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TKE & ZΣ undergo varied restrictions

By Amy Peraino
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There have been many rumors about the disciplinary status of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) and Zeta Sigma (ZS) fraternities floating around campus. These rumors need clarification. While the ZS fraternity is on disciplinary probation for an alcohol violation that occurred last spring, the sanction will be lifted after Homecoming if no other violations occur. The TKEs are not under any disciplinary measures by Alma College; however, the status of their housing is under review by the city and will be voted upon in December. The TKE housing problem stemmed from the complaints of a neighbor concerning excessive noise, lack of trash removal and poor lawn care.

Once a year, usually at the June meeting, Alma College obtains a Special Use Permit, similar to a zoning permit, for all Greek and independent houses on campus. At the June City Planning Commission meeting, the neighbor's complaints were brought forward, and for these reasons, a vote to grant the permit was postponed until July.

During the month that elapsed, Alma College notified the TKE fraternity that they must take any necessary measures to assure that the permit would be granted. The fraternity did receive the permit, but are subject to a six month review. The permit will be reevaluated again in December instead of in the spring.

Renewal of the permit was influenced by a policy, the

Community Relations and Risk Management Policy, written by the Tau Kappa Epsilon Board of Trustees and active members. This document was designed for the extra monitoring of the fraternity. Many of the rules in this book are already policies of Alma College; however, this document takes them one step further.

The policy includes such provisions as the following: a timer will be put on the stereo so that it will shut off at midnight; and in addition to a party permit and permission from the College to host a party, the fraternity must also receive permission from their Board of Trustees—a group consisting of eight alumni, the chapter advisor, and the chapter president. The fraternity must also have four sober persons at each party, notify the police and neighbors before a party, and take care of the yard and trash. The TKEs have also planted several sound-absorbing trees around their lot and plan to plant more in the future.

The City Planning Commission viewed the policy as impressive. One member even called it the finest risk management policy he has ever seen. The Planning Commission expressed reluctance to deny the permit, but also has a need to satisfy community members.

Tau Kappa Epsilon president Rob Wegener, senior, said, "We came up with this policy to do whatever we can to make people happy—if that's possible."

Alma College is also concerned about this housing situation, and will do whatever is necessary to help the fraternity keep its permit. According to Emily Perl, Assistant Dean of

Students, the College does not want to have to reassign the men presently living in the house. She also stressed the fact that this is not just the problem of one fraternity, and should be cause for concern for all houses on campus.

Perl said, "This is an issue of general concern. The story is broader than just the Tau Kappa Epsilon's problem with housing. Students need to be more aware about maintaining neighborhood relations."

The new policy was signed by all members of the fraternity. Any member failing to comply with the policy will face punishment from the fraternity. This includes anything from a fine, to making a member inactive, to the revoking membership.

When asked how this housing problem has affected the fraternity, Wegener stated, "We're not in as bad a shape as everyone thinks we are. We came out of it all right."

"The house situation right now is touch and go and uncomfortable," said Scott Moore, junior. "I feel as if I'm on tiptoes all the time so that the neighbors don't get mad. I'm not really worried about it though. Hopefully we're going about everything in the right way."

Next spring the City Planning Commission meeting will be held in April instead of June so that the students living in the houses on campus can speak on their own behalf. This change is an attempt to alleviate problems encountered in the past.

Meanwhile, the Zeta Sigma fraternity is currently on disciplinary probation from the

College for a violation of the Keg Policy at a May 19, 1990 party. The Keg Policy states that there are to be no kegs at any of the Greek houses. Numerous kegs were discovered at the spring term party.

Original sanctions against the fraternity were much more severe. However, members suggested what they considered a more constructive form of discipline, instead of sitting out their probationary period and being denied certain privileges. The downgrading of the punishments reflects the cooperation of the fraternity in handling their situation. The result was five disciplinary points that the fraternity must follow.

The first of these points was that the ZS fraternity was put on disciplinary probation through fall term 1990. Any further violations by the fraternity will result in more serious sanctions against them. The second point was that party privileges were revoked through the fall term. The third point was that at the Homecoming dance, members must help run a mocktail bar under the supervision of Robert Perkins, director of student development, and BACCHUS. The last two disciplinary measures stated that neither the active members, alumni, nor sisters of the fraternity were allowed to participate in fall runouts, and that if there are no violations of campus policy by the actives, pledges, or alumni through Homecoming, party privileges will be reinstated.

ZS is allowed to take a pledge class if they choose and can have social gatherings at their house as long as there is no alcohol and

it is not a party.

When asked how the violations have affected them, president Jim Chinery, senior, said that he would definitely be more cautious in the future and will be more watchful. He didn't believe the sanctions would affect the next pledge class. "We don't base rushing on just alcohol functions," he said.

The fraternity did believe the punishment was fair; especially considering the fact that they helped to construct some of the disciplinary sanctions.

As junior Dave Rieman said, "The punishments were fair, and we're going to follow the rules they set down until Homecoming."

Some might be led to believe that this probation would cause the administration and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) to watch the fraternities more closely. The administration and the IFC have both stated that this is not the case. According to IFC president Jeff Hyames, the IFC won't be patrolling the parties with any biases or evil eyes. Every Friday and Saturday night the executive committee of the IFC, one member from each fraternity, goes to any fraternity house having a party. Each IFC member keeps a checklist and looks for such things as kegs, excessively loud music, and people outside the house. The results of the checklists are then tallied to see if there is in fact a violation taking place.

IFC is not to cause fraternities problems, according to Hyames, but to prevent anything from happening that would cause judicial action. "We're just there to police ourselves," he said.

New provost accepts Alma challenge

By Jennifer Olschefski
Staff Writer

Ann Stuart, new provost and academic vice president, is excited about sustaining a quality liberal arts education at Alma College. Former dean of arts and sciences at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania, Stuart was attracted to Alma's "wonderful sense of community." She said her own interests are very compatible with Alma's commitments as a private, church-related, Phi Beta Kappa institution focusing on the liberal arts.

Stuart sensed this unity in working with President Alan J. Stone. "It's fun to work with someone who knows what he

wants to do in his leadership role, and it is exciting to think I might help him achieve some of his goals."

"We complement each other well," said Stone. He particularly admires Stuart's attention to detail, referring to her renovation of the guest rooms in Gelston Hall, and of the garden area behind the Clack Art Center as examples.

Stone said Stuart was the overwhelming choice because "she brought a sense of comfort" to Alma College. The first woman to be a part of the executive committee and appointed vice president, Stuart said it's time for women to make important decisions that affect

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Dr. Ann Stuart and Rosalie Sanford check the day's mail.

Photo by J. Steffee

Student Congress initiates new, old members

By Amy Peraino
Staff Writer

Student Congress convened on September 11 at 7 p.m. Officers this year are President Louis Cubba, Vice-President Mike Collins, Treasurer Drew Walker and Secretary Michelle Wemple.

The meeting commenced with the executive reports and a brief explanation of the committees run by Student Congress.

Walker discussed the contingency fund committee which hears requests for funds from organizations needing monies in addition to their own operation budget. The fund consists of \$10,000 that cannot be carried over to next year. The committee hopes to use as much of this money as possible. Student Congress does need four people to fill this committee, at least two of whom must be Student Congress representatives.

Cassette tapes of the leadership conferences held last year in Florida are available to sign out in the Student Congress office.

These tapes cover a range of topics including goal setting, creating an effective student government, time management and diversity.

David Woodruff, general station manager and director of programming of WABM, announced that the radio station will become FM this year; the engineering work being done by a firm in Midland. He projected two to three months for the switch to occur, but the result should be radio programming that is more permanent and structured.

Emily Shaw, sophomore, reported on the recycling committee. The recycling attempts are progressing in the academic buildings but are falling short in the residence halls. The committee believes that the solution to this problem is more publicity and a better way to get the recyclable paper to the incinerators in the halls. Her next plan of action is to try to get the R.A.'s and representatives from the hall council involved.

A new handbook, compiled by

Linda Harleston, associate dean of students, and Alan Zoltowski, assistant coordinator of student organizations, is available in the Student Congress office. The handbook, called the "Alma College Student Organization Handbook," discusses a range of topics, including establishing a student organization, reservation of campus facilities, and financing student organizations.

Student Congress will be taking a poll at the beginning of this week to collect students' opinions concerning the charge of eight cents for every local phone call. The new charge is a result of action by GTE. Since the college has signed a contract with GTE for this year, the charges are unlikely to be reversed; however, Student Congress has proposed paying for these phone bills out of the general fund instead of charging the students.

The last order of business dealt

with the removal of the computers from the library. This year the computers have been relocated to the Swanson Academic Center. Student Congress will approach President Alan Stone in an attempt to return the computers to their original building. The computers were relocated to provide extra space in the library and to free staff time from people asking computer-related questions. The Rainbow computers are no longer in use except in a few residence halls. The College's goal is to eventually have the whole campus working with Macintosh computers within two to three years.

Participation is the key to student government. Cubba said, "My goal is to have more student involvement. I'm the voice of the student body, but if I don't get enough backing then I'm mute."

Cubba also believes that there will be many differences between himself and the previous president. He felt that last year's executive board was too involved with the electing of a new president after the first term. He thought the whole issue took time away from the needs of the student body. Instead, Cubba would like to "install some things by Student Congress that will become commonplace on campus." He continued, "I don't want to change things—I want to make some lasting impressions."

Cubba believes that the Executive Council has a lot of energy, is very optimistic and will work well together. This will allow them to really be able to pursue their goals and the interests of the student body.

The Student Congress office hours are: Monday 1-3 p.m. and 3-5 p.m., Wednesday 1-3 p.m., and Thursday 1-3 p.m.

Stuart sets trends

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an institution. Enthusiastic about the impact of her appointment, Stuart wants to be a role model, proving women have the ability to perform administrative responsibilities. "She will take the lead in focusing more on women's rights," said Stone. Breaking ground in other areas, Stuart added she accepted Stone's invitation to become the first woman in the Rotary Club.

Stuart has an amazingly diverse background. Joseph Walser, who served as interim provost during 1990 winter and spring terms, said she is a "model of liberal arts education." Granted full professorship at Alma, Stuart received her doctorate in English from Southern Illinois University. During her 26 years at the University of Evansville in Indiana, she taught literature and composition classes as well as assuming various academic and administrative duties.

Stuart was also president of Data Tech Corporation of Delaware, which provided consultation on computer system analysis and implementation. She is a consultant on software documentation, oral and written communication, and technical

writing. Stuart said all of these opportunities have been positive. "The exciting thing about a life of work are these variances," she said.

Walser said her extensive experience in the classroom is vital to meeting Alma's needs. "What goes on in administration has everything to do with what goes on in the classroom. She has a strong commitment to promote what transpires between teachers and students," he said. Stuart is interested in fostering many new educational programs, and funding through grant monies opportunities for Alma College students and faculty.

The biggest challenge Stuart envisions is the hiring of faculty compatible with the "Alma mission." She views the newly hired scholars as "the most important legacy that a vice president and faculty can leave." Stuart possesses a genuine interest in seeking the best for the students and faculty.

"I think one would graduate from Alma having wonderful feelings about this school," she said. Stuart's drive and enthusiasm will no doubt help to promote these feelings. "All of us are delighted that she is here," said Stone.

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Computer facilities upgraded, relocated

By Stacie Herriman
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The Rainbow word processors are difficult to find. While few remain in the library and two residence halls, most word processors are now located in the Swanson Academic Center (SAC). Relocation and installation of \$45,000 of new computing equipment around campus is one of the most noticed changes this fall. This project is an attempt to upgrade the capabilities and support academic programs.

Tanya Shire, director of the computer center, said that this change was needed because, "the

nature of computing is change; computing is always dynamic."

Rainbows are being phased out of service for a number of reasons. First, there is little software available. No new software has been written in the past three years. Secondly, Rainbows are too expensive to repair.

"It was just easier to invest that money in new equipment," said Shire, "furthermore, the library staff needed that space for their own operations."

Rainbows still occupy the library, Gelston and Newberry, but only four computers are in each location. These will be removed as equipment breaks

down.

Shire said, "These computers won't be replaced as there are no immediate plans and no extra money. But, maybe eventually even though we don't know when, with what, or with whose budget."

The Rainbows are being replaced with "newer microcomputers that have more current software capabilities."

A new Macintosh laboratory occupies SAC 311 (Media Center), boasting 15 Macintosh SE/30s and one LaserWriter printer. Software for these computers include WordPerfect, ThinkC, Macsbug, and Turing's World with the latter three

specifically for the computer science department. Laboratory hours are: Monday—Thursday, 8 a.m.—12 a.m.; Friday 8 a.m.—5 p.m.; Saturday 1 p.m.—6 p.m.; and Sunday 1 p.m.—12 a.m.

Shire decided to purchase Macintosh computers because Alma College wanted a teaching laboratory.

Another computer laboratory can be found in SAC 210. This lab is equipped with six IBM PC Compatible Swan 386sx systems on the main network, one LNO3R postscript laser printer, and one LA75 dot matrix printer. Software replicates that of the VAXmates are still in SAC 110.

The IBM PC lab hours are Monday—Thursday 8 a.m.—12 a.m.; Friday 8 a.m.—5 p.m.; Saturday 1 p.m.—6 p.m.; and Sunday 1 p.m.—12 a.m.

New software includes another version of WordPerfect on the network menu. WordPerfect 4.2 and WordPerfect 5.1 are now available. The updated version, WordPerfect 5.1, has a number of new features: graphics, line drawing, and printing capabilities with appearance and size of characters.

If you have any problems or need help with the new computer systems, see Donna Adams or Tanya Shire in the computer center, SAC 117.

Fraternity moves to new location

By Heather Laird
News Editor

New housing has been provided for the Sigma Chi fraternity. It has moved from 312 Maple to 526 West Center—the house next door. Moving date was scheduled for Monday, September 17. Costs for renovation and construction on the new building total approximately \$60,000. The fraternity paid for half of this amount from its escrow fund, as well as paying for a new addition funded by alumni.

The move allows ten people to live in the house, rather than the eight of past years. While

waiting for completion of the new building, three members lived in study lounges across campus.

The old building was deemed structurally unsound for future use. Eroding foundation, leaking roof, and disintegrating rafters were a few of the problems cited by James Fought, president of Sigma Chi.

The fraternity moved into the old house in 1984. Among other things, the building previously served as staff housing. Future plans for the old site have not been confirmed.

The fraternity did not participate in selection of the new location. "We could accept

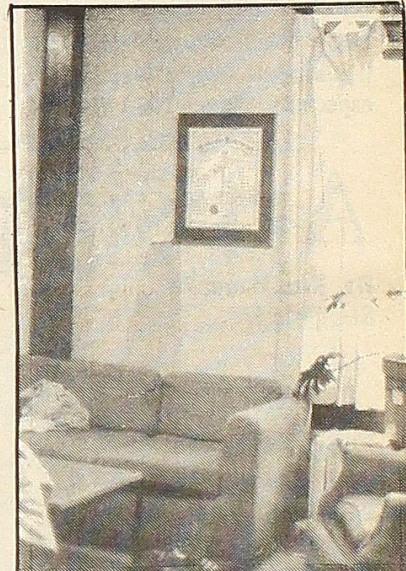
it or have no house," said Fought.

Construction and renovation was originally scheduled for completion in August. This date was subsequently moved to September 10, and then further extended. As of Friday, September 14, the only the hot water system needed to be completed. Members of the fraternity had expected this to occur sometime during the past week. "I have no idea why (the date was moved back)," said Fought. "We're kind of upset about it."

"It feels like we're on probation," said James Ledyard. "We can't have a party here."

Open house for Homecoming is anticipated, although exact times have not yet been decided upon.

Alumni donated approximately \$7,000 for the new addition, including another bedroom and common area. No College funds were used for the new wing. There are no plans for other immediate improvements on the structure, although a porch is under consideration. Grass seed and other landscaping improvements are anticipated to improve the outside appearance of the house. A pool table was donated by the parents of Jeff Hyames.



Interior of the old ΣΧ House.
Photo by A. Mull.

Visiting instructor charged with embezzlement

By Heather Laird
News Editor

Joseph Broccoli Jr., visiting business administration instructor, was arraigned Friday, September 7 on charges of embezzlement. Broccoli, an

executive officer of Gratiot-Isabella Board of Realtors, is charged with embezzling \$4000-\$5000 from the board sometime between July and December of 1989.

Broccoli was unavailable for comment, under the advice of his attorney.

Bond was set at \$50,000, and Broccoli posted \$5000. He was denied a court-appointed

attorney on grounds that he had sufficient funds to provide for his own.

Broccoli was immediately suspended, following standard college policy regarding any breach of professional ethics. The incident was discussed by administration, but as "normal procedure," said provost Ann Stuart. "There was nothing out of the ordinary... This was just a situation where we hope he clears his name and he goes on with his life. This can happen."

Broccoli was aware of the policy

and accepted the decision without dispute.

Broccoli was scheduled to teach BUS 425, Federal Income Tax, for fall term 1990. This course is necessary for all accounting majors interested in taking the CPA exam, and is an elective for business administration majors. John Johnston, Alma College controller, will replace Broccoli and classes rearranged so no material is missed. Winter term scheduling was not affected.

Assistant provost William Potter and Stuart both said they first became aware of the charges on publication of an article in the September 11 issue

of the *Morning Sun*. Alma College is not implicated in the case in any way.

Visiting instructors are selected when part time instruction is needed. Departments typically select from a pool of candidates, and the college issues the contract. Stuart stated that this incident will have no effect on future selections.

Broccoli was previously charged four times on counts of fraud and writing checks with insufficient funds in Montcalm County. Records as of the arraignment date show he was convicted on one count.

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New faces join Alma College community

By Cathy Swender
Staff Writer

Everyone knows how hectic the first few days of a new term can be. With cancelled classes, time changes, registration and unpacking, trying to fit into the college routine can be stressful. Some Alma College students, however, also had to adjust to an entirely different culture.

This year, the student body includes eight new students from other countries. According to the Student Affairs Office, these students are: Gui Ferreira from Brazil, Mariko Hanada from Japan, Felix Papillon from Haiti, Zheng Quian from China, Amjad Samuel from Pakistan, Gang Wu from China, Elena Bernardo from Spain, and Jean-Marc Vincent from France.

"Everything is so big here to my eyes," stated Elena Bernardo. "Trees, highways, houses, cars, and rivers—especially rivers. I see a river

and think it is a sea! It is also much flatter here than in Spain."

When asked what she found to be different in the United States Mariko Hanada said, "Everything is different!"

Gui Ferreira, formerly a high school exchange student in East Lansing, said, "I hate the cold weather here! I like the snow, but not the coldness."

In comparing food in America with food in Pakistan, Amjad Samuel sighed, "Ah. In my country the food is very hot and very spicy...delicious!"

Samuel further outlined the differences between the two countries.

"In my country, there are no co-ed schools and no dances. We go to school six days a week, with Friday being the day we are not in school. All of our classes are in the morning, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We do not have any evening classes like at Alma."

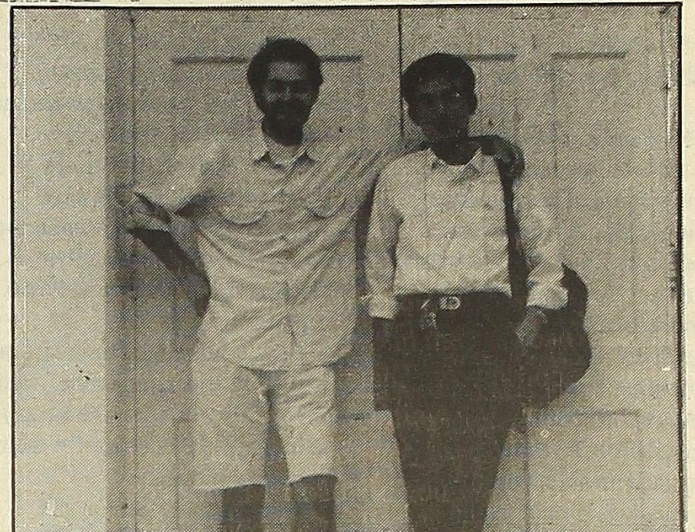
Ferreira added, "The course

work here is more flexible. You can pick out more subjects. In Brazil you can only take only certain courses; you do not have such choice."

The students decided to study in the United States for various reasons. Gang Wu, an economics major, came to the U.S. because, "Only Marxism is taught in my country. Now with China opening to the world, there are many changes. I wanted the experience of learning other things."

Samuel stated, "With the system in my country and the politics, it is difficult to have an uninterrupted school year. And since I come from a third world country, the quality of education is not that good."

In general, the international students said that the people at Alma are very kind and helpful. Wu said, "I chose Alma not just because of the academic quality or the beauty, but because the people are very warm-hearted."



Vincent and Wu, new Alma students

Photo by A. Mull

Ferreira echoed Wu's statement. "The friendliness of the people here reminds me of Brazil. Sometimes Americans can be cold, but not here."

Hanada said, "People are interested in me. I have many chances to talk about my country here."

Julie Arnold, French

instructor, said, "The international students give us insights into the healthy and unhealthy aspects of our culture - including the things we are blind to. Their presence here on campus pulls us away from parochialism and expands our awareness of ourselves in relation to others."

Artists promote new approach to life

By Kim Worzalla
Staff Writer

Is the campus in need of a little culture and creative stimulus? From Sept. 9 through Sept. 28, Alma students will have an opportunity to view art work created by their peers. The works are currently being displayed in the Flora Kirsch Beck and Lounge Galleries in the Clack Art Center.

Even a brief walk through the galleries will reveal a broad

spectrum of art. Many different media are used, such as ceramics, oil paint, and computer graphics. The students represented range from senior-year art majors to those taking their first art class. The works encompass many subjects - some thought provoking and introspective, some humorous and light. The only aspect that the works have in common is that all were done as part of an art class at the college.

Each semester, the art

department holds its final review. A panel, formed by the art faculty and two student representatives, judges all of the portfolios that are submitted by art students during final exams week. They select the best works to be part of the exhibit.

All of the works that are now on display were submitted during the 1989-1990 academic school year.

"We must have had a lot of good work done last year

because it's a really big show," said Mrs. Parks-Kirby, an art professor who has many students represented in the exhibit.

How does it feel to see one's own work hanging in a gallery?

"It's a real self-confidence builder," said Robin Crumbacher, a sophomore and graphic design major.

"There are so many talented people in the school that it's an honor. I'm glad that people appreciate my art because it's a

part of me," said sophomore, Nedret Avci.

The student show is not the only exhibit that will be held in the Art Center this year. During November there will be a faculty show, "so students can see what we do," said Mrs. Parks-Kirby. In January, there will also be a statewide print competition held there.

The galleries are currently open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Movie review

By Jim Chinery and Scott Farwell
Staff Writers

Movie: Reanimator
Producer: H.P. Lovecraft
Empire Pictures, Vestron Video
Gore Factor: 3.5 on a 5.0 scale

Thought provoking, witty, and moving films have always been hard to find. Unfortunately, one will be hard pressed to find these

Reanimator gets two thumbs up

qualities in H.P. Lovecraft's, Reanimator.

As the title might suggest, the subject of the flick is the reanimation of dead tissues to revive the recently deceased. The main character, Dr. Herbert West, is a brilliant but frustrated medical student who refuses to believe that clinical death is reached within a few minutes after the brain is deprived of oxygen.

So what does this Swedish scientist, who happens to be a few sandwiches short of a full picnic basket, do? He becomes a crazed lunatic, obsessed with his quest to defeat mortality. The typical run-of-the-mill skeptic might say, "This ain't gonna never happen;" and he is the same sap who watched the Roadrunner when he was a kid and scoffed at the poor coyote's misfortunes with contempt - totally ridiculous!

What force on this earth

would drive a person to do this besides consuming vast quantities of Rhobutusin? Hence, we concluded that Dr. West was suffering from an extreme case of penis envy. Fortunately, this does not take away from the grossly underrated plot. Of course, there are plenty of nude corpses running around with red gelatin careening out of their noses - nothing new. However, Dr. West discovers his lobotomy attempt failed when he finds himself

being strangled by a living large intestine.

Aside from this film's different looks towards death, the Reanimator offers us nothing more than a bunch of zombies running around killing people. It is simply an orgy of erotic violence perverting our views of the medical profession. This is precisely why we give the Reanimator two thumbs up and would recommend this to any sadistic person who gets off on this stuff.

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SPAN striving harder to gather support

By Eunice Rowe
Staff writer

"Um . . . Excuse me. Could you tell me what SPAN is?"

"Unungh. Don't ask me. I know almost zero about computers."

"Is it anything like spam?"

"Isn't that one of those buttons on the computers you use for moving part of one document to another? No, not that button, the other one. . ."

"SPAN. . . SPAN. . . like life span?!!?"

AAAAANGH! Wrong.

All of the answers to the above question are incorrect. SPAN, in fact, is neither a canned meat substitute nor a button on a computer keyboard. It is, rather, an acronym for the Alma College student organization called Students for Peace and Nonviolence, and although it has been on campus for about four years now it has not enjoyed a large amount of student participation.

"I think the main reason for this (lack of participation) is that SPAN has not received a great

deal of publicity in the past," stated Amy Hough, acting president of the organization.

In spite of this lack of publicity, most students have probably either seen or taken part in some of the group's accomplishments.

For instance, SPAN was responsible for the installation of the peace poles outside Swanson Academic Center which say "peace on earth" in about eight different languages.

The group was also responsible for organizing Oxfam last year, in which students could give up their meal for others less fortunate.

"The whole idea of SPAN is that each of us can make a difference in some way. I think Oxfam last year really helped to illustrate this," stated Hough.

The goal of SPAN is to promote cultural, political and ideological understanding - to create an awareness among the student body.

The group consists of four officers: Amy Hough—President, Everett Wiggins - Vice President, Kerrie

Kemperman - Secretary, and Delton Reames - Treasurer. Their advisor is Verne Bechill, professor of Sociology.

"The group really wants to stress that everyone's help is welcome and needed. We are always welcoming and open to fresh, new ideas," Hough stressed.

"To be a member of SPAN all you have to do is show up for one meeting each month, and even if you can't make it once a month you are still on the mailing list and are considered a friend of SPAN," she said.

The group meets twice a month on Thursdays in the Bruske basement, room N-6 at 7:00 p.m.

On September 20, SPAN will be holding an Open House which all students are invited to attend. It will be their first meeting of the term and fliers concerning the event will be posted around campus.

Another day, October 4, should be marked on the calendar. SPAN has been asked to assist in hosting guest speaker Helen Caldicott. The organization



SPAN members in Mc Intyre Mall

Photo by C. Smith

urges the college community to continue to look for more events in November when SPAN really gets rolling.

In the lieu of all the global conflicts of today and the push for diversity on this campus, this organization for the promotion of understanding and social

consciousness may become increasingly necessary.

In the future, perhaps with increased publicity and student interest, the question "What is SPAN?" on this campus will not be answered, "It's that yellow button to your left" or "processed meat."

Rev. Perry installed as chaplain of Alma College

By Everett Wiggins
Staff Writer

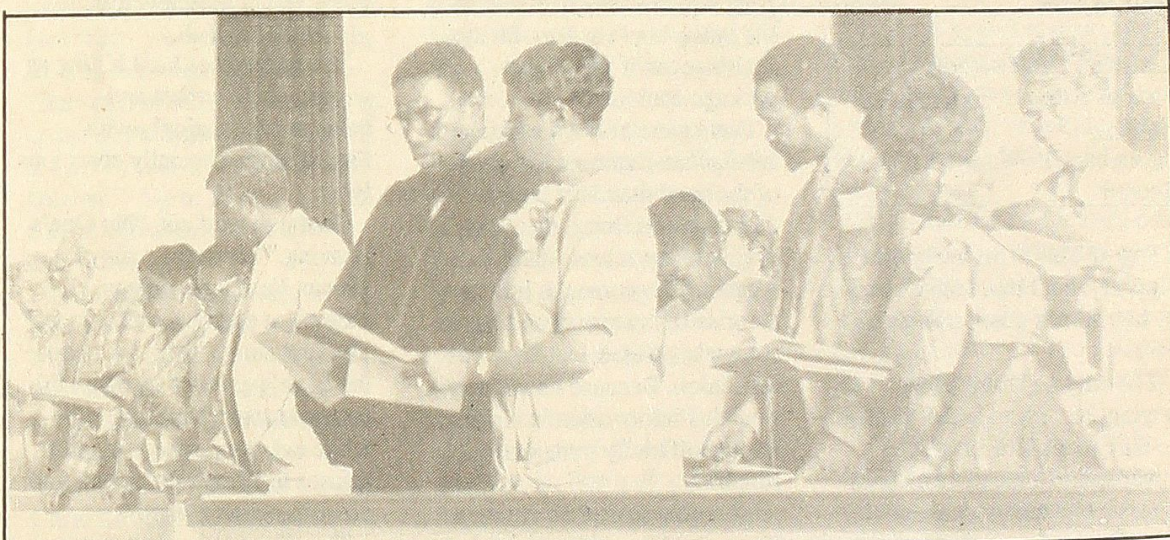
For the Reverend Jesse L. Perry, Sept. 9 was a special day because at 6:00 pm, he was installed by the Presbytery of Lake Huron as the Chaplain of Alma College.

Reverend Perry has been with the College for three years, so his choice as Chaplain was no surprise. Perry began working at Alma in 1987, while still an intern at McCormick Theological Institute. The next year, he served as an assistant to the Reverend Dr. Joseph Walser, and he finally took over the

position in 1989, after finishing his studies.

When asked about the difference between his position now and last year, he said, "Last year, I was Chaplain at Alma College, now I'm Chaplain of the College. Now it's permanent."

Although Perry is relatively new to the ministry, he has had a long career in volunteer work at the chapel. Formerly a member of the St. John's Presbyterian Church in Detroit, he served in various positions - an elder, deacon, and youth director there. He had also been working for 15



Rev. Jesse Perry and wife Myrna singing at his Installation

Photo by A. Mull

years as the Presbytery level. Perry also worked 30 years for the City of Detroit. It was only after his retirement that he decided to pursue the ministry.

Perry's greatest concern as Chaplain is community involvement through student volunteering. He is trying to get volunteer programs integrated into the curriculum, so that by graduation each student will have had some experience. He is

also involved in recruiting and the diversity efforts.

According to Presbyterian policy, a minister can only be installed during a full worship service. Since the College worship is at 11:00 am, a special worship was arranged. Music was provided by Mr. Thomas Downs (piper), Ms. Meredith Arksey (violin), Dr. Steven Wiestock (organs) and the members of the men's quartet, Mr. Tim Mautz, Mr. Nicholas

Roster, Mr. Tony Corrie, and Dr. Will Nichols. After a sermon entitled "A Clue to Discovering Truth Beyond Truth" by the Reverend Dr. Kirk Hudson, Walser presented Perry for questioning by the Reverend Dr. Paul Hammer. Walser then asked the community constitutional questions. When these formalities were completed, the Reverend Dr. Paul Sobel announced Perry's installation.

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Twenty-two faculty members join Alma

By Brad Weidemann
Staff Writer

This fall, 11 faculty members and 11 administrators joined the Alma College ranks. Of the faculty, six are visiting professors, four fill permanent positions, and one is substituting for a tenured professor who is ill.

Jan White Arvanetes, now an instructor of art and design, previously worked as a graphics designer based in Chicago. Clients included the Ameritech Corporation and Beatrice International. Arvanetes is also Alma College's director of galleries.

Stella Behar was made an assistant professor of French, and has held positions in the French departments of the University of California at Los Angeles, Scripps College in Claremont, California, and Pomona College, also in Claremont. Behar was also a press attache in various ministries of the French government.

Timothy McGill accepted his first full teaching position as an instructor of chemistry. McGill is concurrently working on a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Wayne State University.

Thomas Sprague joined the Alma faculty as an assistant professor of mathematics. Sprague has taught at Michigan State University and Western Michigan University.

Joseph A. Broccoli is serving as a visiting instructor of business administration, and is the owner of an accounting firm in Mount Pleasant.

Betina B. Henig came directly from a doctoral program at Michigan State University. Henig was placed in the Philosophy Department as a visiting instructor.

Jane Keon returned as a visiting instructor of English. She had worked on and off at the college since 1980, and has also taught at Central Michigan University and Michigan State University. Keon is also a reporter for the Alma *Morning*

Sun and the *Saginaw News*.

Marion Mulholland came from a twenty-eight year tenure at Central Michigan University to join as a visiting instructor of education.

Bonnie Sneed, a visiting instructor of music, will receive her doctorate later this year from Michigan State University. Sneed has worked as a high school choral director and an accompanist.

Kazuhiro Tomizawa was an instructor of Japanese at two language schools in Tokyo. He was appointed as a visiting instructor of Japanese.

Phillip Griffiths, a professor of theater and head of the theater department, was diagnosed earlier this year with colon cancer. Griffiths has already had a surgical operation and is expected to make a full recovery. Griffiths also expects to return to Alma College for Winter term. Because of this, John Kunik has taken on Griffith's classes for the Fall

term. Kunik is an Alma alumnus and is a community theater director in Minnesota.

Ann Stuart replaced Joseph Walser as Provost. Walser was serving as Interim Provost following the death of Provost Ronald O. Kapp last year. Stuart had been Dean of Arts and Sciences at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania.

Coming from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania, Gregory L. Baadte was named the swimming coach.

Dee Ann Bates worked in an elementary school in Louisiana last year and is now an assistant director of admissions.

Christopher A. Brown, also an assistant director of admissions, has experience in the admissions department from his work while a student at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Another assistant director of admissions, Lisa Gatz, came from Concordia College in Minnesota.

Ruth Majerle was also appointed an assistant director of

admissions. Majerle came from Hope College, where she was an admissions counselor.

Stan Schneider was an assistant coach for men's basketball last year. Schneider was placed as assistant director of admissions, but will continue to assist in basketball as well.

The Computer Center gained an operator/technician, Jeffrey L. Cobb. Cobb worked as a technologist for Dow Chemical Company.

Duane M. Knecht, an assistant director of Ohio Wesleyan University's physical plant, was hired as the director of the physical plant at Alma.

Gelston Hall's new director, Nicholas McClure, is an Alma graduate and former resident assistant. McClure is simultaneously working on a master's degree from Michigan State University.

Edith M. Sample came from Ball State University to take the position of assistant director of student development.

Music Review

By Drew McLetchie
Staff Writer

Artist(s): Jane's Addiction
Title of Album: *Ritual de lo Habitual*
Producer(s): Warner Bros. Records

Dig it! This is probably the hippest album that I have heard by any sort of post-punk group, ever.

The only bad thing about buying this album is that it was so hard to do. The art on the cover sports three nude clay figures, including vocalist Perry Farrell, standing in front of a strangely stocked medicine cabinet.

This cover art dug up so much controversy that a simple white cover with the band's name, a parental advisory label warning about explicit lyrics, and Article

Jane's Addiction reveal milder tones

1 of the Bill of Rights on the front was released first so that the music could at least hit the shelves even if the whole package could not.

There were also a few fairly substantiated rumors that three of the band members were in detoxication clinics, delaying the original June release date to August. This comes as little surprise because the band has a somewhat drug oriented reputation. Because I have not seen this information in writing, it must officially remain a rumor.

Emerging from this bureaucratic mess is one of the finest hard edged albums recorded in the past ten years.

It is difficult to classify a band such as Jane's Addiction, although they lost the Best Metal Album of 1988 Grammy (their second album, *Nothing's*

Shocking) in a close race to those veritable Heavy Metal giants, Jethro Tull.

The music is as hard hitting as anyone could expect and balances interestingly with Farrell's often socially conscious lyrics.

On the second cut, "No One's Leaving," about the evils of racism, Farrell proclaims, "I've seen color changed with a kiss." The first song, "Stop," is about the earth's gaining speed on the fastest route to Nowheresville while everyone speeds up and refuses to "Stop" the things that are ruining the planet.

The album is in many ways different from *Nothing's Shocking* or their 1987 self-titled, live LP. The music is hard-edged yet somewhat more polished and less noisy. Yet there are many similarities as well. The song, "Three Days"

from the new disc is entirely mindful of the psychedelic tune "Summertime Rolls" from *Nothing's Shocking*. Both songs have slow, gradual builds like waves, until they peak hard and come back down to earth. In doing this, not entirely surprisingly, each song evokes traditional 60's sort of LSD and Heroin images.

Other cuts such as "Been Caught Stealing," a little tune about the singer and his girlfriend and their thieving escapades, and "Then She Did," and "Of Course" sense most of these in Jane's Addiction's music yet each still retains a uniqueness that makes this album more than merely a pretty good follow-up to a very good piece.

One major difference of interest between the three albums is that, while the first and

second albums end with heavy, intense, metal sort of songs ("Chip Away" on the first one and "Pigs in Zen" on the second one), this one ends with a more upbeat, optimistic tune - one of the best on the album, called "Classic Girl."

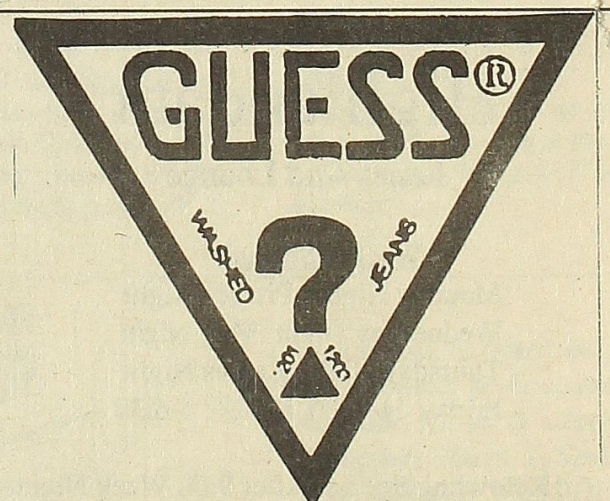
All in all, this is a great album, a real post-punk/metal classic, well worth the money. It also sports a short message of freedom on the back (of the white cover) and inside a book of song lyrics and an interesting letter addressed to "the Mosquitoes." The music that Jane's Addiction has come up with is a fine balance of intense, "lose-your-mind" speed metal, often socially poignant lyrics, and often more mellow flowing music. This is truly an album standing alone on an island of excellence.

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Holmes looking to make her mark

By Shannon Nichols
Sports Editor

As the fall sports season gets into action, there are a lot of athletes who are working extremely hard to make themselves better, to improve their teams better, and to represent Alma College in a positive way. Laura Holmes is one of these athletes.

Holmes, a senior captain on the Volleyball squad has been named first team MIAA for the past two seasons. Last year she helped lead the Scots to an impressive second place in the league.

As a four year starter, Holmes has seen the program go through many changes, and believes the changes have been for the better. "The program has gotten stronger every year. There have been some positive coaching changes, which have made the improvement possible and this year we have the leadership, and the aggressiveness to do very

well," said Holmes.

Holmes's ability and intensity has not gone unnoticed by Head Coach John Chiodini. He said, "Laura is a great all around player, and a great athlete."

Volleyball is definitely a priority in Holmes's life, but she realizes it is not the most important thing. She said she believes that her family and her friends are her support system, and have taught her a lot.

"I have learned a lot in college, and I don't mean just academics. Academics is not the sole purpose for college, it is a time to meet people and to learn how to socially interact, it is important to learn to deal with others," said Holmes.

As for life after college, nothing is set in stone for this scholar athlete but she knows that she wants to make a mark. She said, "I am not concerned with the wealth aspect as much as I am with affecting people's lives. I want people to remember me for something. Someday I

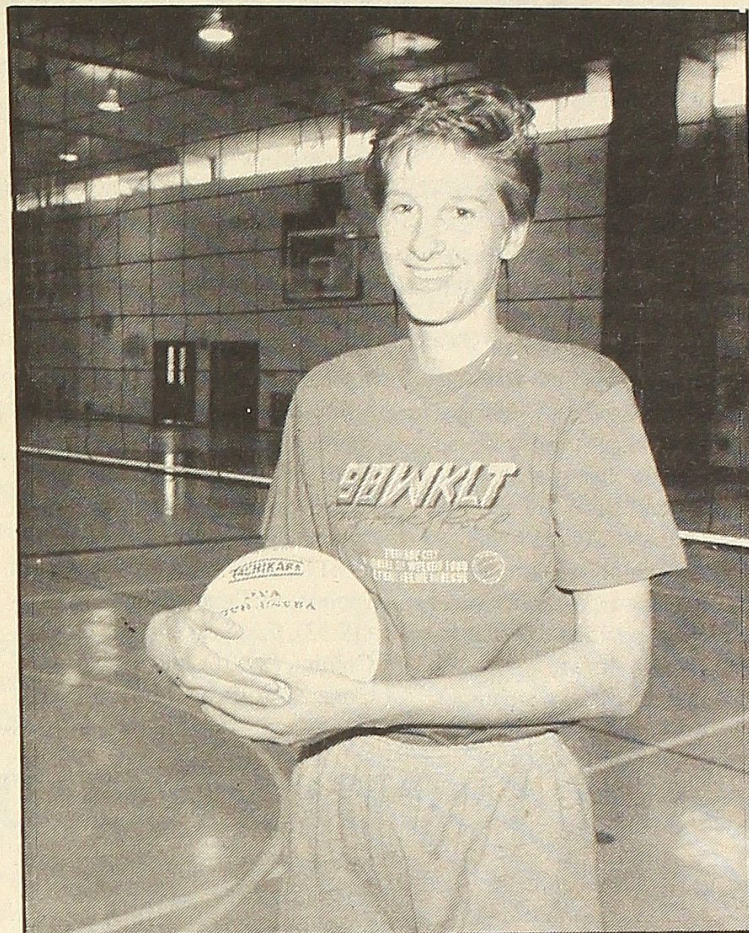
would definitely like to coach kids, it is a chance to influence someone's life in a positive way."

Holmes continued, "My high-school coach, Tim Keenan, had such a great influence on me as an entire person. He did not just teach me volleyball, he gave me my work ethic. He used to tell me that if I wanted something I would have to work hard to achieve it, and he never let me forget it."

Though her work ethic was a from her high-school coach, her life philosophy is strongly influenced by her father, "My dad always told us, (her brother and sister), that life could not be taken too seriously. He pushed us to be our best at everything, but he always made us see the lighter side of things."

Holmes sums up her philosophy in one simple quote, "life is not a dress rehearsal."

"You're only here once so why dwell on the negative."



Laura "Sparky" Holmes, athlete of the week

Photo by J. Steffer

Gridiron Scots prevail in high-scoring game

By Bill Johnson
Staff Writer

The Alma College Scots returned from their bus ride to Franklin, Indiana tired but victorious, racking up a 45-34 win over the Franklin College Grizzlies.

With Alma trailing 34-31, sophomore Greg Clarkson picked up a bad snap intended for the Franklin punter and returned it 18 yards for a touchdown, putting the Scots up 38-34.

Soon after Clarkson's touchdown, sophomore Jed

Rowe picked off a Franklin pass. Rowe's interception set up a seven-yard touchdown pass from Steve Kinne to Matt Pifer, insuring the Scots' victory.

"We turned the game around right there," remarked Phil Brooks, Alma's head coach. "Our defense was tremendous. Scoring 14 points in the final six minutes gave us the win."

Franklin's offense is considered one of the most potent offenses in the country. They racked up 550 total yards in their opener, and another 430 versus Alma, including an incredible 394 passing yards.

"They're a good football team," said Brooks. "I felt, to beat them, we were going to have to score in the 40's. Their quarterback (Reece Mann) is one of the best we gonna see...He's one of the best in the country." Up to this point in his career, Mann has thrown for over 7,000 yards.

Alma earned its victory with a balanced rushing and passing attack. Kinne completed 12 of 26 passes for 166 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing 16 times for 55 yards and another score. First year student Chris Kies, a fullback, carried

the ball 20 times for 141 yards and a touchdown. "I was just happy that we won the game and that I could help," Kies said.

Senior Joe Joseph, whom Brooks said needed to get the ball more often, carried 12 times for 62 yards. "Franklin was keen to stop him (Joseph)," said Brooks. "Their defense was geared to stop the option. They stopped the outside pitch, opening up the inside game for the fullback."

The Scots defense held the Grizzlies' star fullback to six yards in the first half and 23 for the game, well-short of the 246

yards he racked up in Franklin's opener.

"We put a good rush on the passer," Brooks said. "We needed to improve our secondary play. You can't give him (Mann) an inch — he's right on the money."

The Scots trailed 14-9 after the first quarter, but rallied to take a 24-21 halftime lead. Franklin scored once in the third to regain the lead, before the Scots sealed their victory in the latter half of the fourth.

The Scots next game will be against Illinois Benedictine on Saturday, September 29.

Lady Scots compete in tournament

By Scott Rea
Assistant Sports Editor

The Alma College Volleyball team opened it's MIAA season with a disappointing loss to Kalamazoo College. The Lady Scots lost to the Hornets in three straight games. The team was hindered by some preseason injuries which have greatly affected the starting lineup.

"We did not play up to our full potential, we were playing out of position, and I don't think our play was reflective of our true ability," said junior Beverly Brown.

When asked about the remaining MIAA matches the reaction was positive.

"Though our play in Kalamazoo was disappointing I think we are capable of great things. As the season progresses

and we play more together, we should improve," said junior transfer Heidi Thummell.

This past weekend, the Scots got a chance to improve their record and to gain some experience, as the team traveled to Berea, Ohio, for the Baldwin Wallace Tournament. The varsity team took second place while the junior varsity took an impressive first place.

"For our first time playing together, we did very well. We started out rather slow, but near the end of the day we played much better. We played more aggressively and more enthusiastically," said first year coach Gary Stanglewicz.

As compared to last year, many of the upperclassmen players feel the junior varsity team has improved greatly.

"We are playing at a much higher level than last year, and much of that is due to some coaching changes, we are playing as our own team and not just a branch of the varsity team," said junior Lisa Gibson.

The varsity team also improved as the day progressed. Though the team defeated its first opponent, John Carroll, it did not play its best. "I was happier with our play during our loss to Bluffton College than I was with our play in our win against John Carroll," said coach John Chiodini. He added "I was pleased with the girls' intensity and enthusiasm during the final match."

Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams play Calvin at home on Wednesday. Games start at 6 p.m.

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Cross country gets off to a running start

By Rob Longstreet
Staff Writer

Tuesday was a big day for Alma cross country as both the men and women harriers brought home invitational championships from the Hope College Invitational. The Hope Invitational has been a good opener for Alma, with both the men and women runners capturing the championship two out of the last three years. Opening the season with this definite show of strength, the Scots have now put themselves in excellent position to challenge for the MIAA crown.

Leading the Scots were junior

Sarah Braunreiter, who won the women's division race, and first year student Richard Gray, who gained a second place finish in the men's division. Braunreiter finished with an exceptional time of 18:36 in the 3.1 mile race. In the men's five mile race, Gray crossed the finish line with an impressive 26:38.

In other women's action, junior Michelle Snyder finished sixth (19:12), junior Janet Reinowski, 8th (19:14), and first year student Angela Thomas, 9th (19:17). They were followed by sophomore Pam Dickman, (19:53), first year student Jackie Cullum, (20:01), and sophomore Conni Gulczynski, (20:12). The

Scots took command of the women's division, the key being that each of Alma's top five runners finished below the twenty minute mark. "I think we can run well together as a pack," said Braunreiter, "We help each other along, and that could be the key to our season."

Defeating Hope College, the predicted MIAA favorite, Alma's female runners have quickly established themselves as championship contenders.

In other men's action, senior Bill Arnold finished 5th (27:02) and senior Steve Cassar, 9th, (27:32). They were followed with strong finishes by senior Matt Chovanec, (27:32), senior

Chris Jonas, (27:33), junior Bill Huddleston, (27:49), and junior Evan McGrath, (27:54). The Scots defeated eight competing schools, including Hope, Albion and Adrian Colleges. "It was a good way to start off the season," remarked co-captain Arnold, "We are looking forward to the rest of the season with both the old and new talent we have. We want to go to nationals, and it is looking good."

Coach Gray supported Alma's team goal to qualify for the national meet, therefore needing to finish in the top two at the regionals. "We have good depth, good chemistry and good

prospects for a successful season."

On Saturday, the team traveled to Calvin College for another encouraging outing. Although Alma's top three female runners and the top four male runners did not compete, the Scots managed to finish second in the women's division and third in the men's division. Angela Thomas finished 4th to lead Alma's women and Matt Chovanec finished 9th with an excellent time of 27:05 to lead Alma's men.

Alma's cross country team will travel to Iowa this weekend for its next competition.

Golf team sweeps first conference match

By Rob Longstreet
Staff Writer

Without the presence of any seniors, Alma College's young golf team opened its' season by sweeping the first MIAA conference match of the year. For the first time since 1985, Alma's golfers defeated Albion, Adrian, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo, and Olivet to take a commanding lead in the race for the conference championship.

The young Scots surprised many, including the defending

champions of Hope College, and established themselves as the team to beat this year in route to the MIAA championship.

Defeating second place Albion by one stroke, the team's outstanding success on Thursday can be attributed to consistent play by all members. The Scots were led by first year student Todd Campbell, who, in his first conference outing, tallied a 73 to snatch a third place ranking in the MIAA.

The Scots then stunned the

competition when the remaining five Alma golfers all finished with scores below 80. Campbell was backed up by junior Eric Steinorth, 75, sophomore Darrin Hill, 75, junior Mike Adams, 77, junior Scott Moore, 78, and junior Tom Graybill, 79.

With one conference match behind them and a lead spot in the MIAA, the team is excited about the prospects of being championship contenders.

"We have no seniors, so this should be a good year for learning as well as playing.

(Thursday's match) definitely helped our confidence... it showed us that we can play well with anyone in our league," said Campbell.

"This match gave us the confidence to win the whole league this year," adds Hill

Consistency is stressed as a key to the team's success this season. "Thursday was the first time we have played consistently as a team" said Moore, "and it proves we can play well together."

Earlier in the week the Scots fared well in a dual-match against Aquinas and Grand Rapids Baptist. Alma defeated G.R. Baptist but lost a hard fought match to Aquinas by only one stroke. Adams and Hill led the Scots with a pair of 78's, followed by Moore, 81, Graybill, 82, and Campbell, 82. "We were pleased considering it was our first match," remarked Hill. Adams and Hill led the Scots with a pair of 78's, followed by Moore, 81, Graybill, 82, and Campbell, 82.

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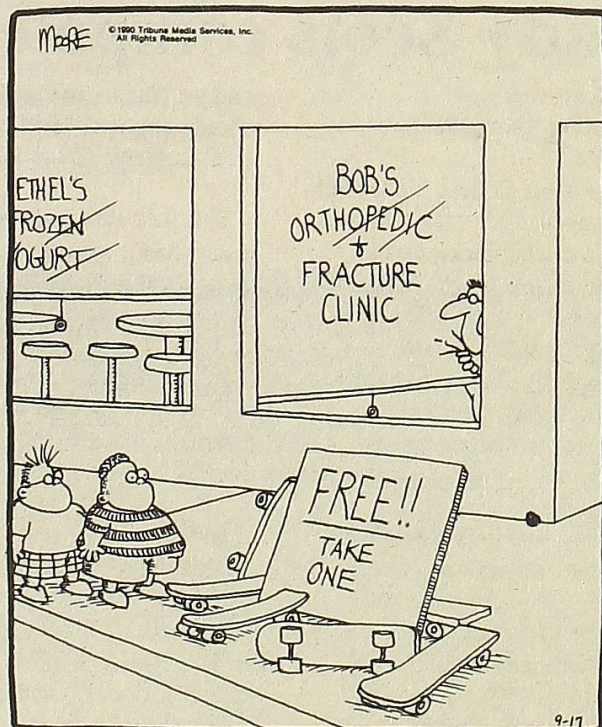
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Housies—The house looks great! So Renae, have you given the "heimLich remover" lately? What exactly have you been riding lately "down the road?" Janet & Nancy—hope you had fun Saturday. Marci, next time you go to Pizza Hut don't forget your ID! Jenn L., why don't you turn in your house key since you rarely use it. If anyone needs a place to crash, we hear Jenn's renting!

Charlotte, hope you ha fun two nights in a row! Renae & Val how are N-n-R?! Congrats Val on adjusting to living with people! Jen V., how's the phone ringing factor? Love ya babe! Good game all you soccer playing Goo Phoo Boos!

Carlee, keep that toothbrush out of your throat! We heard you finally got that SWAK—woo hoo!

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Welcome Back Sigs:

This should be a good year, the entente has fallen! Stryker spent a quarter on his playtoy this summer. Sorry about the golfcart incident Chin. Congratulations M-Load. Dickie, are you always busy? Wanna-be, Lighten-up! Crow, do you feel this is unacceptable? Where did this Steve guy come from and what happened to Mungo? No- Haira is working on his billiards game. Gumby is cool. Rez is not! Jinx, have you played with your Pup-Tent yet and does Slouch want to play. Trigger is now even-Steven with the women. Good luck to the soccer players, Runner Hicks and Louzon and night golfing fool Bryan White. Go Green, Pa, the stud

Gentleman, let's broaden our minds! Seems as if party man is the title for our Eminent Wags, and dancing on the table is only the beginning. One if by canoe, two if we go to the park. Excellent time for all involved, I dare say. Horschak, we're confused—are you hangin' out in Mitchell or Bruskenow? Maybe it's both... As for Spanky, no more cab service. If you are going to have to be rescued we may have to restrict you to the house. Even then, you are once again on stair probation. Ralph, how come when you do want to be in your room you can't get in? Didn't you pay your dues? You must keep track of your assistant or you will be fined \$5 and locked out. According to the Book of Pooteronomy, the house will be clean and the Lion shall lay down with the state bird. Get revved up for the Blue Motorcycle party & find a friend who likes leather and can remember an invite. If I misseed anyone, I'll get to you next week. Until then,

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Preterm made headaches start early

By Sara Groves
Staff Writer

Imagine if you can, a 1977 blue Chevy Impala (keep in mind that this car is at least 20 feet long, seats 8-10 people comfortably, and takes \$32.00 to fill up with gas) packed so full that it is next to impossible to shut the doors. Add on to that a blazer also packed to capacity. And then imagine a short, little, balding man who possesses NO patience. Because that is what I brought to preterm with me, not to mention a brother who speaks in mono-syllabic grunts and an overadoring mother.

Since the preterm itinerary stated that we could arrive from 9:00-12:00, my dad (affectionately referred to as Big Mike from here on) is yelling and screaming at me because we will arrive at approximately 9:03. After he yells at me for a half an hour, we all pile into our caravan of autos and head to Alma College.

Upon our arrival, we scan the parking lot, but to no avail. We park a three day's trek away and

begin the business of unloading. After 73 trips, Big Mike is breathing heavy and cussing me out. He curses me for bringing more stuff than my parents had when they were first married. He curses me for trying to kill him as he staggers up the stairs of Gelston Hall. I decide not to enlighten him to the fact that if he smoked a little less than two packs of cigarettes a day, then breathing might become easier for him. But, being the goddess of good judgement that I am, I decide to let this slide.

Finally we have all of my things upstairs. My mother proceeds to unpack everything and puts my stuff in places where all mothers most logically put stuff away. I, however, being a teenage girl and a failure from a mother, have spent the greater part of my time the last three weeks looking for items that I thought were doomed in the abyss of my dorm room.

Thus began my preterm. I should have taken that Saturday as an omen concerning the rest of the week, but I allowed

myself to be blindly optimistic and hoped for the best.

One of my first experiences the following day was, of course, the delectable Saga food. Shannon, my roommate, and I were sitting at our table enjoying the gourmet entrees. Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye, I noticed Shannon's fishwich twitching madly on the plate.

"No!" I thought. "It can't be!"

Yet, the fishwich was now doing the flamenco. After we stabbed her sandwich to death with a fork, the culprit was discovered...a rather large bug donning a pair of castanets.

My class was minor part of preterm, or so it seemed. Granted, I learned a lot and probably did more homework that week than I did my last year of high school. But, the one thing that I was most thankful for was the chance to attend all of those lovely *required* events and discussion groups. I could not help but feel enlightened, and now feel as if I'm a much more "rounded" person because of the chance to

hear other people's drinking stories and neat drinking tricks. I can think of no better way to spend my time that first week of college.

On top of being forced to attend these mind expanding events, all freshmen were required to take math and science placement tests. It seems odd to me that a college is unable to place you in a class, even though they have copies of your grades and classes from the last four years of high school. It was only obvious to me that after four years of math classes and an average B grade, I should not be placed in Math 099. Yet, that was where they placed me. I received this demeaning news from my advisor one sunny afternoon.

"Your algebra is very strong," he advised me, "but, you can't add or subtract worth a damn."

This was all too true. Give me a logarithm and I could have it done in seconds. But, give me two numbers and I can't tell you which is greater or less. My advisor advised me to retake the

test. So, later that afternoon, I am shoved into a room full of people redoing the math test.

"I can't remember how to do these sin graphs," the guy in front of me complained.

I covered my fluorescent yellow paper, (signifying that I was taking the stupid person math test), and decided to keep to myself the fact that I couldn't remember what six times four was.

Finally, after that demeaning experience was over, I was allowed to go back to my dorm room for a total of (gasp) 15 minutes, before I was whisked off to another one of those mind expanding experiences that I learned to love so dearly.

And so went my preterm...and probably every other freshman preterm. All though it seemed like I was caught in Hell at the time, I'm glad for the experiences. Not only did they provide me with a lot of laughs, but they also provided me with a story for this week's edition of *The Almanian* so I could make \$5.

Students insist on better lighting, safer campus

By Troy Jaffe
Staff Writer

"It's dangerous not to have enough light," comments senior Ann Marie Baker. "It's simply bad." Junior Linda Shenton adds, "I don't think the lighting here is adequate at all."

There is some outdoor lighting along the most frequently traveled paths, but it is simply not enough. Large amounts of land remain dark at night. The

problem is especially bad in McIntyre Mall, between the gymnasium and the residence halls, and on the entire south side of campus.

Women are particularly concerned about the lack of lighting. "I think everybody would feel better walking around if there was more lighting," says sophomore Emily Bowen. Junior Mark McCracken cites an incident involving a "Stalker"

that occurred two years ago as proof that there is a definite need for improvement. Although nothing similar has occurred since, senior Joan Batchelder concludes that "after everything that happened then, improved lighting would make us all feel a whole lot safer."

Even men are concerned by the dark campus. Karl Leas, a junior, comments, "Sometimes I even fear for my life when I'm

walking around alone at night."

The lack of lighting does not only make it unsafe to walk around campus, but difficult as well.

Steps have been taken to fix the problem, but it is not nearly enough. The administration, then, must be urged to install new lighting. It is unsafe to walk in darkness. Adequate outdoor lighting must be installed now.

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Financial Aid cheats student body

By David Buchanan
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Money is a very influential object. Money is an element that can create misery or cause rejoice. Money runs the world.

Money also, unfortunately, is the demise of many college students. Many students' educations rest on the assurance of receiving financial aid from a wide array of resources.

Summer jobs, relatives, grants, loans, and scholarships are just some of the financial resources students use to pay for their educations.

According to Robert Marble, the Director of the Alma College Financial Aid office, 90% of Alma College students receive some sort of financial assistance. Students can receive financial aid by meeting either one or both of the following criteria; one, through a financial need, or two, through academic achievement. Between 70% to 75% receive aid due to financial need and the remainder receive aid as a result of their academic achievement.

Marble, however, stated that

figuring students financial aid is, "not an exact science," and that he must "use some judgement," in figuring each student's financial aid.

On August 2, 1990, I received a letter from Marble, stating that I was, "not eligible for any financial assistance," thus placing me in the 10% of students who receive nothing.

I was astonished when I received this notice. As of August 1, I had no reason to believe that I would lose the \$1500 grant I had received in 1989. My personal financial information that I reported to Marble did not show a significant increase from the year before and my grades did not suffer in the 1989-90 school year. Why was I losing my financial aid? Why did Marble wait until August 2 to tell me I was losing my financial aid?

Had Marble been more punctual with his letter, I might have been able to find alternate financial resources to help pay for my education. For instance, if I would have received my financial package in June, I

probably could have found another summer job and saved more money. Had the financial aid office informed me in June, I could have shopped around various lending institutions to find the lowest interest loan possible.

However, I didn't get the news until August, so I was left with very little opportunity to find an employer to hire me for four weeks, or time to apply for a low interest loan.

Even if I had found another job or a loan, the question of why I was no longer eligible to receive financial aid still remained.

The week after I received the letter from Marble, my father (the primary contributor to the financing of my education) called Marble to discuss my financial status. After some discussion, Marble concluded that I might be eligible to receive some financial assistance this year after a reevaluation of my financial and academic information.

The following week I received a most gracious letter from Marble. In this letter, Marble

offered me a \$1200 Heritage Grant, which I gladly accepted.

What happened to me this summer is simply amazing. I cannot comprehend the rationality Marble used in conducting business with me. I was not comfortable with the financial package the College offered me, so I complained. Marble responded by offering me a revised and acceptable financial package.

Marble's actions create a huge flaw in the entire method of receiving financial assistance. I should not have been required to dispute Marble's judgement in processing my financial package. If I truly deserved the \$1200 Heritage Grant, then I should have received it in my first package from the Financial Aid Office. Students should not be placed in a position where they must question Marble's assessment of their financial packages in order to receive the proper amount of assistance from the college.

Today, I feel as if Marble and the Financial Aid Office has made a fool of me and cheated

me. I feel foolish and cheated because now I wish I had challenged the previous financial packages I accepted the three years prior to this one. Maybe all my financial packages were \$1200 short of what I really deserved. Maybe every single Alma College student's financial packages were short \$1200.

If I could give one piece of advice to the underclassmen of Alma College, it would be to challenge Marble. When you receive your financial aid package next summer, do not be content with the amount you are rewarded. Call Marble's office, and tell him you don't think you received an acceptable amount of financial aid and threaten to withdraw from Alma unless he can offer another \$1200. If you can't get a hold of him at his office, call him at home. (463-1047) I'm sure Marble will be more than happy to speak with you then.

Maybe this plan won't work. If it doesn't, only then should you be satisfied with your financial package.

Ottenhoff asks for willingness to voice opinions

By John Ottenhoff
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Last January, I made a plea in the *Almanian* for more disputation—a greater willingness to publicly voice our opinion, to exercise our closeness as a community by recapturing a sense of disputatiousness so central to Renaissance education. The response was gratifying, not simply because I've never had so many people arguing with me but because the opinion pages of this paper were regularly filled for the rest of the year with student and faculty opinions. The *Almanian* became more engaging—and more worthy of our attention—as more voices were heard.

I want simply to renew the call for informed voices of opinion, especially from my faculty colleagues. And I want again to pose the challenge of seeking how we can be both a nurturing academic community—which I think we are, quite strikingly so—and a community that thrives on intellectual debate and difference. Often we see the two aims as exclusive, but, as we all know on some level, education that nurtures the mind will also challenge the accepted, will produce dissonance and even discomfort. The comfortable, collegial atmosphere of Alma should produce the ideal environment for intellectual argument.

For me, one of the most important responses to the call for argument last winter was that of my colleague Dr. Carol Bender. Professor Bender questioned my desire for disputation by calling attention to the reality of diversity: for many women students, she pointed out, argument is difficult to produce if the curriculum they study excludes them. Moreover, argument, disputatiousness, and other analytical traditions have been privileged modes in the academy; other valid ways of knowing exist. Some ways of knowing might be identified as more characteristic of women—different from modes promoted by men. Dr. Bender raised important questions surrounding accepted canons of academic study and about exciting research that describes crucial differences in men's and women's experience.

Those insights have profound consequences for higher education and produce a host of questions that merit our further discussion in these pages. First, we might consider the implications of Dr. Bender's points for this college with its majorities of women students and men professors. To what extent do our curriculum and our discourse exclude women? To what extent does the suggestion of distinctive women's modes of thought or language serve to powerfully attack some of the traditionally accepted, cherished

conventions of the academy? Or to harmfully separate—as in distinguishing "women's work" and reverting back to stereotypical notions of "woman's intuition"? More concretely, how important is it for Alma College to join colleges and universities across the nation in setting up a women's studies program? Would such a program somehow lessen the importance of women writers and artists by separating them or finally address the imbalance of our traditional approaches? Those, I think, are only a few of the issues my colleague's article raised and that bear our further consideration.

The issue of women's voices also touches on the continuing discussion about diversity at Alma. Often, that word had been taken by the community to mean one thing: increasing the number of non-white students at Alma. President Stone had made compelling arguments for that policy, and I would hope that all members of this community share that commitment. Unfortunately, it is clear that much has to happen here before real ethnic diversity can occur. The well-documented harassment of former admissions director Leon Washington testifies bleakly to the reality that racial tolerance in 1990 cannot be assumed.

But diversity should also mean more to this community than increased numbers and social

acceptance of minorities. In a very crucial way we must also begin now to examine the intellectual climate that awaits those students: we must examine whether our curriculum and our ways of pursuing educational excellence, in fact foster the diversity we seek or discourage it. To recruit students from different cultures into an academic environment that ignores their culture, celebrating only the dominant culture, is a disservice and, in the least, not very wise. If we wait until our population is diverse to create a diverse academic environment, can we possibly hope for success?

I raise the questions here rather than pointing fingers. All of us, I think, must ask questions about what we do in our departments and classes; we should consider whether diversity is essentially a task for admissions recruiters or for the entire community. It is, I would suggest, a challenge for curriculum planners, professors, and students, and a subject worthy of considerable attention in our public discussions.

I could go on at great length about these and other subjects I'd like to read about on these opinion pages. Our convocation speaker raised one good issue: the collaborative student-faculty research model as the epitome of liberal education. To what extent does this community agree with those assertions?

What role should research play in teaching college? I'd also like to read analyses of foreign and domestic politics by my knowledge colleagues, about environmental issues, about the different perspectives by which the academic disciplines view the world. In short, I ask again for a wealth of voices in these pages and for further confirmation of John Milton's point that "Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making."

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Computer policy is inconsiderate

Alma College students returned this fall to a major alteration in the physical facilities of the campus; a change which affects their lifestyles and study habits. This change was not only undertaken without the knowledge of the student body, but without any direct student input into this decision, the effects of which will effect them profoundly.

A committee composed solely of faculty representatives and administration officials began considering the problem of the computer facilities during the latter half of last school year. The decision to upgrade the College's computer system and

to shift this new lab from the site in the library which it has occupied for almost a decade was finalized and executed over the summer, while students were absent. However, "timing" is an insufficient explanation for why no students were directly consulted or even informed of this major change until after it had been completed.

Library officials and administration have given many convincing reasons for the change and have assured that the advantages of the new system will far outweigh any mild inconveniences (such as the lack of access to library reference and reserve materials, which might

be needed for a paper, at the new site). None can refute the legitimacy of these statements nor the obvious superiority of the upgraded lab. Because the students are rational, intelligent adults they can see the reason in these arguments. The College administration, however, seemed to feel that the students were not capable of open discussion of the issue and instead felt that this change needed to be undertaken without their knowledge or input. To the knowledge of Student Congress President Louis Cubba, the Congress was never consulted at any point last year about the possibility of a change.

"I feel that the change will be in the students' best interests," stated Peter Dollard, library director. It is very considerate of the administration to consider the students' concerns, but did any one think to ask the students themselves? Did any one think that the students themselves were capable of determining their own "best interests"?

Students must be included in the decision-making process concerning changes which affect the expenditure of their tuition money and also their academic lifestyles. In the future, the administration should be mindful of this fact when embarking upon a decision of this nature.

Journalism lacks objectivity

By Michael Stargardt
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In years past, Vietnam and civil rights movements tested the objectivity of journalists.

Currently, the issue giving news organizations difficulty is the abortion debate. There appears much unfair coverage leaning towards the pro-abortion cause.

The public received an effective message from the media indicating their position when a number of reporters and editors from The Washington Post, the New York Times, and other newspapers marched in a pro-abortion demonstration last year. Following the march, several Washington Post officials condemned the actions of the participating staff members, saying, "It is unprofessional for you to take part in political demonstrations, no matter on which side or how

worthy the cause." Even yet, while reporters may be forced to not take part in demonstrations, they still are quite free to demonstrate their opinions on the pages of their respective newspapers.

One editor from The Washington Post recommended that his reporters not hold any opinions on issues like abortion. It is obvious that reporters and editors alike, being humans, will indeed develop viewpoints about the major issues they cover. These opinions, however, should remain personal and private. A reader should not be able to perceive any bias in news coverage.

It has become increasingly evident that American newsrooms have virtually lost their journalistic objectivity in their reporting of the abortion debate.

Following eight months of

research, the Center for Media and Public Affairs concluded that the Washington Post, the New York Times, and all three network news shows quoted twice as many pro-abortion sources as anti-abortion sources.

The media failed to cover objectively a Washington anti-abortion rally in April. The Washington Post gave the event only two short stories, neither on page one, although 200,000 people took part. In contrast, a pro-abortion rally involving 125,000 people last year received a dozen stories, with the lead on page one.

The result of the media's poor objectivity is an erosion of the public's trust in news reporting. A recent Gallup Poll revealed that a majority of Americans have lost confidence in the press as an objective observer of political and social events. The survey showed that

only 28% of the public believe that news organizations deal with all sides of an issue. Consequently, 44% of Americans view press coverage as inaccurate, and 20% no longer believe news organizations at all, the survey found.

How is the public ever to receive trustworthy, unbiased news coverage?

At the same time, how can the news organizations balance a reporter's civil liberties with need to give its readers fair and objective reporting?

So far, a poor job has been done. It appears that the news organizations agree with the bias held by their reporters and will therefore be unlikely to push for a change.

Meanwhile, the public can remain listening to that which has been carefully selected for their ears.

Environmental issues are important

By Heather Laird
News Editor

"Biodegradable! Environmentally friendly!" boast advertisements and product labels. Marketing reflects a growing trend among consumers, who are becoming more conscious of the effects we have on our world.

In a world of disposable ketchup packets, Styrofoam containers and bountiful paperwork, it appears that America has finally found a conscience. Recycling is becoming more prevalent. Many towns and cities have permanent centers for collection of materials, while others offer periodic drives for glass, paper and metal. Used oil and car batteries are also gathered by gas stations. Every day, new ways are being discovered to reuse materials. Failing this, new methods of disposal are being utilized to reduce the amount of

space required. For example, tires are often chipped into shavings, which require considerably less space than the whole tire.

Businesses like McDonald's and Walmart, to name just a few, have been receiving negative attention, McDonald's and other fast food chains for use of Styrofoam containers and Walmart for selling phosphate-containing substances. McDonald's has begun a program for collection of Styrofoam containers in some locations, however. This entails separate waste disposal areas for the items in question and other paper and food products. This program is now being tested in several areas, none of which are near Alma, with plans to spread it across the country sometime within the next few years.

But too many people just don't care about these problems. "So what?" seems to be their

attitude. "We live in a pretty big world. How does this affect me?" The problems may not be evident now, but they soon will be.

Land fills are rapidly closing; populous areas like New York City already have incredible problems with waste disposal. Remember the barge full of garbage which wasn't allowed to put into port anywhere? As a predominantly rural state, Michigan may soon be expected to accept large quantities of wastes from neighboring states. This is an issue which affects all residents.

Acid rain, a result of poorly regulated emissions from industrial sites, plagues rural areas, especially Canada. Disappearing rain forests, slaughtered so third world nations can capitalize on American appetites for beef and industry, take with them uncounted numbers of species

and trees capable of oxygen production.

This is just a small sampling of the havoc irresponsibility can wreak upon nature. We can not even predict what future complications await us as a result of the misuse of the environment.

Still, consumers continue to purchase Styrofoam made with CFCs, phosphate-containing detergents and energy inefficient automobiles and appliances, without thought to the consequences. We live in a finite world, but we seem intent upon producing more waste than the Earth can handle.

We need to clean our act up, and preserve this planet. None of us is innocent, and none of us can act alone. Is it asking too much to switch lights off when you leave a room, or conserve water by not letting faucets drip? Even little efforts help.

Recycling containers are

Residents make bathrooms unpleasant

By Kristine Lovasz
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"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned. Clean up your own mess...Flush...The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation...Ecology and politics and same living." (*All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* by Robert Fulghum)

Obviously, some Alma College students slept through kindergarten. They do not flush, clean up after themselves, or create an atmosphere conducive to sane living. Specifically, the condition of most bathrooms on campus is appalling.

Webster defines sanitation as "the science and practice of effecting healthful and hygienic conditions." It is not sanitary to leave floors covered with toilet paper and various personal hygiene products. It is not sanitary to leave vomit splashed on stalls or sitting in a sink. It is not sanitary to leave feces swirling in a toilet bowl, smeared on the shower walls, or dropped on the floor.

Unfortunately, the students responsible for this problem are not the only members of the Alma College community who must deal with it. Along with other students, the residence hall cleaning staff also faces the dilemma. It is not fair or appropriate to require people hired to disinfect, clean, and keep supplies available, to clean up human excrement.

Granted, Bruske, Gelston, Mitchell, and Newberry halls have community bathrooms with several people using one facility, but this is no reason for irresponsibility. Every student on this campus is capable of maintaining a hygiene routine which will not offend others and will keep the bathrooms from the present repulsive state. The key is maturity, responsibility, and respect for others who share the same bathroom. Remember: Flush, Basic sanitation, Clean up your own mess, and Sane living.

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NOTE: PBS begins a new, ten part series entitled *Race to Save the Planet* beginning Thursday, October 4 at 8 p.m. The program, hosted by Meryl Streep and narrated by Roy Scheider, adopts a global perspective and attempts to present realistic solutions to current problems. A television course based on the series is being offered for college credit; for more information, call 1-800-LEARNER.