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## Gay-bashing incident echoes at Alma

Alma College student allegedly assaults Michigan State male student

By Maria Stephens  
Freelance Writer

The Michigan State University newspaper, *The State News*, reported on Tuesday that a young man, identifying himself as a student from Alma College, assaulted a Michigan State journalism senior at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in what *The State News* described as "a display of anti-gay feelings."

Dean of Students Jim Kridler said that the Office of Student Affairs has verified that an Alma student was involved in the incident, but no police authorities have contacted him about it.

The student could face disciplinary action by the College for his actions. The Student Handbook states, "Disciplinary or counseling procedures may be the necessary consequence of misconduct on or off campus. This misconduct may include instances wherein a student violates municipal, state, or federal laws."

The incident allegedly began at

about 1:30 a.m. when the student introduced himself as a lonely homosexual from Alma College to a small group lounging on the porch of a Charles Street house. After telling the student they did not care if he was gay or not, they continued to talk and enjoy the Saturday night, stated Renee Hall, a former MSU student, to *The State News*.

"I really felt sorry for him, because he didn't belong with any of his friends," Hall told *The State News*. "Now I feel really stupid."

After going inside the house because of the cold, two of the student's friends came over and the three left the house together.

The three then stood out on the porch, and when a house resident went out to retrieve something, the student tried to detain him.

The young man then began yelling something like "Fags live here," Hall told *The State News*.

When another house resident, Bill Frischling, went out to persuade the student to leave, he was allegedly asked, "Are you a fag?"

Frischling, who is *The State News*

editor-in-chief, said he replied that it was none of his business.

"Then he popped me in the nose," Frischling said. "After that, I don't remember anything."

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Frischling sustained a fractured nose and was taken to Sparrow Hospital for treatment.

Frischling told *The Almanian* that he has filed charges and a warrant is out for the student's arrest on one count of assault and battery and one count of malicious destruction of property.

Kridler stated, "Homophobia is definitely a problem on this campus. There is no gay student organization, and students who admit they are gay pay a very high price. They can be ostracized or harassed. To think that we have no gay students on this campus is ludicrous."

Kridler said that Student Affairs addresses this problem through education and programming. "It is talked about in RA (resident assistant) training, and in workshops during orientation. We talk about differences and this is one of those differences... Given the location of our school and the background of our students, it shouldn't be a surprise that people are that way."

"Just as many students come from areas and schools with few ethnic minorities, they also come from places where people could not be openly gay. It is part of the parochialism which it is the mission of the College to overcome. People can be taught to be tolerant and civil even if they do not understand or agree with a person."

## Fall rush concludes

By Heather S. Laird  
Co-editor-in-chief

Greek expansion continued Saturday, Sept. 26 as 20 sophomores, juniors and seniors accepted bids at the conclusion of fall rush. One woman accepted last year's winter term bid. Four groups will pledge this fall, two others will defer pledging until winter and the other three groups did not take pledges.

Female rushees received bids Thursday night at midnight and accepted them by Friday. Sororities awoke bid acceptors at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and attended a Panhellenic brunch at 11 a.m.

Males participated in a variation of Run Outs at 6 p.m. Each rush list signer received an envelope with his proffered bids in the Dunning Memorial Chapel and then literally ran out to the group of his choice to be greeted by cheering fraternity members.

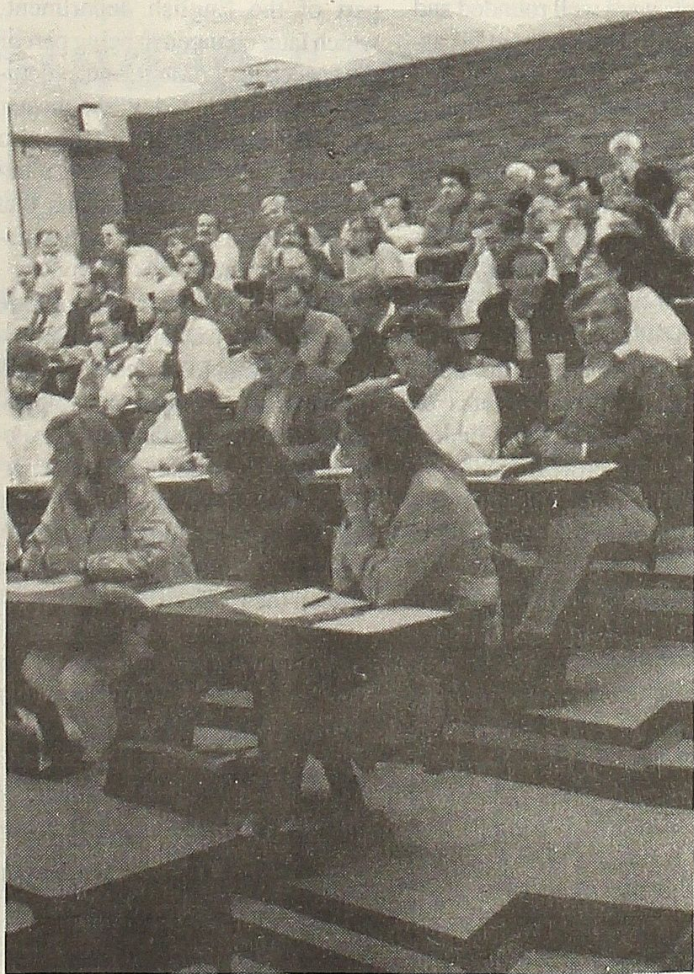
Alpha Gamma Delta sorority (ΑΓΔ) took two pledges, sophomores Melissa Teacman and Sheri Tulloch. Kappa Iota sorority (ΚΙ) had fall rush bids accepted by sophomores Kathy Bailey, Emily Kuntzman, Ellen Patnaude and Angie Williams and a winter rush bid accepted by Andrea Balliet. Sigma Chi fraternity (ΣΧ) took sophomores Eric Almy, Mike Happel, Scott Huffman, Chad Reagh, and Matt Yeomans and senior Delton Reames while Theta Chi fraternity (ΘΧ) got sophomore Mike Knapp, juniors William Johnston and Damon Peterson, and senior Paul Keegstra. Bid acceptors for these four groups will pledge this term.

Gamma Phi Beta sorority (ΓΦΒ) had two women, sophomores Tia Green and Jennifer Smith, accept open bids while Zeta Sigma fraternity (ΖΣ) had one open bid accepted by sophomore Jason Crain. These three students will begin pledging in winter.

Alpha Xi Delta sorority (ΑΞΔ), Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity (ΣΑΕ) and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (ΤΚΕ) did not proffer bids.

Each group may still give open bids; all open bids expire when winter term bids are given in January.

## Stone stresses change



Monday, Sept. 28, the Alma College faculty met with President Alan J. Stone to discuss concerns and future plans. Among expected changes for the College is the switch from the former five year plan to a new four year planning system. Photo by M. Stargardt

## Campus crime held to minimum

By Tammi Johnson  
Freelance Writer

The recent happenings on campus may have left some students questioning Alma College's safety. With two reports of an intruder in the residence halls, one is left to wonder. However, with the recent release of the Campus Crime Statistics, students should be able to put their minds at ease.

This report was put out by Alma College as a result of the Student

created Security on Campus, a campus security organization, worked closely with lawmakers on the wording of the legislation.

The act requires all colleges and universities to report statistics on murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. This information must be supplied yearly to the campus community, and must also be available to any other person who wishes to have it. The institutions must also include in

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Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990. The law was passed in 1990 by Congress and signed by President Bush, but just went into effect on September 1, 1992.

The law was largely created as a result of the 1986 murder of Jeanne Clery, who attended Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Her parents, who

the report any students arrested for drug abuse violations or weapons possessions.

The focus of the law is mainly to cut down on the occurrences of colleges and universities supplying inaccurate statistics on crime. Many institutions try to minimize crime, as this can be a large selling point for them. In a survey done by Bill Whitman, director

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# Underestimation causes fall budget scramble

By Brian Haara  
Investigative Coordinator

The class of 1996 has brought many changes to Alma College and has presented a plethora of challenges. One point of controversy involves the College's budget and allocations for particular departments.

Approved this past February, the College budget tentatively set tuition, fees, and contracts with final approval this past May. According to Vice President for Finance Jon Groteluschen, the College knew the incoming class would be large, but did not expect over 400 new students. Since the new class size was underestimated, the budget wasn't revised; as Groteluschen commented, "The commitment (of new students) wasn't large enough to revise the budget in May."

However, now that the impact of the new class size is being felt, the budget is under revision and will be up for approval in October. Major adjustments such as the \$180,000 spent on new housing, the \$110,000 allocated for additional faculty and

additional financial aid costs of \$700,000 will be part of the revised budget.

This revision is not out of the ordinary. A budget revision by Oc-

The last budget revision was "break-even" and despite the additional revenue, the October budget is expected to be "break-even" as well. Groteluschen stresses, however, that

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tober is routinely performed based on fall enrollment, according to Groteluschen. This year it just happens to be a bit more drastic and publicized.

Another aspect of the budget that is scrutinized concerns the \$1,200,000 in revenue created by the 80 extra students in the class of 1996. This money, according to Groteluschen, already has a use. This new revenue will be spent on the campus modifications needed to accommodate the new students.

even if the class of 1997 is large, since accommodations will be available, additional money should be available.

Questions may be raised as to whether the College should have anticipated the large class and whether the budget should have been revised this past May. According to the Admissions Office, enrollment numbers can be estimated by looking at many variables. These include application numbers, early decision numbers, number of ACT

profiles sent to the College, Academic Open House numbers and number of students with paid deposits by Explo.

The commitment date is May 1 of each year, but as Registrar William Potter commented, the anticipation of the immense class size was something completely new to the staff. Allocations and planning were difficult since it was a new experience.

In addition to the general College budget, individual departmental budgets have also been a source of controversy. The average increase of departmental budgets, according to Groteluschen, was two percent—this increase does not keep pace with inflation. With an increase of students and courses, additional money will invariably be needed to assure a quality education and availability of laboratory equipment and materials.

Lecture class size for the traditionally large science introduction courses have increased, therefore necessitating additional laboratory sections and increased expenses. For example, during the 1990-91 academic year, three courses enrolled

over 100 students. This current academic year, according to Potter, six courses are expected to top 100 students. Just as in the past, however, the majority of courses enroll between 10 and 19 students.

In order to deal with this potential problem, each department may request an increase in its budget, according to Groteluschen. While no increases have been formally announced yet, some requests may already be under consideration.

The budget has also provided for additional instructors in order to keep the average class size at or below averages for past years. The average class size, as listed in the Registrar's Report, for the past three years has been 22.5, 21.5, and 20.8, respectively. This trend of increasing size should be halted this year with the addition of new staff.

Not only has the class size been kept to standard, but according to Potter, because of the additional staff, the student to faculty ratio is expected to be better this year than in the past and students have still been able to get the courses they need.

## Crime statistics are released across the country *(continued from page 1)*

of the Pennsylvania-based Campus Safety and Security Institute, it was found that of 336 institutions surveyed, 32% of colleges and 23% of universities did not provide accurate crime statistics.

At the same time, however, college officials fear that students and parents may place too much emphasis on the crime reports when they compare schools. They feel that all campuses can experience crime, and judging an inner-city institution such as the University of Chicago on this basis would be unfair as the campus could be very safe and well patrolled.

The Alma College crime report released this past week showed no reports in the last year in the major areas of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. One allegation of date rape was made, but the student

was found not guilty.

A memo was recently sent out after the incident with the South Complex intruder who entered three women's rooms, informing students of the problem and the ways they can protect themselves.

Alma was not completely crime free in the past year, however. One student was brought up on charges of being a minor in possession of alcohol. There were also 24 reports of larcenies or thefts in the past year, ranging from thefts from campus buildings to residence hall rooms to motor vehicles.

The new law will actually not cause many changes here at Alma. As far as administratively, James Kridler, dean of students, feels that there will simply be more paperwork and record keeping as a result of the law, but admissions should not be affected at all, he said.

## Theater and dance to lose founder

By Candy Basney  
Freelance Writer

Twenty-seven years ago a very unique and interesting professor came to Alma College and this year that professor, Dr. Philip Griffiths, is saying goodbye.

Griffiths comes from Walawalla, Washington where he was born and went to college. He decided at an early age that theater was what he wanted to do and set about obtaining his life goal. After college, Griffiths spent time in New York City, where he learned just what it meant to be in the theater business. It was then that he decided teaching theater at a liberal arts college was what he wanted to do.

Coming from the West coast and having spent some time on the East coast did not prepare Griffiths for his first visit and job interview in Michigan. Griffiths said the state to him was oddly flat after living around mountains all his life. He liked the area and school, however, and decided this was the place to

start teaching students about theater.

Griffiths started his teaching profession at Alma College in 1965 and has dedicated his time and energy to making the theater and dance program here a worthwhile and exciting experience for all those involved. He chose Alma because he wanted to teach at a liberal arts school where the students were well rounded and interested in learning about all aspects of life.

As sophomore Kristin Bender said, "Dr. Griffiths is very into his work and takes it very seriously. He is very technical and experienced."

In his time here, Griffiths has helped to introduce many new courses involving theater, such as the history of theater, and classes that actually put on plays for audiences. He also takes students on trips to New York and London, where they see professionals perform. Another of his contributions involves having his pupils help at the elementary school with a children's theater. Griffiths was also

instrumental in making each student take a theater or dance class as a requirement. And the accomplishment he is most proud of is his design of the new theater.

When Griffiths started teaching at Alma College, things were much different than they are now. The campus was, of course, much smaller. Theater was considered a part of the English department, which later changed to being part of the speech department, and eventually to what it is today, the theater and dance department. Griffiths also said that there was a closeness between all of the departments that allowed them to work across departmental lines.

Although he admits things have changed quite a bit since he became an Alma College professor, he still believes that the same basic principles remain unchanged. The departments have gained more expertise and specialization, and in a sense are now a more loose community than before, but are working harder to keep the College close.

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# Mahmoody opens eyes of the Alma public

By William S. Hull  
News Editor

The Golden Medal of the City of Paris, honorary Doctorate of Letters from Alma College, American Freedom Award, Woman of the Year and Most Courageous Woman of the Year 1990 in Germany—these are but a few of the awards Betty Mahmoody has received for her writing and her life's experiences. She was at the *Book Shoppe* in Alma this past Saturday to sign autographs and speak with people about her experiences of years past.

Mahmoody's story is not just one of another person in the world, it is one of a person who grew up around some of our parents. She went to Ithaca through the sixth grade, and then moved to Chesaning, where she eventually graduated from high school.

In 1984, she took a supposed two week vacation with her husband and four year old daughter to Iran. She did not want to go, but felt her husband would kidnap Mahtob, her daughter, and keep her in Iran with his family. Her hunches proved themselves accurate.

After their planned two weeks, her husband decided he did not want to leave. Her fears had come true. He and his family kept her and Mahtob prisoner for the next 18 months. They were beaten frequently and put through unbearable mental torture. Betty finally found someone to help her and her daughter escape from their misery. They fled from Iran through the mountains to Turkey and their freedom.

This experience was described in her first book entitled *Not Without My Daughter*, Book of the Year in 1990 and 1991. During those two years it never fell from its position as the #1 Best Seller. Its highest honor was its nomination for a Pulitzer Prize.

But the purpose of this book was never to bring personal fame or fortune to Mahmoody, but instead to open the world's eyes to the problem at hand, International Child Abduction. These children are essentially prisoners in a foreign land, no different from hostages or POWs. They are held against their will in a land where they do not understand the culture, and do not know the language.

"This is the worst form of child abuse," said Mahmoody. "It enrages me when I hear President Bush say we have no more hostages in Lebanon. There are 14 children being held there, but they don't seem to be considered because they are children."

Rescue of these children is not impossible, but it requires much effort and help from concerned people. This is what Mahmoody is now doing. After her book was released she received thousands of letters from people saying that they too had a problem with international child abduction, or knew someone that had. After receiving these responses she has established an organization called One World for Children. This organization works to free internationally abducted children and prevent future international child abduction.

One World for Children constantly works with governments from around the world to establish laws against international abduction. Currently it is working to get all the countries of the world to sign a treaty that would prevent abduction of children on an international basis. If a child was abducted internationally, then the government of the respective country would have to step in and return the child to his/her home during the court processes that would follow.

Recently Mahmoody attended a world-wide convention of Civil Child Abuse. "I wanted the world to see why we need these laws," she said.

The organization has fulfilled many of its original goals and is currently working on branching out to cover all areas of this ongoing

problem.

"When we tried to open people's eyes to the size and extent of this problem, we could not keep all the stones rolling at the same time. But now people are more aware of the problem, and we can work on those areas previously given less attention," said Mahmoody.

Mahmoody's personal goals are still to open the minds and eyes of more people to this problem. She also wishes to make people more aware of other cultures.

Mahmoody has recently written a follow-up book to *Not Without My Daughter*, entitled *For the Love of a Child*. Through this book she wished to work toward her personal goals of educating people about the problem, and what they can do to help the fight against it. In this book she speaks of the readjustment that took

place for her and Mahtob, the writing of the original book, responses to the book, recognition of the problem, and different cases of abduction. In the end she lists some of the possible solutions available.

October 1 is the international release date for the book. She hopes by doing this, that people all over the world will look at this as a major problem of our times. Mahmoody believes "this could help to lead to world peace" by opening people's eyes to other cultures of the world. "Countries need to learn not to impose their cultures on other countries," she said.

Currently on tour for her new book, she spends her free time with Mahtob at a "little place" they have in northern Michigan cooking together, playing cards and occasionally taking in a Tigers' game.



Betty Mahmoody travels the country with her daughter Mahtob signing copies of her book that depicts the rescue of her daughter from Iran. Photo by P. Sandberg

## Students train to fight illiteracy

By Jane Brown  
Staff Reporter

This fall students at Alma were offered an opportunity to participate in a new course and service opportunity—a literacy practicum. The program which trains students to teach reading and writing also sets participants up with children, teenagers and adults to tutor. The program, organized by English department professor John Ottenhoff, had a remarkable turnout of students wishing to receive the training and make connections with illiterate community members.

In America today, one in every five citizens is functionally illiterate and many suggest that unless the trend is reversed, two in every three Americans will be illiterate by the year 2000. To be functionally illiterate one must have less than a sixth grade reading level. In Gratiot county there is a 16% illiteracy rate which is only slightly better than the national average of 20%. Though many Americans today are too embarrassed by the fact that they cannot read to get help, many others each day face their problems and

enter literacy programs around the country.

There are many reasons why illiteracy is becoming such a widespread problem. It has been found that often, when parents are illiterate, their children are as well. Other causes of illiteracy include learning disabilities that are left undetected, social problems such as drug abuse and alcoholism, as well as simply a lack of parental encouragement for children when they are learning to read. Though adults are often thought to be less of the learners that children are, literacy professionals find that most who attend literacy programs are truly motivated and realize the urgency in learning to read. Literacy trainer Olivette Kassouri said that at many times the motivation to read is as simple as a parent wishing to read their child a story at bedtime.

Students who donated their time to become literacy teachers had to attend twelve hours of training in the Michigan Method Literacy training. At the end of these twelve hours the students became certified as literacy tutors. Students, upon receiving their certification, are expected to tutor from two to four hours a

week. The students use the Litstart program as well as the Laubach program for much of their material for tutoring. Many tutors also were trained in using the newspaper for learning, as it often proves to be more personal and insightful for the adult student. Alma College students were trained in the usage of not only phonics and spelling, but also a review of teaching English as a second language.

Though many of the students prior to taking the training took for granted the skills that we all were privileged to learn while in grammar school and from our parents, all the students feel now a sense of obligation to help all those in America less fortunate than themselves.

One student participating in the training and tutoring, junior Leslie Theisen, said, "I never truly realized how complex it is to read. Most of us at Alma College were taught to read in school and we never consider how long we have been perfecting that skill, but, when you look at people who can only read a few words and barely sign their names you realize that they have an immense amount to catch up on."

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## Hulme sparks interest in political science courses

By Cathy DeShano  
Staff Reporter

If you talk to students in any of Derick "Sandy" L. Hulme's classes, they describe him as being enthusiastic, interesting and challenging. Biochemistry majors find that he becomes so involved in his lectures, they too can't help but be interested. Political science majors admire his ability to make you feel at ease while still demanding participation in class. Whether you're an art major or a physics major, Hulme, the new assistant professor of the political science department, believes everyone has something valuable to learn in his classes.

"I've always felt it was my job not just to make the world accessible to the students, but also to make it matter to them in the sense that I can make the students realize it affects them," he said.

A graduate of St. Lawrence University and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Hulme spent three years teaching at Simpson College in Iowa before coming to Alma. After spending a year in Boston doing political research and teaching at Tuft's University, he decided

he needed a change. Alma provided him with an excellent opportunity for that.

"I wanted to get in an environment that valued both teaching and professional growth," Hulme said. "Alma offered me the ideal situation. I can teach exactly what I want to teach and the school is also very supportive of personal development."

Already, Hulme has taken advantage of the growth the College encourages in both the classroom and professional settings. He has written a paper with Mahmood Monshipouri entitled "Political Realities and Legal Implications." The paper examines the morality and legality of the Persian Gulf War. Hulme has also started work on his own project concerning American foreign policy toward the Middle East.

"I'm working specifically on the impact of Palestinian terrorism on the development of American foreign policy. I'm trying to see whether these high profile terrorist actions, such as the Munich killings on the Israeli athletes, affected United States public opinion to the extent that political decision makers felt

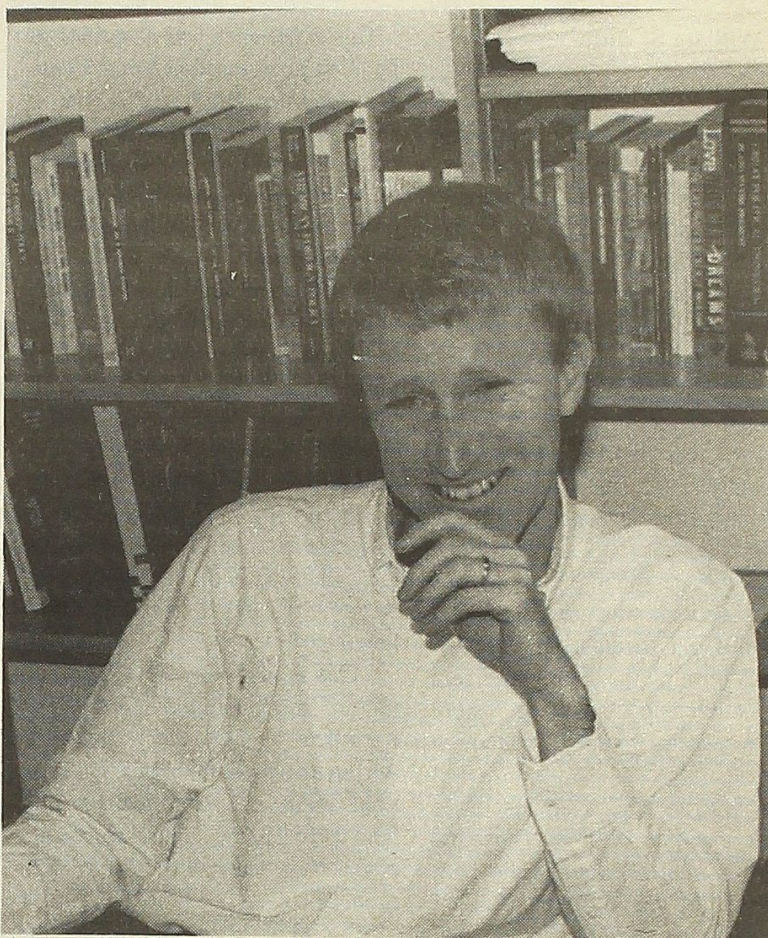
that they could only adopt a certain set in terms of Arab-Israeli conflicts."

Hulme also has several new opportunities in mind for students. Beginning in 1994, he hopes to initiate a series of three spring terms to visit one of the three Presidential libraries.

"I'm hoping this will allow the students to get first hand experience in doing primary research and will be a good opportunity for me to do research toward my book as well," he said.

Just one month into the academic year, Hulme finds himself both pleased and impressed with students and faculty members. Students unfamiliar with subjects such as international law ask intelligent questions; the faculty are serious about what they're doing, yet are also personable.

"The faculty all seem interested in what they're doing and they're dedicated. People don't realize in academia, it's very nasty and cut-throat. My department is great here; there are some very nice, caring people," said Hulme.



Derick "Sandy" Hulme. Photo by J. Gilbert

## Vickery examines future of communication department

By Jennifer Victory  
Freelance Writer

"I've had more contact with students [here] in three or four days than one whole semester at A&M," said Michael Vickery, new chair of the communication department.

An assistant professor of speech communication at Texas A&M for the last four years, Vickery obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Alabama and his doctoral degree in communications at the University of Texas.

He "knew nothing about Michigan" when he saw an advertisement for the communication position in a professional association newsletter. His immediate attraction was to the area, as his wife is from Wisconsin. The more he learned about Alma, however, the more he liked it. "I was at the point in my life where I wanted to create something," said Vickery.

Alma's interdisciplinary communication major offers concentrations in interpersonal, organizational and mass communication/journalism. The program differs from many others because it stresses theoretical and interdisciplinary work, rather than concentrating on the technical aspect of communication. According to Vickery, this approach enables students to make links between disciplines and become creative thinkers.

Some of Vickery's immediate goals for the communication department include attracting and retaining students in the major, bringing speakers to campus who can

relate communications to society and graduating students who will be productive in communications professions. He would like to ensure that the program involves students in the process of learning and making them analytical thinkers. He has no plans at this time for a production facility because all students must take a practicum, for which they earn credit for "real world" experience. Vickery hopes the program will grow and create a need for additional faculty.

His research and writing illustrate his commitment to interdisciplinary work within communications. His work enables him to begin "understanding how things work." His current studies relate to "the rhetoric of science and technology and how they are used in public discourse to justify commercial and intellectual practices," he said.

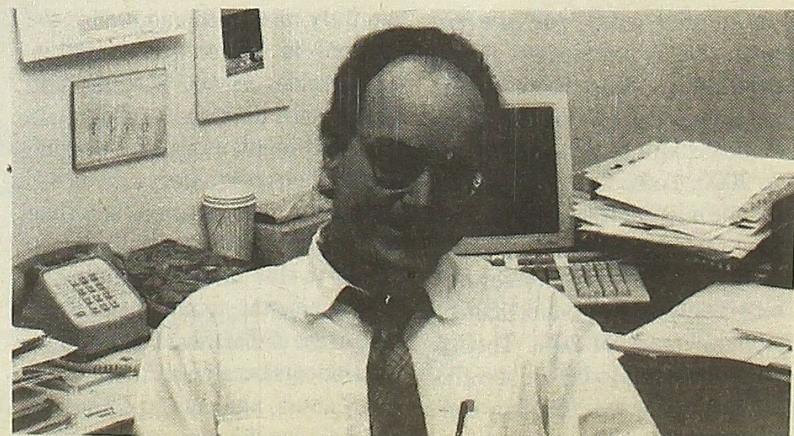
Studying "the five years of public discourse" through which the American commercial nuclear power industry was created has given him "an insight into Ameri-

can fascination with the idea of technological progress and an appreciation of the sometimes irrational arguments used to justify technological 'improvements' in society." He has come to wonder whether we are saying anything important with all of our "fancy machines" or just using them as a "social narcotic."

Vickery is still adjusting to the culture shock of moving to Alma from the research environment of Texas A&M. He enjoys the environment of Swanson Academic Center, where he interacts with colleagues from many different disciplines--something he did not experience at Texas A&M.

"The Alma faculty's serious dedication to a quality liberal arts experience impresses me," he said.

"My two children have been remarkable," Vickery said, noting that he couldn't have made the move without the support of his family. "The atmosphere and weather here make me feel so energetic," he added.



Michael Vickery. Photo by J. Dial

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# First-year student compares Croatia and Alma

By Curt Wozniak  
Freelance Writer

Walking into Davor Stipavcic's room is like walking into your average Alma College residence hall room. He may play one of his favorite CDs for you, or show you some pictures of his family and friends. He may even tell you about his hometown. What is unusual about Stipavcic is that his hometown—Podravska Slatina—is in Croatia.

"If you want me to tell you about Croatia I could talk for hours," Stipavcic said.

Croatia, one of six republics that comprised the former Yugoslavia, declared its independence three years ago as a result of the country's massive national debt and oppressive government. The republic of Serbia opposed this action, and with military support, took aggression against both Croatia and Slovenia.

"There's more to it than that, but [that's what] fills up issues of *Time* magazine," he said.

Stipavcic spoke optimistically about his country's future, however. Croatia possesses "a good deal of industry and agriculture," he said. With its thousands of islands and vast coast line, it will generate tourism as well. "It will take about ten years to recover from the war," said Stipavcic. "But we will recover."

Stipavcic learned English in school in Croatia. He quickly accepted the opportunity to come to America for ten months as an exchange student and attended Saranac High School in Saranac, Michigan. Though Stipavcic did not intend to remain in the United States, he became interested in Alma while looking through his host sister's college catalog. A campus visit with his host father confirmed his decision.

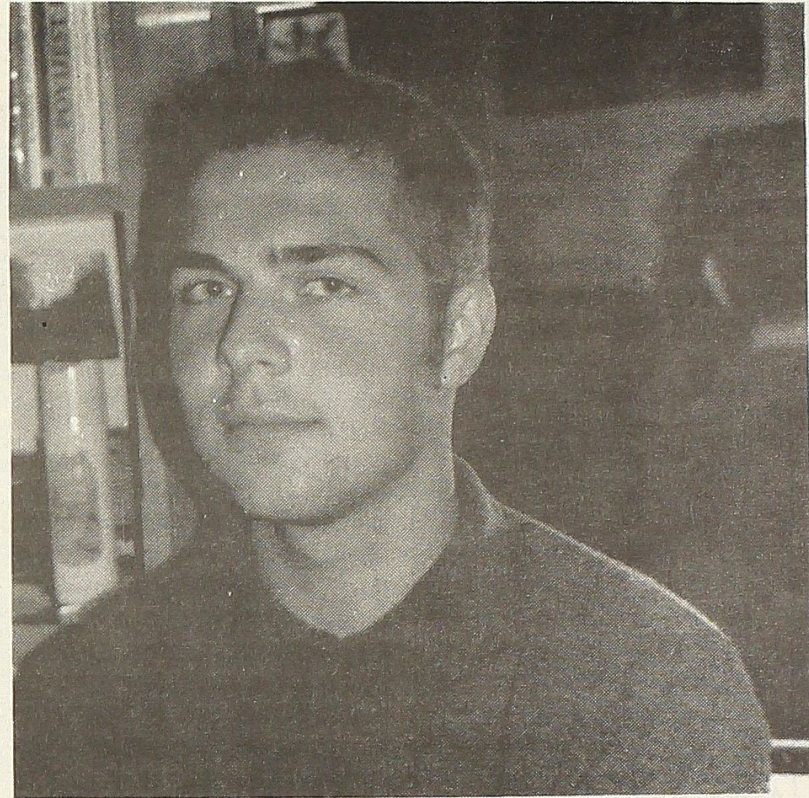
Stipavcic returned to Croatia dur-

ing the summer and spent time with his father—an agricultural engineer—his mother and 24-year-old brother, a student of veterinarian medicine.

According to Stipavcic, Podravska Slatina and Alma possess similar qualities. "It's about the same size as Alma, maybe 2,000 more. I'm not coming from a real big place." And, like Alma, Stipavcic said, "There are a lot of cornfields around."

Stipavcic enjoys Alma and plans to major in political science. Stipavcic finds his courses (Political Science 101, Spanish, Biology 190 and English 101) interesting so far. "I really like all of my classes. Spanish is kind of confusing, but it is for everyone else in my class, too," he said.

Asked if he will return home upon graduation, Stipavcic said, "I will probably, but I like America."



First year student Davor Stipavcic. Photo by M. Stargardi

## Puerto Rico exchange offers unique opportunity

By Jane Brown  
Staff Reporter

Would you like to escape the blowing snow and chilling cold of a winter in Alma to study on an island paradise? Well, the Puerto Rico exchange program instituted last year can help. Though no one from Alma has participated so far, the program hopes to send its first students for Winter Term.

Organized by James Buschman, director of international studies, the program takes place at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico located in San German, a small town in the southwest corner of the island (about one to two hours from the capital, San Juan). The university, established in 1921, has an enrollment of about 38,000 students, though not all attend the San German campus.

The campus' location boasts many opportunities for sight-seeing. "There is a lot of good transportation. The beaches are really good and there are the mountains to see, as well as caves that can be explored," said Buschman.

Many students on campus travel the short distance to the Dominican Republic and other surrounding countries."

The Puerto Rican university is bilingual, though situated in a Spanish-speaking country, and all students must pass an English proficiency exam. This provides an opportunity for many Alma students, whether or not you speak Spanish, to participate. The program, which has been evaluated by Alma College President Alan J. Stone, offers special classes for American students traveling to Puerto Rico, such as an intensive Spanish language review and a Puerto Rican history course. An exchange took place last win-

ter. Puerto Rican student May-Ling Nazario attended Alma. According to Buschman, Nazario enjoyed her international experience. Though students are welcome to travel during either term, both schools encourage students to take advantage of the differing climates: Puerto Rican students come to Alma in the fall, while Alma students travel overseas in the winter.

Though Buschman notes similarities between the schools, he cautions students of some extreme differences, particularly the economic inequality. "It would be a wonderful experience for Alma College students, but the program is not for everyone," he said. "There is a poor living standard, but it does make students aware of poverty and basic human needs."

"Students should not go down with the expectation of living the same...conditions are not the same. The dorms are simple. In the case of laboratories and computers, Almanians will also find that for our standards the Puerto Ricans are somewhat behind," he said.

Though Puerto Rican experience will be unique, students may not feel too far from home. The island uses United States currency, and a Burger King restaurant faces the campus.

The Winter Term program does promise cultural excitement as the island celebrates the 500th anniversary of its discovery by Christopher Columbus.

Students interested in the exchange program must submit an application (available at the International Office in Kirk House). The deadline is Friday, Oct. 16. Meetings to discuss the program will be conducted Oct. 19 and 26, and Nov. 23 and 30 from 7-9 p.m. in the Fireside lounge.

## SOS makes a difference to Bette Fox and local projects

By Theresa Miller  
Freelance Writer

"Dare to make a difference—Explore the possibilities..." That is the motto of the renewed volunteer organization, Students Offering Service (S.O.S.). Previously ACCESS, the organization created a new name to give people a more accurate idea of its focus.

S.O.S. began this year with a service-learning camp in August. Faculty members, including education professor Susan Root, chose ten students to attend this instructional seminar along with students from other colleges throughout Michigan. These students are expected to be the framework of the group.

Junior Daniellé Walsh, a member of S.O.S., was enthused by the group's organization and efforts thus far. "I was very impressed that by the second meeting the calendar for September had already been decided and sub-groups were already busy with their own activities. The sketchy framework of ideas from the camp had been filled in quickly," said Walsh.

S.O.S. recently instituted an in-home care program for Bette Fox, circulation manager of Monteith Library for 12 years, who is currently recovering from surgery re-

lated to a cancerous tumor. In collaboration with Gratiot Community Hospital (GCH), the group created a schedule of shifts in which students (from the entire campus, not just S.O.S. members) provide care for Fox.

Diane Benson of the physical rehabilitation department of GCH made the original contact with the group in regard to Fox.

"She [Benson] was asking for volunteers to stay with Fox for various amounts of time from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The volunteer could stay for as long as his or her schedule allowed," said sophomore Shana Case, an S.O.S. member directly involved with the Fox program. "About eight volunteers are involved and more help is needed."

According to Tammy Fox, Fox's daughter and an Alma student, the program has proven successful. "It gives me a chance to focus more time on my classes because I don't have to worry that my mom is bored or in need of something. It has definitely been a great help," said Fox. "My mom really enjoys the contact with the students. They were a big part of her job and she misses that." Fox commented that the students also benefit from their involvement.

In addition to the Fox program, S.O.S. is "making a difference" in

other areas on campus and throughout the community. Sub-groups of members involved in other projects include: Hunger/Homeless, Education/Child-care, Campus Service, Domestic Violence, Gerontology, Environment, Hospital Care and Special Projects. Each division orchestrates its individual projects.

"There were always plenty of opportunities out there; they just had to be organized. This group is wonderful to work with because almost everyone has had some 'pet' service project they were involved with before so they are really enthusiastic," said Stephanie Hirschert, an S.O.S. core member.

Some of the group's goals include expanding campus involvement by contacting groups such as fraternities and sororities that are already active with service programs. "It will hopefully make things easier for them because we will already have a list of things that need to be done and people needing help and they can just call us for suggestions and ideas," said Hirschert.

[Editor's note: Students interested in the Bette Fox program should contact Shana Case. An informational meeting will be conducted Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6:15 p.m. in the Heather Room of Tyler Van Dusen Student Center.]

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## Husbands and Wives parallels 'Allen and Farrow'

By Katie Novak  
Feature Editor

Attention soap opera fans: *Husbands and Wives*, Woody Allen's new film, was made for you. Rapidly disintegrating, complicated relationships take center stage, ironically mirroring the messy real-life events of Allen's recent split from Mia Farrow (who stars in the film as Allen's wife).

Released amidst the scandal of Allen's confessed affair with Farrow's adopted daughter, Soon-Yi, accusations of incest against Allen and subsequent accusations of child abuse against Farrow, the film possesses a comically raw style and dispirited tone that combine to create some rather entertaining scenes. *Husbands and Wives* presents more than such a triangular tension as marriages crumble and complex affairs result.

The film commences with scenes portraying the fizzling relationship of Jack (Sydney Pollack) and Sally (Judy Davis). Enter their best friends Gabe Roth (Allen), a middle-aged college professor, and his wife Judy (Farrow) whose marriage stands no better chance. While Jack wastes little time in shacking up with his astrology-loving aerobics instructor (played by Lysette Anthony), Judy sets Sally up with her good-looking friend and co-worker, Michael (Liam Neeson), who Judy herself wants. Meanwhile, Gabe gets tempted by Rain (Juliette Lewis), his attractive, seductive, intelligent, but very young student. The marriages continue struggling; the affairs continue compounding.

The actors' abilities enhance the comedy of the film. Davis masters the overly-energetic, paranoid, yet witty character of Sally. Pollack (a director-turned-actor) successfully portrays a man desperate for mid-life excitement. Lewis (also seen in *Cape Fear*) turns in yet another praiseworthy performance as the young woman with a definite "thing" for middle-aged men. And even Allen and Farrow, though both look a little stressed and generally disheveled (Hmm, makes you wonder), fare quite well.

Allen's cinematography leaves something to be desired, however. Viewers may be annoyed by the semi-documentary style and consequent jump-cutting movements of the camera. It creates an effective volatile atmosphere but at the expense of effective transitions.

*Husbands and Wives* is definitely worthwhile, but sit near the front to hear over the audience's laughter and whispers when Farrow asks Allen things like: "Do you ever hide things from me?"

## Seniors prep for GRE, LSAT, and MCAT

By Jenny Petrocelli  
Freelance Writer

Stress: papers, presentations and exams, more papers, presentations and exams. Alma College seniors have to add just one more thing to this already grueling list—planning their futures. For many that means taking the Graduate Records Examination (GRE), the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). For many that means preparing for these tests, tests that partially determine where they will spend the next few years, even the rest of their lives.

According to the current Alma catalog, "For the last five years, more than 94 percent of Alma's graduates began professional careers related to their academic programs or entered graduate and professional schools within six months of graduation." The GRE, LSAT and MCAT are mandatory for those going to graduate school. So students must take time—a lot of time—to register and prepare.

The tests, generally given in October, December, February, April and June, burden students with an-

other financial obligation. Costs range from \$35 to \$140 plus fees for hand scoring, additional score reports and late fees if necessary.

Preparing for the exams worries students more than registering and paying, however. Many students question when and how to prepare. Robert Perkins, director of student development said, "Students should

Mt. Pleasant or Lansing.

Many students suggest using old practice tests or preparatory books. Senior Carrie Roth said, "The tests are constantly changing in format. I used old tests to study off of. They have the same instructions, same everything. You can set yourself up for actual testing conditions."

Senior Matt Nielsen and Roth seek

Graduate and professional schools also require applications, generally due in the fall, and possibly interviews for admission. The Center assists students in obtaining school catalogs and completing applications.

Seniors admit the toll the process takes. "It is hard trying to prepare for the test, look at graduate schools and carry a regular class load," Nielsen said.

Perkins agrees with Nielsen. "This is a very transitional period with very high stakes," he said.

When asked how heavily these exams are weighed among graduate and professional schools, Perkins replied that "they are not the only thing looked at but certainly a major factor." In addition to the test scores, schools also pay attention to grade point average, the materials in the application and the interview.

Amy Hamann, a senior preparing for the LSAT, advises underclassmen to "start collecting your information early as well as researching schools."

Roth noted, "There is a lot of 'hurry up and then wait' in the graduate school process so leave yourself lots of extra time."

*"Start collecting your information early as well as researching schools."*

*-senior Amy Hamann*

familiarize themselves with the test and testing processes in the winter of their junior year."

Special prep courses such as the Stanley-Kaplan and Princeton reviews offer guided preparation, but at a cost of approximately \$1,000 per course. Students also must take these courses outside of Alma in

the assistance of professors on campus. "Dr. Gibson has a review session, and I try to make it to that," Nielsen said.

Students can look to the Center for Student Development for help. The staff offers a variety of services and information about the tests as well as the programs of interest.

## Students view Shakespeare first-hand

By William J. Johnston  
Copy Editor

While most Alma College students would have trouble affording a trip overseas to visit Stratford-upon-Avon, William Shakespeare's home town, most don't have a problem with visiting another Stratford—the one in Ontario, Canada. For the third straight year, Epic (the English club) sponsored a successful trip to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, where students, faculty and others enjoyed (or didn't enjoy) performances of *Measure for Measure* and *The Tempest*.

Since student rates don't apply during the weekend, trip members must rise early Friday morning to make the bus. A five-hour trip leaves them time to grab lunch and settle into their accommodations before the 2 p.m. matinee show.

English professor John Ottenhoff arranges to buy tickets and sets up lodging. For the past two years, participants have spent the night in either bed-and-breakfasts or guest rooms. Many Stratford residents offer these guest rooms—rooms in their homes that aren't used—during Festival season for the many tourists who come to see a play or two.

*Measure for Measure* is the story of a Viennese duke who begins enforcing the city's morality code and then disappears. The man he leaves

in charge in his absence, Antonio, strictly enforces the code but then violates it in his efforts to win a woman. The Duke, however, has remained in disguise, secretly observing the unfolding events in order to make a dramatic entrance near the play's end.

*The Tempest* tells the story of Prospero, exiled Duke of Milan, and his quest to regain his lost position. Using his magic, he brings his brother to his island in order to gain revenge. The play is also Shakespeare's last gasp as playwright. Prospero renounces his magic in the end, symbolic of Shakespeare's retirement from writing.

Quality acting and set design are the norm for Stratford, but this year some trip participants went away disappointed.

"I didn't like *The Tempest*," said senior Everitt Wiggins. "I slept through the first act. Any play that puts you to sleep doesn't deserve to be seen."

Others, however, enjoyed the shows. "I thought the shows were really good," said junior Rob Douglas. "I thought *Measure for Measure* was better; it was easier to follow what was going on, and I haven't read either play before."

Wiggins also enjoyed the *Measure for Measure* performance.

"I liked the costumes," he said. "It was an interesting way to set it. It proves Shakespeare is applicable

to more than the 17th century."

The artistic director produced *Measure for Measure* in a dark and spartan setting, with cast members wearing World War I-era uniforms and outfits.

*The Tempest* performance, while sticking to more traditional costumery and scenery, included striking special effects such as a monstrous bird booming at the characters.

Following the evening performance, trip participants either headed for their rooms or went

downtown to talk at one of the many pubs or coffee shops which remain open.

"I didn't enjoy the restaurants," said Douglas. "The service was bad and the people were rude."

On Saturday, those who wanted to go sightseeing or shopping got a full morning in, ready and waiting for the bus to leave by early afternoon.

Epic organizers plan to continue this tradition next year and as long in the future as people want to go.

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# Mental lapse causes Scots' downfall

By Lauri LaBeau  
Freelance Writer

Momentum is the name of the game and that is just where the Alma College women's varsity volleyball team came up short. In the battle for the conference championship, the Scots dropped three quick games (12-15, 9-15, 9-15) in their first place match-up with Calvin. The Thursday night loss against Calvin was the Scots first in the conference (8-4 overall, 4-1 MIAA) and probably the most disappointing of the year.

As one first-year player, one junior, and four seniors took to the court, intensity and incredible team rapport followed them. Immediately, the Scots' emotions were roaring and their hands high-fiving as Alma jumped out to an early lead.

"Volleyball is a game of momentum. We knew we had to be focused every minute of the game. We don't match up size-wise with Calvin very well so we knew we would have to generate and keep our intensity levels high," coach John Chiodini said. And that is exactly where the Scots were stopped.

Alma appeared to be invincible just when the game shifted. Calvin soon fought back from an Alma lead of as much as 11-7 while playing without their best player who went down with an ankle injury in the early minutes of the first match. "As soon as their best player went down, psychologically we thought to ourselves 'thank you,' but Calvin

regrouped and fought back."

The first match was soon tied at 12-12, when Calvin took their first lead and went on to win 12-15. Senior Chris Franssen, "We stepped out mentally. We have a tendency to relax a little when we jump out to an early lead and tonight we did."

Captain Laura Atkinson said, "The first match was going great and then we just hit this big wall and lost all intensity."

Chiodini agreed that after the Scots dropped the first match, the game was over. "After we lost, we never regained the emotion and intensity we needed to win," he said.

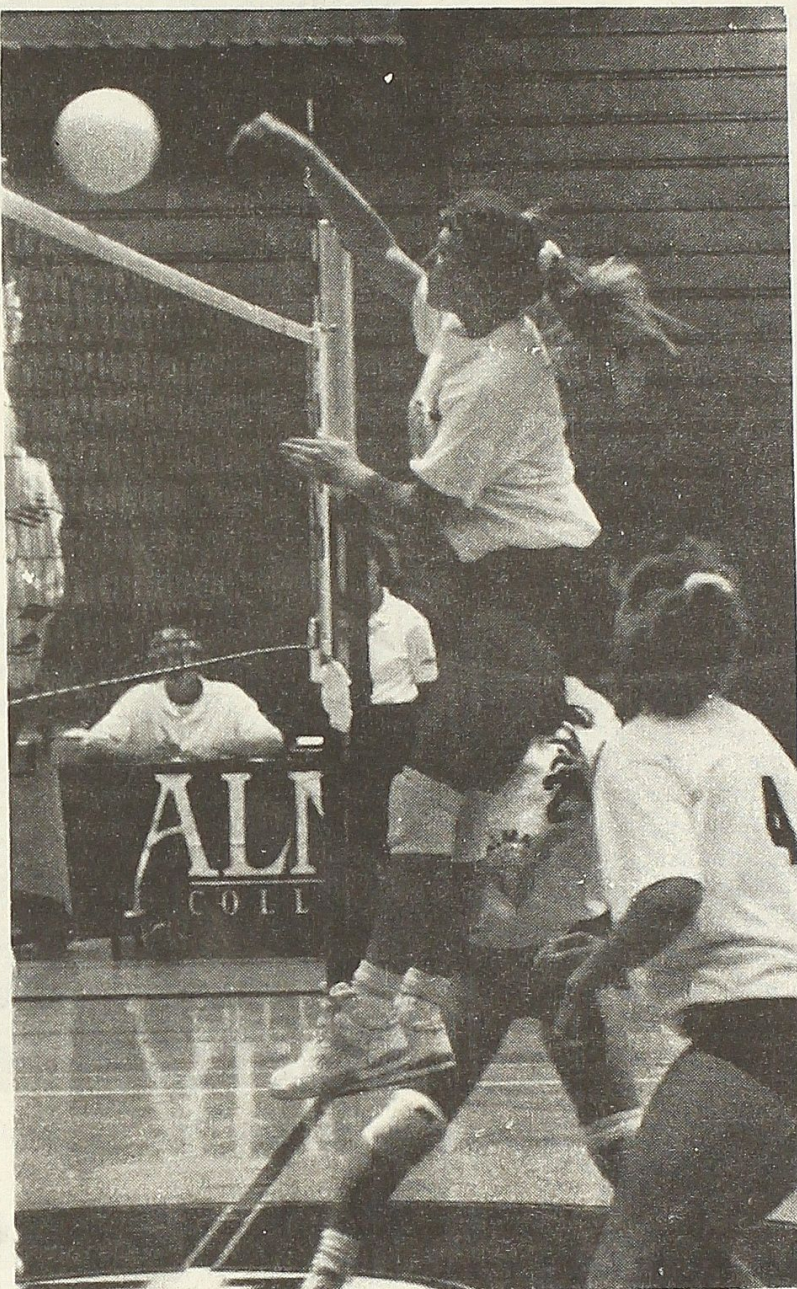
The Scots lost both the second and third matches 9-15.

"Calvin is a good team. I'm not disappointed because they outplayed us. The loss gives up the opportunity to see things we need to work on as a team," said junior Kym Rezmer.

The Scots' outlook on the season is still promising. They will meet up with Calvin at their place one more time for probably the decider of the MIAA championship.

Franssen, playing with a lot of confidence, led the team in kills with six and added one ace. First-year player Stephanie Deggs, senior Amanda Paul, and Rezmer combined for fourteen kills and five aces.

Saturday the Scots won a close one as they regrouped against the visiting Hornets from Kalamazoo in a five match thriller (15-3, 12-15, 11-15, 15-8, 15-11).



Senior Amanda Paul attempts a spike as the Scots fell short in their loss to Calvin. Photo by J. Dial

# Nielsen brings competitive edge to Scots

By Lisa Shoemaker  
Sports Editor

Versatility is what makes senior Kerry Nielsen such a special athlete for the women's soccer team. Not only is she able to play a variety of positions, but she has also successfully adapted to soccer on the collegiate level in only her second year of participating in the sport.

Nielsen plays the defensive positions of both mid-fielder and stop-

per. She has been a starter for two years; however, a shin injury in 1991 limited her playing time.

She did not begin her Alma soccer career until her junior year. "One of my friends, who was on the team, needed someone to kick around with during Spring Term," she said. "I decided to go along, and I had a lot of fun and really liked it."

After a little encouragement, she decided to try out for the team, and has not had any regrets about her

decision aside from the fact that she wishes she had taken up the sport earlier.

Nielsen described her on-field demeanor as intense. "When it comes down to getting in and getting dirty, I like it," she said. "It is a really physical game... there is a lot of contact involved... and I am a physical type of player."

Coach Deb Mapes described Nielsen as a "good, hard-working player." She has been impressed at how quickly she has come to understand field play and game strategy, given her previously limited exposure to the sport.

Nielsen said that soccer has provided her with some wonderful memories and even better friendships. Her favorite soccer experience occurred last year when the men's and women's teams traveled together to a weekend tournament in Indiana. She called it "a bonding experience" as both teams were cheering each other on and yelling instructions from the sidelines.

Her worst soccer memory, aside from 1991's 1-16 record and dismal last place finish in the conference, was last week's embarrassing 11-0 massacre at the hands of Kalamazoo. "We have so much talent that it is frustrating because we just haven't been able to click and put it all

together," she said.

Nielsen's hard work ethic and motivation continues off the field as well. She is a chemistry major whose future aspirations include attending graduate school, possibly at Colorado State or a school in the Midwest. "Things are really up in the air," she says of her future options.

Working in the wet lab of the UpJohn Company's Angiolitic Department as a summer intern this past summer allowed Nielsen to pursue her interest in organic synthesis. Her research at Alma College, first with assistant professor of chemistry Laura Vosejka, and now assistant professor of chemistry Scott Hill, has been concentrating on the different properties of synthesis, both chemical and organic. "Right now, I am focusing on organic chemistry in my research, but that could change as I get more involved [in a career]," she said.

When not in the lab or out on the field, Nielsen occupies her time by being a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, and participating in intramurals.

Throughout her college career, Nielsen said her parents, Richard and Sally Nielsen, have been the most influential. "They have supported me in anything I have ever wanted to do," she said.

# Alma wins big 42-6

By Chris Mansur  
Freelance Writer

The Alma offense has seen the light. Not the light at the end of the tunnel, but the light at the end of the football field. The Scots crushed Bluffton on Saturday, scoring six times as they amassed 540 total offensive yards.

The defense also played an outstanding game, shutting the doors on Bluffton's offense, which ended up 173 total yards for the day. Bluffton mustered only eight first downs to Alma's 24. Alma held them to 15 yards on the ground, while 58 of the passing yards came on a fourth quarter touchdown pass.

Alma's defense forced four turnovers. Bluffton coughed up one fumble and gave up three interceptions. Sophomore Mark Gorczyca—a defensive standout for the Scots—junior Tony Linton and senior Jed Rowe were responsible for the Bluffton interceptions.

The offense was unstoppable as quarterback and first-year student Matt Snyder threw for a career-high 290 yards. Snyder completed 20-24 passes, threw two touchdowns and ran for another as he led Alma's explosive scoring assault.

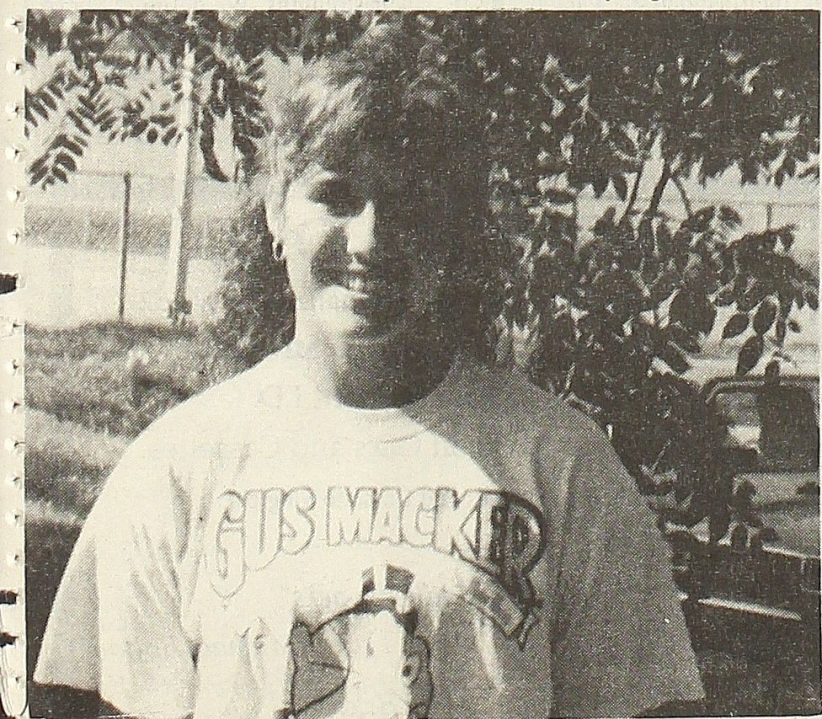
Alma's offense had plenty to share today as the rushing game came together. Junior Calvin Woodard anchored the ground game rushing for 81 yards on 19 carries and a touchdown. First-year student Daryl McCray rushed 14 times for 74 yards and one touchdown, and Chad Rojeski, a sophomore from Utica, exploded into the open field and ran for a 51-yard score.

The passing game complemented the Scot's dynamic ground attack with fifth-year senior Todd Butorac, seniors John Ruggles, Steve Lauer and Bill Nelson and junior Brad Engel dominating upfront in trenches. Snyder hit Jim Farnum, a senior from Vassar, with six passes for 137 yards and two touchdowns, including an exciting 48-yard TD strike. Senior tight-end Matt Nielson also lit up the gridiron, catching five of Snyder's bullets for 55 yards.

Mike Zahn, a first-year player from Norway, continued his consistent placekicking as he hit all six of his extra points.

"Their guys seemed tentative," Lauer said. "We ran over them. We did what we wanted. We went after them and things fell into place. Penalties are still hurting, but we're working on ways to improve that."

The Scots are on the road next week when they travel to Illinois Benedictine for their last non-conference match-up.



Senior Kerry Nielsen. Photo by P. Sandberg



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# Scots impress crowd in 2-0 win over Albion

By Bill Ballenger  
Freelance Writer

In its second week against MIAA competition, the men's varsity soccer team split its two matches versus arch-rivals Kalamazoo and Albion.

On Tuesday, Alma suffered a harsh 5-0 loss to visiting Kalamazoo. The first goal of the contest, and what later proved to be the game-winning score, occurred midway through the first period when a Hornet mid-fielder rifled a 25-yard bullet past the outstretched arms of Alma goalkeeper junior Marty Schneble. The Scots, who entered the game with a MIAA-best .5 goals-against-average (one goal allowed per two games), had not allowed more than one goal in any of its previous five matches.

"That game definitely should not have ended up five to nothing," said first-year striker Kevin Sanchez of Farmington Hills. "There is no way that they're five goals better than we are."

Head coach Carlos Toro seemed to agree. "Not to take anything away from Kalamazoo, but this was a disappointment for us. I know we are better than the scoreboard shows, especially defensively."

Saturday, behind a boisterous home crowd, the Scots regrouped to edge Albion 2-1. Alma (2-2 in MIAA; 4-

3 overall) immediately pounced on the disorganized Albion defense, en route to an early two-goal lead. Felix Papillon, whose absence was deeply felt in the Kalamazoo loss, once again lead the assault by scoring both goals. The third-year attacker converted on a cross from sophomore Joe Oesterling for the first score. Minutes later, with the help of senior Todd Albery's assist, Papillon weaved his way through the opponents' backfield before punching the ball past the helpless Albion goalkeeper.

After a seven-minute scoring drought, Albion staged a furious offensive rally in the final minutes. The Britons drew the game to within one goal after a score with 4:53 left to play. Albion continued to knock on Alma's door, but a stellar performance by sophomore goalkeeper Tim Helder (who replaced starter Schneble for the second half), salvaged the victory.

"What can I say?" said coach Toro, with an ear-to-ear grin. "Felix did it again and I couldn't ask for a better set of goalies."

"It was a good win. Albion came in here with confidence after their 2-1 win over Calvin, but we beat them. I'm very pleased so far. At 2-2 we are in good shape heading into Calvin this Wednesday."



Sophomore Dave Miller takes the ball away from a Kalamazoo defender. Photo by M. Stargardt

## Gray, Dickman lead harriers on the course

By Adam Burhans  
Freelance Writer

Fellowship Greens Golf Course seemed to camouflage itself as a flat, slightly wet, and potentially fast course for the men and women's cross-country team Saturday as Jamboree #1 kicked off the MIAA season for the Scots. However, wet weather halted the almost too-good conditions.

The race, hosted by Calvin, was unexpectedly hindered by a light mist that fell for a full half hour before the start of the gun. Places, not times, were what helped the Scots register fourth and third place finishes for the men and women, respectively.

Top placings for the men were posted by junior Rich Gray, who crossed the tape in 27:11 to take 7th overall. First-year student Ryan Donley followed up by placing 10th with a 27:24, sophomore Adam Burhans was next at 18th with a 28:15. Senior Mark Lauzon, 29th at 30:11, sophomore Kurt Stephenson, 33rd at 31:02, and first-year student Ken Fenchel, 34th at 32:55 rounded out the Alma scoring.

One thousand plus miles put in this summer for training helps the men's lead runner set some very lofty, but not unreachable goals. "I felt I ran well considering I didn't feel that great," said Gray. "I think that my performance shows that I'm on my way to becoming All-League and All-American."

Comparing last year's opening

Jamboree to this year's, coach Dan Gibson said, "We were ahead from where we were last year. If we can bring runners four and five up for the guys, we'll be a lot better. By the end of the season times should go down and places should move up."

Team standings for the men were as follows: Calvin (18), Hope (75), Kalamazoo (84), Alma (95), and Albion (105). Adrian and Olivet were not included in the final scores for lack of runners.

Leading the women's third place team finish was senior Pam Dickman, who coasted to twelfth overall with a time of 19:52. Senior Constance Gulczynski grabbed 15th at 20:09, followed by first-year runners Tori Edwardson, 18th at 20:33, and Tami Watson, 19th at 20:39. Junior Jackie Cullum, 26th at 21:52, and senior Leslie Dryer rounded out the Scots scoring with a 28th place finish at 22:05.

"We're closing the gap between runners one and five," said Gibson. "Hope's good this year, but we're looking to reel them in by the end of the season."

The team results for the women were Hope just winning with (27), followed by Calvin (28), Alma (90), Kalamazoo (117), and Albion (105). Adrian and Olivet were not included in the scoring.

The men and women journey into unknown territory as they travel to Chicago next Saturday at Loyola Lakefront.

## Women's soccer falls short in league

By Jen Cosbey  
Freelance Writer

This past week turned out to be a rather disappointing one for the Alma women's soccer team as they dropped two matches in a tough road week schedule.

In Tuesday's game against Kalamazoo College, the Scots were hoping to rekindle some of the intensity they had in their game against Earlham earlier this season. It was to no avail however, as the Hornets assaulted the Scots for an embarrassing 11-0 massacre.

From the beginning, the Scots were on the defensive. In the first half, the Scots were only allowed to get off one shot. The rest of the half was dominated by the Hornets, who scored nine times and attempted a whopping 22 shots on-goal.

Despite dampened spirits, Alma became determined in the second half. Even though they were unable to score, they made a great effort and got off several shots. Yet the majority of the game was still in Alma's end of the field. The Scots held tough and only allowed two of 16 shots to score.

Senior Emily Shaw attributed their performance to the fact that the Scots had just returned from "a two day trip in Ohio, so we weren't playing to our full potential.... Hopefully, since we played them so early in the season, and we are such a young team, we will be working better as a team and know how to defend against them by the end of the sea-

son."

By Saturday's game against Albion, the Scots were ready for action again. They worked extremely well together and, game by game, are becoming more unified as a team.

One goal represented the scoring output for the game. Unfortunately for the Scots, that lone goal belonged to Albion.

In the second half, the Albion Britons scored on a penalty kick, putting the score at 1-0, where it remained for the rest of the game. "The goal was unfortunate," said senior Amy Gilmore. "Coach Mapes is protesting it." On the kick, the Albion player approached the ball and then decided she wanted it reset before kicking.

First-year player Gretchen Kaiser commented that by doing so "she really psyched out our goalie, but,

besides that, it's also illegal." The Scots are hoping the goal will be ruled out.

The team worked well. In the backfield, senior Kerry Nielsen and first-year students Kristin Snell and Juli Schiele were doing their part by making a lot of good passes and working up the sides. On the whole, the Scots played a lot better offensively in the second half, they "worked as a team and used their drills," said Kaiser.

"We looked a lot better as a team," commented Gilmore. "Hopefully, that will carry over till next week. As the season continues, we're getting better at working as a team and putting people in positions that suit their strengths. We definitely have the potential to do well."

The Scots next game is scheduled for next Wednesday at 4 p.m. home against Hope.

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# Golf teams follow different paths

By Gwen Downs  
Freelance Writer

Winding Creek Golf Course in Holland was the setting for the women's second place showing in golf action over MIAA foes last Tuesday. The thirty mile an hour winds did not hamper the Scot's celestial performance, positioning them only seven strokes out of first place behind host team Hope with a score of 479.

The addition of five first-year students to the force has excited coach Charlie Goffnett.

"I'm really pleased with their performance," he said. "It's a good nucleus for a strong future team with the addition of the (first-year students)."

Junior Jennifer Yirsa shared his enthusiasm. "We had no talent or hope last year, but now we are in contention at every match. The difference is incredible! We are five fun girls and I feel it is a closer knit team this year."

First-year student Cathy Curley ended the day with runner-up honors to Lisa Stover of Hope with a team-low of 84 strokes. Yirsa carded a 90, placing fourth overall. Other

scores of the afternoon included first-year students Maggie Taylor with 95, Rochelle Perkins 96 and Michelle Jacobson 114.

The team has an overall tally of 1413 for the year, only 8 strokes away from Hope with three jambo-

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*-Jon Groteluschen  
Men's Golf Coach*

rees to go. The women play at Pine River Country Club in Alma October 13, when they host their only jamboree.

The men, coached by Jon Groteluschen, began the season slowly but have moved up in the rankings this past week. At Olivet

on Wednesday, the Scots placed third (405), behind Olivet (399) and Albion (400).

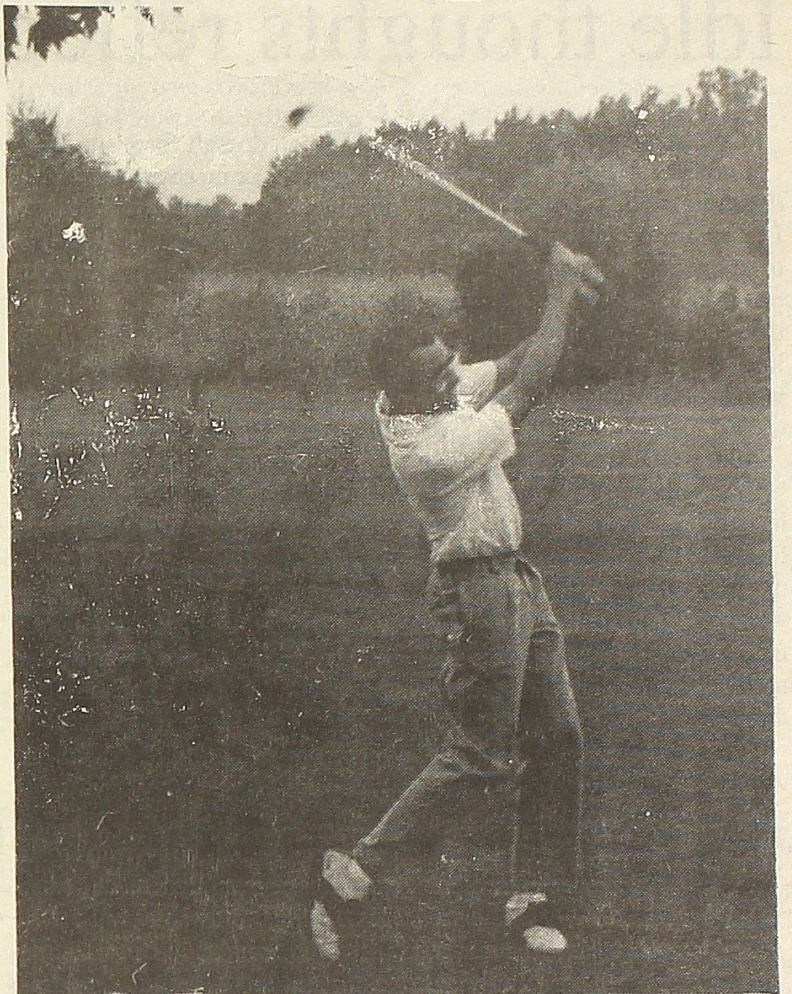
Co-medalist first-year student Kevin McKinley shot the low score of 76. Junior Todd Campbell and first-year student Brad Tate tied with 81, first-year student Chad Sharp carded an 82, and sophomore Ryan Rickabaugh and senior John Chambers shot 85's for the Scots.

In their only home match of the season on Saturday, the men improved their conference standing by tying with Albion for first. The men's golf team currently stands in fifth place overall with Albion in the lead. They are two shots behind Hope and 14 behind third place Calvin.

"We made our second start of coming back," said Groteluschen. "We are playing better and have a competitive shot."

Sharp had the low of the day with a 75. Tate shot a 77, McKinley 80, Campbell 82, and Rickabaugh 85 for Alma.

McKinley sounded hopeful. "The team is improving in every tournament. It's looking good for the future with 10 total freshmen on the team."



First year student Chad Sharp shows good form while following through. Photo by P. Sandberg

## SPORTS STATS

### Alma 42, Bluffton 6

Alma	7	14	7	14	-
42					
Bluffton	0	0	0	6	-
6					

Alma - Woodard 15 yd. run (Zahn kick)

Alma - McCray 1 yd. run (Zahn kick)

Alma - Farnum 48 yd. pass from Snyder (Zahn kick)

Alma - Snyder 3 yd. run (Zahn kick)

Alma - Farnum 9 yd. pass from Snyder (Zahn kick)

Bluff. - Culver 58 yd. pass from Etzler (kick failed)

Alma - Rojaske 51 yd. run (Zahn kick)

	Alma	Bluffton
First downs	24	8
Total net yards	540	173
Net rushing	250	15
Net passing	290	158
Comp-Att-Int.	20-26-1	11-22-3
Punts Avg.	3-35	5-40
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties	9-67	2-10

### Alma Individual Stats

PASSING - Snyder 20-24-1-290, (2 TD's).

RUSHING - Woodard 19-81 (1 TD), McCray 14-74, (1 TD), Rojaske 7-73 (1 TD).

RECEIVING - Farnum 6-137 (2 TD's), Nielsen 5-55, Pike 4-48.

\* MIAA Defensive Player of the Week - Alma sophomore outside linebacker Matt Nowaczewski of Utica was selected this past week for his five quarterback sacks and seven tackles in the Scots 31-18 win over Franklin.

### Volleyball

September 18-19

Baldwin-Wallace Tournament

Alma d. Capital, Ohio 15-7, 15-8

Alma d. Waynesburg, Pa. 15-6, 15-11

Alma d. Spring Arbor 15-13, 15-12

John Carroll, Ohio d. Alma 10-15, 15-10, 4-15  
Michigan-Dearborn d. Alma 15-3, 15-3

September 22

Alma d. Albion

September 24

Calvin d. Alma 15-12, 15-9, 15-9

September 26

Alma d. Kalamazoo 15-3, 12-15, 11-15, 15-8, 15-11

### Men's Golf

September 23 at Olivet

McKinley	76
Sharp	82
Campbell	81
Tate	81
Chambers	83
Jacobson	114

September 26 at Alma

Sharp	75
Tate	77
McKinley	80
Campbell	82
Rickabaugh	85

### Cross Country

September 26 at MIAA Jamboree #1

### MEN

Team standings:

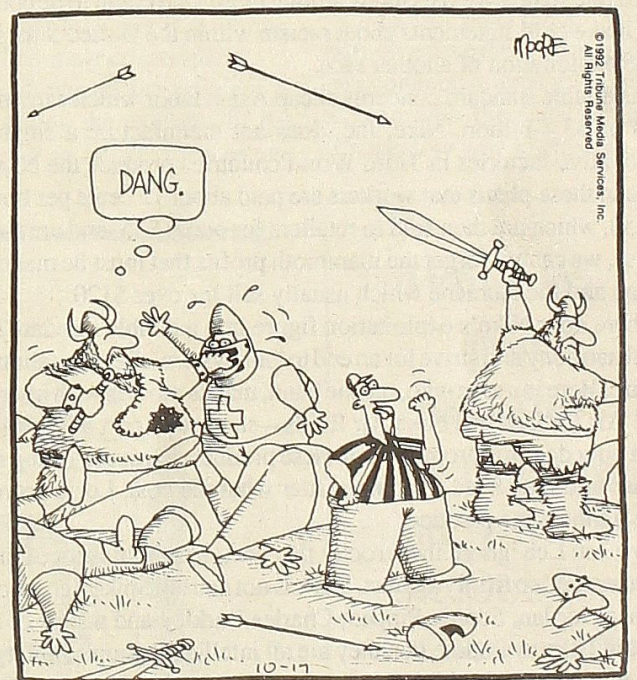
Calvin	18
Hope	75
Kalamazoo	84
Alma	95
Albion	105
Adrian	-
Olivet	-

### WOMEN

Team standings:

Hope	27
Calvin	28
Alma	90
Kalamazoo	117
Albion	105
Adrian	-
Olivet	-

## In the Bleachers by Steve Moore



Just when the Vikings were beginning to gain ground on the Saxons, Morgan the Red was called for a 'facemask.'

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## Opinion Potpourri by Jeffery S. Spalding

# Idle thoughts reflect politics on and off campus

Some quick opinions:

With George Bush blaming his domestic policy failures on a Democratic Congress unwilling to compromise with a Republican president, doesn't it make sense that much would be accomplished if a Democratic president was working with the Democratic Congress?

All the outcry over the lack of black coaches on the pro and collegiate level is absolutely justified. We should be questioning the lack of black representation within the Alma College administration. It is a crime that more minorities are not represented in these offices.

I wonder if the GOP realizes women can and probably will provide the swing vote in this year's elections. I hope this all-impor-

tant faction doesn't forget the Republican stance on abortion and the appointment of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. Hopefully, women will sweep the incumbent president out.

Speaking of Clarence Thomas, is anyone really naive enough to believe there wasn't some truth in accusations by a respected and honored law professor against him about his alleged sexual harassment? Come on, the woman had absolutely nothing to gain from coming forward with such information.

I personally don't really care about whether Clinton did or did not inhale marijuana at college. What I'm voting for is the future of America and not what was done in the past.

Along with the pot issue, or non-issue, of this year's campaign, it's time to get away from all the mud-

slinging about each of the candidate's past. Sure, I want to know Bush's role in the Iran-Contra affair and Clinton's in Vietnam, but let's get down to some real, concrete questions and issues facing the American people like education, the economy, the national debt and the environment. Base your choice on who will be doing what for the country in the future.

I wonder how many people are Republicans or Democrats just because their parents are? Probably more than I realize. I wonder how many people are afraid to change their positions for the same reason?

I'm sorry, but George Bush and change just don't mix.

Please don't tell me that Bill Clinton is too inexperienced with military matters and foreign policy to make a good commander-in-

chief. It's basically the same scenario as the Reagan administration in 1980 for all of you fanatical Republicans.

I don't care what anyone says, parking is not a problem at Alma College. Parking close to your residence hall, maybe, but not parking in general. Too many lots and spaces are unfilled every day for the College to have a parking problem.

George Bush's emphasis on family values and morality is all fine and dandy, but don't tell me he wasn't involved in some pretty shady dealings during his tenure as CIA director. If he wasn't, he probably wasn't doing his job.

Take a look at what Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan are doing now and tell me who is doing more and better things for American society. Oh, and look at it in your family

values sense, Republicans.

One of the most appalling aspects of the Republican National Convention were the scathing attacks on Hillary Clinton. Is it a crime to be a successful, independent woman who happens to be married to a presidential candidate? The Bush campaign apparently thinks so. Hillary would probably make a better president than George Bush or her husband.

I have a gut feeling that Alma College will win an MIAA football championship before Michigan State will win another Big Ten title.

I have three words for you: Patrick Buchanan, Republican. Enough said.

## Double standard exists in Nike products and promotion

By Brian Haara  
Investigative Coordinator

A double standard exists today among those who claim to be conscious of racism and exploitation. The people who make bold statements about racism within the United States fail to see the big picture and therefore assist in the exploitation of another race.

This double standard concerns cheap Asian labor which earned Nike shareholders \$329 million in profits on sales of \$3.4 billion. Nike, Inc. does not manufacture a single pair of shoes in the United States; rather, exploitative factories in Third World countries produce the Nikes so many of us wear.

It is in these plants that workers are paid about 15 cents per hour, make shoes that are sold to Nike for about \$16.50, which are then sold to retailers for about \$35, and are finally sold to the consumer for around \$75. Of course, we cannot forget the mammoth profits that must be made from more expensive shoes like the Nike Air Jordan and the Hurache which usually sell for over \$120.

Where does Nike's exploitation figure into a double standard? Well, celebrities like Spike Lee who preach racial harmony and strive for an end to "the system's" exploitation of African-Americans must not see the whole picture. Here is a man who, on one hand, makes movies with intense messages and, on the other hand, promotes Nike Air Jordans and Nike Air Raids—shoes that cost about \$120 and \$90, respectively.

Not only does his promotion of these products harm the young men who cannot afford these particular shoes, yet are told they need them no matter what the cost. Lee's promotion is a direct acceptance and approval of Nike's inhumane practice.

How can Lee ignore the atrocity that occurs right in front of his face? Perhaps he has sold out to the system he once stood so firmly against. But it is not merely Spike Lee who should be questioned. What of Andre Agassi, Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Charles Barkley and a slew of other sports stars who promote Nike shoes?

I would like to assume that they are all intelligent people, but it appears that the color of their morals is green. Money talks, and in this case, money must also be the root of apathy and denial.

It is surely important to combat exploitation within the United States—just as many of the above named stars

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do—but is it not exploitation to convince impressionable young American men that \$100+ shoes are a measure of status? Is it not exploitation to employ cheap Third World labor in oppressive factory conditions?

Michael Jordan is paid about \$5 million per year to promote Nike products—especially his own over-priced Air Jordans; most workers in Nike's Asian shoe factories would need to save their entire pay for about 800 hours to be able to afford a single pair of Air Jordans.

How can Jordan and Lee keep a clear conscience knowing they are being paid with blood money? Lee—who works so diligently for the advancement of African-Americans in the face of adversity—should recognize he is no better than a white supremacist who shows complete disregard for the rights of a black man. Lee shows just as much disregard to the rights of Asian workers by promoting Nike shoes.

It must be obvious that Asians are being exploited, and it should be equally obvious that any person who promotes Nike shoes is aiding in this oppression. In addition to the high-priced promoters, each of us who purchases and wears Nike shoes quite supports the exploitation of Asians.

## Clinton addresses college students

### Presidential candidate encourages students to vote for their futures

*(The Almanian received the following editorial from Democratic presidential candidate Governor Bill Clinton.)*

I learned something when I was in college which I have never forgotten and which motivates me to this day. I had a professor who taught that America's greatness is based on two ideas: that tomorrow can be better than today, and that each of us has a personal responsibility to make it so.

I still believe that and I hope you can too.

Washington has done so little for so long that you may think the President can't make a difference in your lives. Don't believe it. Franklin Roosevelt put millions of Americans to work during the Great Depression. Harry Truman sent millions of Americans to college with the GI Bill. Martin Luther King Jr. and millions with him pushed the President to transform our laws and guarantee civil rights.

What we need is a detailed plan which invests in the future, not a president who talks mockingly about the "vision thing" while attempting to decimate student aid and cut taxes on the rich. We are the only industrialized country without a national health care plan, a national education plan and a strategy for the future.

Al Gore and I have a plan. It's called "Putting People First," and you can find it in your local library or bookstore.

I want you to know that together we will change America again. We will fight for what Americans deserve. The right to borrow for college. A good job. Affordable, quality health care. A clean, safe environment. Choice. A government that works together for the American people.

You have a lot more at stake in this election than I do. You have to worry about paying for your education. You have to hope that you'll be able to find a decent job after school. You have to worry that you'll fall in love with someone who is HIV positive. And you have to hope that one more Supreme Court Justice won't take away your right to choose.

I hope you will join me in a great effort to unite Americans, to create a community where people look out for each other, not only for themselves. It will be an America where we all have a chance and we all stand together—whatever our race, religion or sexual orientation.

Your voices must be heard and I intend to continue listening. Join our effort, register and vote. Together we can change America.



# Volunteering creates learning experiences

By Stacie L. Herriman  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Eighty-four million Americans over the age of 14—or nearly one-half the population—volunteer their services, more than 30 times the number that serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. United Way of Gratiot County alone, recruits some 1000 volunteers throughout the year for guidance in campaigning, planning and allocations, and referral to agencies. But why volunteer?

Most people want to help when they see someone in need. Sometimes, the number of requests seems overwhelming, and they feel frustrated or guilty that they can't help everyone who asks. However, what they don't realize is that they can

indeed help by volunteering. Volunteers are the central core of what makes things happen, especially for local United Ways like Gratiot County.

Volunteering has many benefits. The people you work with and the impact you have on the community or issue in the community reward you. Volunteering provides you with new learning experiences and allows you to pursue new activities you may not have had the time and opportunity to do.

Moreover, volunteering doesn't cost you anything except a few hours of time and energy. The benefits of volunteering will greatly outweigh any costs that may be incurred.

A relatively painless and joyful effort, volunteering provides you

with immediate uplifting and rewarding results for the hard work, time and sacrifices you make. When you step back, look and see that changes happened in a positive way and people benefitted, you get an extraordinary feeling—a feeling that adequately cannot be explained with words, but that makes you smile all over and glow inside.

Opportunities and need for volunteers exist. For example, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Latchkey program and the Alma Middle School are all looking for college volunteers, as well as the American Red Cross, the Women's Aid Shelter and the United Way of Gratiot County. Projects for volunteers can be fashioned and modeled to meet each individual's needs. Furthermore,

volunteering once doesn't mean you are indebted to that individual, group or organization forever. But once you experience its rewards you may find it difficult to give up.

Volunteering is a matter of keeping people informed, getting new people excited and rejuvenating old supporters so the need isn't too great for what can be accomplished. Therefore, you should volunteer when you have a belief in an agency or organization. Agencies are in desperate need of volunteers because many issues and concerns can't be met in other ways. By volunteering you keep the quality of life in the community the very best it can be.

Look around. If you can help in some way, get involved. Don't let

opportunities to volunteer pass you by. If it is something that interests you, volunteer at some point along the way in whatever manner you can. Be your brother's keeper. Take responsibility; you'll never know when you'll need the help and services for which you just donated your time, effort and energy yourself. Volunteering is a two-way street—to be helped you must help.

Every day, in communities across America, the need for volunteers grows. Become a volunteer and you may discover a whole new outlook—both about life and about yourself. Volunteering brings out the best in you.

# Women deserve equality in press coverage

By William J. Johnston  
Copy Editor

Pick up any copy of *Newsweek* from the past few months and look for articles on the Clinton family. Better yet, pick up this week's *Almanian* and read Jeff Spalding's opinion potpourri. You'll notice an interesting phenomenon.

Bill Clinton is a familiar name. He is the Democratic Presidential candidate. Hillary Clinton is also a familiar name. She is married to Bill Clinton. Why, then, do articles refer to Bill Clinton as "Clinton"

while Hillary Clinton is "Hillary"?

Why the double standard? Students of journalism generally agree that on first reference one should use the full name; on second reference, only the last name. The *New York Times* goes further, using courtesy titles such as "Mr." or "Mrs."

But throughout this campaign, Hillary Clinton is constantly referred to as "Hillary," as if she is every reporters' close, personal friend.

Hillary Clinton's case is the most visible. Marilyn Quayle, Tipper Gore and Barbara Bush have all, on

occassion, been referred to by their first names alone. But you probably won't find references to "George" or "Al" in most major news weeklies.

This double standard isn't restricted to politics. One study found that sportscasters refer to female athletes by their first name more than their last name, but generally refer to male athletes by their last name. Thus, on the evening news we talk about Monica [Seles] winning a tennis tournament, but Jordan [Michael] capturing the NBA MVP award.

Why is this a problem? Quite simply,

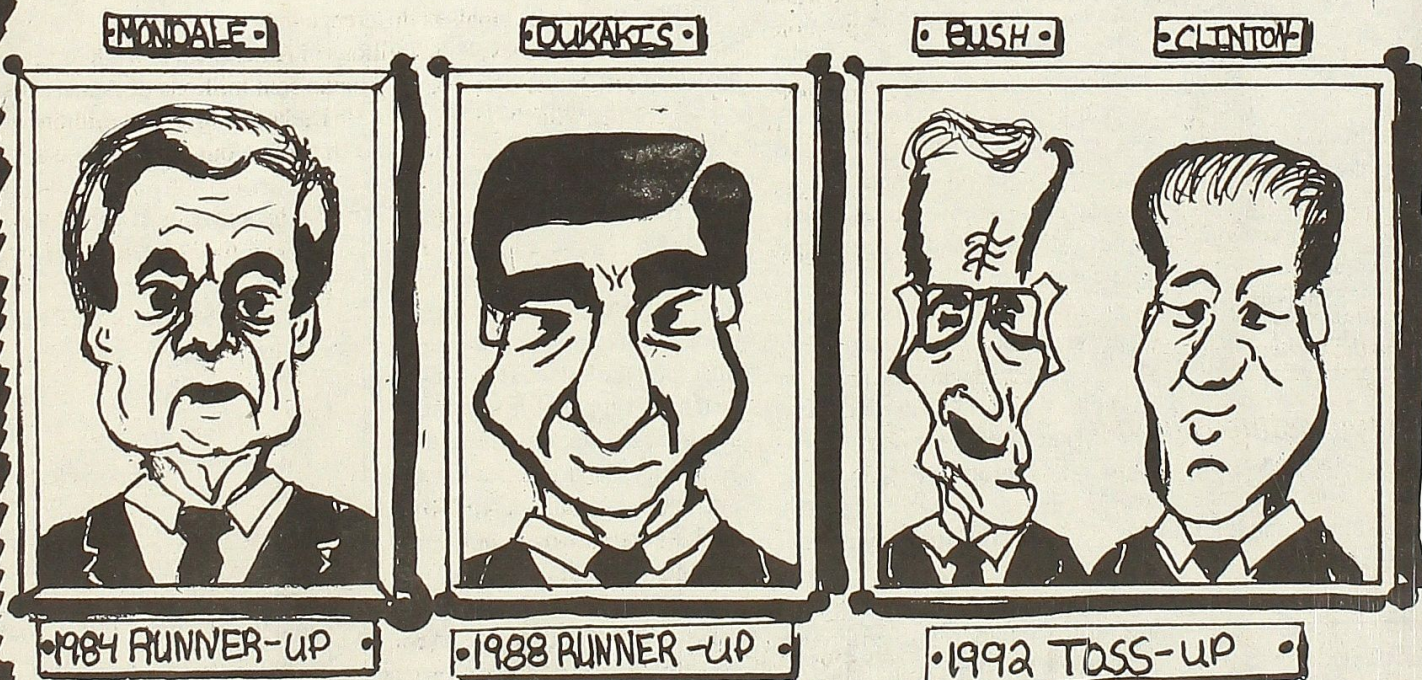
it's unfair to women. It puts them on a different level than men. The men are distant; the women, close. This tactic makes it easier to attack someone (such as Hillary Clinton).

It shows a lack of respect for women. Writers are deferential to the candidates, referring to them by their last names. But in referring to women by their first names, writers indicate that they aren't as important as their male counterparts.

The solution to the problem is simple. Using the example of the Clintons, if an article refers to one

of them, then use their last name (that is, if the article only talks about Hillary Clinton, then it should refer to her as "Clinton"). If it refers to both of them, then the article must either use courtesy titles ("Mr. Clinton said..." or "Mrs. Clinton commented...") or use their full names ("Bill Clinton projects..." or "Hillary Clinton responded...").

Reporters are asked to practice "journalistic objectivity." To be totally objective then, we must decide on a common reference for men and women with the same last name. It's the only way to play fair.



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## Staff Editorial

## Recruiting needs clarification

President Alan J. Stone's formulations for a new Four Year Plan call for an increase in diversity on campus as well as an effort to make Alma a nationally competitive liberal arts college. During his convocation address and in a five-page memo to the faculty, Stone focused on a need to move beyond a goal of being "the Best in Michigan" (according to Stone, "better than Albion, Hope or Kalamazoo") to "increasing Alma's national reputation."

The memo, in particular, stressed the importance of attracting exemplary students and quality faculty to boost Alma to this level. However, the newly instituted recruiting effort, College Marketing Technology (CMT), seems to contradict such visions.

CMT, a marketing technique utilizing geodemographic data to compile a list of potential recruiting areas, divides the state into four cluster groups: small towns, affluent suburbs, rural rustics and up-and-coming. Currently, Alma concentrates on the "rural rustics" category.

Once the areas in need are identified, the Public Relations Office steps into the recruiting arena, sending "hometown

releases"—feature stories about current Alma students—to highlight the College and its offerings. Although this marketing may successfully target a geographic region Alma once neglected, CMT does not seem capable of making significant contributions to attaining national distinction.

To be competitive nationally, shouldn't the College concentrate on attracting students similar to those attracted to nationally prestigious institutions? Wouldn't it be more effective to target areas boasting nationally reputable high schools—high schools with students performing well on national exams such as the ACT (a common gage for national standing)?

Should we continue sending hometown press releases to the rural rustics in hopes of recruiting one or perhaps two outstanding students? Why not also concentrate on searching for quality students outside of Michigan and increase the current 5.2 percent out-of-state and .7 percent foreign enrollment statistics?

While formulating new plans complete with visions for improvement in various areas is essential, the College also needs to focus on instituting methodologies capable of attaining the goals and meeting the challenges of these plans.

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*Last week's Letter to the Editor ran unsigned. The Almanian ran the letter unsigned because of the issue's timeliness and because we didn't want the author to suffer any repercussions. We believe the issue is an important and serious matter and that it took courage to write about it.*

*The Almanian believes this letter warranted divergence from general policy. Nevertheless, The Almanian will not publish such letters in the future unless extreme circumstances, like those of last week's letter, exist. The Almanian will continue to stand by and uphold its Letter Policy.*

Dear Editor,

It has taken a long time for me to find the courage to write this letter. But Alma College needs to deal with its minorities now, including gays. It is long overdue.

As a gay man I struggled daily with life at Alma College. It failed to provide the open, warm, accepting environment I believed was in an educational institution, characteristics essential to foster not only intellectual, but emotional growth as well. In fact, at the conclusion of my junior year I applied as a transfer student to another institution. It was the guidance and concern of Alma's professors that convinced me to stay for one final year.

Alma's campus seems plagued

with homophobia. This prevailing attitude repressed expression of many of my own viewpoints. I did not feel the prejudice invoke would be conducive to a learning environment. Only now, after leaving, do I realize the great necessity for a more vocal contingent amongst Alma's student body. I am still amazed how common such derogatory comments as "fag" or "queer" are used amongst Alma's educated student body. It seems to be an accepted norm to make fun of and criticize gay people. These comments, however, are as prejudiced and discriminatory as any other slanderous remark, be it based on race, ethnicity, or gender.

Last year, at the conclusion of Winter Term, I attempted to establish a bi-gay-lesbian support group on the Alma College campus. A core group of nine people, some gay, some straight, met to discuss the logistics of introducing such a support group to the college community. It was decided that the Center for Student Development would best serve the primary concern of such a group, offering support, guidance, and confidentiality. It is only my hope that one of these core students will find the courage to continue the group I have tried to organize. Such courage and self-confidence, however, will only originate from community support and tolerance.

Essential to education is understanding and implementing tolerance. We live in this world together; it only seems logical that we should cooperate and strive to understand one another. I would like to help challenge the student body to think before acting, before speaking, before writing graffiti upon the wall. What type of person do you want to be? What characteristics do you hope to incorporate into yourself? Do your actions and words correspond with your values?

Alma is not alone. We live in a homophobic world. Phobia and repression, however, will not lead to understanding, nor enlightenment. Tolerance, however, even acceptance, will.

Thank You,  
Louis Cubba

Dear Editor,

## What Has President Bush's Leadership Meant to America?

For the past four years the president's mission has been to prepare America for the 21st century. His continuing leadership has meant jobs and opportunity for all Americans who want to work. It has also led to stronger, more prosperous families who can feel secure all over the world. His program over the past four years offers hope and opportunity to all Americans by **empowering people—not government**—to make the important choices in life.

Listed below are some of President Bush's accomplishments:

\* Helped win **Desert Storm** and end the **Cold War**. **Reduced the threat of nuclear war** and **encourage democracy** around the world.

\* Kept **inflation low** and **cut interest rates**. Budgets he sent Congress **kept down spending** growth to less than inflation. Pushed through a **highway bill** that created 600,000 jobs.

\* Fought for **Balanced Budget Amendment**. First President since 1948 to **veto tax increases** (the Democrats' \$100 billion hike earlier this year).

\* **Opened markets, dismantled trade barriers** and negotiated **free trade agreements** with Canada and Mexico. **Cut trade deficit** 40 percent and **created 1.8**

**million trade-related jobs.**

\* Won **mandatory sentences** for drug traffickers and violent criminals. Pushed a tough **new anti-crime law**, **doubled federal prisons**, and **tripled assistance to local police**.

\* Pushed through the **Clean Air Act**. **Made polluters pay**, collecting more fines than in the last 20 years.

\* Appointed **judges who strictly interpret, not make, the law and tough prosecutors**. Strongly supports **term limits**, the **line-item veto** and **political reform** to end the mess in Congress.

During the next few weeks, we will share more information about what President Bush and his opponent can do for you over the next four years.

Michael Shehab

Dear Editor,

Hurray for the "Concerned Gay Man" who wrote a letter in last week's *Almanian*! Your beautiful, articulate letter did not fall on deaf ears. I applaud your courage and honesty, not only in writing your letter, but in even having the inner strength and courage to attend a conservative, conformist college like Alma, where you must often have felt at risk of persecution or ostracism. Thank you for calling us to our better selves. As Bell Hooks said, "Embedded in any liberatory revolution is the challenge to love." Thank you for challenging us. Know that we are here, too—people who accept you for who you are, who want to know you and hear your viewpoint. Keep hope alive!

Maria Stephens