try to overwhelm people with the same stuff over and over," said Soetenhorst.

He also stated the issue that will mostly likely be of great consequence during the 1990s will be the pollution that is affecting the Western industrialized world.



Young student studying outside Cappaert Gymnasium

by Stuart Tannehill



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Best of 1989

McLetchie lists top musical picks for1989

By Andrew McLetchie
Staff Writer

Well, here it is, the '80s in review. I know that it is February already, but I have been busy.

A whole lot of stuff went down in the past ten years: environmental deterioration; revolutions in China, Romania, Czechoslovakia; the Berlin wall falls, etc. Yet, through all of this, the world of popular music has grown to include influences and artist from nations all over the world.

Is this indicative of music's power as a linking element able to cross all cultural gaps in society and make everyone on the planet one free people? Probably not, but it does mean that a lot of really groovy music has come out in the past ten years. But, given the limited space I have to work with here we are going to look primarily at 1989 (except for a top ten list of the best albums of

the '80s).

1989 saw a lot of surprises in music. The dinosaurs roamed the earth as The Who, The Rolling Stones, Grateful Dead, Jethro Tull, and Bob Dylan all either toured,

Tracy Chapman released a new album telling the world that it is still O.K. to play real folk music.

U2 made a dumb movie. Jethro Tull got a Grammy for best metal album?

'70s in music, so many different things were going on and music went in so many different directions that '80s music will never be a class all its own. The beautiful thing about music is that there are all these

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recorded, or both.

U2 made a dumb movie. Punk continued to be pushed out as a musical force as bands such as PIL, Sonic Youth and FIREHOSE now carry that musical torch as they are classified as post-punk groups (really imaginative name).

U2 made a stupid movie. A hundred billion bands came out of Athens, Ga., Seattle, and Austin. And U2 really did make a dumb movie. One of the most important things about music in 1989 is that, although we heard a lot of the '50s, '60s, and

different bands playing all these different types of music that there is indeed something for everyone. Here it is, the best albums of 1989 (remember this is by nature a subjective list used mainly to point out how many good albums came out last year):

- Best pop album:**
The Raw and the Cooked
— Fine Young Cannibals
- Best Metal Album:**
Nothing's Shocking
— Jane's Addiction
- Best Rap Album:**
Stone Cold Rhymin'
— Young MC
- Best Folk Album:** tie:
Oh Mercy
— Bob Dylan
Indigo Girls
— Indigo Girls
- Best Funk Album:**
Mother's Milk
— Red Hot Chili Peppers
- Best Rock Album:**
Sonic Temple
— The Cult
- Best All Around:**
Full Moon Fever
— Tom Petty
- Absolute Worst Album and Group:**
Hangin' Tough
— New Kids On The Block

Best of the 80's

McLetchie reviews best music of the last decade

By Andrew McLetchie
Staff Writer

What bands and albums most influenced popular music in the 1980s? Quite simply there are too many to mention in any article. Some albums, however, influenced or defined the different styles and sounds of 80s music more than others. Here are my ten choices for the best, most influential albums of the 80s:

1. *Murmur* — R.E.M. — What is the one band to which every new American rock group is compared these days? Answer: R.E.M. Like it or not, R.E.M. is one of America's

most influential bands and has been for most of the past decade. This album is full of folk, rock, poetry, mystery and just about anything else you could put on an album without a bunch of noisy synthesizers.

2. *Shoot Out The Lights* — Richard and Linda Thompson — Never heard of him? Not surprising. However, Richard's old band, Fairport Convention, was one of the biggest bands in Britain in the '70's along with Led Zeppelin (who even admitted to drawing a heavy influence from Fairport). Richard, one of the world's best guitarists, is brilliant on this album as is his wife

in her role as co-vocalist.

3. *Daydream Nation* — Sonic Youth — This band has defined the direction of post-punk in the 80s and will continue to do so in the 90s. This is their first breakthrough album, so buy it. They have a real heavy metal sound without the heavy metal lyrics.

4. *The Joshua Tree* — U2 — Their most accessible and best selling album. This is where U2 Americanized themselves. A great album. Too bad about *Rattle and Hum*, though, that movie really sucked.

5. *Tracy Chapman* — This chick and Buckwheat ought to get together and have a look alike contest! Tracy Chapman continues flying the flag of folk music. Maybe not one of the most fun acts to go see, but I guess we need these socially aware types

just to keep our heads out of our hindquarters. (Both of her albums are great).

6. *Passion* — Peter Gabriel — It is difficult to choose which of his albums should be in this list. *Passion*, however, is Gabriel at his experimental best. This is a real tip of his hat to world music, taking elements from Africa, Armenia and other parts of the world. A great soundtrack to *The Last Temptation Of Christ*.

7. *London Calling* — The Clash — This 1980 double LP is The Clash at their angry/punk/ska/reggae/noisy best. This album was a huge influence for all early 80s punk bands.

8. *Master of Puppets* — Metallica — Metallica has been the leader in the big sound of speed metal that is

becoming increasingly popular. This album combines classical sounding riffs and melodies with all-out, chest-thumping power chords creating a big mighty sound.

9. *The River* — Bruce Springsteen — Let's face it, all of this guy's albums are influential. This double is Bruce in his pre-superstar days when he could actually sing sometimes. The Boss has been one of the biggest things in music for years, having one of the best live shows around.

10. *Louder Than Bombs* — The Smiths — A partly retrospective, partly new double LP. This one really captures the wonderful way in which Stephen Morrissey's poetry complements Johnny Marr's brilliant guitar work. Too bad they broke up.

CREATIVE CORNER

Mortality realized

By Wil Shapton
Staff Writer

You know, I'm not mortal. It's nine o'clock Friday night, I'm waiting for a phone call, and its just one of those things. I wasn't born of the magic and deep and black waters of the northern seas, I claim no lineage from Wotan, I wield no hammer to make the skies thunder. And yet, there it is. I don't feel like I'll ever die.

Well, about that phone call. Like I said, its Friday night. I want to go to the Valentine's Ball tomorrow. The worst thing in the world would be to go on national TV, on one of those talk shows, to bare my soul to some couple million idiots who have nothing better to do with themselves than sit around watching other idiots share their most torpid secrets with the whole world. That would be the worst thing. The second worst thing would be to go to a Valentine's Ball by myself. Think about it. I know I do.

So, now I'm waiting for her to call. And I was just thinking what its like to be immortal. Maybe you have felt it too. It's nothing explicit, no finger in the sky that points at me, my name in the stars, a direct link to the cosmos. Immortality, unlike most things these days, has grown to be something more personal. It's just a feeling I have. Something I've always known. I will not die.

Least, I thought that until Thursday. That's when my grandma died. I don't know. I guess I'd always thought she was at least a little bit immortal too.

This changes things quite a bit. A shadow has been cast. The writing is on the wall. Death is likely to happen to me too.

Like most, I have dreams, plans, things that I'm going to do. Some day. I keep putting them off. I have

other things to do today. More important things. I can put my dreams off until tomorrow. Today I have a quiz at 8:30. My plans for the future can wait until the future. After all, I'm not mortal.

My grandmother, in the last of many lessons, has taught me something. Something very, very important. My grandmother still talks to me, and I'm doing my best to listen to her. I just wish there had been some other way for her to give me the message.

Its 9:30 now. Carrie hasn't called yet. She's supposed to call before ten. Carrie has been a friend of mine for a long time, and I asked her to go to the Valentine's Ball with me. The thing is, see, she lives about an hour from here, and she might not be able to make it. Things were looking pretty good for awhile, and I was really getting excited about this weekend. And then, whammo, we got a storm. Two years I've been at Alma and we've never got a storm like this. So the one weekend I need good weather to make my Valentine special, we get a storm. Bummer. Now Carrie has to call me to tell me if the weather will be good enough for her to drive up tomorrow.

I'm waiting. I'm looking out the window. Its snowing. The roads look slippery. When will she call?

Its not a gloom and doom kind of thing, really. I mean about death and all. Okay, so I'm suddenly made aware of my own mortality. That doesn't mean I'll go making plans around it and like that. Inevitable as it may be, I'd still like to think my death is a ways off. Not until after the dance at least. So its there, but I ignore it. People go on living. People go on trading in their dreams of the future for a better deal in the present.

Nearly ten o'clock. She ought to call any minute now. Soon, I hope. After all, I haven't got forever.

Getting involved key to success

By Andrew McCurdy
Staff Writer

One, Two, Three, Four. That's about how quickly four years of college seem to fly by. For some it will be a period in their life which they will member as enlightening, character building, and the ultimate growing and learning experience; but for others it will just be remembered as a time spent preparing for long lasting employment.

There are a rare few who from day one have decided what they will major in and what career they will apply that major to; and there are those, who at the finish of their senior year will have stumbled into a major that provides little or no satisfaction and a career that offers the same.

Why is this pitfall so common and how can it be avoided?

This crisis is usually the result of a lack of exposure. How does one obtain exposure? Through involvement.

Getting involved can be a struggle for students. The predominant reasons are that he is either afraid of failing, not interested, or just doesn't have enough time.

All of us in one situation or another have backed down from an opportunity because we were afraid of not being able to perform adequately.

When we're young it is quite different. As an infant we soundlessly fail in our efforts to transport ourselves on two legs. When we're learning to ride a bicycle, we tumble to the ground time and time again,

but discouragement is minimal and our efforts continue until the goal is accomplished.

However, when we get older we create two unproductive by-products that result from our failures. First we allow failure to cause harm to our

judgements and opinions should be of no consequence to you.

Often one will claim that their lack of involvement comes from lack of interest. But then again, lack of interest really stems from lack of involvement.

How can a person be sure he holds no interest in something he has little knowledge of and has neglected to actively pursue? Everyone can recollect an activity which they had passed off as uninteresting, but after somehow getting involved, they discovered that they really enjoyed it.

Some may say that there is not adequate time to become involved. If time is a restriction, then maybe the balance between academics and extra curricular activities should be reevaluated. The purpose of a liberal arts education is to make a person well-rounded. It is impossible to be will rounded if time is solely dedicated to studying.

College is probably the only period in our lives to get a taste of everything. It allows a person to recognize and discover strengths, weaknesses, and gives him an opportunity to capitalize on and develop talents.

No one wants to go through life in retrospection wondering whether he could have been a good actor, scientist, accountant, musician or whatever. This is a golden opportunity to explore. Don't make the mistake of not taking advantage of this institution. You'll get out of it what you put into it. Time is running out-so take a chance and get involved.

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Write for the ALMANIAN in 1990-1991

Applications are now being accepted in Newberry basement for Editorial and Managerial positions for the next school year.

EDITORIAL

Trustees applauded

The Alma College Board of Trustees met for their second annual meeting last Fri., Feb. 16, at the Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham and among the many tasks accomplished was the official vote to name the new science facility the Ronald O. Kapp Science Laboratory.

Quite simply, *The Almanian* wishes to applaud the actions of the Board in naming the new facility after Kapp, a popular educator who served as a professor of biology before being named provost and vice-president of academic affairs in 1969.

Due to medical reasons, Kapp resigned his position last Nov. 20, and is currently under radiation treatment for his illness. His association with the college is long-term, beginning in 1957 after completing both a B.A. and M.S. in biology from the University of Michigan, whereupon he began his Alma College career as an instructor of biology. Upon completion of his Ph.D. in biology at U of M in 1963, Kapp continued his association with the science department through his teaching, advancing from instructor of biology to full professor of biology until his eventual appointment to the position of provost.

Even as provost, however, Kapp continued his work in the scientific field, most notably as the instructor of the spring term course, "Spring Flora of the Southern Great Lakes Region."

Thus, as a result of both 32 years of dedicated service as well as his continual interest in the field of science, *The Almanian* can not think of a person more deserving of this honor. It was an excellent decision on the part of the Board and very appropriate to name a facility which will instruct future Alma science students after a man who gave so much to Alma science students in the past.

Clearly then, congratulations as well as best wishes are in order for Dr. Kapp and his family.

Long hair associated with stereotype

By Michael Stargardt
Staff Writer

"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." (I Corinthians 11:14-15)

Although society's ideas have changed during modern times, the popular opinion concerning the length of a man's hair has remained the same. It is fairly obvious that hair styles are shifting continually, but short hair is still considered to be traditional, professional, and masculine. This notion stems largely from a traditional value system as laid out in Biblical Scripture. When certain individuals challenge society's value system, oftentimes their hair length increases in order to express their defiance of tradition. While many men wear their hair long in order to attract attention, others fail to cut their hair due to lack of time, money, or lack of motivation.

In America during the sixties, the "hippie" generation took over. Contrasting with the clean cut, Leave-it-to-Beaver older generation, the youth with long hair were unacceptable to many. Claiming it to be a method of self-expression, the rebellious young people took pride in their hair.

This symbol of defiance appeared to the older generation to represent a direct slurring of the sexes. Although the acceptable length of hair

was questionable, the traditional short-hair tradition continued on into the seventies.

The hippies did, however, carry on their hair-growing behavior moderately as they emerged into the world of adulthood and responsibility, this being evidenced in the form of sideburns.

Currently, long hair is more widely accepted than the previous years. This acceptance, nonetheless, applies quite strictly to young people. The "new" older generation, the "hippies" of yesterday, can remember their long-hair days fondly as something "every young person goes through at some time in his life." Everyone realizes that when the moment comes for a long-hair young person to enter the "real" world, he will most definitely need a haircut. One would never enter an important job interview with shoulder-length hair. Again, the short-hair population is dominant.

If I eventually become a doctor, I may choose to keep my hair long. I am curious to see if this will effect my number of patients; who can trust a "hippie" doctor?

I think in future years society will continue to move in favor of short-hair males. It is a pity that although one can retain parts of his youthful ideal, he must lose his outer image in order to prove himself to be a true, mature, adult.

I suppose that a male in today's society must realize that if he has long hair it still "is a shame unto him."

FACULTY COMMENT

Davis continues faculty dialogue

By Dr. Burnet Davis
Chairperson, Political Science Department

At the risk of rushing in where angels fear to tread, I would like to propose a different perspective on the important discussion initiated in *The Almanian* by my English Department colleagues

From one political perspective, a fundamental issue in this discussion is the public/private dichotomy that has long intrigued students of human nature and the human condition: does the locus of human happiness lie in the public or private domain?

The public domain is commonly characterized as the battlefield, marketplace, or political arena; the private domain is either the contemplative life or domesticity, the "bosom of one's family." To answer this question requires (at least in traditional political philosophy) consideration of the underlying substantive issues of "human nature": e.g., are humans "by nature" political/social creatures? Without trying to answer such questions here, I would like to connect some political analysis to the concerns of my distinguished English colleagues.

Professor Jean Bethka Elstain, in her insightful *Public Man, Private Woman* (Princeton, 1981), has explored the thesis that Western

thought has, with numerous interesting variations, depicted men as actors in the public realm, women in private.

Although subject to dangerous over-generalization, this tradition helps to explain these behaviors and appropriate underlying assumptions.

We live in exciting times because the gender-exclusivity of these two realms is clearly breaking down and androgyny is prevailing. Or to be more precise, the public domain is absorbing the private, and we are all having to learn how to live in a brave new world...

Whether the Aristotelean paradigm of "man is a political animal" who needs public speech and reasoned dialogue for human excellence and fulfillment, or Hobbesian individualism with its competitive acquisitiveness, or Freud's sexual politics of male domination, the public/male sector has prevailed.

The desiderata of the public sector, whether power or wealth or glory, are in limited supply and hence invite competition, whether physical, oratorical or intellectual. In "civilized communities," this competition will be structured and rule-bound but still disputations and robust (as Professor Ottenhoff seeks in his classes). I think here of

Thomas Jefferson, who knew many of the pleasures of the human condition; in his old age, he wrote to John Adams (his sometime enemy) of his hopes for a "heaven" in which they would "meet again, on Congress, with our Ancient [sic] Colleagues, and receive with them the seal of ap-

as flag-wearing racists?) to listen seriously is at least as difficult as teaching many women to speak publicly.

We live in exciting times because the gender-exclusivity of these two realms is clearly breaking down and androgyny is prevailing. Or to be more precise, the public domain is absorbing the private, and we are all having to learn how to live in a brave new world (where, as Professor Napora suggests, even our private sexual experiences and devices serve as metaphors for the public enterprises of learning and doing).

If there is any good news in all of this, perhaps it may be found in our common quest for that which transcends public and private, male and female, reason and intuition. That transcendent element, at least in academia, lies in our vision(s) of truth.

As we, both more- and less-advanced students, share our several partial perspectives in dialogue and action, we broaden our horizons, liberate ourselves from misbegotten stereotypes and prejudices, and acquire a vision of truth that is hopefully worth the blood and sweat that we and our foreparents have poured into this quest.

That, at least, is the end of this dialogue.

'TUPPER TALK'

Misjudgement of amphibians led to prejudice

By Tupper Lysaght
Assistant Opinion Editor

I came across a rather disturbing discovery this weekend. I was thinking about all the various prejudices that exist within our world and I found out that I have a serious problem with Amphibians.

I have rejected the presence of amphibians periodically throughout my life because of the slimy scaliness of their skin. I guess I have always been a bit texture sensitive.

I know that I am not the only human who is prejudiced against amphibians, Karen McDonald (editor and friend) also has difficulty warming up to these creatures. I had to try and find a way to accept the fact that they are a part of this world just as I am.

I asked myself, as well as Karen, if being prejudice against amphibians I do not even know is much different than being prejudice against people I do not know. Karen looked out the window and told me that she would need a few days to go through her Levels of Prejudice Handbook.

Two days later we came to the conclusion that my prejudice is due to either naivety or a negative

amphibian experience in my past. So I ran to my room, crawled under my bed and opened my secret underground hiding place to get out my journal, and I began reviewing my life.

To my astonishment, I came across a critical incident of my youth that I must have intentionally blocked out of my mind. My family was vacationing in the swamps one summer. My innocent family had no clue that we were being watched, behind tall swamp grass, by a slimy bullfrog with red shift eyes clearly up to no good.

I had a feeling that something evil was nearby. I could smell it in the air (I have an acute sense of danger due to my many years of rigorous Girl Scout training). On our fourth night, we were all sleeping, with smiles on our faces, when I heard something say, "Psst, you girl, come to the third lily-pad twenty steps from the tallest tree or your family's had it." The voice was grindy and deep. It had to be an evil bullfrog.

So for fear of the safety of my family, I did as I was told. As I squished my way through the swamp to the third lily-pad, my heart was once again echoing in my

brain. Suddenly, I was surrounded by a large group of bullfrogs with dark masks on. The leader of the organization was carrying a flag that read F.A.V.P. (I learned later this meant Frogs Against Vacationing People). They were planning on sacrificing me!

I tried to remain calm and attempted to reason with these barbaric outcasts and to my surprise it was not working. I also wished that I had brought along my How To Avoid Sacrificial Death pamphlet. I usually always carry a copy with me.

So I concocted a story for the preservation of my life and that of my family. I told them that my father hunted frog legs for several restaurant branches in the United States, and if anything happened to me, they would all find themselves in wheelchairs and on dry land for good.

I also told them that I had just recently visited the frog rehabilitation center in Manistique, Michigan, and I saw thousands of amputees leading miserable lives. This distracted the frogs and they gathered together to discuss my threat. Well I certainly did not wait around to hear their decision. I

began sprinting away and screaming to my family to get the van packed and started. Luckily my plan worked and we got away safely.

From that day forward I have been prejudiced against all amphibians. I have often awakened screaming after dreaming about being chased by a herd of salamanders or being trampled by giant turtles with bad breath. But with Karen's help, I have come to realize that those particular amphibians that scarred my life were not your typical amphibians. They clearly had grown up in unstable family units and they never learned any kind of moral structure.

So I decided that I cannot judge things by the sliminess or scaliness of their skin, only by their individual actions. I have to give each individual amphibian a chance instead of judging them as a group. Give an amphibian a break.

During Spring Term, Karen and I plan to visit several amphibian hatcheries to integrate ourselves within their community. Karen has recently become an avid fan of turtle rodeos. We are, as usual, looking forward to this new and exciting challenge.

