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Brooks "fits in" to opening convocation

By Staci Hill
News Editor

Though opening convocation remains a traditional part of Alma College's academic year, this year's ceremony could be described as somewhat different.

Instead of listening to general opening remarks last Thursday, students, faculty and staff were treated to a poetry reading by Pulitzer Prize winning writer Gwendolyn Brooks.

Brooks, who was awarded an Honorary Degree from Alma during the ceremony, spoke of the struggle to fit in through life during her remarks entitled, "To Fit In." In her address, Brooks encouraged students to cherish their individuality.

In the more traditional part of convocation, President Alan Stone welcomed faculty and students to Alma, followed by Reverend Jesse Perry's invocation.

Stone then introduced the first-

year students, citing their many merits and accomplishments.

Emphasizing the value of a liberal arts education and the school's mission in education, Stone re-

ferred to an engraved plaque hanging in his home. The etching, which is of a clipper ship, reads, "A ship is safe in the harbor but that is not what ships are for."



Comparing Alma College to the harbor and the students to the ships, Stone spoke of students' needs to set goals for their futures beyond Alma.

by choosing to attend Alma. Wandrie reminded students of the importance of academics in addition to active campus involvement. He mentioned many recent changes made across campus, such as the new windows and furniture in Bruske Hall, and the plans for more improvements, such as a new EHS laboratory and an intramural sports

complex.

Also, as Student Congress President, Wandrie plans to initiate a campus-wide voter registration drive to take place the week of September 16.

Provost Leslie Ellen Brown then introduced new faculty members. Five new tenure-track faculty were acknowledged as well as four temporary appointments for the 1996-97 school year. Brown also announced additions to the administrative staff in the areas of athletics, student development, residence life and admissions.

After Brooks received

her Honorary Degree and gave her remarks, a second honor was bestowed upon Professor of Music Will Nichols. Stone presented Nichols with the Stephanie and Fred G. Secrest Professorship, which recognizes excellence in teaching in the performing arts. Stone recognized Nichols's outstanding contribution to the Alma College community through performance activities with the choirs.

Left: Seniors Sarah Cable and Eric Fitton carry flags in convocation's processions. Photo by Jon Croff.

Below: Senior Mary Dahlberg and sophomore Byron Coffman lend their talent to opening convocation. Photo by Jon Croff.



Honor points clarified

Signing that little card at convocations is of more importance than some students think. It all comes down to the matter of honor points.

Honor points can only be obtained by attending classes. For each credit of "A," a student receives 4 honor points (an AB is equal to 3.5 points, a B merits 3 points and so on). A student's grade point average is calculated by dividing the number of honor points by the total number of credits.

The honor point system, according to William Potter, dean of academic affairs, also serves as a penalty for not attending a convocation. Failure to attend opening or closing convocation results in the deduction of half an honor point.

According to Registrar Karen Klumpp, "The impact is actually fairly small." She was quick to point out, however, that missing convocation can potentially lower a student's cumulative grade point average.

Hate crime leaves Alma family homeless

Fire destroys home of local African-American family

By Matthew Singletary
Staff Reporter

Large piles of pop cans have become a familiar sight to the students living in Bruske Hall.

The box collecting these cans sits beneath a sign that says "Please Donate Empty Cans. Proceeds benefit a local family whose house was lost in a fire."

The Byrds, an African-American family, consists of Marvin Byrd, his wife Debra and their three children. This summer their home was the victim of two fires striking within 18 hours of each other.

The first fire, which occurred sometime in the afternoon of August 19, was reported to have caused only minimal damage.

The second fire was devastat-

ing.

Most shocking to this small community are the veins of hate running beneath the surface of this tragedy. Firefighters, when arriving at the scene of the second fire in the early morning hours of August 20, discovered a six-foot wooden cross in the Byrd's yard along with some graffiti on the walls and the floor of their garage. Both the cross and the garage wore racial

slurs and words of vindictiveness.

During the beginning of the arson investigations, the fires were not labeled hate crimes, though the possibility was not ruled out. According to Gratiot County Detective Sargent Bill Bushy, the cross and the nature of the fires were not sophisticated enough to indicate an organization such as

racism-based organization.

"Somebody who's done this before and is serious about this would have burned the house down the first time," said Bushy.

These fires are now being investigated both as arson and as hate crimes, and the police are following several strong leads. Exactly what those leads are has not yet been released and police have yet to make any arrests.

People in the community have offered support to the Byrd family and many more are curious as to what they can do to help. Donations of clothes have been offered, as well as monetary contributions. For the moment, any organized assistance has been put on hold, though the pop can collecting in Bruske Hall is still going on.

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• Sergeant Bill Bushy, Gratiot County Detective

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Kadlec joins faculty

By Lisa Sherman
Staff Reporter

Last year a number of academic departments were interviewing to fill open positions. Replacing long-time Professor of Business George Gazmararian is Susan Kadlec, Assistant Professor of Business.

Kadlec earned her undergraduate degree in Liberal Arts from Michigan State University. From there, she went on to obtain her MBA from New York University, and finally a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

Among the assets Kadlec brings to Alma is a wealth of business experience, especially in the field of finance.

She has held such positions as the financial analyst of a chemical company's international operation

and as a hospital administrator working with finance. Kadlec has also been employed on Wall Street trading Ginnie Maes, a special kind of government backed security.

Kadlec has followed in the footsteps of her father, also a professor. She decided to become a teacher because she found her previous positions offered little interaction with people outside her department. She found them to be "very unfulfilling and I knew that I couldn't tolerate having a 9 to 5 job."

Prior to teaching at Alma College, Kadlec was employed at the University of Illinois, located in Champagne-Urbana. Kadlec stated that she wanted to teach at Alma because she "really likes the contact with the students." Her experience throughout the course of her

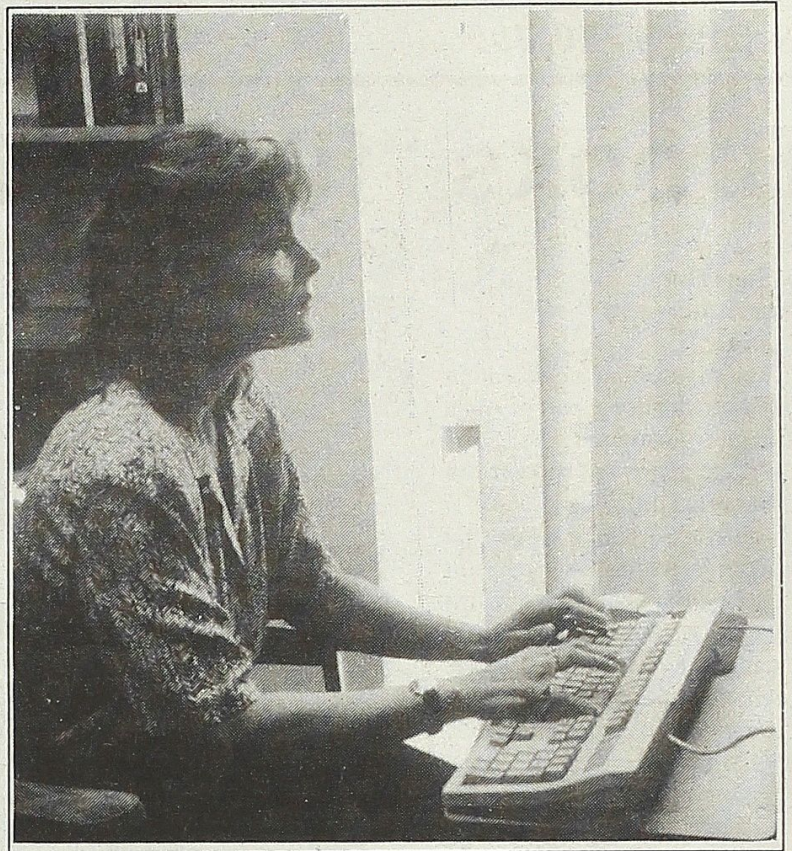
own studies and teaching left her feeling that big schools tend to be impersonal.

Outside of teaching, Kadlec enjoys hiking and photography, often combining these interests. She notes that

"If you were to look at my collection of photographs, it's mostly pictures of outdoor things," she stated.

Travel is another of her outside interests. As a child, she traveled with her parents and has continued to do so on her own since her undergraduate years.

Susan Kadlec, Assistant Professor of Business, works on class preparations at her computer. Kadlec brings to Alma a wealth of knowledge in the area of finance. Photo by Beth Rosenow.



Class of 2000 gets connected through preterm

By Becky Tansy
Staff Reporter

Over three hundred new students arrived on campus Saturday, August 24 for the 24th preterm of Alma College. Preterm, a tradition since 1972, is designed to prepare first-year students both socially and academically for college.

This year's 10 day orientation featured student chosen seminars, ranging from "Reading Shakespeare" to "The Scene of the Crime." These intense seminars meeting as often as twice a day were designed to acquaint first-year students with college level courses. Assignments were given and examinations conducted at the conclusion of each seminar.

Laura Camann, a first-year student from Okemos, explained that although her seminar kept her busy, "it was a good experience. I'd never done anything with computers or art before."

First year student Bethany Simmons, from Woodhaven, commented on her overall preterm experience. "Preterm was a lot of fun and I met lots of people. It also prepared me academically."

There were a number of social events that helped to orient students to campus life. Students were given the opportunity to meet their peers on opening day at a picnic outside Hamilton Commons. Activities in each residence

hall were scheduled to give first-year students another chance to mingle.

Other events held during the week included a night of comedy at the Heritage Center for the Performing Arts. Comedian brothers

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—Bethany Simmons '00

bantered about different life experiences and taught about respecting people's differences. On Saturday, students were invited to a Hawaiian Luau and were encouraged to

attend a performance of a nationally known blues duo, Mad Cat & Kane. The Alma College Union Board presented "Night at the Races," where students used "fun bucks" to place bets on a video taped horse race. An auction was held at the end of the races and students used their winnings to bid for prizes.

A highlight of Preterm was the Orientation Committee's presentation of "Liberal Arts from A to Z." "A to Z" consisted of alphabetically arranged skits expressing the lighter side of the liberal arts on campus. A dance held outside in McIntyre Mall on Sunday evening closed the social events of the week.

"I was very pleased with how

well things turned out. We had an outstanding orientation committee," said Bill Arnold, associate director of student affairs. "The Orientation Committee worked hard to make new students feel at home—doing so with enthusiasm and energy."

Junior Kristine Pintar, an Orientation Committee member, summed up preterm, "Being an OC has been a great experience. You get the chance to meet new faces, have a lot of fun, and hopefully make a difference in first-year students' transition from home to Alma. During those 10 days, you suddenly remember what it's like to be homesick and share in that anxious excitement of being off on your own for the first time."

Renowned poet gives opening convocation address

By Larissa VanderZee
Feature Editor

The 1996 Opening Convocation started the year with a special message from a very unique individual.

Gwendolyn Brooks, renowned poet and novelist, delivered a powerful, insightful, humorous address entitled, "To Fit In." After receiving her honorary Doctor of Letters degree, she told the Alma College community how and why we should never strive to "fit in." She advised: "Do not desire to fit in, desire yourself to leave, after you have tightened yourselves. . . desire to cleanse. . . do not desire to follow." Without hesitation she called each person to look for their own individualism, to capture it, and to "strike out in your own clean direction."

Brooks captivated her audience not only in her words, but also with her delivery style. People laughed; people understood. She spoke to everyone seated in the gymnasium, not at them—she did not lecture or give a speech. Said senior Monique Averill, "She was inspiring, yet entertaining and made this opening convo the best I've ever attended."

Alma has certainly not been the only institution to recognize and appreciate Brooks's life work. She now claims more than 70 honorary degrees, among many other prestigious honors and awards.

With her approximate 50 tours a year, she keeps herself moving. These accomplishments have taken her to every state in the union except Alaska and Hawaii, as well as across the borders to Europe and Russia (to name a few). Throughout her travels, her hand extends to a vast number of individuals; after all, she never speaks to crowds, only "ones."

Despite Brooks's many affiliations, she has not forgotten her home. Working with the *Chicago Tribune*, she seeks to foster the creative talent of Chicago's children. She donates funds to be used as prize money for youth poetry writing contests. Young talent that may have gone unnoticed receives recognition, reward and praise.

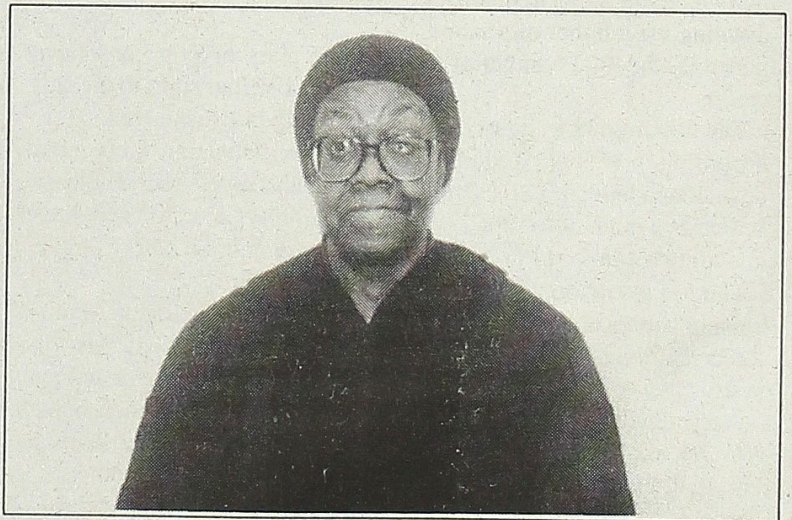
She advises young writers now, yet remembers the days in which she took advice. As with most writers, Brooks' career as a writer was not instantaneous. Her first submissions came back with a sugges-

Gwendolyn Brooks, speaker at 1996 Opening Convocation, received an honorary Doctor of Letters. Brooks also gave a reading at Alma in February of 1994. Photo by Derek Warner.

tion: the magazine editors felt she needed to be more specific about the Black experience. She took this information (quite possibly "chewed" on it) and wrote from what she knew. Shortly after, she was published. She understands the frustrations and joys of writing, aiding whenever possible in a young writer's endeavors.

When she told each person at convocation to "be a pioneer," she spoke from experience and from her heart. Brooks continues to demonstrate, through her writing and actions, the true manner in which not to "fit in."

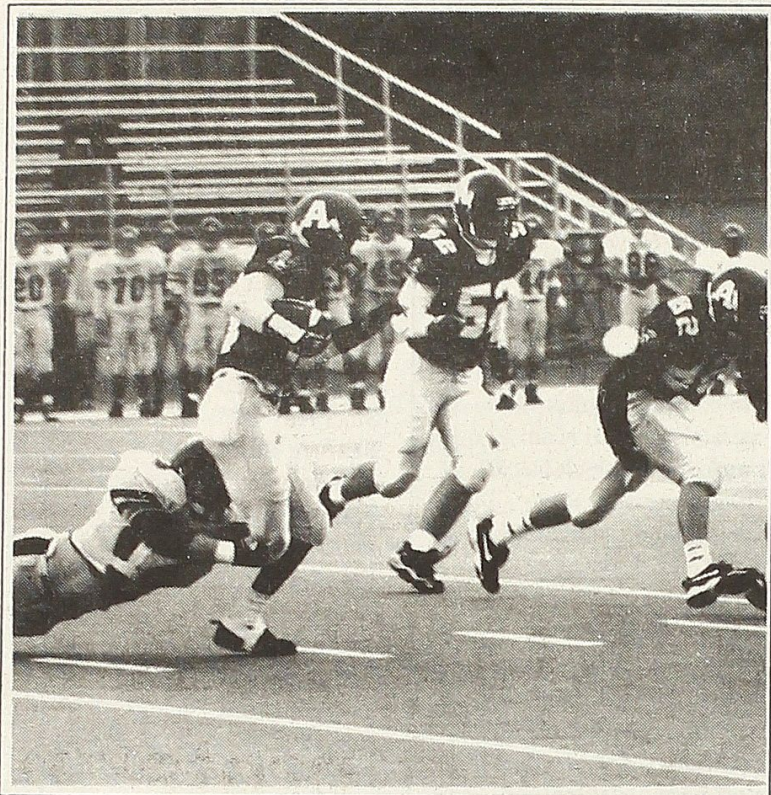
Senior Eric Walton, an individual having spent a significant amount of time with Brooks said, "Gwendolyn Brooks has done a phenomenal job telling the Black experience from her perspective, while helping people of all nationalities to pursue a career in writing. The woman is strong; she is doing God's work."



All those interested in being a freelance writer or freelance photographer attend an informational meeting on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm in The Almanian office, Newberry basement.

Football preview

Team tackles inexperience



An Alma player returns a kickoff in last season's game against Hope College. Behind senior captains Craig Fritts, Greg Maxson, Jason Couch and Ben Washabaugh the Scots hope to overcome hurdles of lack of size and inexperience as they kickoff the 1996 season. File photo.

By Tom Glegola
Staff Reporter

Youth.

Inexperience.

These are the best words that best describes the 1996 Alma Scots football team.

Just how young are they?

Sixteen previous starters are no longer here.

Of the 106 players on the team, 11 are seniors, and another 11 are juniors. The remaining 84 are sophomores and first-year students.

Clearly, on a team that is so young, leadership from the experienced players is vital to be a winning team. Head coach, Jim Cole, will rely heavily on his four captains: seniors Craig Fritts, Greg Maxson, Jason Couch, and Ben Washabaugh.

"We (the coaching staff) think this is as high a quality senior group as we've ever had," said Cole.

Just as important as the experienced players on this team, are the inexperienced ones.

"We would like to let them (the inexperienced players) sit on the sidelines for awhile to get their feet wet. We do not have that option," said Cole, "They are going to have to step up."

If the team hopes to have a winning season, everyone will have to do just that.

According to Cole, the team has a tremendous amount of untapped resources, and cites the key to being successful as "quality young men who are success driven."

Many of the new players were recruited from championship high school teams so "they know how to win," said Cole.

One of the team's hurdles is the lack of size on the line of scrimmage.

"Everybody will be bigger than us," said Cole, "but it's been that way for ten years. It is something we deal with."

Three MIAA teams to look out for this year will be Albion (November 9), who has 18 starters returning from last year, Kalamazoo (October 19), and

Adrian (November 2).

All these games will be played at home, so the support given by the crowd could be critical.

"The crowd is important," said Cole, "We need the fans to get rowdy."

Though many names and faces will be different, the general playing style will remain the same. Alma will continue to utilize the "no huddle" offense, and will run many passing patterns. That does not eliminate the possibility of surprises.

"We'll throw some new things in occasionally," said Cole.

The real question, it appears, is what should the fans expect?

According to Cole, "nothing but the very best."

"Our players believe we are going to have a quality football team and we are going to have a great year," said Cole.

Alma's season kicks-off on September 14 at Valparasio. The first home game will be September 28 against Elmhurst College.

Women's soccer team struggles in weekend tournament

By Jenn Cornell
Opinion Editor

This past weekend, the women's soccer team traveled to Indiana Wesleyan for a pre-conference tournament. Teams from four colleges, the University of Southern Indiana, Sienna Heights, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Alma, played in the weekend tournament. Unfortunately, the lady Scots suffered two disappointing losses at the hands of their tournament rivals, the University of Southern Indiana and Sienna Heights.

Friday afternoon, the team played the University of Southern Indiana and lost, 0-4. The following morning, Alma came onto the field all charged up to do better against Sienna Heights, but lost again 0-3. Team member Lesley McDougall described both matches as extremely rough in the nature of their play. Combined, two red cards and two yellow cards were handed out in Alma's games to both teams.

McDougall, a junior and three year member of the team, went on to say, "Even though we didn't

have a great showing at this tournament, we know what we need to work on. The tournament also gave us good game experience before conference play begins."

Echoing McDougall's sentiments was senior team captain, Jen

Mitchell who said, "We recognize what we did wrong and now have to make changes for the next game."

Sophomore teammate Julie Norris offered a unique look at the tournament in saying, "We learned a lot from this tournament, not only

as individuals, but as a team, too."

The women's team begins regular season play on Wednesday, September 4, in their home opener against Aquinas. Game time is 4 p.m.

1996-97 Fall Sports Schedule

Football

Sept. 14	Valparaiso	12:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Olivet Naz.	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Elmhurst	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Defiance	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Olivet	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Kalamazoo	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Hope	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Adrian	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	Albion	1:00 p.m.

Volleyball

Sept. 6-7	Wittenburg	4:45 p.m.
	Tournament	9:30 a.m.
Sept. 9	Albion	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Calvin	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 13-14	Baldwin-Wallace	2:00 p.m.

Tournament

Sept. 19	Olivet	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Adrian	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Hope	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Kalamazoo	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Albion	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Calvin	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	St. Francis	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 15	Olivet	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Adrian	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	U-M Dearborn	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Hope	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 25-26	Midwest Invitational	3:00 p.m.

Oct. 29	Kalamazoo	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Hillsdale	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	St. Mary's	1:00 p.m.
Goshen		3:00 p.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 7	GVSU Invitational	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 14	IPFW Invitational	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 21	MIAA Jamboree #1	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 28	Earlham Invitational	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 5	Alma Invitational	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 12	MIAA Jamboree #2	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 19	Spring Arbor Invitational	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 2	MIAA Championships	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 9	NCAA Regional	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 16	NCAA Division III Natl.	11:00 a.m.

Men's Golf

Sept. 12	Albion	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Alma	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Olivet	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Calvin	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Hope	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Adrian	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Kalamazoo	1:00 p.m.

Women's Golf

Sept. 6	Olivet	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Alma	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Calvin	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Albion	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 28-29	Ferris State	TBA
Sept. 30	Kalamazoo	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Aquinas	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Adrian	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Hope	12:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Aug. 30	Sienna Heights	2:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	John Carroll	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 6-7	Adidas Classic	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Hiram	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Mt. Union	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Calvin	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Kalamazoo	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Albion	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Adrian	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Hope	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Olivet	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	St. Mary's	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Calvin	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Kalamazoo	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Albion	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Adrian	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Hope	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Olivet	1:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Sept. 6-7	Indiana Wesleyan	TBA
Sept. 11	Aquinas	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Wooster College	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	Ohio Wesleyan	12:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Northwood	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Calvin	12:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Kalamazoo	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Albion	12:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Adrian	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Hope	12:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Alumni Scrimmage	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	Olivet	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Calvin	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Kalamazoo	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Albion	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Adrian	12:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Hope	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Olivet	12:00 p.m.

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Staff Editorial

Alma's sexual assault policy misguiding

Last year, Alma College unveiled its new procedures and policies manual on responding to sexual assault, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment. This year as students began the fall term, they received a revised copy of this manual.

The basic concept behind this manual is that regardless of whether the incident is reported to the Center for Student Development, to the Student Affairs Office or to the Wilcox Medical Center, the college policy on responding to the reports is uniform. The procedure also calls for keeping the reports confidential, while offering the victim all the medical, counseling and legal services the college provides.

This statement of procedure and policy is based on Michigan law and has been widely touted by the administration as being a model policy on responding to incidents of sexual aggression. The policy is thorough and efficient. When cases are reported, the policy provides a compassionate, victim-oriented approach to dealing with the situation regardless of which branch of the college was first notified of the incident.

However, this policy is misguiding.

The inherent problem with this policy is that in its victim-oriented approach, it requires a victim. It is as if the college administration had completely ignored the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." As compassionate as this policy is, before it can take effect, it needs someone to whom it can be compassionate.

If this policy were instead the procedures and policies on preventing sexual assault, sexual misconduct and sexual harass-

ment, we, as a college community all too often plagued by these incidents, might not even have a need for our current policies and procedures. In its desire to come to the aid of those who have been wronged, the college administration does nothing to prevent the wrong from being committed.

It's wonderful that we have a policy for dealing with these incidents after they have been committed, for we might not be able to ever completely prevent them from occurring. However, we may be able to reduce the rate of incidence by redirecting our policy toward prevention, while still protecting the victim, should there be one.

What all of this boils down to is that the college administration has set in place an exemplary second step in confronting this problem on our campus. What is now desperately needed is an equally compassionate set of policies and procedures which has as its goal the prevention of these incidents from occurring. By combining these two policies, the college could finally make some headway in addressing this problem.

By creating a system designed to prevent sexual assault, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment and backing it up with the uniform, victim-oriented approach we currently have in place to responding to the situation should someone fall through the cracks, we could justifiably call our procedures and policies a model for other colleges. However, with the glaring omission of the first and most critical aspect of this system, we are off base in calling our manual anything but misguiding.

Sadly, that is the situation in which we currently find ourselves.

US motives in Iraqi bombing prove questionable

By Phil Allmen
Sports Editor

Last Tuesday the United States attacked southern Iraq, sparked by Saddam Hussein's attack on the Kurds residing in a United Nations designated "safe zone" in northern Iraq.

While President Bill Clinton declares this attack a success, and Iraq is "strategically worse off," there are reasons to question whether or not this attack is justified.

The U.S. launched 27 cruise missiles at 15 military targets in southern "no-fly" zones in Iraq. This region is not even close to the location of the Iraqi attack. In fact, these sights are more of a threat to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait than to the Kurds. The U.S. claims these attacks are to protect patrolling planes.

The day before the attack, GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole accused Clinton of "weak leadership" in dealing with Hussein. The U.S. does not hold any real security interests in Iraq. The convenient timing between the accusation and launching may be strictly a coincidence, but is worth noting.

Looking at the world's response to the bombings forces us to question the U.S.'s reasons for the bombing. Only Great Britain and Kuwait supported the action. Gov-

ernments in Tokyo, Moscow, Beijing and even Paris opposed the actions of the U.S.

The U.S. claims to be protecting the Kurds, however Hussein claims the same. Different Kurd minorities were fighting for power and Iraq stepped in to end the violence, albeit by attacking one of the groups.

If the U.S. was protecting the Kurds, why does it remain neutral while the two factions continue fighting?

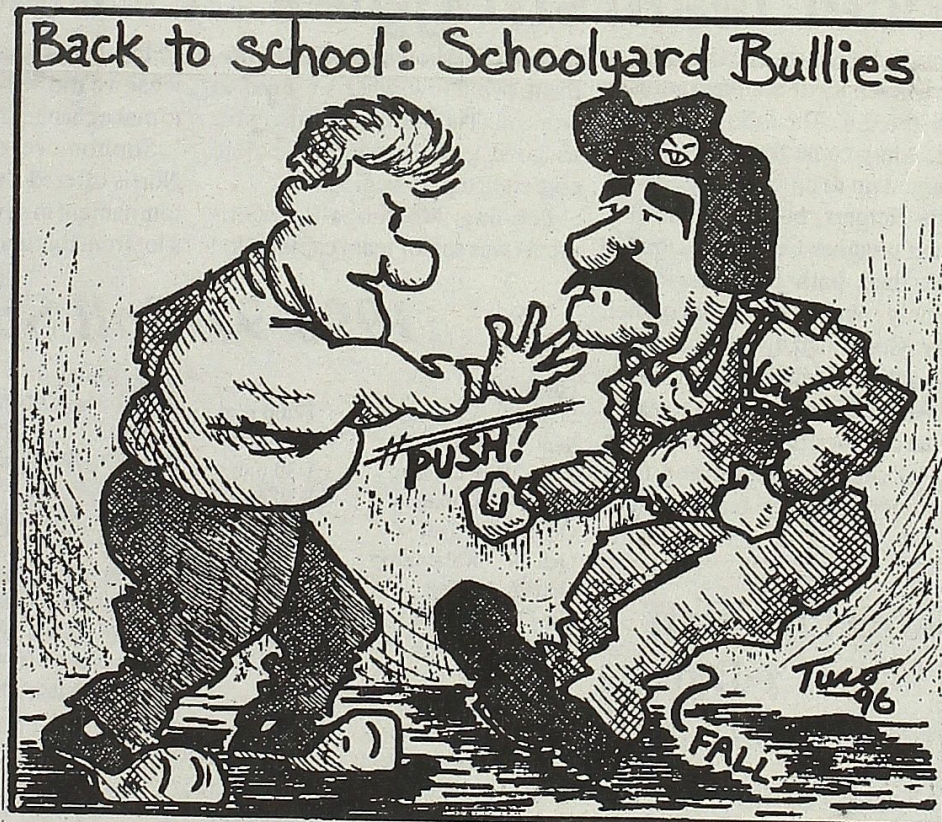
One possible explanation for the attack is Hussein himself. A popular trend in foreign policy is to go after the guys we do not like, the "bad-guy syndrome." Political observers see it all over the world: Libya's Moammar Qaddafi, North Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh and Cuba's Fidel Castro. The U.S. wants to do something about these leaders, often to remove them from power, but must worry about possible successors. It is hard to impose one's

own understandings and biases of society onto another. The U.S. tends to retake action against these bad guys through assassination attempts or a bombing raid.

Since the war in 1991 the U.S. has spent over 10 billion dollars in military operations around Iraq. This includes relief to the Kurds and maintaining the no-fly zone. The operation also uses over 50 planes, 11 ships and over 1,000

personnel. This is a large sum to pay for an area where we have no real security interests.

Whatever prompted the attack, political electoral gains, bad-guy syndrome, fear of Iraq's power, or a genuine belief to help the Kurds, the U.S. should consider its moves carefully, or its allies may begin to look elsewhere for support alliances.



Classifieds

• The dance department is offering a London trip for next spring term. A London theater and dance trip to be exact. If you are interested in finding out more about it please stop by my office in the Heritage Center and sign your name. I will then send you

an information packet describing the trip in detail and the costs involved. Some details to wet your appetite: we will be in London for approximately 10 days with a two-day trip to Stratford; we will see six performances which will include Broadway shows; ballet and

modern dance performances and theatre productions. Backstage tours and workshops will be included as well as guided tours and sightseeing of London—plus; much, much more. The course meets 3A distributive and receives four credits. Hope you will be able to join us for a very

exciting trip. Carol Fike, x7242.

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