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## News Briefs

### World News

#### Former apartheid president appears in South African court

South Africa's last hard-line apartheid president, P.W. Botha, appeared in court on Friday on charges of defying the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He said afterwards that he is unrepentant about his past actions. The 82-year-old former president was ordered to return to court in February to plead to charges of contempt and again on April 14 when a four-day hearing into his case is due to start.

#### U.N. inspector says Iraq appears determined to hide truth on arms

The British delegate to the United Nations, Sir John Weston, said Friday that Iraq had in effect rejected U.N. resolutions calling for its disarmament. The U.N. weapons inspection chief said that new Iraqi conditions on access to key sites may prevent his teams from ever learning about Iraq's banned weapons program. In Washington, Secretary of State Madeline Albright said the face-off with Iraq over United Nations arms inspections was "unacceptable" and would not be allowed to continue.

#### Space Shuttle heads toward Mir for final astronaut swap

The space shuttle Endeavour sped towards Mir on Friday, carrying one last American, Andrew Thomas, to live aboard the Russian space station. Thomas will live on Mir for four months. Fellow American David Wolf, who has been aboard Mir since September, will be coming home on Endeavour.

### Campus Happenings

Phi Beta Kappa is presenting **Elaine Tyler May**, professor of American studies and history at the University of Minnesota. She will be speaking on "Family Values: Confounding Myths of the American Past" tonight at 8 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

**Resident Assistant selection carousels** will be held on January 31 and February 1 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

## New allegations levelled against Clinton

By Karin Shrum  
Staff Reporter

Over the past five years the Clinton administration has seen more than its share of allegations of sexual misconduct. From Gennifer Flowers to Paula Corbin Jones, it seemed to be that Clinton's presidency and integrity could survive through them all.

However, it is the latest case that may cost Clinton the presidency. The announcement that not only may President Clinton have had an affair with a 21-year-old White House intern, but he may have asked her to lie about it before a grand jury in the Jones case hit the public on Thursday afternoon.

This latest investigation into the President's personal life centers around 24-year-old former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and an alleged year-long affair between Lewinsky and President Clinton.

Though Lewinsky, in a signed deposition, denied any such affair and President Clinton publicly denied it as well, illegally taped conversations between Lewinsky and Linda Tripp indicate otherwise.

Tripp, former White House staffer, was befriended by Lewinsky during Lewinsky's internship at the White House and then again while they were both employed at the Pentagon.

Allegedly during the course of their friendship Lewinsky confided in Tripp of a long-term affair she was having with President Clinton. However, unknown to Lewinsky, all conversations between herself and Tripp were being recorded. When Tripp heard that Lewinsky was denying the affair before the grand jury in the Jones case she decided something needed to be done.

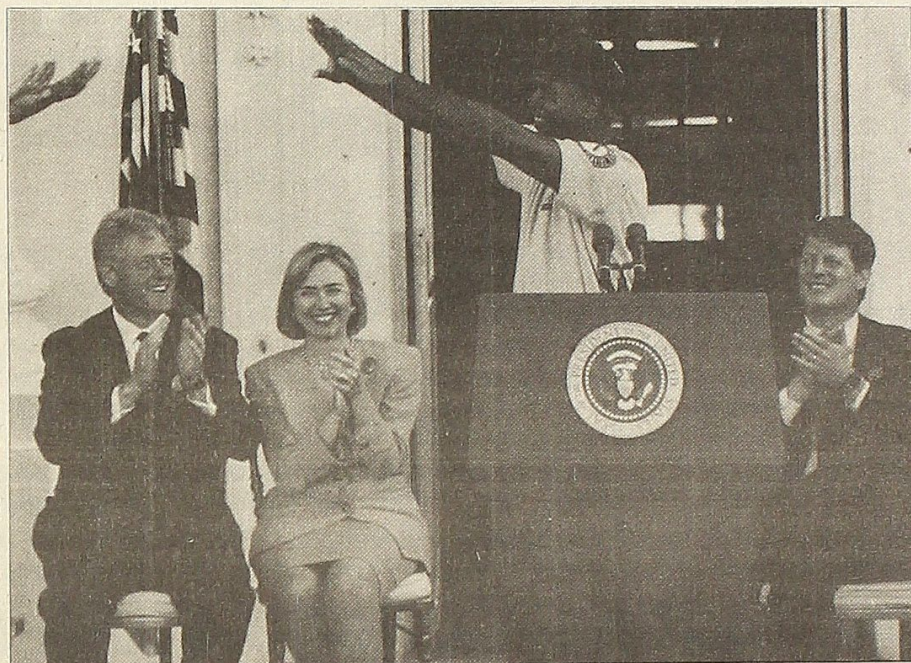
## Fletcher speaks to Alma College Republicans

By Sara Bickler  
Staff Reporter

It's been a year since Mark Fletcher came to Alma College. Last year at an Alma College Republicans (ACR) meeting he announced his candidacy for College Republican National Committee (CRNC) First Vice Chair. Last Thursday he came and spoke about the position which he did win, and about College Republicans in general.

He spoke about the different things that the CRNC does. According to Fletcher, "One of the first basic things that we do is provide materials to colleges; bumper stickers, flyers and general information that we get out to all chapter chairmen, and state chairmen as well."

He went on to explain that the CRNC works as a liaison between the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the college students.



President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton applaud a speaker at the White House. Photo courtesy of the AP wire service.

According to Tripp these alleged recordings are not only evidence of a standing relationship between Lewinsky and President Clinton, but also provide evidence that Clinton and his long time friend, lawyer Vernon Jordan, told Lewinsky to lie about the affair in her deposition for the Jones case.

"I want to say to you absolutely and unequivocally that Ms. Lewinsky told me in no uncertain terms that she did not have a sexual relationship with the President," stated Jordan at a press conference on Thursday.

The tapes containing the alleged conversations between Lewinsky and Tripp have been turned over to the special prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

"The sort of scenario that we're apt to see played out is that Starr will offer [Lewinsky] immunity from prosecution if

she'll help him make a case against Clinton," commented Burnet Davis, professor of political science.

Lewinsky may face charges of perjury if she takes the stand in the Jones case and she admits to the alleged affair contrary to her signed deposition.

Therefore, if Starr offers her immunity and she confirms what was said on the tapes President Clinton and Jordan could be facing charges of obstruction of justice and ultimately impeachment for the president.

"I think its premature to jump to any conclusions that Clinton's on his way out or that this is all a setup," commented Davis.

As of Friday night, most of the evidence that faces the public is based on allegations and leaked documents, so any scenario is still possible.

One area that Fletcher stressed was the work to help state federations and chapters with election events. They sponsor fieldman schools that help students prepare for elections.

These fieldman schools take place around the country and offer a lot of valuable training on campaigning and election purposes.

As the First-Vice Chairman, Fletcher works to oversee the 13 midwestern states in his region including Michigan. He keeps in contact with the state chairmen and helps to keep them informed.

Fletcher is also in charge of the CRNC internet program. He supervises the CRNC web site and runs a listserve. Fletcher said, "I annoy people to death on a weekly basis with just about every single piece of information they could possible need."

He mentioned some new things that they are planning for the web site, www.crnc.org. For one thing, they are

planning an interactive web site to be tested at [www.collegerepublicans.org](http://www.collegerepublicans.org).

"The internet is, I think, a great tool for college republicans because you can contact people without using phone lines which we all know is very expensive," he said.

Fletcher spoke about the need for different college chapters and state federations to be less introspective and to work more together. He said that often times there will be an important speaker only an hour away from a big college and their CR's will not know about it because it's in another state. Fletcher wants to change this and help the states stay more together.

Many of the students responded to Mark Fletcher. He is young, and he represents the National level. First-year student Aaron Simmons said, "I thought he was a wonderful speaker. A lot of times at these meetings we just get the stateside perspectives. We really got the views of the party from the national perspective."

# Computer Center tries to end frustration

By Joey Mead  
Staff Reporter

How many times have students been in the middle of a 15 page paper, tried to save and the computer crashes? Students then lose an hour or two retyping what they did not save.

Students have been getting more and more frustrated with the computers on campus, and are looking for answers.

"Fifty percent of the time I use [the computers] they do not print, they do not load up, they do not work. . . ever. I sound retarded, but they just never work. They are terrible. I hate them," said sophomore Kevin Main.

Main added, "I don't know how many times I have lost papers. I go in there, I'll be typing for two hours, go to print and it will just delete everything. It's a total waste of time and a waste of money and a waste of energy."

Main had recently returned from a class that he had been late for because his spread sheet class

before had printer problems during a test. The class had 30 students in it and no one could leave until the test was finished and handed in.

Sophomore Pamela Rooyakker said, "E-mail is always iffy. You never know if it's going to work. The printers suck—you can't ever print anything out—especially third floor SAC. The computers in the residence hall are so slow. I got on the other day to e-mail and it took an hour to load."

Donna Adams, who recently replaced Tonya Shire, is in charge of computer and media services. Shire left Alma for a job with Edward Jones, a financial advisory corporation.

Adams said that the server has only been rebooted twice. Once was during, what Adams refers to as "peak time," when everyone was moving from lunch to check their e-mail. It was also the time when labs get under way, so instructors in labs were all trying to start the server at the same time.

"What needs to occur to solve some of that is to 'up-grade the server. I don't mean hardware up-grade, I mean software up-grade," Adams said.

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Computer and Media  
Services**

Up-grading the server was supposed to be done while students were away for winter break. However, the student data file is corrupted, which means student's passwords would have had to be changed.

Adams felt that students would not have appreciated the change in the middle of the year without any warning.

Server up-grade has been rescheduled to be done over mid-term break. Students will get two weeks notice prior to break.

There will be advertisements and new passwords handed out so that when students come back from mid-term break there will be no surprises.

Adams said, "I know it may seem we're indifferent to all this, but we're clearly not and we're really working very hard to solve what [students] perceive to be big problems."

There are many variables as to why all the problems occur. Adams referred to two events that were out of the college's control.

The first was a problem in Illinois that caused problems with Netscape. Another was a problem in Indiana.

"They say that a furry critter went through the fiber. These kinds of things happen that we have no control over," Adams said.

Adams also said, "I always do

weekly maintenance either on Saturday morning or Sunday morning, but I tend to do those from the five to seven o' clock slot where I don't think any of you are on the server.

Adams also mentioned another up-grade the college is working on. Currently there are 42 modems that handle the dialing access. They are working to add 30 more modems, but the change will take a couple months.

Overall, students have been very supportive, they have worked with us, and we have tried to work with them when there have been individual or unique problems.

If people do have problems, I certainly wish they would visit us or call us so we can speak to those problems or try to resolve them, said Adams."

Sophomore Paul Krueger said, "I took the complaint about the zip disks not working to them a couple weeks ago, and they finally got that fixed, for the most part. It took about a week."

## St. Mary's College students attacked in Guatemala

By Rhonda Smith  
Staff Reporter

Last week a group of American students experienced robbery and sexual assault at gun point during their educational trip in Guatemala.

Thirteen students and three staff members from St. Mary's College, Maryland, were on their way back to their lodgings in Guatemala City. Their purpose in Guatemala was to learn its history and culture. They had just concluded

a day in the Guatemalan highlands with members of the human rights group, Cideca, when their bus was forced to a halt by two trucks carrying seven men.

The men carried semi-automatic weapons and forced the group to enter a nearby sugarcane field. For ninety minutes the men robbed the group of what money and clothing they had. They also raped five female students between the ages of 18 and 20. The ordeal ended when a witness contacted the police and the men

were chased away by gunfire.

The five injured women received treatment from a Guatemalan hospital and then immediately were flown back to the United States. The rest of the students returned on January 18 where they were met by the college's president, provost and dean of students.

Since the attack, five men have been arrested as suspects of the crime.

Cousins Pablo and Pedro Sotoy are suspected to be participants in

the rape. Cosbi Urias and Reyes Ventura are said to have confessed to being accomplices to the crime. As of last Friday, a fifth man was arrested in connection with the attack.

Spanish professor, Jorge Rogachevsky, claimed that the gunmen made it clear the crime was financially motivated and not politically motivated as first feared. The attack occurred in a hilly region well known for banditry.

However, the president of St. Mary's College, Jane Margaret O'Brien claimed that no United States travel restrictions were set and the school received no information hinting that the trip would have been so dangerous. This trip had been the third such to Guatemala for the school.

O'Brien commented that the school does not intend to discontinue its study abroad program. However, the school does plan to review the areas it chooses.

## Student Congress asks Board of Trustees to review library funding

By Missy Crossnoe  
News Editor

"The library is the heart and soul of a liberal arts institution," said members of Student Congress in a letter they have written to the Alma College Board of Trustees asking for increased library funding.

According to the Alma College library annual report for 1997, its library, in comparison to twelve other great lakes area colleges, ranked last in amount of money spent per student since the 1994-1995 year. Alma is twelfth in amount spent annually on the library and tenth in the category of volumes added. The college is tied for last in the number of students per professional staff.

"These rankings are unacceptable," said senior Brandon Miller, a student congress member. "The library is a laboratory for college students. I think it is the most important part of a liberal arts college."

The results of the report also show that from 1990-1991 to 1996-1997, while most schools increased their percentage of library spending, Alma's percentage dropped.

"By slowly decreasing our funds, we are going to keep falling farther and farther behind," said Miller.

To address this issue, members of Student Congress will be presenting their request to the Board of Trustees at the February 14, 1998 board meeting. They are asking the Board to consider ways to better finance the library for the future.

"The Trustees are acting favorably about this issue," said Student Congress President senior Dan Scripps. "We are hopeful that they will take it very seriously and solve the problem," he added.

Scripps said that Student Congress became interested in the library's ranking because of Miller's strong initiatives. Scripps

is also glad to be working on an issue other than parking.

"The condition of the library really affects the education of Alma students," he said. "It's nice to be concentrating on something other than a small meaningless part of college life."

The issue that Student Congress is primarily concerned with is the lack of books, journals and periodicals available for students to use for research.

"We are grateful to the Colina family for their generous donations to increase our library's facilities," said Miller. "Now we just need to fill that space with resources."

If Student Congress' request to the Board passes, students, faculty and community members will benefit. Scripps added that staff members of the library will also be happy. "Nobody wants a better library than the library," he said. "It must be very frustrating for them knowing that they are so far behind."

## Greeks welcome new members



Members of Alpha Gamma Delta (ΑΓΔ) celebrate before Walkouts on Saturday. For more about Walkouts and Runouts see pages 6-7. Photo by Derek Warner.

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# Belisle, Riley present faculty recital

By Karin Shrum  
Staff Reporter

Kristina Belisle, temporary professor of music, accompanied by Raymond Riley, associate professor of music, brought a modern twist to her faculty recital on Friday night in the Heritage Center's Presbyterian Hall.

Belisle joined Alma this fall and teaches clarinet and woodwind pedagogy as well as private clarinet lessons. She also coaches the woodwind quartet. However, Belisle still maintains a faculty position at the University of Central Arkansas teaching clarinet. She is currently on leave from this position.

"I always try to do one recital a year. It's really good for me to have a goal to practice for," commented Belisle.

Riley has been a faculty member at Alma since 1988 and met

Belisle while he was at Michigan State University working for his doctorate and she was working toward her master's degree. They never had the chance to perform together before and decided to take the opportunity now.

Before the recital Riley said, "I'm looking forward to playing and having people hear [Belisle]."

The first half of the recital consisted of *Premiere Sonate*, composed by Francois Devienne (1759-1803), a French classical composer, a more traditional piece of chamber music and *Sonata for Solo Clarinet*, an unaccompanied modern piece of music composed in 1986 by Ida Gotkovsky.

"It was really good. I heard sounds from the clarinet I'd never heard before," stated Kate Lowry '00, a member of the small audience that attended the recital.

The second half consisted of slightly more traditional pieces;

Peregit Verbunk, Op. 40 (1951) composed by Leo Weiner (1885-1960) and *Sonatina* (1981), composed by Joseph Horovitz.

Commenting on the final piece that was performed Riley stated, "It has a lot of interesting and little jazzy bits and really requires equal talent of both of us." The other two pieces that Riley performed with Belisle required only piano accompaniment.

The modern piece Belisle performed was a clarinet solo that provided a different twist to the recital as well as a difficult piece for the polished clarinetist to perform.

"Probably the only piece that people might not really like would be the unaccompanied piece, but I wanted to do it. It's a really hard piece and it's good to challenge yourself like that; it broadens your horizons," commented Belisle. The piece, written in 1986, was

premiered by Belisle's teacher Elsa Ludewig-Verdehr.

Belisle has played the clarinet since she was eight and over that time has performed in New York

City, Washington D.C. and Chicago. She was also a founding member of the Southspoon Winds, a New York-based woodwind quintet.



Raymond Riley, associate professor of music, poses at the piano. Riley performed on Friday with Kristina Belisle. Photo courtesy of the Public Relations Office.

## New Marriott chef plans for improvements in food service

By Cheryl Lenard  
Staff Reporter

"My grandmother was the first person in my life to teach me about cooking," said new Marriott chef, Eric Davis.

Davis, 23, has an extensive background in the culinary arts for being so young. He grew up in Mt. Pleasant, and since his parents were both "business people," he ended up making the family dinner starting in the fifth grade.

After graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1992, he studied the culinary arts through vocational education. Then he moved to Charleston, South Carolina for a year to study at Johnson and Wales University.

The following year, he transferred to the Providence, Rhode Island branch of the school where he stayed for three and a half years, finishing with a master chef degree in French classical cook-

ing. He is currently working towards a bachelor's degree in business administration.

In 1995, he moved back to Michigan. "I missed my mom," he said. He added, "I missed being around Michigan, [plus] I have a twin sister and another sister that go to Central [Michigan University]."

After finding work immediately at the Lemongrass restaurant in Mt. Pleasant, he worked for a year and a half before taking a job as a chef at Mountain Town Station, also in Mt. Pleasant. There, he was promoted to head chef.

Soon, however, the stress of working 90 to 100 hours a week wore on him. He also wanted to work with people rather than cooking in a kitchen 12 hours a day. It was then that he decided to take the job with Marriott at Alma College.

"I like to work with people

[and] talk to students," he said.

The young chef is optimistic and has many plans for changes in Joe's Place and VanDusen as well as Hamilton Commons.

"My goals are to make Joe's Place packed all the time and to raise lunch business in VanDusen," he stated.

"I have had a lot of experience in fine dining," he added. Davis also stated that he hopes to incorporate some of that into Marriott foods without the added cost usually associated with fine meals.

He said that "more people should come to Joe's." To accomplish this, he hopes to change the concept of Joe's to offer more of what he calls "southwestern Italian" food in addition to offering a broader range of food choices at the restaurant.

"I want [Joe's] to be more fun," he concluded.

Although Davis will be primarily working in VanDusen com-

mons, Hamilton Commons will not be without his new impact on food service at Alma. There, as well as in VanDusen, he would like to see a change in the sauté stations. Instead of having the food already sautéed, students in the future will be able to take a bowl of what they want sautéed and he will sauté it for them while they wait.

"It's kind of a Mongolian Barbecue approach," he said.

Davis will be sautéing in Hamilton every Wednesday evening.

"They're going to get new things over there. I like creating new dishes. When I do specials in restaurants, I never make the same dish twice," he said.

Outside of work, Davis enjoys outdoor activities like hunting and mountain biking.

"I like working with my hands," he said.

An avid volunteer with local

schools, he enjoys teaching younger students to cook through vocational education. He has also expressed interest in teaching some students at Alma to cook.

"Occasionally, I compete in food and ice sculpture competitions," he added.

In addition, he continued, "I enjoy the finer things in life." Specifically he noted art, music, fine wines and cigars.

While at Alma, Davis hopes that students will be open with him.

"People have to tell me what they want. I have an open door policy. They can always feel free to come and talk to me...even for advice on cooking," he said.

He concluded by saying that he does read the comment cards filled out by students and that he can take criticism.

"All I ask is that students have an open mind and [are] willing to try stuff," he stated.

## EPIC seeks to improve visibility, expand its membership

By Rhonda Smith  
Staff Reporter

"They've taken a huge step to make it more visible," remarked Trisha Jurkiewicz, part-time English faculty member, about the literary society, Epic. The group has made an effort this year to reintroduce themselves to Alma College by sponsoring various events.

Jurkiewicz became Epic's advisor in the fall of 1997 when the previous advisor, Roseanne Hoefel, associate professor of English, went on sabbatical. Jurkiewicz commented that the group has become more active this year because more of the students are coordinating the activities.

"They're really interested in making Epic something for the whole college and not just those who read and write poetry," said

Jurkiewicz.

Epic is planning many activities aimed to involve Alma College students in the literary community. Poetry readings are planned for at least once a month. The Halloween and women's literature readings last semester were well attended, according to president Maria Toscano '98.

The next poetry readings will be held on February 13, place and time to be announced. The theme will be anti-Valentines Day poetry. Senior Lydia Nichols, publicity chair for Epic, stressed that anyone is welcomed to attend the readings either to listen or read.

Another event Nichols said Epic was working on was the Writer's Harvest. The intent of the Harvest is to raise money and food for a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter. The Writer's Harvest would be an open-mike forum with the admission cost

being money or canned food donations. According to Nichols, organizing such an event demonstrates Epic's "social responsibility" to their community.

Another major project for Epic revolves around author Gary Eberle. "He's a very excellent reader," commented Toscano.

Members of the group listened to his workshops when they attended the Cranbrook writer's conference this summer. The group then decided to attempt to bring him to Alma. Eberle's book *Angel Strings* has made the New York Times Best Sellers List. The visit is "looking like a real possibility," according to Toscano.

Another goal for the group is to recruit new members in order to keep Epic alive. About ten students form Epic and about four are graduating in the spring. Anyone may attend Epic meetings if they maintain any interest in lit-

erature. Epic meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in Swanson Academic Center (SAC), room 104.

Nichols commented on the importance of keeping Epic available for students. "I think that having a literary group is important. Epic fills a need in the Alma College community and I think more people should become involved," she said.

Both Jurkiewicz and Toscano commented on the group's strength. "Their well organized, motivated and creative and I'm glad to be working with the group," said Jurkiewicz.

Toscano agreed. "I've got a great group of people I'm working with. We are a small group, but we're very dedicated," she said.

### Cool Internet Sites

Want to learn more about movies? Check out <http://library.advanced.org/10015>. This site is for movie enthusiasts who want to learn more about what goes on behind the cameras. The most interesting feature of this site is an area that allows you to "make" your own movie. You can write a screenplay, cast actors, frame shots, create sound effects and design publicity campaigns.

"When Chronic Illness...Or Some Other Medical Problem...Goes to School" is the title of the site at <http://funrsc.fairfield.edu/~jflleitas/contents.html>. This site contains the stories of people with illnesses who attend school. Most of the pages are written by the people themselves and contain poignant tales of acceptance, rejection, trials and triumph. Pages include Anthony, a second grader with leukemia, and Jessica, a young girl with lupus.

## Miller named Rhodes Scholar semifinalist

By Sara Bickler  
Staff Writer

This year, an Alma College student is gaining international recognition. Senior Brandon Miller is a semifinalist for the Rhodes scholarship program.

The Rhodes scholar program is a world wide scholarship program. The United States receives 35 of these scholarships a year. Those who receive the scholarship attend Oxford University for 2 to 3 years. This is all expense paid and the student can either earn a second master's degree or a bachelor's degree. These scholarships are awarded throughout various regions of the country. Alma is included in the midwestern region which includes the state of Michigan.

In order to win the Rhodes scholarship, a student must first be nominated by the college that they attend. After this, the nominees must then apply to the state

Rhodes committee. Out of around 60-70 applications, 12 are chosen to go on to be semifinalists. The semifinalists are interviewed by the state Rhodes committee and two are then selected as finalists.

Miller was nominated by President Alan Stone and applied to the state committee and was chosen to go on as a semifinalist. He was then interviewed by the state committee.

According to Miller, "What Alma did for me for the Rhodes scholarship is 21 different faculty members interviewed me and they were very helpful in getting me to focus on my answers on my application, and why I wanted the scholarship, and how I would use it."

Sandy Hulme, associate professor of political science, is the coordinator of the scholarship program for Alma College. According to Hulme, "This is the single most prestigious scholarship program in the United

States."

He recommended that any student apply to this program. He said, "This is something that's important and what students don't realize, especially in the sciences, is that this is a program that is open to students from every discipline."

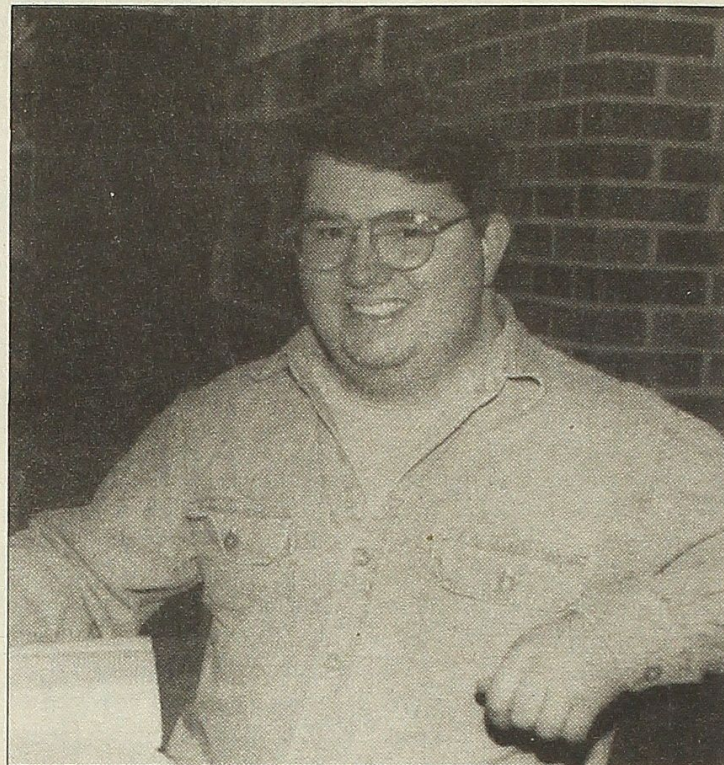
Although he did not get past the semifinalist stage, Miller did go the farther than any Alma College student has gone in the Rhodes program. According to Hulme, "[Miller] is helping to pave the way for future students, and it is really a process of recognition. Doing well in competitions like this help to spread Alma's name."

If any student is interested in attempting to become a Rhodes scholar, they need to see Hulme

*Senior Brandon Miller poses for a picture while working at the library's circulation desk. Photo by Derek Warner.*

before the end of their junior year to prepare their application. He warned that the standards are very

high and interested students need to begin preparing as soon as possible.



## Stone balances students, trustees, fundraising

By Charlotte Grant  
Feature Editor

"When people want to complain, they want to complain to the president," said Alan Stone, president of Alma College. That, he explained, is part of his job.

"The legal governing body of Alma College is the Board of Trustees," Stone stated. The 40-member Board selects the president of Alma College and evaluates him or her annually. As president, Stone said his job is to "make sure that the policies of the Board of Trustees are carried out at this institution."

Stone meets with Board members frequently to discuss college policies. Stone explained that dur-

ing a typical day he talks to at least three trustees.

Stone also meets with outside advisory groups such as students, staff, faculty and church representatives. It is his job, he said, to provide "interpretation [for] constituents," explaining policies to them when necessary. Stone explained that he meets with alumni groups whenever possible, as well.

As students are one of his constituency groups, Stone emphasized that he makes every effort to stay in contact with them by attending various college events.

"There's probably something to do every evening...of the school year," he said.

Stone also keeps open office

hours for students on Mondays from 3-5 p.m.

Off-campus, Stone has many responsibilities, including membership in several collegiate organizations. He is the state chairman of the Michigan Campus Compact, a group of 26 schools that fosters volunteerism. Stone is also the chair of the Michigan College Fund, which raises money from businesses.

He also serves on the president's council of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) and is the representative of Michigan's private colleges on a national level.

Stone spends much of his summer doing off-campus fundraising. The college needs to

raise \$4 million a year, he explained.

"The biggest gifts people want to give are to the president," Stone said.

A smaller portion of Stone's time is devoted to opposing the *U.S. News & World Report's* college ranking system. Stone first became involved in opposing it a few years ago when he began to feel it was "phony," he said. Stone explained that *U.S. News & World Report* did not value the same aspects of higher learning that Alma and other small schools did, so he began to speak out.

"I've become a major spokesman for schools who are dissatisfied with the ranking," Stone stated.

Stone said he enjoys his busy job and just renewed his contract for another ten years. He will then retire at age 65, after 20 years of service to Alma. Stone has a lot of plans for his retirement, including possibly working for a fund-giving foundation.

"I'd like to give money away for once instead of begging for it all the time," he said.

Travel plans are also on Stone's mind. He explained that he and his wife, Jonieta, take a major trip every year, and while they have seen much of the world, there are still many places to visit.

For the next 10 years, though, Stone will be here at Alma. And despite the busy workload and long hours, he said "I love Alma."

## New policy, traveling students, transfers lead to Winter Term housing shake up

By Sara Bickler  
Staff Writer

Well it is Winter Term here at Alma College and that means that there is going to be more room around campus.

According to James Kridler, dean of students, there are always less students in the second term due to students graduating in December, students traveling overseas, transfers, etc. He states, though, that "the biggest reason for the decrease this year is that more students went overseas this term than came back."

In all truth the housing numbers are not really down by much. Alma College can house 1,199 students, including 91 students in Greek houses, 28 in apartments and 56 in other small housing units. In September of 1997, 1,146 students were housed here. Now 1,088 students are housed here. That is a decrease of 58 students.

In the fall of 1996 overall enrollment was up and Alma housed 1,155 students, and last year at

this time 1,101 students were housed. So in actuality only 13 less students live on campus this year than did last year at this time.

One thing that has changed and is expected to affect these numbers in the coming years is the new senior policy. For the last three years only 30 seniors, chosen through a lottery process, were allowed to move off campus. Now any student who is a senior can move off of campus. This change was brought about for many reasons.

According to Dean Kridler, "It was two things, one educationally we felt there is some benefit to students beginning to live on their own, and two, it does create some more flexibility when we are housing the incoming students."

Although only around 40 seniors applied for this program, the numbers are expected to increase in the future.

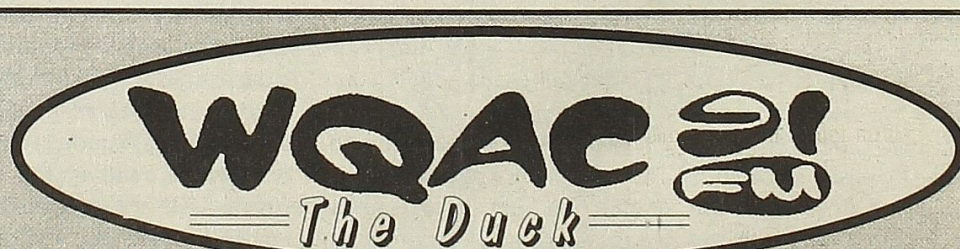
According to Kridler, "I think that it will probably grow in popularity. Some of the landlords will

open up more apartments once they see the need arise and because availability will be there, probably more students will be able to find what they are looking

for."

Non-senior students will have to wait to move off of campus. The housing policy currently says that only under exceptional cir-

cumstances can a non-senior student move off campus. This is partly because of the flexibility in housing that was created with letting the seniors leave.



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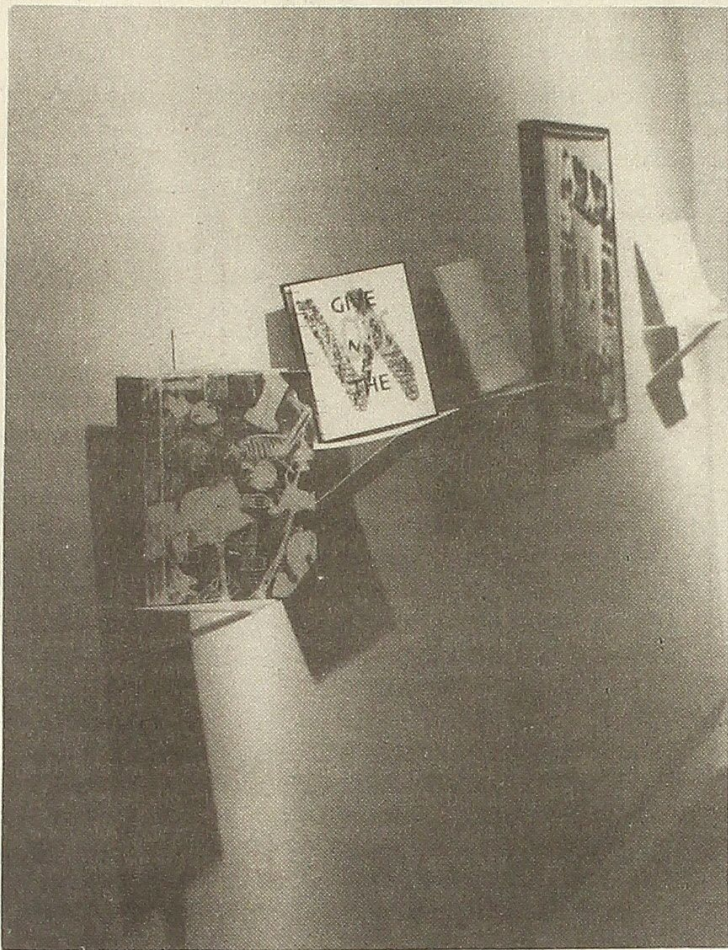
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## Clack art exhibit features hands-on approach

By Rhonda Smith  
Staff Reporter

"He could look at a child and see evil. Lest we never forget," read the placard accompanying one of the many Susan Hensel works now on exhibit at the Beck Art Gallery located in the Clack Art Building. Unlike many styles of art, Hensel's work is meant to be handled and examined by the viewer.

This particular work was part of the war chest series entitled "War Chest: The Final Solution." It consisted of a small wooden box decorated with images of Nazi soldiers on the lid. Inside the box two images confronted the viewer. Inside the lid was a picture of Hitler gazing into the box at a little girl. The picture of the

girl was surrounded by upright, copper nails and bullet shells.

Hensel's exhibit is part of this semester's course "Women in Art." According to Assistant Professor of Art Design and director of the gallery, Sandy Lopez-Isnardi, the gallery will focus on this theme by hosting female artists or male artists who focus on female subjects.

Hensel's exhibit opened on January 5 with a lecture. During her lecture, Hensel spoke about how and why she became involved with her work.

Hensel was raised in New York in the 1950s. Before entering high school she traveled the world. Hensel received a BFA in Painting and Sculpture from the University of Michigan. Late in the 1970s and 1980s Hensel began to seriously pursue the study of handmade paper and books. She has participated in Michigan's juried art fairs and is now represented in collections and competitions throughout the United States.

Hensel's exhibit contains three variations of her work: literary sculptures, artist books and the war chest series. These focus on the issues of love, death and war.

"She juxtaposes some very interesting ideas," commented Lopez-Isnardi.

Her literary sculptures focus on various authors. This series included titles like "Emily" (Dickinson), "Sappho" and "A Reliquary for D.H." (Lawrence).

"I knew that tragedy, suffering and mental illness were not the primary ingredients of creativity," Hensel commented. So she began to study the literature of female, suicidal poets like Sylvia Plath. Hensel discovered that Plath was "marvelously creative in spite of mental illness."

Her piece entitled "Sylvia" is a box covered in faux marble. The

box contains Plath's only novel *The Bell Jar* along with ashes, burnt pieces of her poems from *Ariel* and rose petals. Upon opening the book, the viewer sees a little glass jar that contains a lone slip of paper with Plath's birth and death years on it.

Lopez-Isnardi remarked upon the uniqueness of touching artwork.

"Hensel really tries to use all of the senses. Art is very often about using texture and the formal elements of design which allows the person to get into the piece," she said.

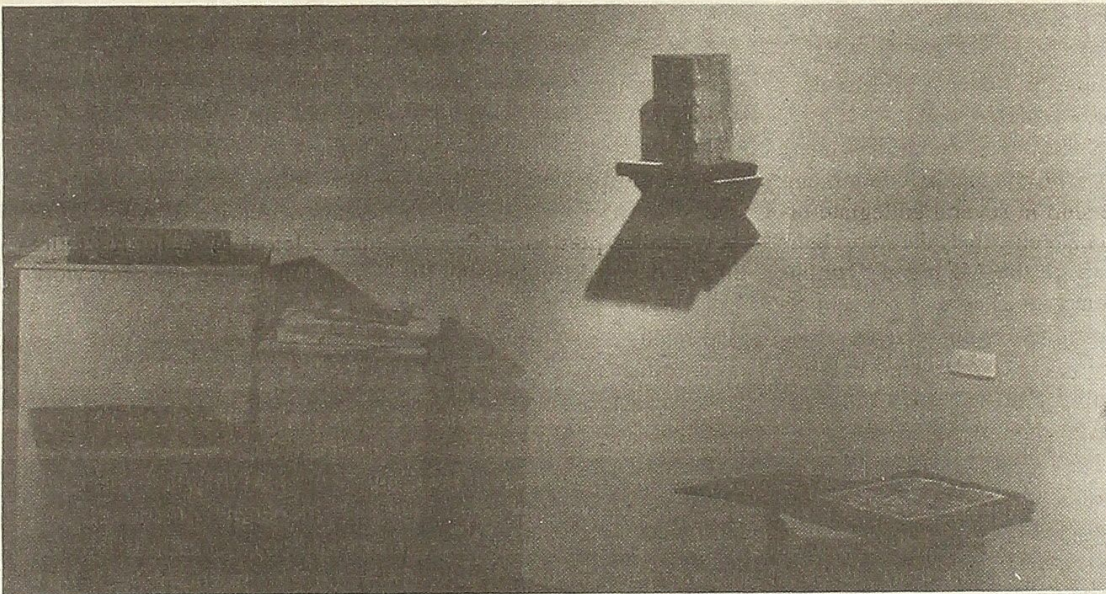
Hensel's artist books demonstrate her ability to produce paper and books as pieces of art. Each book was created and bound by Hensel. Her work, "Letters of Obsession" is a book bound accordion style. The book holds numerous handmade envelopes and each envelope contains a letter which the viewer may read. The letters chronicle a lover's obsession.

Lopez-Isnardi commented on one of the many messages Hensel's work sends. "Art is important to show how to use the mind's tools differently," she said.

She also stressed the need for students to look at this exhibit "Take advantage of it while it's here. Hensel's work speaks to people more easily because it has a representational quality," she remarked.

"I like the way she used images of shattered innocence to shock the observers into thought," said junior Melissa Marino.

The exhibit will be on display until February 5. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A preview of Hensel's and other visiting exhibits may be obtaining by visiting [www.alma.edu/acinfo/acfacts.html](http://www.alma.edu/acinfo/acfacts.html).



*Susan Hensel's artwork, pictured on this page, is currently on display at the Beck Art Gallery. Hensel's art is unique in that the pieces are designed to be picked up and examined. Photos by Derek Warner.*

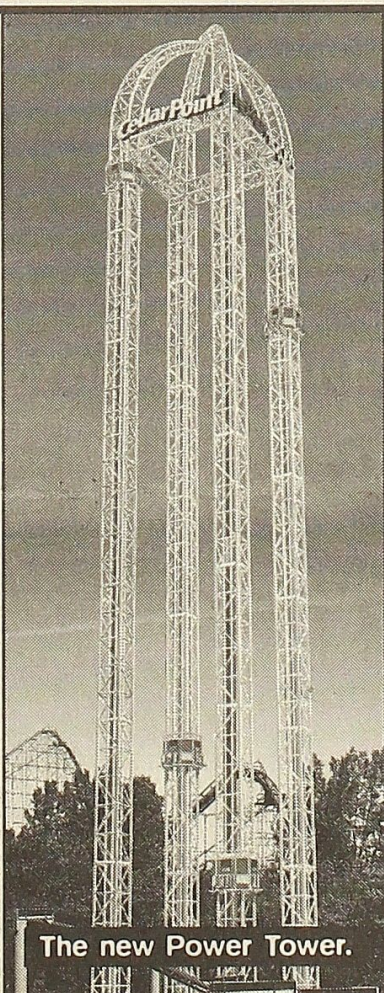
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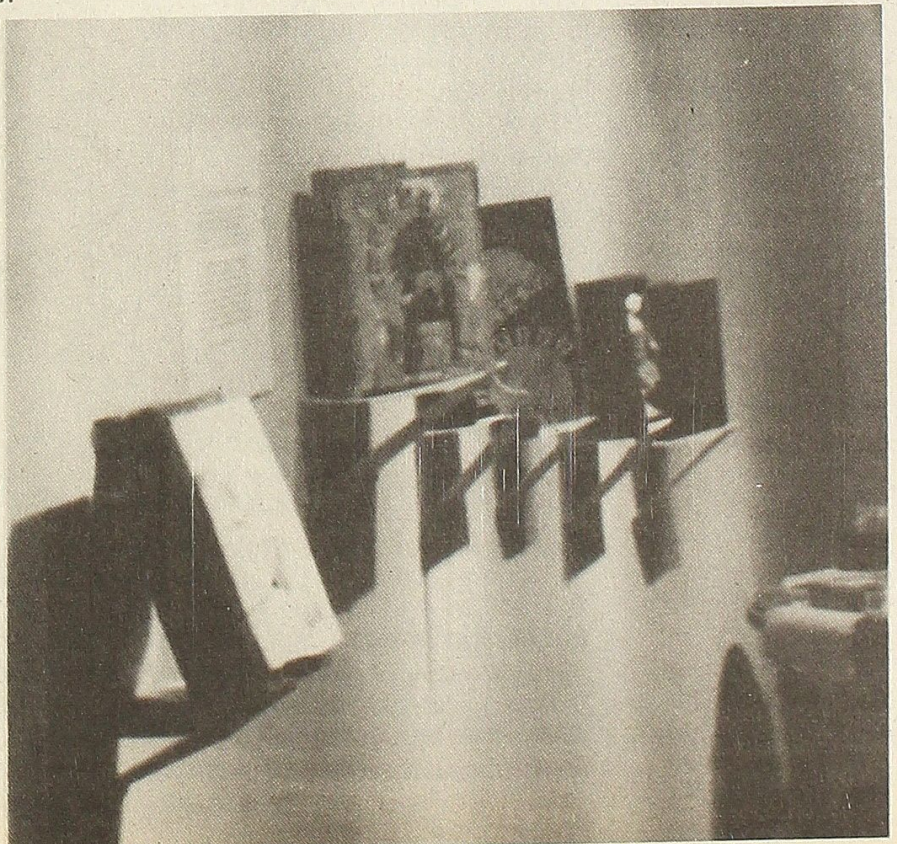


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# Fraternities, sororities

Feel the Rush!

By Missy Crossnoe  
News Editor

The Greek community at Alma College welcomed in many new members this past week. Rush began on January 12 for both the women's and men's groups and formally ended this past Saturday with Walkouts for the women and Runouts for the men.

Walkouts and Runouts, which were held in Cappaert Gymnasium, are annual celebrations designed to introduce each new member of the winter pledge classes and to inform the Alma community which Greek organization they have chosen to become a part of.

"Things went off without a hitch," said Jennifer (J.J.) Klimkiewicz, Newberry hall director and Panhellenic (Panhel) advisor. "We have learned from past years and are continuing to learn how to improve the set-up of [Walkouts]."

"Having [Walkouts] and Runouts on the same day made for a much more exciting night," she added.

Junior Leslie Russell agreed that Walkouts "went really well this year. I was impressed with the way things worked; it seemed like [the] groups really supported one another."

An addition to this year's celebration for the women was the members of Phi Sigma Sigma ( $\Phi\Sigma\Sigma$ ), who were excited to attend their first Walkouts.

"Before [Walkouts] the campus didn't know much about who we were," said

$\Phi\Sigma\Sigma$  president Dawn Smith. "It was great that we all got to introduce ourselves. We had a great time and we are planning to be even louder next year!"

Bill Arnold, associate dean of students and advisor of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), said that Runouts went well too.

"Overall it went better this year than it has previously," he said.

"People may have been disappointed about us not allowing back-packs, coats or drinks into the gym, but it was just a precautionary measure for us. It caused us a lot less headaches."

He added that "the men from IFC and the women from Panhel did a great job with security."

Junior Troy Cox, IFC rush chair, said that IFC received lots of compliments from the administration. "Coach Greg Baadte especially said the security did a good job and that he was happy on how it all

went," said Cox.

Baadte, who is responsible for all events held in Cappaert Gymnasium, commented that "the IFC security did a great job at keeping the alcohol out, which is what I was looking for."

Cox added that "personally, I think everyone did a good job keeping their brothers in line. I would like to thank the security and all the fraternities and sororities for their help in positively representing the Alma College Greek community."

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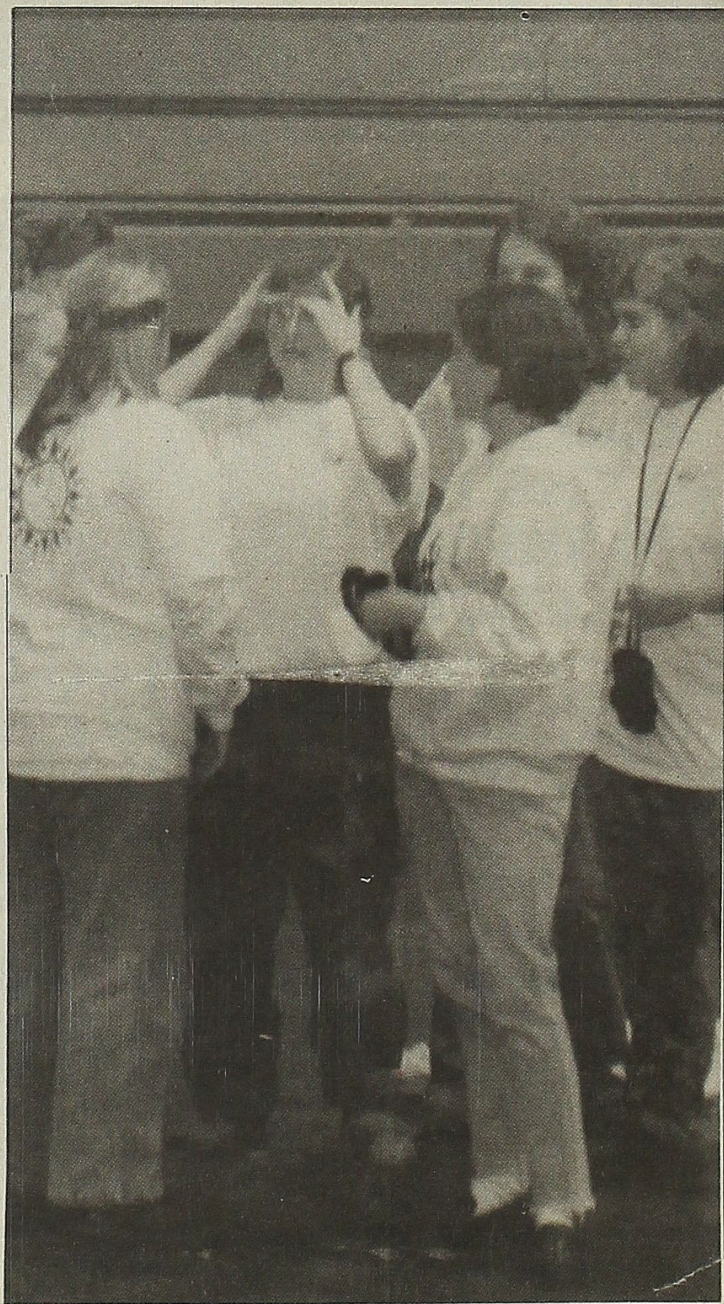


Kappa Iota (KI) members display their letters to the audience. Photo by Derek Warner.

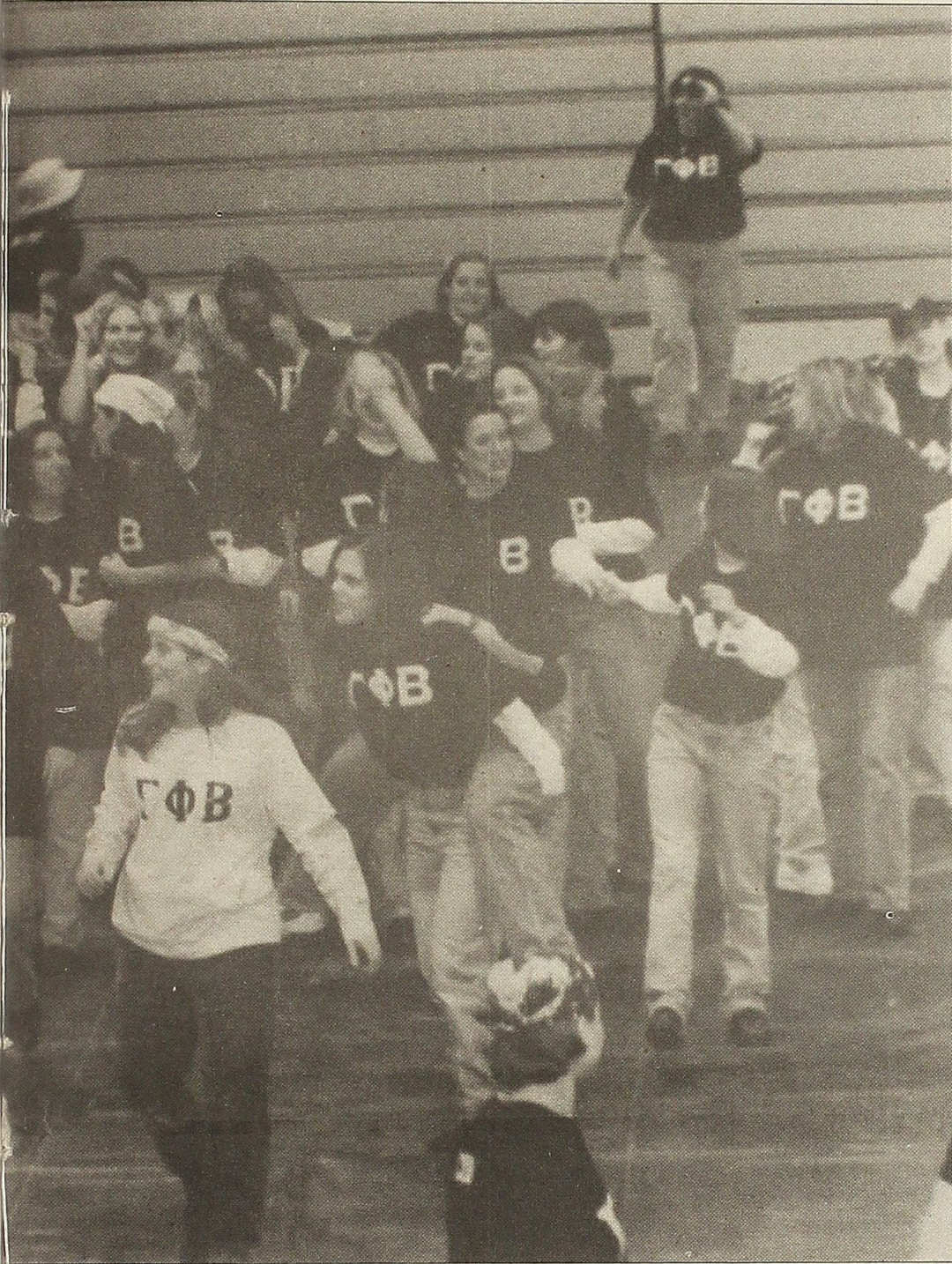


The brothers of Zeta Sigma ( $Z\Sigma$ ) stand at attention, awaiting their first new member. Photo by Derek Warner.

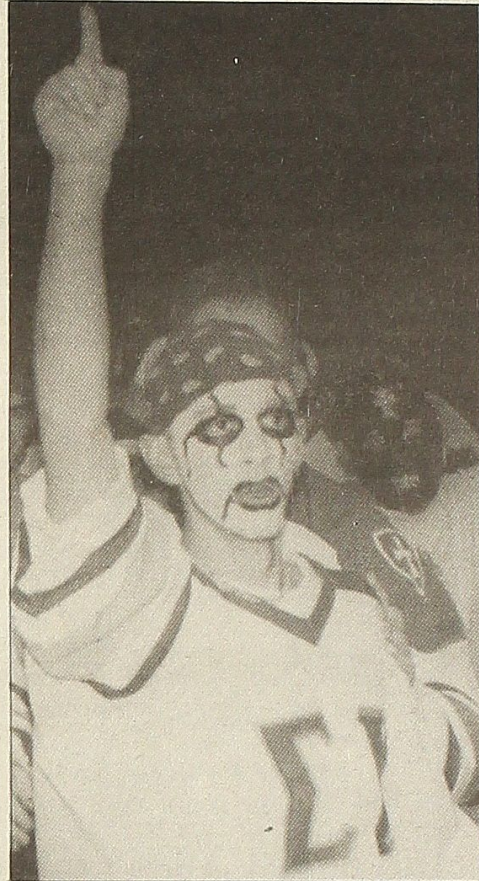
Phi Sigma Sigma ( $\Phi\Sigma\Sigma$ ) members wait on the gym floor for Walkouts to begin. Photo by Derek Warner.



# welcome new members

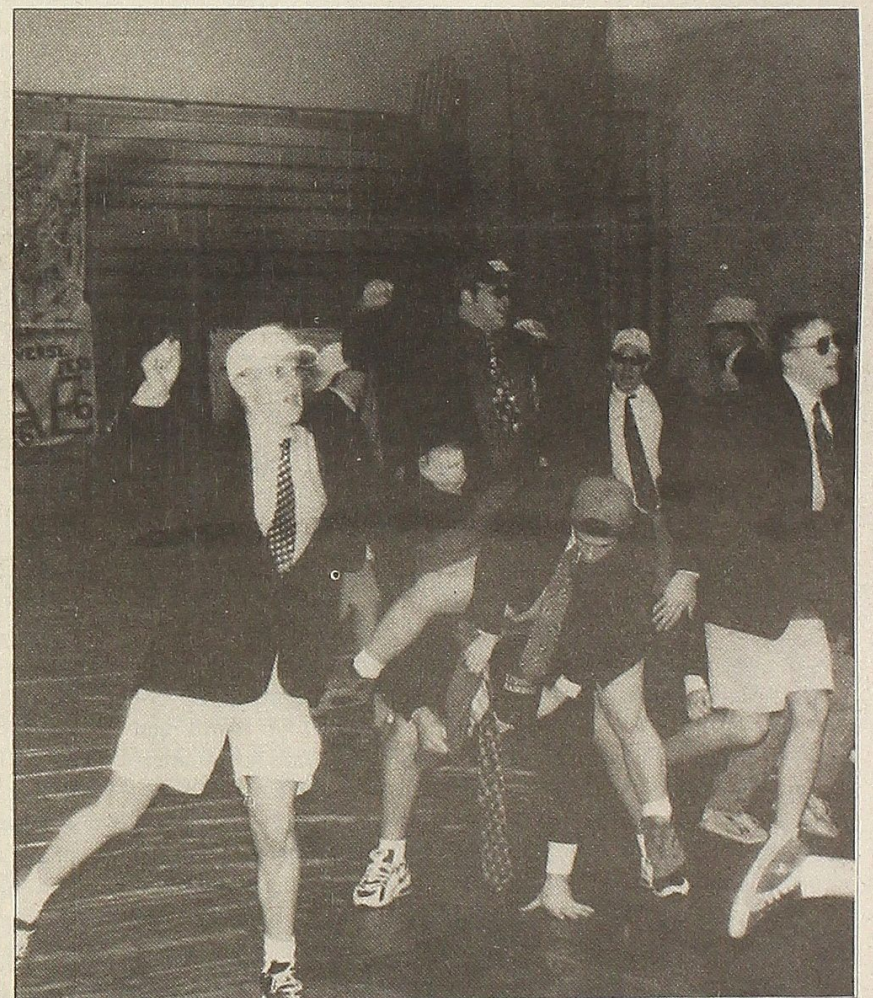


*The sisters of Gamma Phi Beta (ΓΦΒ) prepare for Walkouts. Photo by Derek Warner.*

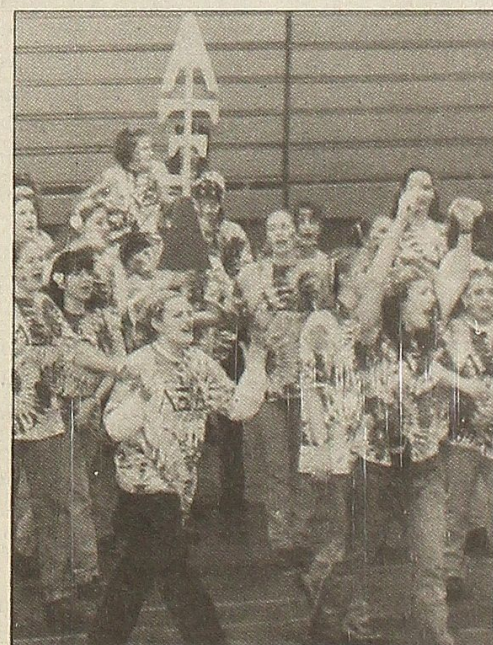


*Junior Erik Cargill, a member of Sigma Chi (ΣΧ), displays his freshly-painted face to the crowd. Photo by Derek Warner.*

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon members (ΣΑΕ) make their entrance to Runouts. Photo by Derek Warner.*



*Members of Alpha Xi Delta (ΑΞΔ) move toward the crowd after entering the gym before Walkouts. Photo by Derek Warner.*



*The crowd cheers as Runouts begins. Photo by Derek Warner.*

## Men lose two games

By Chris Porco  
Freelance Writer

"We have to step it up." According to senior Eric Spielhaupter, this is what the Alma College men's basketball team has to do to climb out of their losing streak and win some games.

These words have been said by many people many times, but they still possess a strong meaning, especially to the men's basketball team.

In last week's action, the Scots lost to nationally-ranked Hope on Wednesday, 96-78. On Saturday, the Scots were defeated by Olivet, 74 to 98. Through Saturday's games, the Scots are 4-10 overall and 0-5 in the league.

In the game against Hope, Alma was down 44-29 after the first half. This first-half deficit was just too difficult for the Scots to overcome, but they scored much better in the second half: 49 points to Hope's 52. Regardless, the game still resulted in a win for Hope and a loss for Alma.

Through Saturday's games, Doug Austin leads the Scots in scoring with 165 points, followed by Jeremy Hyler with 114 and Eric Spielhaupter with 108. Austin and Seth Stapleton lead the team in assists, with 24 each. Hyler leads the team in rebounding with 72 boards for the season.

The game against Hope and the game against Olivet contributed to the slump the

team is in.

According to senior Jeff Curtis, this has not affected team morale. "We're really struggling. It's been really tough and it's taking a toll on the players, but everyone is keeping their heads up. I'm glad everyone is keeping a positive attitude," said Curtis.

According to Assistant Coach Joe Pechota, the team is "not playing at the level we need to be. We're going to continue to work hard. We're going to keep getting after it and we know we'll get out of [this slump]."

There does not seem to be specific areas the team needs to improve on.

"You can't pinpoint one thing . . . it's hard to say one thing that's wrong, but if I had to pick one it would be our defense," said Curtis.

Spielhaupter echoed Curtis's feelings when he said, "We've got to step up and play better defense . . . If we improve the team defense, the offense will come."

"We've got to stay focused," said Pechota, "and keep pushing through some mental speedbumps."

This week is a very important week for the team. On Monday, the Scots battled Grace Bible College, but the team will have two crucial MIAA matches this week: Albion on Wednesday and Kalamazoo on Saturday. All three games will be at home.

Curtis said, "This is a big week—we've got three home games . . . hopefully we can get back on the winning track."

## Scots move to 3-2



First-year student Rebekah Barker defends an Olivet Comet during Saturday's game. The Scots topped Olivet 80-52 on Saturday after defeating Hope 87-83 on Wednesday. The Scots are currently in fourth place in the MIAA with a conference record of 3-2. The team travels to Albion tomorrow before facing Kalamazoo on Saturday. Photo by Beth Rosenow.

## Broncos beat Packers to win Super Bowl XXXII

### Elway finally wins, Denver snaps 13-year NFC winning streak with 31-24 victory

By Tom Glegola  
Staff Reporter

The Denver Broncos upset the Green Bay Packers, 31-24, in Super Bowl XXXII, ending the 13-game win streak of NFC teams, and finally giving John Elway a championship ring.

The Broncos won with less than two minutes left, on a one-yard touchdown run by Terrell Davis. The touchdown was Davis's third rushing touchdown of the day, a Super Bowl record.

Davis, who rushed for 157 yards, was also named Most Valuable Player. Most impressive

about Davis's total was that he gained zero yards in the second quarter. Rather ironically, the last AFC player to receive the Super Bowl honor was Raiders' running back Marcus Allen, who, like Davis, graduated from Lincoln High School in San Diego.

Following Davis's final touchdown, the Packers had one last chance to score. On fourth and six, with 28 seconds left, quarterback Bret Favre attempted a pass to tight end Mark Chmura, only to have it batted down by Bronco defensive back John Mobley.

The Broncos realized head coach Mike Shanahan's major

goal of not letting the Packers get a big lead early and even led 17-7 at one point in the game.

The keys to the Broncos' victory were the offensive line winning the battle at the line of scrimmage, keeping the Packers offense off-guard with various blitz packages and containing Favre.

Favre did not scramble once during the entire game. Additionally, the Packers turned the ball over three times. In the previous two Super Bowls, the NFC did not have a single turnover.

The Broncos offensive line dominated a Green Bay defensive line featuring players such as

Reggie White and Gilbert Brown despite the Packers' size advantage.

The Green Bay defensive line lost the battle at the line of scrimmage because lineman Gabe Wilkins was injured early in the game and White and Brown were tired. Brown could be seen on the side line "sucking air," while White took a breather during the Packers' final touchdown drive.

The sentimentalists were pleased as to the outcome of the game because John Elway, after four attempts, and eight years after his last Super Bowl appearance, finally won a Super Bowl.

Bronco owner Pat Bowlen said it best when he said that the Super Bowl was for Elway. As speculation increases about Elway retiring, many see winning the Super Bowl as the exclamation point for his the Hall-of-Fame career.

With Elway winning a Super Bowl, Dan Marino—the only other quarterback with more yards passing who still lacks a Super Bowl ring—will likely remain a sentimental favorite for next season.

The game, being so close, was compared by some to the Jets' upset of the Colts in Super Bowl III, and is considered to be one of the greatest games ever.

## Swimming teams continue preparations for MIAA conference meet

By Cheryl Lenard  
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's swim teams competed twice last week, against Olivet at home and against Calvin on Saturday, while continuing preparations for the MIAA conference meet coming up in less than a month.

Last Wednesday, the women's team hosted Olivet at home and promptly smoked them with a final score of 95-17.

"[Olivet] only had six girls, [so] they aren't really competitive. Most people didn't even swim their normal events," said sophomore, Amanda Barker.

Other outstanding swims for the women include first-year student Jenny Troyer's performance in the 200 freestyle.

"Amber Bunting (00) [also] had a nice swim in the 1000 [freestyle]," added Paul Griffin, assistant coach.

Although the men's team did not compete against Olivet, they did enter an exhi-

bition team for the 200 medly relay. Sophomore Mike Cox, and juniors Bill James, Chad Wisniewski and Mark Oberman swam a 1:41.42 which set a team record and barely missed the pool record. Griffin stated that the team should also be close to the national cuts.

At Calvin last Saturday, the women's team defeated Calvin 139-101. The men, however, lost the meet 146-89.

Wins and top performances for the women's team include the 400 medly relay of first-year students Nicole Gentry and Sarah Vandermeer, Barker and senior Jennifer Bondy-Griffin with a time of 4:21.08, Renee DeGraaf's 25.75 performance in the 50 free and Barker's 2:18.54 performance in the 200 backstroke.

Rounding out top women's performances were Gentry, who dropped six or seven seconds off her previous times to win the 200 fly, senior Marisa Proctor who won both the one- and three-meter diving events and Vandermeer, sophomore Car-

rie Thomas and first-year student Christine Doyle who swept the 200 breaststroke by grabbing first, second and third places.

"For the men," Griffin said, "there were five close races that if we would have won we would have won the meet.

If we were able to turn those [races] it would have been a completely different story." The men ended up falling to Calvin with a score of 146-89.

Notable performances for the men include Oberman and senior Steve Taylor who grabbed first and second places in the 50 free, Cox who broke "the 2:10 barrier" in the 200 IM for the first time, sophomore Mike Heyd who had a best time in the 200 IM.

Joey Mead also won the one meter diving event and Bill James won the 200 breast with a time of 2:26.44.

The teams compete against Hillsdale College today. "[Hillsdale is] a final tune up for conference and people are starting to rest up and mentally and physically prepare for conference," said Griffin.

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# Bateson receives All-American honors

By Joey Mead  
Staff Reporter

Congratulations are in order for Alma College, who just received its first All-American soccer player. Senior Jeff Bateson was one of 33 soccer players from Division III colleges to be awarded All-American status last weekend.

Alma also had four players awarded All Mid-East. The recipients were Bateson, senior Tom Jewett, junior Jason Passalacqua and junior Matt Keller.

There were over 1000 people attending the event at a large banquet hall in Cincinnati. Many attending were other men and women high school to Division I All-Americans. The award was presented to Bateson by famous Brazilian soccer player Pelé.

Eleven players from the first team, 11 players from the second team and 11 players from the third team are awarded All-American status. Bateson was chosen from the first team. Also chosen to be on first team was Jewett. Alma had two of its players on first team, which is also a

first in Alma College history.

"I thought it was a pretty cool event. Definitely the biggest thrill was meeting Pelé, and getting my picture taken with him. The other thing that was special for me was having my coach there, my girlfriend Sarah and Tom Jewett. It was cool to have someone to share it with," Bateson said.

Jewett said, "I'm so glad he got it. He deserves it. I'm his biggest fan. He embodies everything Alma soccer is about."

Head soccer coach Scott Frey said, "It was pretty neat, and a well-deserved award. That's the kind of thing he'll always remember."

Bateson has been playing soccer since he was 5 years old. He played for a team called the White Mosquitoes which his father coached.

"I think I started playing soccer because I was jealous my brother was playing. But I never played football or anything else but soccer. I played club ball and in high school," Bateson said.

Bateson attended Midland High School and was a part of a suc-

cessful team for four years. He was varsity and starting line for three of those years and was also MVP of that league, as he is for the MIAA conference this year.

Bateson has come a long way and has had a very successful career in soccer, but he still believes that it was the team that brought him to the success he had in college.

"Personally I think it was one of my better years, but winning

the conference helps you get conference awards and then that helps you get the All Mid-East award, and then people just know who you are. I think the biggest thing that helped me get the All-American award was everybody around me on the team."

Bateson's friend Jewett said, "He down plays the award a lot. Half the guys on the team didn't even know about it, which just tells you what kind of a person he

is."

This was Bateson's last year playing soccer, but he plans to come back and coach.

"I'm going to coach next year, I have to be around for next semester anyway. I want to help out and see what it's like from the side lines," he said.

Bateson also hopes to coach college soccer in the future. He hopes that next year the Scots can go undefeated.

**"I think the biggest thing that helped me get the All-American award was everybody around me on the team."**

• Jeff Bateson

## Men's Soccer Honorees

### All-American

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### All Mid-East

Jeff Bateson, Tom Jewett,  
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Above: Senior Jeff Bateson advances the ball up the field against Mount Union College. File photo.  
Below: Senior Tom Jewett embraces a teammate following a hard-fought victory. Photo by Al Chadwick.

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# Hate crimes typify useless legislation

By Shannon Casey  
Staff Reporter

Mindless legislation has run wild in this country. Many politicians are more interested in passing laws that sound good rather than passing laws that are practical.

The emergence of hate crimes is prime example of this type of useless legislation.

On the surface, laws differentiating between hate crimes and regular crimes sound great. A president who supports this legislation must care about injustice,

right? Wrong! Supporters of this legislation care about sound bites, not actual injustices.

What is the difference between a hate crime and a regular crime? The term hate crimes refers to motives behind the crimes. The original intention of this legislation is to address crimes of racism and other prejudices and to allow stricter sentences for these crimes.

Why should the motive of a crime be examined in determining the punishment?

A crime is a crime, regardless of the motive. The damage is done and cannot be reversed. We

should not be strict solely on crimes motivated by hate. We should be strict on all crimes.

If a man kills the man who raped his daughter, is this a hate crime?

There is no doubt that the murderer was motivated by hate. Will this man be sentenced under the new hate crime guidelines?

Not only is it pointless to classify crimes according to motivation, but it is also impractical. Who would be in charge of classifying the motives? What would be the guidelines of each classification?

A white man committing a crime against a black man is no different than a white man committing a crime against another white man. Those who want to classify crimes into hate and otherwise are trying to pit Americans against each other.

It is impossible to watch the news without being told you are prejudiced against race, sexual orientation or other cultural biases. This type of isolation feeds on itself and fosters into cultural tension, which further splits the country.

Politicians cannot agree to a

specific definition of hate. Liberals see hate as a code word for anybody who disagrees with them.

President Clinton's Press Secretary, Mike McCurry, referred to Rush Limbaugh as hate radio. Limbaugh is considered hate radio because he disagrees with the political agenda set forward by Clinton.

Liberals love free speech as long as it promotes their ideas. As soon as their logic is questioned or a different point of view is presented, an accusation of hate mongering will follow.

*Sports Uncovered by Tim Caister*

## Broncos, Elway finally win Super Bowl Championship

*Off the top of my head...*

**The Super Bowl was a good game, but...**

The biggest game of the year was played this past Sunday, and the one word comes to mind; pity. The Super Bowl was not consumed by Denver versus Green Bay or AFC and NFC, but rather consumed by those bleeding-heart fans. You know who I'm talking about. The same people who cheer the Broncos on, not because they are Denver fans, but that they think John Elway deserves a championship ring.

Their justification is that Elway has served his time in the league. He has played long enough and good enough, so why not just give him a ring. Ever heard of Dan Marino? Warren Moon? Dan Fouts?

The Super Bowl should be surrounded by that gridiron feeling that occurs when you play football. The clash of the titans, the battle to decide it all and so forth. Not this past Sunday. Instead, the aura surrounding the game was one of pity. Not just for Elway, but for the Broncos. Again, you should know what this is too. The

sentiment goes: the Denver Broncos have served their time in the league, they have lost four Super Bowls before, so why not give them the trophy?

This is completely wrong. However, the Pity Bowl did turn into a great game. Don't get me wrong, the Super Bowl was an excellent game which came down to the last few minutes, but at the end there was this sigh which could be heard around the world that said: "finally, the Broncos and Elway won the big game."

In the end, the Broncos do deserve the trophy. They played an

excellent football game and beat a good Packer team. However, one should not win simply because they have served their time. What about Barry Sanders and the Lions?

**Bryant an All-Star starter?**

The NBA needs to have an unwritten rule that you must be a regular starter on your own team to start on the All-Star team. Yes, Kobe Bryant was elected by the fans, but he deserves to be the sixth man on the All-Star team, not on the starting five. This is a prime example of when the league needs to use a little discretion.

**Cheers to Larry Bird.**

After Sunday's NBA games, the All-Star coaches were determined and Larry Bird got the nod for the Eastern Conference. The Chicago Bulls lost which blew Phil Jackson's chances and put Bird in the coach's chair.

It is nice to see a first-year coach get the position. Get someone new in the seat, especially Bird. For a player who had the success he did, it is nice to see it continue in the coaching ranks. In a game where instability reigns, the man from French Lick, Indiana goes on.

## Overseas studies

## Students should make the most out of college with overseas experience

By Tom Glegola  
Staff Reporter

Many agree that an experience overseas is likely the defining moment for any college student. Yet many college students do not study beyond their home institutions.

There are many excuses, including money, fear, the language barrier and the feeling that not enough is being offered.

During the summer, before I went to Europe, I must say that I was terrified. I knew no one in Prague. There would be no one for me to turn to. I did not speak Czech. This was going to be my first time outside of the United States and Canada.

I spent most of the summer dreading July 27, when my plane was to leave from Detroit Metro Airport.

Now, when I look back, I cannot believe that I was so apprehensive. I was about to experience the unknown. Yet at the same time, I was about to partake in the experience of a lifetime.

Because of my experience, I feel that I can only encourage others to do the same.

Alma College offers a wide variety of study abroad programs.

Students can study in Spain, Mexico, France, Germany, Japan, England and Australia, just to name a few. I studied in Poland. In fact, an Alma student can study just about anywhere and still receive credit.

Many programs do not require previous study of the foreign language.

If an Alma College student desires to study in Spain, Mexico, France, or Germany, then they have to meet a language requirement. But many other programs exist.

For example, Alma sponsors programs taught in English in the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Austria. Students wanting to study in a country where almost everyone speaks English can study in England or Australia.

The most important experience is not learning a new language or improving a previously studied language, but rather immersing oneself in a foreign culture and therefore opening oneself to new ideas.

Those wishing an even more unique experience can arrange one through the International Education Office. Previous students have arranged studies in

places like Guatemala. Additionally, students could apply for the India Fellowship and spend a year in India.

Finally, the cost of studying

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## OPINION

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## Budget surplus should promote tax cuts

By Shannon Casey  
Staff Reporter

The Clinton administration has shifted its focus from pursuing a balanced budget to deciding how to spend the current budget surplus. Last year, the President and Congress were fighting over how long it would take to balance the budget. President Clinton argued

it could take up to six years to balance the budget, while Congressional Republicans had faith it could be done sooner.

Neither party thought the budget would be balanced this year. When economists started talking about the budget surplus a couple of weeks ago, a fundamental debate between conservatives and liberals arose.

Republicans understand President Reagan's vision that a strong economy moves the country away from deficits. They also realize that economic freedom fosters a stronger economy. Republicans argue that this economic freedom should come in forms of tax cuts.

Americans are overtaxed already and if their tax dollars are not needed for the budget every

effort should be made to return this money to its rightful owners. The money came from the taxpayers and belongs to the taxpayers.

President Clinton and Congressional Democrats have different plans with the budget surplus. Like a traditional liberal, the President wants to expand our ever-failing social programs. Who said

the era of big government is over? According to President Clinton it has just started.

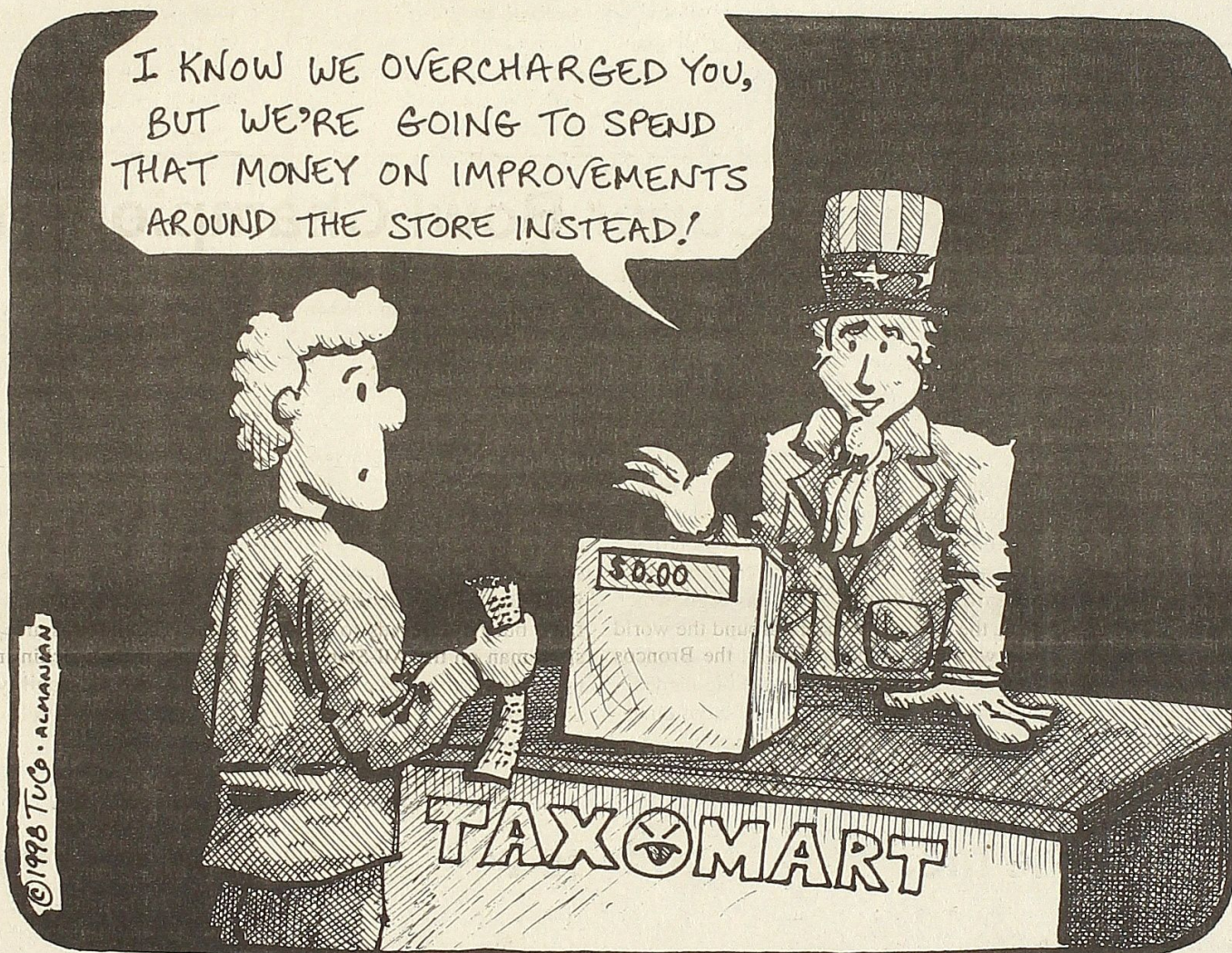
The Clinton administration is proposing an expansion of the Medicare program by reducing the entitlement age. This is risky for a program that will be bankrupt by 2029 at the current entitlement age. It is irresponsible in terms of shortening the life of a failing program. Yet, it is politically smart because the President can claim to be helping seniors in a critical election year. Once again, the President is using taxpayers' money for political advantage.

What does he care if Social Security will be bankrupt after the year 2000? He will be out of office by this time.

Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas) saw the inherent flaw in Clinton's plan and likened the proposal to enroll more people in Medicare to adding passengers to the sinking Titanic. Both are doomed to failure, so why hurry the process?

President Clinton also wants to start a \$20 billion child-care program. Child-care programs are not a bad idea, but they are not the responsibility of the federal government. Social programs such as this should originate from the state level, where parents have more control over what is going on.

The President needs to understand the reasons why we have a budget surplus and stop developing programs to undermine it. More government programs today mean higher taxes to maintain these programs tomorrow.

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Newsbytes by Tim Caister

Scandals are nothing new  
for Clinton administration

**New allegations mount  
against Clinton.**

It seems our President is in some hot water. Last week, new allegations surfaced about his alleged past sexual encounters. A former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky, is alleged to have had an 18-month affair with Clinton.

These new allegations add heat to the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. Lewinsky is not the only one to admit to having relations with the president. The *Washington Post* is reporting that Clinton has acknowledged a 12-year sexual relationship with Gennifer Flowers. All of these allegations and supposed sexual relationships seem to be placing Clinton in some compromising situations.

In addition, there is an independent counsel moving into the situation. Between the independent counsel and

Jones's lawyers, hopefully the truth will surface.

However, one must begin to wonder about the choices our executive leader has chosen to make. Are these just simply allegations? If he has indeed admitted to the Flowers affair, would it not be more likely that a relationship with Lewinsky could have taken place? Either way, Clinton's character is under fire and he is feeling the pinch.

Will this affect his presidency? For the most part, no. Unfortunately, no matter how you feel about Clinton, the fact remains that he is in his second term with nothing to lose. He is not on a campaign trail and will not concern himself with winning the public over to get re-elected. Impeachment? Resignation? Maybe, but not likely.

With a presidency which has survived Whitewater, the travel office investigation and the alleged use of confidential files for political purposes, why would he not survive this? Clinton has an

uncanny ability to squeeze himself out of tight situations and it will most likely happen again in this instance. Clinton has made it this far with sweeping things under the White House rug, and the same will probably happen here.

**One sentenced, one pleas guilty.**

Mir Aimal Kasi was sentenced to death last week for killing two CIA employees, a just sentence which brings closure to the issue.

However, I would still argue that life in prison would serve him better. He did kill two employees and it is justified to sentence him to death, but for Kasi, a man of deep Muslim convictions, life in prison would allow him ample time to "think" about his crime.

Last Thursday the Unabomber pled guilty to five bombings and three deaths, putting to rest his 18-year reign of terror.

If he would have been found guilty by a jury, the death penalty was an option, but now we will just wait to see how long he sits in jail.

## Staff Editorial

## Greeks embarrassed at Runouts

Saturday night's Runouts should have been a time for celebration as the five campus fraternities welcomed their new members. However, the inappropriate and immature behavior displayed by the members of a few fraternities embarrassed the entire Greek community.

The adolescent antics began as a few members of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) dropped their pants, displaying their underwear to the audience, as the brothers of Sigma Chi (ΣΧ) entered the gymnasium.

The members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣΑΕ) then entered the gym and began to taunt the TKEs, who in turn responded with obscene gestures. Fortunately the members of Interfraternity Council (IFC) security were able to restrain both groups and the fight that did result ended just as quickly as it started.

The most damaging—and obvious—consequence of this behavior is the image it portrays of the entire Greek system. Runouts is supposed to be an occasion for celebration; a high-profile occasion in which the entire campus is invited to join in the celebration of the Greek community growth. On such occasions Greeks should strive to present the best aspects of the organizations with which they are affiliated.

Instead, the Runouts audience saw the Greek system at its worst. New Greek members were welcomed into a community portraying not brotherhood, but open hostility.

In just one night, all positive aspects of Greek life were erased. Non-Greeks can easily forget the acts of philanthropy and the displays of fraternal brotherhood that the Greeks usually promote. Because of Runouts conduct, the image of the Greek community will be haunted by public backbiting, bare backsides and obscene and offensive gesticulation.

Who could blame someone for developing a negative attitude toward the Greek system after seeing an embarrassing spectacle like the one Saturday night? When the Alma College Greek Community invites the campus to witness itself engaging in drunkenness, buffoonery and disrespect for other groups who allegedly share the same ideals, all attempts to eliminate the "Animal House" image of years past become insignificant and the negative image of "Greekness" immediately—and in this case, correctly—resurfaces. The behavior displayed on Saturday only reinforced the stereotypes that already exist about the Greek system.

The entire Greek community should be both embarrassed and outraged over Saturday's antics and the irreparable damage that has been done to the image these groups claim to work to promote.

Hopefully, IFC will find appropriate punishment for groups who engage in such behavior and show a conscientious commitment to eliminating negative Greek stereotypes—not propagating them.

## Letters to the Editors

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To the Editors:

I was intrigued by Dan Scripps' recent editorial regarding cloning and "growth." Mr. Scripps maintains that cloning is simply a change and while it may be an uncomfortable one for many, it is nonetheless a change we must "embrace" because we cannot stop it. This, he asserts, is the point people on both sides miss when they debate the issue. However, glossing over such a complex issue as a simple "change" that must be embraced comes dangerously close to encouraging acceptance by resignation.

Mr. Scripps ignores the fact that while the technology may exist to clone humans, it has not yet happened and the debate is about whether or not it should. The adaptations he refers to in his analogies to Oedipus and Adam and Eve were necessary because the change had already occurred. The stories might have been entirely different if the characters had any idea of what the consequences of their actions would be. We are in the unique position of being able to decide to what extent our knowledge should be used and the stakes are too high in this debate to push it aside and simply resign ourselves to change.

Mr. Scripps also asserts that, by paying tuition to a college, we have "dedicated ourselves to become informed individuals," and that dedication "strips us of our defenses of ignorance" and forces us to grow. He is exactly right. As students and scholars we spend a tremendous amount of time becoming informed, and it is precisely that information that forces us to debate cloning. We do not have the luxury of Adam and Eve of being naive people unaware of

the consequences of our actions. We know that while technology has brought tremendous consequences. The splitting of the atom was a tremendous achievement for physicists and ended World War II. It also created a Cold War and the potential of a nuclear holocaust.

We have created hundreds of chemicals for thousands of very good reasons and enhanced our ability to live longer and easier. In the process we have polluted our waters, burned our forests, and contaminated our soil and are slowly causing the death of the very planet that supports us. The list is endless. Knowing what the consequences of our previous actions have been leads us to question how much farther we should go. That is the sign of growth: learning from our past and applying to our future. How does cloning help us to "grow?" What new, extraordinary insight comes from the ability to create replicas of ourselves? Do we want to advance a potential technology that, in the wrong hands, could create a tremendous amount of harm? Is it that much of a stretch to think that a future with the ability to clone humans could be a future of genetic "breeding" and the creation of a "superior" race? Until we can guarantee that every person in the world will use this technology responsibly, we must question whether it should be used at all.

Saddam Hussein is a case in point. No one may have ever imagined that chemical and biological weapons would fall into the hands of a tyrant. But they have, and our own technology is now one of the greatest threats to our existence. It is because we are informed that we question and do not resign ourselves to the winds of change. Our ability to question and make responsible, educated choices for ourselves is precisely why we pursue an education and it is the greatest sign of our growth.

The truth is that every new discovery and advancement has both good and bad consequences. The truth is that the world has not yet advanced to the point of being trustworthy in all corners. The truth is that we can learn from the past. The truth is that knowledge gives us the power to guide our future wisely. The truth is that, as scientists and scholars, we have a duty to question the moral and ethical implications of what we are trying to do. We do indeed know the truth, and as informed individuals we have a duty to apply it.

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To the Editors:

I would like to raise a few questions in response to Dan Scripps' most recent commentary. I certainly appreciate the thoughtfulness with which he approached the topic of change; however, his position struck me as perhaps a little simplistic. If I understood correctly, he argued that change is desirable, presumably in all cases, for its own sake. If I could paraphrase what I heard, it would be this: Change is growth, and although it may be painful, it is to be embraced.

I agree that the inability to embrace change results in intellectual, and probably spiritual, stagnation—at the very least to small minds and rigid, impoverished stances. In a constantly changing and impermanent universe, to cling to the status quo is probably folly anyway.

What I wish to question is the all-or-nothing flavor of Mr. Scripps' argument. For instance, is all change to be embraced equally? As we become capable of effecting greater and greater change in the physical world, are we to proceed indiscriminately, without any consideration to priorities or consequences?

Some of the catastrophes in recent human history come to my mind: The attempted "purification of the Aryan race" in Germany was a change that sent thousands to death camps and gas chambers, and the development of nuclear energy was a change that created deadly waste that will be with us for millions of years, not to mention a bomb with the power to destroy hundreds of thousands of people in the blink of an eye.

In my opinion, a more useful conversation about potential change might center around criteria for evaluating it. The Iroquois Nation, a great federation of Indian tribes founded in the sixteenth century, is said to have used the following question as the litmus test when making important decisions: What effect will this action have on the next seven generations?

Am I suggesting that we can accurately see all the future implications of a decision? No. Do I think that implications are worth considering anyway? Yes. Emphatically, yes. From my point of view, the process of consideration itself needs to become part of the change. I believe that it can balance factors such as greed and the hunger for power or prestige with other less self-serving qualities like reason, compassion, justice, and integrity. I am not advocating submission to the voices of fear and stagnation—whether they be political, religious, or scientific. What I am advocating is the creation of a conversation that is broader and more complex. Our decisions unquestionably have implications. If we don't exercise responsibility as we make them, then I suspect that we plunge ourselves further into the chaos created by our own abdication.

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