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Clinton Honors S. Africa Hero

President and Hillary Clinton planted a tree on Saturday to honor a boy killed by police in a 1976 uprising against apartheid. Hector Peterson was killed in a demonstration that was widely considered the beginning of the end of the era of white minority rule.

Hewlett Packard To Invest in S. Korea

U.S. computer maker Hewlett Packard said it plans to invest \$250 million in South Korea this year, including offering loans to South Korean customers. HP's chairman made the commitment during a meeting with President Kim Dae-Jung, who has sought foreign investment to help restore the country's economy. Hewlett Packard plans to expand production, open a financing firm that will offer the loans, and spend between \$800 million and \$100 million on a new headquarters for its South Korean subsidiary.

Hutus Charged in U.N. Killings

Six Hutu rebels have been charged in the killings last year of four U.N. human rights monitors, according to broadcast reports. The monitors were ambushed near Cyangugu, on the Congo border. A U.N. spokesman said the rebels were captured in February 1997. Thousands of people have been killed in rebel attacks and army reprisals since the return in November 1996 of more than one million Hutu refugees from exile.

Campus Happenings

Alma College will be presenting **Martin Marty**, Honors Day 1998 Keynote Speaker, on Wednesday, April 1 at 8 p.m. in the Dunning Memorial Chapel. He will be speaking on "The Humanities in an Inhumane World; the Liberal Arts in an Illiberal World."

The **Alma College Theater department** is presenting their **one-act play series** in the Heritage Center Theater. Series A includes *Spittin' Image* by Stephen Metcalfe and *Graceland* by Ellen Byron and will take place on Thursday, April 2 and Saturday, April 4 at 8 p.m. Series B includes *My Cup Ranneth Over* by Robert Patrick and *You Can't Trust the Male* by Randy Noojin on Friday, April 3 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 5 at 3 p.m.

Mitchell and Bruske Halls are presenting "The Drunken Experience" at the Dunning Memorial Chapel on Thursday, April 2, from 8 - 10 p.m. The experience begins every 15 minutes until 10 p.m.

Pre-Orientation introduces Class of 2002 to campus

By Sara Bickler
Staff Reporter

It's that time of year again for high school seniors to make their final decisions as to what college to attend. Last Saturday, Alma College hosted pre-orientation for its future first-year students.

The program started with a speech from Alan Stone, president of Alma College. Senior Dan Scripps and Murry Borello, instructor of geology also addressed the future students. The speeches were followed by workshops with orientation committee members (O.C.s).

In the workshops the students talked with each other and had the opportunity to ask questions. O.C. Christina McGrain (99) said, "It was really neat talking to the students. They got to ask questions that they wouldn't ask in front of their parents and just talk. It was a great way for them to find out what they really wanted to know."

Future students seemed to really appreciate the workshops. Lindsey Omstead, a high school senior said, "I liked meeting all of the new people. It was nice seeing all the new faces and future classmates."

Many of the students took tours of campus and some ate in Hamilton Commons to help further the college experience.

After lunch the students were able to register for Preterm courses. Several professors were on hand to explain the classes being offered.

Students who took the classes last year were also there to talk about the classes and answer questions.

Several student organizations had booths at pre-orientation as well, containing information and pictures. The student orga-



Karin Grimmes, chair and associate professor of biology, speaks to a group of incoming students and their parents about her Preterm class. Incoming students were able to preregister for their Preterm class during pre-orientation. Photo by Beth Rosenow.

nizations had a good showing at pre-orientation, signing students up and getting them interested in various activities available on campus.

Some organizations took unique measures to draw attention to their groups. The Alma Young Democrats printed up a newspaper titled "The Alma Young Democrat" with stories about their past and future activities on campus. They also showed a documentary on the speeches of president John F. Kennedy. The College Republicans held a computer animated slide show with cartoons and information about their

group. They also gave out suckers with propaganda taped to the sticks.

Future students were able to wander around, talking to administrators, students and future students alike. Future student Nikki Canyte said, "It was nice that they tried to cover every aspect of student life while we were here."

Overall pre-orientation was successful in exposing students to the Alma campus. "Pre-orientation is an interesting way for students to become comfortable with the Alma College atmosphere and to make the transition a little bit easier," said McGrain.

Chemistry Club hosts Science Blowout

By Cheryl Lenard
Staff Reporter

Several Alma College student organizations united once again last Friday for another successful Science Blowout, an educational fair geared at area elementary and middle school students.

Senior Felicia Farr, the future generations chair for the Chemistry Club explained that the club organized the event and invited other groups such as Beta Beta Beta and Students United for Nature (SUN) to join them as in years past.

The group usually hosts two Science Blowouts a year, one at the end of fall term and another in the spring. However, due to more work with the public schools this year than has been done in years past, the spring Science Blowout was the only one hosted at the college this year.

To entertain and educate the young students the Chemistry Club had the largest

show at the blowout which included nine large demonstration experiments including items which blew up, changed color or made noises.

In addition, they offered a hands-on room which included slime and invisible ink. Associate Professor of Chemistry Scott Hill made balloon animals in the Dow Lobby.

The biochemistry and biology departments showed their fun side of science as well by using computer programs to show molecules up close and getting out the snakes, respectively. Beta Beta Beta, the biology honor society, also did an activity dealing with forensic science.

The planetarium was open to the public as well. Astronomers who work with the Regional Educational School District (RESA) in Ithaca did shows for the students in the planetarium.

SUN and the education department hosted hands-on activities such as making

homemade pine cone birdfeeders and reading entertaining stories about science.

The Exercise and Health Science human performance lab was available to the Blowout students for first time as they learned about some of the equipment in the lab and health issues facing young people.

The Blowout gave the students three hours of science fun, and according to Farr, "there was a decent turnout." She explained that the turnout was not as much as has been in years past, but attributed this to area schools' spring breaks which meant that people were out of town.

The Chemistry Club is already beginning preparations for a Science Blowout in the fall and anyone is welcome to help, according to Farr.

Interested students are welcome to attend the chemistry club meetings on Monday nights at 10 p.m. in the Dow Lobby for more information.

Health care forum educates students

By Kari St. Bernard
Freelance Writer

"Health Care In The United States" was the topic for the EHS Honor Society talk presented last Monday night.

Edward Lorenz, professor of history and political science, presented information on the legal aspects, Aaron Munderloh, a 1993 Alma graduate and area physical therapist, touched on the professional aspects, and Nicholas Dixon, chair and associate professor of philosophy, commented on ethical aspects of the United States' current health care status.

Rick Brands (99), president of EHS Honor Society commented, "The idea to bring speakers in on health care came up at an EHS Honor Society meeting. We thought it might be a good issue to talk about because there are a lot of students here that are interested in medicine, and health care is an issue that's not really covered here in a lot of classes."

Lorenz opened the event by talking about what our health care is comprised of; the patient, provider, payer, insurer and the supplier. This make-up used to be controlled by the provider health

care professional and the patient. Today health care is in the hands of the insurer (generally the insurance company or HMO), and the payer, which in most cases is the employer.

"The cost of health care has been soaring in the last 20 years or so," stated Lorenz.

While health care costs are much greater in the U.S. than other industrial countries by 3 to 4 percent, the life expectancy here is much lower.

"Basically what [the managed care system] is asking you to do is to cut the cost of what your doing but provide the same or better care," stated Munderloh.

According to Munderloh the U.S. health care system is moving towards more care for less, comprised of fewer visits at a lower cost per visit, and it is also forcing the health care provider to keep up on things within their field. Another consequence of managed care is the increase in lower-paid employees like physician assistants.

These changes have made it hard to run a private practice, because providers are looking for a company that can provide services for more people at a lower

price. At the same time, it places more accountability on the care giver for the quality of care they are giving, and has encouraged the amount and intensity of research done on outcome studies.

Munderloh closed by saying, "It's very difficult sometimes to say I'm sorry but if you want to continue your therapy your going to have to decide how you want go about setting up a treatment plan. We all want to be good people and say well we can just treat you for free, but as much as I'd like to do that my employer says I can't."

Dixon expanded on the managed care system by explaining the alternative Fee for Service (FFS) that we are currently moving away from.

"Managed care is designed to save money," said Dixon. Where FFS requires people to pay a lot more money for their health care. Today people are opting for paying smaller fees that limit the medical care allowed.

There are 41 million people in the U.S. that are uninsured, and many more are underinsured. Therefore, our current health care system is not working.

According to Dixon, an option



Edward Lorenz, professor of history and political science addresses the audience at the health care forum. The forum was put on by the exercise and health science honorary society. Photo by Derek Warner.

to provide more people with health care is to ration. There are two forms of rationing - hard and soft. Currently our health care system is based on soft rationing where health care goes to the people who can afford it.

"In our society we do not have the means to meet every health care need," stated Dixon. Therefore we need an alternative, perhaps by hard rationing based on the principles of justice and equity.

One such example of hard rationing is age-based rationing in which everyone receives health care up to a certain age. With this system everyone is treated the same, and has the same chance of making it to old age.

The hour long session ended with a question and answer period.

Brands thought the event went really well, and commented, "Everyone I've talked to said they got something out of it."

Arkansas community grieves the loss of students, teacher

By Sara Bickler
Staff Reporter

One week later, a small Arkansas community is still in shock, trying to come to grips with the devastating massacre that occurred at a middle school on March 24. Thirteen-year-old Mitchell Johnson, who orchestrated the plan, and 11-year-old Andrew Golden killed five people and injured 11 others in Jonesboro, Ark. last Tuesday.

Four female students and a pregnant teacher who dove to protect a student are dead.

This act has left the community of Jonesboro in shock.

In an interview with the Asso-

ciated Press, 11-year-old Amber Vanoven said, "I saw my best friend Natalie Brooks get killed. She was shot in the head twice."

Several police officials were weeping at the scene on Tuesday.

"I've been in this for a long time. This is the worse thing I have ever seen," said Sheriff Dale Haas in a press conference.

It appears that the two boys' act was premeditated. Both dressed in head-to-toe camouflage. They loaded Johnson's parents' van with guns stolen from Golden's grandfather and drove to the school. Golden admits to setting off the middle school's fire alarm. According to police reports, as the students exited the building

Johnson opened fire.

In an AP press release 13-year-old Joshua Reynolds said of Johnson, "He told a bunch of people that he was going to kill them. I didn't think he would do it."

Johnson and Golden were standing less than 100 yards from the school during the shooting. Afterwards, they fled throughout the woods and were soon picked up by the police.

Now the two sit in jail waiting to face the consequences for their crimes.

There have been five multiple killings in schools during the last six months. In Stamps, Ark. in December a boy shot and injured

two students. In Kentucky, a student opened fire on a school prayer group. In Mississippi, a 16-year-old stabbed his ex-girlfriend's mother and then drove to his school shooting nine people. Some are wondering if the boys were copying the headlines or if these acts are a continuing trend in our society.

Regardless, these two boys are being held in custody and the country is left to try and figure out what went wrong.

Under Arkansas law a juvenile must be 14 in order to be tried as an adult, regardless of the crime. Therefore, the boys could be convicted on all charges and would still have to be released by their

18th birthdays.

Many people in Jonesboro are arguing for much tougher penalties.

Some Arkansas state legislators are already trying to bring this about. They have started working on legislation for tougher penalties for juveniles. Even if this legislation is passed it will not affect Johnson and Golden.

Attorney General Janet Reno tried to find a way to charge the two under federal law, and if possible, Johnson as an adult. The penalties under federal law would be stiffer, but there were no grounds to charge them under federal law and that idea was eventually scrapped.

OΔK Leader of the week

Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honorary, chooses one non-OΔK member of the Alma College community who exemplifies outstanding qualities of leadership. This week, OΔK has chosen to honor senior Beth Knapp.

Knapp is currently the co-editor of *The Almanian* and a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, having served as vice president-operations and ritual coordinator for that group. She is also a member of Gamma Delta Alpha, the women's honorary.

As a chemistry major, Knapp is involved in student-faculty research and is a tutor and a teaching assistant for that department. She plans on attend-

ing graduate school either at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Michigan to earn her doctorate degree in organic chemistry. "I feel that the work I have done with *The Almanian* has been my greatest contribution to the campus as a whole," said Knapp of her work done during her tenure at Alma.

"I believe that the campus newspaper on any college campus provides a forum for student discussion. That is the philosophy that I have tried to bring to *The Almanian*." Because of her desire to share her philosophies and her gift as a leader, OΔK is proud to honor Knapp as this week's OΔK leader of the week.

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ΛΠΗ hosts first internship night

By Rhonda Smith
Staff Reporter

On Monday, March 23, the communication honorary Lambda Pi Eta (ΛΠΗ) sponsored its first Internship Night. The night consisted of a panel of students who shared their internship experiences and answered students' questions.

According to Lindsey Calcaterra (98), president of ΛΠΗ, the idea for Internship Night was first suggested by the faculty of the communication department.

After a few years of hearing this suggestion ΛΠΗ finally had someone willing to plan the event. This person was Calcaterra.

Calcaterra said that last year there just was not enough time to sponsor Internship Night. However, this year, ΛΠΗ's faculty advisor, JoAnne Gilbert, assistant professor of communication,

wanted the honorary to present at least one major event per semester. Calcaterra would like to see the program continued. "I hope it continues to be adopted," she said.

The honorary picked internships as the topic for the forum because they believe internships are important to learning. Communication students are also required to take part in at least one internship.

They wanted to inform the audience of what kinds of internships are available.

Therefore, they assembled a panel of students with internship or student teaching experience to inform the audience of how each individual obtained their internship, how specific internship programs work and to answer further questions.

The panel included students who had participated in internship programs in such places as

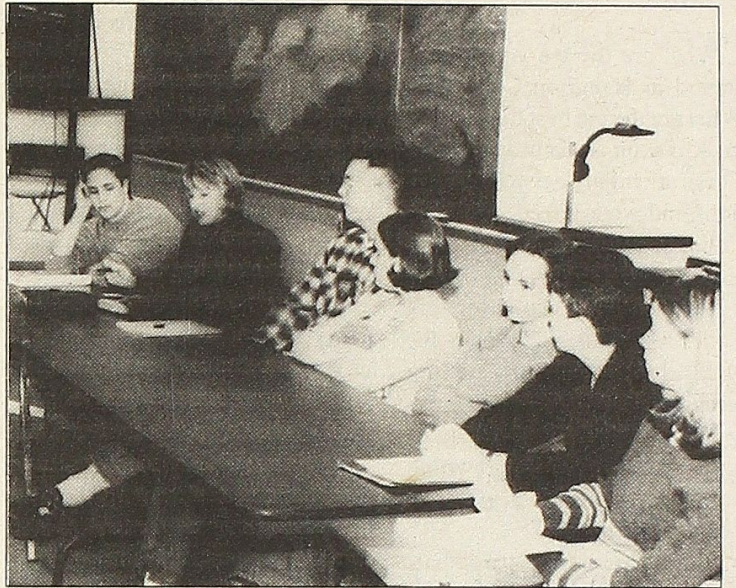
Chicago, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia. Students who spoke were Calcaterra, Missy Crossnoe (99), Dan Wilson (98), Tom Jewett (98), Sarah Dempsey (99), Katie Mitzner (98) and Mary Hess (98).

Wilson spoke to the audience about his student teaching experience in St. Louis. He commented that his discussion was a little different from the others since it concerned student teaching, but they both offer similar experiences.

"I thought Internship Night went well. I wish more people had been there because there was valuable information there," he said.

Calcaterra also was disappointed in the turnout although the sharing of experiences was good.

"It was good to hear everyone's experience and what they learned. We got a lot of different informa-



Tom Jewett (98), Katie Mitzner (98), Dan Wilson (98), Mary Hess (98), Sarah Dempsey (99), Lindsay Calcaterra (98) and Missy Crossnoe (99) present to a group of students. Photo by Derek Warner.

tion out about the different programs and had a good discussion afterwards," she said.

Wilson also commented on the

discussion. "I thought all the speakers did really well and it was pretty well organized," he said.

Ecken offers new way of looking at body image

By Amanda Long
Freelance Writer

"We're here to live and enjoy life, not to worry about how we look."

These words were spoken by Lou Ecken last Tuesday evening during a presentation given about body image in the Newberry Hall lobby.

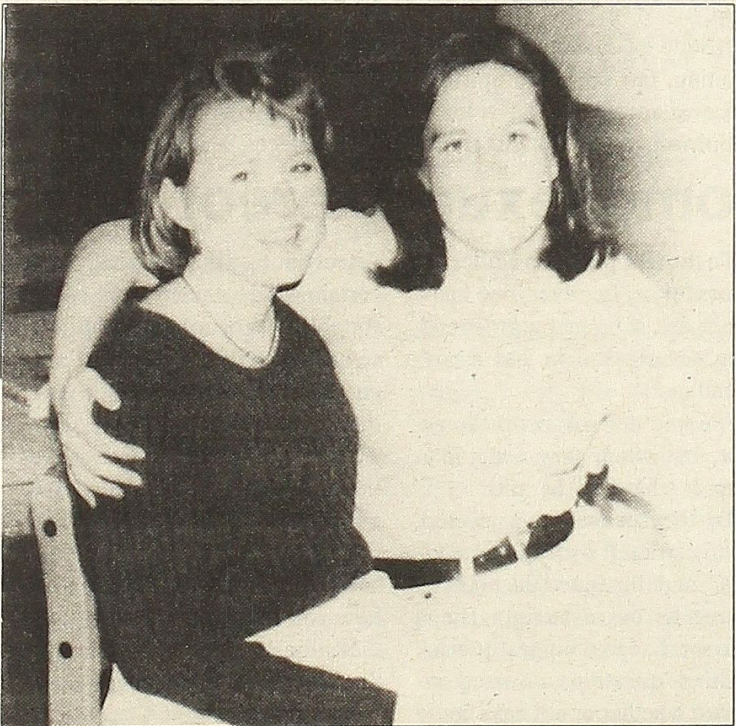
The presentation, entitled

"SomeBody to Love: What is Really on the Other Side of the Mirror?" focused on body images: what they are, where they come from and what we can do about their negative effects.

Ecken, an Alma College alumna and a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Public Health, began the presentation by having the audience visualize the perfect male and female bodies as well as the perfect hair, skin, and eye color. Afterwards Ecken asked two very important questions. "Is it feasible?" and "Is it worth it?" Questions we must answer for ourselves.

According to Ecken, how we feel about our bodies affects the rest of our lives. It can affect everything from our relationships to our academics.

Alma alumna Lou Ecken and senior Katie Rodgers pose for a picture before Ecken's presentation on body image. Photo by Derek Warner.



Where does this negative image come from? The media plays a large role in how we feel about our bodies. Advertisements portraying tall, extremely thin women skew our perception of what is feasible—and what is not.

"It's impossible no matter how much we diet," stated Ecken "It's impossible."

However, there are other factors which determine how we feel about our bodies: peers, teammates, boyfriends and girlfriends, gender, sexual orientation and our culture all play an important role in what our body image is.

What then, do we do about a negative body image?

Ecken suggests many things, including reading favorite Bible verses or quotes which help to reassure us, dressing to emphasize our positive features and reminding ourselves that we do have positive traits. "The positives are what we need to keep," Ecken reminded the audience.

To emphasize her point, the

audience members were asked to make two lists: one of positive traits and one of negative traits. Overwhelmingly, the "negatives" list was by far larger than the "positives" list.

Later in the presentation everyone was asked to tear up their list of negatives traits, symbolizing the shedding of bad ideas about our body image.

In addition to changing our own attitudes about our bodies, other suggestions were given to help overcome a negative body image.

Writing letters to and boycotting magazines which use extremely thin models was suggested by Ecken.

Before closing with a poem by Nadine Star, Ecken gave the audience some parting words of wisdom about our body images and our life.

"You have the choice of how to perceive things. Only we can determine our body images and how they affect us."

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KI wins Female Feud

By Tonya Schafer
Freelance Writer

What are the ten worst foods served in Hamilton Commons? What are the ten best things to do in Alma on a Saturday night? These are highly debatable questions and when asked, ten Alma College students will give ten different answers.

Last Tuesday, however, six teams found themselves in the difficult position of sorting through the many possible responses to these and similar questions and determining which would be given most often by their peers.

The students were participating in the Panhellenic-sponsored Female Feud.

The winner was Kappa Iota. The sorority received \$150, which was donated toward its pledge fee.

Held in the Tyler-Van Dusen student center, the Female Feud was based on the popular game show *The Family Feud*. Teams representing the five sororities and the Panhel participated in the friendly competition.

Questions and answers for the game were obtained from surveys passed out to both male and female dorm residents earlier this semester.

Each team, composed of five members, squared off against an opponent and tried to decide on the most popular answers to various questions from the survey.

The winner was, of course, the

team that successfully produced the greater number of most common replies.

Losing teams were eliminated until, finally, the two teams with the highest point totals remained. These were paired up and placed against each other in a final match to determine the winner.

While the monetary rewards were a definite plus, participants in the Female Feud enjoyed the event for other reasons. In addition to providing a greater awareness of opinions on campus, the feud allowed for a night of female bonding.

Tiffany Brown (00), a participant, testified to perhaps the most important purpose of the night. "[The competition] was great. I really had a lot of fun," she said.



The Panhel team comprised of Rachel Przelawski (00), Anne Galsterer (98) and J.J. Klimkiewicz wait for the next question during Female Feud. Photo by Derek Warner.

Alma Winds, Kiltie Band display musical variety

By Tom Glegola
Staff Reporter

The Alma College Kiltie Marching Band continued its 75-year tradition with a performance Thursday at the Heritage Center's Presbyterian Hall. The Kiltie Band, along with the Alma Winds, an offshoot of the Kiltie Band, played nine pieces plus an encore.

The Alma Winds began with a rendition of "Danny Boy," called "Irish Tunes from the Country Derry," composed by Percy Grainger. The next piece performed was the upbeat and comi-

cal "Shepherd's Hey."

The Alma Winds then performed "Waking Angels," a piece written by David Gillingham, a professor at Central Michigan University. Gillingham composed the song roughly 13 months ago, influenced by a poem written on AIDS. The song was also influenced by the religious song, "Softly and Tenderly."

"It was different from our traditional repertoire," said senior Jennifer Corry, the principal of the trombone section for the Kiltie Band.

The winds ensemble concluded the first half of the program with

"Molly on the Shore," by Percy Grainger, another upbeat tune.

The second half of the program featured the entire Kiltie Band, including one piece with Instructor of Trombone and Low Brass John Christian as the soloist.

The Kiltie Band began with a rendition of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" called "American Salute," by Morton Gould. The Band then played former Alma professor Frank Ticheli's "Cajun Folk Song: Ballad." This was the first time the Band performed this piece in a concert.

The Band then played a Scot-

tish folk song called "Annie Laurie," composed by Arthur Pryor. Christian performed solo pieces in this piece.

"Playing with a soloist added to our concert," said Corry. "[Christian] is a very good trombonist."

The Band then played three pieces from Robert Russell Bennett's "Suite of Old American Dances: Cake Walk, Schottisch and Western One-Step."

"[Suite of Dances] was very exciting, fast pace and uplifting piece of music. It had a lot of happiness to it," said senior

Mailee Woods. "It got [the audience] excited."

The Band finished its program with John Philip Sousa's "George Washington Bicentennial." In an encore, it played Ticheli's version of "Amazing Grace."

The performance combined a broad range of styles, from Irish, to Scottish Folk, Cajun and American Patriotic. "Waking Angels" was a very unique piece that combined various percussion instruments along with winds.

"The music was more challenging than in the past," said Corry, both because of the composition of the pieces, and the variety.

Trietley, Miller lead forum on breaking homosexual stereotypes

By Rhonda Smith
Staff Reporter

A week ago today an attempt to break stereotypes about gays, lesbians and bisexuals was sponsored by the Bruske Resident Assistant (RA) staff. The question and answer session was led by Kalindi Trietley, assistant dean of student development, and senior Brandon Miller.

Trietley told the audience that she got the idea for this program when she presented a similar program for RAs at another school. Although she knew a lot about gay, lesbian and bisexual issues, she felt the program would have been more informational had someone with personal experience with being homosexual been there.

Therefore, when the Bruske RA staff wished to do a program on this topic Trietley tried to find an open homosexual to answer questions while Trietley facilitated the conversation.

Miller began the forum by informing the audience a little about his coming-out process. He said that he had hints about his sexual orientation while he was a child, but knew by living in rural Michigan that it was "wrong" to be gay.

"You kind of learned it's not good to be gay," said Miller.

He said that he was lucky in a

way because he was able to escape "conservative, rural" Michigan every couple of weeks to his father's house. Miller's father is gay as well and at his father's he was able to experience an environment where his father's friends—gay and straight—were very accepting.

Coming out to his family was a difficult process. After high school Miller told his father and then later his mother and stepfather. "It was incredibly difficult," he said.

During his first fall semester here, Miller slowly came out to close high school friends. He also became involved in the Student Development Center programs and PRIDE. PRIDE, Miller commented, was more underground then, but seems to be more open now.

What helped Miller feel more comfortable with his friends here is that they got to know him as a person first.

"Essential in people becoming accepting is the people in my hall knew me first as Brandon before knowing me as a gay person," Miller said.

The question and answer session began with Miller asking how many in the audience—out of about 12—knew a homosexual. Everyone there knew at least one person. Miller remarked that two

or three years ago, to an audience of 30 not even this many would have raised their hand.

Trietley attributes this to maybe more people coming out or the campus in general becoming more accepting.

"Campus has become more accepting, but not totally accepting by any means," she said.

Questions included whether Miller's family discusses his orientation and whether it was true that gay males are more effeminate than heterosexual males.

To the first question Miller answered that after everyone knew not to ask if he had a girlfriend, they never ask if he has a boyfriend.

"People are o.k. with the rumor, but when they see something it's harder," he said.

To the second he answered, "You can't tell by how someone acts," and illustrated the point by saying he has a straight friend who acts like the "biggest queen."

Other questions covered included whether or not gays could

detect another homosexual, why certain genders seem more comfortable with people being homosexuals than other, and if certain circumstances, like domestic violence, can "turn" someone gay. Trietley answered the last question by replying, "It's not that circumstances turn people gay but people who are bisexual or ambisexual. Environment might show how you display it."

Senior Becky Leonard said, "I think it was an interesting discussion and I enjoyed it."

Mitchell and Bruske Halls present:

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Biebuyck to finish final year with college

By Wendy Holmes
Freelance Writer

Ever wonder where the money for new campus buildings comes from? According to Bill Biebuyck, vice president of development, "all building here at Alma is done not with tuition but gift money." Biebuyck, who is responsible for fundraising for the college, travels two to three days a week to meet with various potential benefactors.

However, he is not merely a money collector. Before one can ask for money, Biebuyck said, one must first get to know the person or corporation one is hoping will donate. He works on finding out what sorts of projects excite people and what might inspire them to donate to the college.

"Often a 'no' just means it wasn't the right project or the right time," Biebuyck said.

Biebuyck, who is an Alma alumnus, graduated from the college in 1976, planning to become a teacher. Finding that there was "a glut" of teachers then, he drifted into working with non-profit child care centers, spending five years in Michigan and 10 in Florida raising funds for these centers.

Then Biebuyck made a simple

choice that eventually led him back to Alma: he decided to attend an alumni function.

Arriving early, he was able to spend about a half an hour talking with President Alan Stone about his fundraising efforts for the child care centers. The two kept in touch and about six months later, Stone called Biebuyck with a job offer. He accepted and this marks his sixth year at Alma.

According to Biebuyck, the best part of his job is meeting people. He especially enjoys talking with the older alumni.

"Just to sit and talk with them, I learn so much from them and hear about their days at Alma," he said.

He also loves watching people experience the joy and satisfaction that inevitably comes from donating to the college.

"There's just such a sense of pride and accomplishment," he said.

Since coming to Alma, Biebuyck himself has accomplished a lot. He is responsible for the "Cherished Ever" campaign, which built the Colina library wing as well as the EHS wing that was completed earlier this year.

The program will also provide for new science equipment, resi-

dence hall renovations, and a technology/computer classroom building.

The final component of the campaign was to increase Alma's endowment—which provides the school with "a steady stream of income" that keeps tuition increases to a minimum—to \$100 million, a goal which was accomplished and celebrated just last week.

Sadly, for both Biebuyck and the college, this year marks his last at Alma College. Presented with a "unique opportunity," Biebuyck decided to return to Florida, where he will work for the Boggy Creek Camp, a camp for critically and terminally ill children started by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and Paul Newman.

The camp, which is located 40 miles north of Orlando, was modeled after a similar camp Newman had started in Connecticut.

Biebuyck will take on the job of fundraising for the camp, which is run entirely on voluntary monetary gifts. The following year, the president will be leaving, so Biebuyck said he "will be moving into that position."

Biebuyck is excited to begin work at the camp, for which he leaves in mid-May, but admitted

it was "a difficult decision because I really enjoy what I'm doing here at Alma."

He will be taking with him support from Alma's staff as well as the knowledge he has gleaned

from over 20 years in the fundraising field.

One of its precepts might well be applied to life in general: "If you've taken time," Biebuyck said, "you'll be successful."



Bill Biebuyck, vice president for development poses for a picture outside of Reid-Knox. Biebuyck is leaving Alma at the end of this year. Photo by Beth Rosenow.

Alma student teaches middle schoolers about health

By Cheryl Lenard
Staff Reporter

Children of middle school age are learning to make lifestyle changes that are permanent yet severely neglected as a population from a public health perspective, according to senior, Ann Marie Hiltz, an exercise and health science (EHS) and political science major looking at this problem in both her senior theses.

Hiltz is trying to make a difference in the lives of young people by taking part in a pilot program for health education. She went into Linda Kolbert's sixth grade classroom at North Elementary in Ithaca twice a week last fall and this winter to give interactive EHS mini-lectures.

The lectures attempted to inte-

grate the scientific method with health education, with topics ranging from heart disease and circulation to nutrition and metabolism.

"Every time I gave an introductory lecture, I gave them an interactive part," said Hiltz. "Since [the students] are not well-targeted, they [as a population] don't understand."

While working with the children, Hiltz encouraged them to ask questions about their bodies. To motivate the students, Hiltz invited them to visit the EHS human performance lab to play with some of the equipment and asked them to formulate a scientific question they could answer by using some of the equipment.

Each student eventually came up with his or her own question,

refined it, planned an experiment, and finally, during spring break was allowed to come to the EHS human performance lab or related area to run the experiment.

Hiltz aided in the development of their questions and test procedures. An example of an experiment run is one where the student measured her classmates flexibility using some of the EHS department's equipment.

At the end of Hiltz's time working with the students, she gave them all a "mini anatomy and physiology test" over the material they had covered together.

"The written test was hard," said Hiltz. "I asked them to calculate calories, what their basal metabolism is."

"If they can do this and learn about their own health, they can

become a role model for their families and communities. When we link the health and education sectors and target the young population, which should be a priority, we give these kids the tools they need to ask good questions [and make informed decisions] about their bodies," commented Hiltz.

She went on to explain that health education at the middle school age as opposed to waiting until high school is vital because coronary artery disease and related health issues are showing up in young children. By the time health education is traditionally taught to students, usually in high school, they have already established their health habits.

These middle school students are already making health choices that affect the rest of their lives.

They are packing their own lunches and are often on their own furthering the need for earlier health education, Hiltz explained.

"It's been really fun. These kids are so smart. The questions they asked were so good, as good as any beginning level college student would ask," she said.

There were many people who helped Hiltz in her endeavors including Assistant Professor of Exercise and Health Science Robyn Anderson. In addition senior Kelly Tucker, junior Martha Schaefer, and sophomore Amy Czabala were "all very helpful," according to Hiltz.

Hiltz explained that the overall basis for the project is that this project could have been done at any middle school.

Movie Review by Sara Bickler

Newton Boys offers quality drama, comedy in entertaining film

Audiences have the opportunity to relive the bank robberies of the 1920s with the new movie, the *Newton Boys*. The movie stars Matthew McConaughey (*A Time to Kill*, *Amistad*), Skeet Ulrich (*Scream*, *The Craft*), Ethan Hawke (*Great Expectations*, *Reality Bites*) and Vincent D'Onofrio (*Men In Black*) as the infamous Newton family bank robbers.

The movie features the four impoverished brothers. When the movie opens one is in prison, one has just been released and the other two live at home with their

mother.

Willis (McConaughey), the brother who has just been released from prison, adopts bank robbing as his new career. He soon enlists the aid of his brothers and obtains a list of banks which the four-some begins to systematically rob.

After a close call the brothers retire from the business and invest their earnings in oil. However, when the oil business doesn't pan out, they stage a train robbery in an effort to steal 3 million dollars.

Overall, the movie was entertaining. The mood shifted a lot,

producing a film which was partially a comedy and partially a drama. Parts were humorous while others were poignant.

For example, during one of the bank robberies a police man grabs on to Hawke's leg to try and prevent his escape. Not wanting to shoot him, Hawke drags him along yelling "get off a my leg, get off a my leg."

Later in the movie, in an emotional scene, one of the brothers is shot and the others rally around him, trying to get help.

Hawke and D'Onofrio provide the comic relief of the movie,

rarely appearing sober. They sharply contrast the seriousness of Ulrich, whose character served as the gang's conscience.

The dramatic parts didn't seem to play as well as the comedy until the end of the movie. The plot was interesting. It dragged at times, but the comic relief kept it going.

The movie plot was driven by the competency of the actors portraying the four brothers. The supporting characters, however, didn't seem to leave much of an impression.

Julianne Margulies (*ER*) played

McConaughey's girlfriend. Her character was the typical supportive girlfriend, staying until the guy takes his job too far, when she finally leaves him to live and return home to her mother. The rest of the characters were even less memorable.

Despite that, the movie is worth seeing. It is light-hearted at times and fun, yet it doesn't really stick with you. It won't generate the kind of buzz that *Titanic* did. Rather, it is just a good movie to see on a Saturday night when you want a little distraction from studying.

Chi Alpha brings 100 Portraits to Alma

By Joey Mead
Staff Reporter

"Our real passion in music, what really drives us is a desire to have open conversation about the character and nature of God. Music is a great platform, not for necessarily preaching, but having conversation where other people can listen in," Ben Pasley said.

Pasley is half of the husband and wife band called 100 Portraits. Ben and his wife Robin stopped by Alma on route to Central Michigan University (CMU) last Monday.

Sophomore Ben Cable, a leader in Chi Alpha (XA) called Pasley when he heard they were going to be in the neighborhood.

"We went up to Central Michigan two weeks ago, and found out [100 Portraits] were going to be at CMU. Even though I only had two weeks until they were coming I called them up and talked to Pasley and asked him by chance that he had a few extra days that

he could come here and do a concert. He was really excited about the idea, and everything fell into place in about a half an hour," Cable said.

100 Portraits sings songs that mix exotic drums from all over the world, played by Robin, with acoustic guitar played by Ben.

They travel all over the United States performing and doing missionary work.

They have played in such places as Resurrection Life Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; Los Angeles; University of Wisconsin; Oklahoma State University and the University of Houston. Their travel schedule also takes them overseas quite a bit.

Robin is from the suburbs between Dallas and Fort Wayne while Ben grew up in central Alabama. Robin and Ben meet in 1993 after the release of Ben's very successful full length video album titled *Gallery*. *Gallery* was the first product under the band name 100 Portraits. It didn't take long before Robin and Ben were engaged on Valentine's Day of 1994.

Robin said, "I had always dreamed of traveling and doing music, but really couldn't figure

out a way to make it work. So, I went to college to study interior design, and while I was there I decided I would get this music thing out of my system once and for all by putting a band together and just doing it. While I was doing that I met Ben."

They produced their first CD together *Time Will Be The Tell*, and released it in 1995. In September of this year they released another CD called *Five Wise Virgins*.

On March 23, they played for Alma College and touched their audience deeply with the music off their new album.

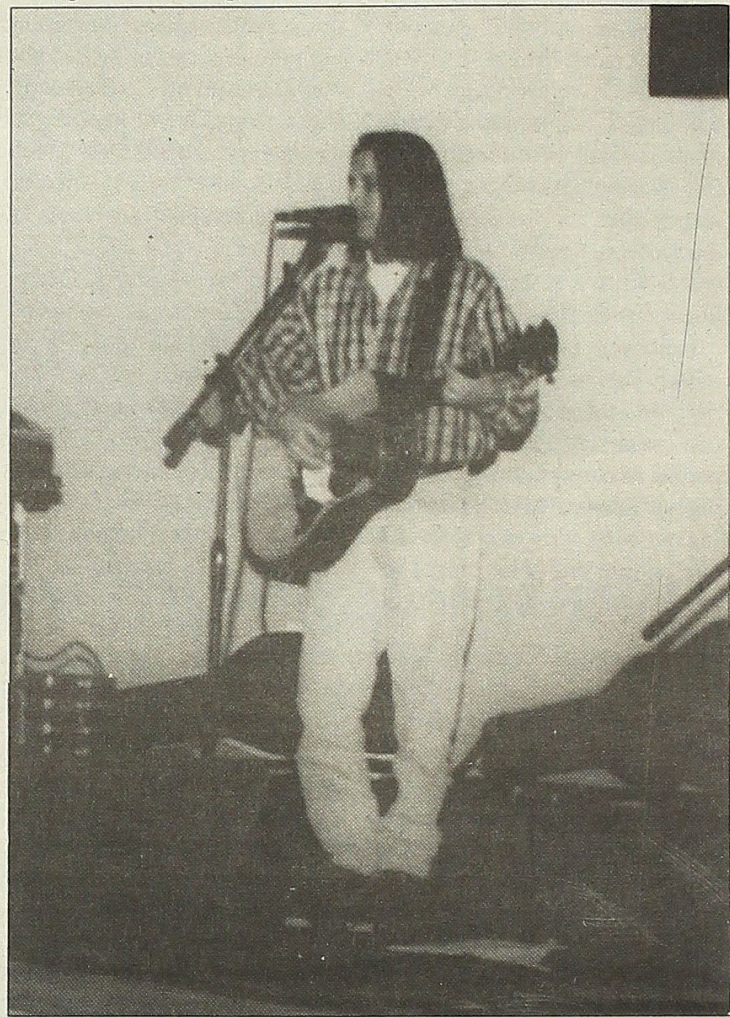
Cable said, "We really want them here, because we know they really have a heart for the Lord, and they have the ability to really express the character of God through music in a real way. Though it is emotional, and it is great music, it is truth."

Ben Pasley said, "I like beating strange drums and playing guitars and developing melodies and ideas, tones and colors so that people will find them attractive and come into my living room, *Robin Pasley of 100 Portraits performs in Tyler-Van Dusen on March 23. Chi Alpha worked to bring the group to campus. Photo by Derek Warner.*

and listen to it. While they are listening to it I like the opportunity to be able to say that God has genuinely changed my life through a relationship with Jesus

Christ."

100 Portraits played for CMU last Thursday and next month will tour in the Mid-West. This summer they travel to Brazil.



Check out 100 Portraits on line at:
[\[www.7thtime.com/artists/100portraits\]](http://www.7thtime.com/artists/100portraits).

Four students prepare for Appalachian Trail

By Charlotte Grant
Feature Editor

This summer, four Alma College students will undertake one of the most famous hikes in the sport of backpacking. On April 19, senior Matt Allen, first-year student Brent Warner, junior Derek Warner and junior Ryan Wilson will undertake the Appalachian Trail.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," said accomplished back-packer Brent Warner. "It's one of the biggest achievements [in back-packing]."

Completing the Appalachian Trail certainly is a great achievement for back-packers and moun-

tain climbers. It is over 2,200 miles long and stretches from Springer Mt. in Georgia to Mt. Katahdin in Maine. It will take over four months to hike.

"We're hoping to do it in about 123 days," Brent Warner said. That will put the group in Maine around August 25, he estimated, with an average distance of 17 miles per day.

All four members have been training for the hike. Brent Warner runs cross-country and is on the track team. According to him, the other three have been jogging and lifting weights.

Wilson said that he is "trying to get in some running." He added that he is also breaking in his

hiking boots.

In addition, Brent Warner added, "All of us are trying to put on weight, since we're going to

"It's one of the biggest achievements [in back-packing]."

• Brent Warner (01)

lose it all [during the hike]."

Allen, Wilson and Derek Warner are also experienced back-packers.

Wilson said he has been back-

packing since he was in junior high school. He is looking forward to hiking the trail, describing it as the chance of a lifetime.

The hikers need to be prepared; the Appalachian Trail is not an easy trip.

"It's all mountainous terrain," Brent Warner explained.

He estimated that the elevation varies between 4,000 and 6,000 feet, with the northern half being rockier.

The group will carry supplies on the hike, including a tent, stove and cook-set. They will also take advantage of housing along the trail.

"There are three-sided shelters that are spread out every 15

miles," Derek Warner said.

For supplies, the four will largely rely on Brent and Derek Warner's parents. The trail passes directly through twenty cities, and the Warners' parents will be sending supplies to those towns for the group to pick up along the way.

Brent Warner said that his parents share the hikers' enthusiasm about the trip.

"They're all for it," he commented. "They've been really supportive."

Cool Internet Sites

This year has certainly provided us with one of the oddest winters in a long time. To keep abreast of the weather, many of us watch The Weather Channel. But for those without cable, check out <http://www.weather.com>, the official Weather Channel web site. It's cheap, it's the same stuff you see on T.V. and sometimes it's even accurate.

To download movie audio clips and quotes check out the internet movie database at <http://www.imdb.com>. This site features 130,000 movies and offers critiques of films as well as allowing visitors to participate in polls.

WQAC 90.9 Music Review

Bennitt's release blends Irish, Scottish sounds

Martyn Bennitt's newest musical release called *Bothy Culture* is a blend of techno and traditional celtic music. This CD features musical instrument ranging from bag pipes and fiddles to synthesizers and drums.

This music blends together the solid beat of hip hop and techno with the rich sound of traditional Scottish and Irish music resulting in a pleasantly unique sound. This music stems from the recent surge in the popularity of celtic music first seen with the release of Loreena McKennitt's hit "The Mummers Dance."

Bennitt follows in the footsteps of Ashley MacIsaac with his song

"Shputnik in Glenshiel" which features both fiddle and flute music and performs more classic reels to modern rock and roll rhythms.

Other songs such as "Hallaig" use Celtic poetry and the oral stories of Ireland to bring a more traditional feel to the music.

The sudden popularity of Celtic music can be traced to the blockbuster film *Braveheart* which drew widespread attention to the history and culture presented by both the people of Scotland and Ireland.

The Celtic musical movement began in the early '60s when hippies seeking a return to simpler

times began researching and resurrecting old crafts and beliefs. This movement gained momentum in the '70s and spawned numerous folk and bluegrass festivals as well as creating an interest in the Highland games of Scotland.

Traditionally the music of Ireland and Scotland has been used as a way for traditions and history to be passed from one generation to another as well as being a form of protest.

After the Battle of Culloden the British outlawed many traditional Scottish activities including the playing of the bag pipe. To keep knowledge of the pipes

alive the Scottish taught their singers to imitate the rhythm and tones of this instrument so this knowledge would not be lost.

This rhythm is still apparent in many traditional Irish and Scottish songs.

Even though Bennitt has added many modern rhythms to his music the old rhythms and sound of the bag pipe can still be heard in songs such as "Tongues of Kali" and "Yer Man from Athlone".

Bennitt and many other Celtic (pronounced Kell-tik) musicians can be heard on The Rowna Tree every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. on WQAC 90.9 FM.



An Alma College softball player slides into home plate. The softball team dominated their opponents in last week's action after winning five games in the weekend pseudo-tournament. The Scots also defeated Saginaw Valley State University in a double header earlier in the week. Photo by Beth Rosenow.

Scots dominate tourney

By Chris Porco
Freelance Writer

The Alma College softball team dominated their home diamond last week as they posted 7 wins for the week.

Last Wednesday the Scots crushed Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) in a double-header, shutting out the Division II school in both games. In the first game, the Scots triumphed over their opponent 8-0. First-year student Tracie Lentz performed well on the mound, allowing only two hits to go along with her seven strike-outs.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Alma trampled over SVSU 11-0. Starting pitcher Becky Pierce (00) and relief pitcher Erin LaCosse (99) dominated on the mound—they allowed only 3 hits the entire game.

The players on the team were very pleased with their performances.

"Everyone played like they wanted to play," said sophomore Heather Bruder. "We were ready after so many practices and after our Florida trip—we just wanted to be outside in our hometown. Defeating a Division II school twice with shut-outs is the best performance that we could start out the season with."

Coach Denny Griffin was also delighted with the team's performances. "We hit the ball hard and put the ball in play," Coach Griffin commented. "I think the key was the defense—the defense played very well. We didn't have an error all day... We had two good pitching performances by Becky Pierce and Tracie Lentz, and Jackie Cowan hit the ball well," he said.

The team continued their winning streak on Friday and Saturday. The competition was originally planned as a tournament, but due to the weather conditions it was run in round-robin type competition.

The Scots went 5-0 for the weekend.

In their first game on Friday against Lake Superior State University, the Scots won 6-2. In their second game, the Scots defeated Sienna Heights College 7-4. In their final game for the day, Alma defeated Aquinas College 8-0.

On Saturday, the Scots kept the winning streak alive by overpowering Aquinas College 4-3. In their final game of the weekend, Alma defeated Sienna Heights College 9-1.

"We executed well offensively and we hit the ball hard. The pitching was very good. Tracie

Lentz threw very well, Becky Pierce threw well, and Erin LaCosse threw the best game that I've seen her throw," said Griffin.

"Defense wins, but offensively everyone was hitting—it wasn't just two people. It was from the first batter to the ninth batter and even pinch hitters came in clutch situations and got key hits. Everybody played their part—whether it was pinch running or hitting or anything," commented senior Carolyn White.

The team is taking a one-game-at-a-time approach, but already has its sights on the MIAA Championship.

"Right now, since we open league play on Tuesday, we're all really focused on each game for a week and our first step is taking the MIAA and going on from there," commented Pierce.

Griffin agreed. "Our conference play starts on Tuesday, so the rest of the year now is all conference. Now our focus has changed to win the MIAA Championship, take each game at a time and concentrate on our hitting and defense," he said.

The team hosts Defiance College today, travels to Kalamazoo College on Thursday and concludes this week's action at Albion College on Saturday.

Track teams finish third, fifth at weekend invite

By Michael Murphy
Freelance Writer

Coming back from the Emory University Meet held in Atlanta last week, Alma's men's and women's track team battled nine other midwestern collegiate teams this past Saturday at Huntington College in Indiana.

In Huntinton, the track teams competed in a relay invitational.

Head Coach Dan Gibson said, "We performed much better than at Emory."

The men's team placed fifth, while the women's team finished third with 77 points. Considering the fact that Alma was competing against some Division II schools, Alma fared well.

"We thought we would do well in spots, though competition would be really strong," said Gibson.

Despite the poor weather conditions, Alma's track teams put in

a very nice showing in their second outdoor meet of the year. Rain caused delays at the start of the meet and water had to be removed from the track before the races could begin.

Co-captain Peter Muccio (99) said, "Considering the conditions, we performed okay."

Gibson was especially pleased with the men's second place finish in the pole vault and the triple jump.

Muccio also noted the team's performance in the field events. "In the field events, people

stepped up and performed very well," he said.

The women's team also had an excellent showing at the meet. Gibson thought they did very well in all of the events.

The team saw a couple of first place finishes. Senior Joann Brnjac, sophomore Jenny Dulz and first-year student Nicole Martin placed first together in the javelin relay. Brnjac, senior Merideth White and first-year student Andrea Horton also placed first in the high jump relay.

Baseball team drops to 0-3 in conference play

By Sean Babbitt
Freelance Writer

On Friday and Sunday the Scot baseball team traveled to Adrian to kick off the MIAA season. The weekend did not go as planned because of the strong play from the Bulldogs.

On Friday the Scots lost a 6-3 decision only swatting 4 hits off the strong pitching from Brett Picknell.

Saturday's games were rained out and were made up on Sunday. Sunday's games were no better for the Scots as they were blasted 11-2 and 9-0.

The losses dropped their overall record to 4-7 overall and 0-3 in the MIAA.

"Jeff Lane hit well this weekend but we were sporadic at times and Adrian played well," said Head Coach John Leister.

The team was cold coming off a month of inactivity. The games this weekend were the first for the team since breaking camp in Florida.

This year's line-up is a drastic change from last year's team. The Scots only return two players from last year's squad.

"We have a very young team compared to what we had a year ago," said Leister. "The youth and inexperience will come around the more the team plays together."

The Scots will feature an attack based on base hits and running instead of relying on the long ball.

Brnjac, Martin and junior Kari Patchowski placed second in the shot put relay. The women's team also placed second in the triple jump, shuttle hurdles, long jump and distance medley relays.

First-year student Rebecca Burkett said, "I thought we did really good."

She believes that as the season progresses, the team will continue to improve and become better.

Burkett noticed that the hand-offs on the relays were not spectacular and felt that the team

could improve on that. Otherwise, things ran quite smoothly for the team.

The teams have a couple of important meets in the near future. This Wednesday the teams will compete against MIAA schools Hope and Adrian. Then, on April 8, Alma will host Albion and Olivet in what will be the first home meet of the season.

Gibson believes these next two meets are extremely critical in how the women's and men's teams finish in the MIAA final standings.

Senior Scott Heymoss and sophomore Ryan Janis are the power threats in the line-up. The line-up is rounded out by junior Scott Thomas at first, first-year student Jeff Lane at second, sophomore Andy Meteer will make the switch from third to short this season and junior Scott Mantyla will platoon at third with sophomore Josh Wakefield.

Behind the plate will be sophomore Shawn Grant, and in the outfield will be Heymoss, Janis and sophomore Jim Bouchard.

The pitching will be a complete overhaul from the senior staff from last year. Senior Jeremiah Peace will be an anchor on the young staff.

The team will hope to overcome these obstructions and try

to stay within earshot of the front-running Hope, who returned all except two starters from last year's squad who only lost two league games.


As the standings sit right now Adrian is on top after sweeping the three game series with the Scots. Albion is tied with the Bulldogs with the same 3-0 league record after the Britons handled Kalamazoo.

The Scots will be off until Friday and Saturday when they will play Albion away.

Alma will then be home on Wednesday, April 8 when they will battle Saginaw Valley at Bahlke Field. They will then be at home for a series with MIAA rival Olivet on Friday and Saturday.

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Lacrosse team avenges '97 BSU loss

By Joey Mead
Staff Reporter

Two years ago senior John Zielinski sought to start a lacrosse club team. Zielinski was successful and the team now has 25 players on the team, is playing tough games against teams like Ball State University (BSU) and winning.

This last Saturday the lacrosse team had two games, one against BSU and the other against Albion College.

Against Albion the Scots came back from being down 3-0 at the half to tie 6-6 with a shot by junior Jay Swan in the last two minutes of the game. They then went into a four minute period of sudden death, but Albion scored on a fast break to win.

Junior Craig Wasen said, "We came on strong and gave them a run for their money, but we just lost to them in overtime off a bad

bounce."

Swan led the scoring attack with 4 goals. Junior Craig Wasen added one and sophomore Zack Workman also had one goal. Senior Matt Wandrie had two assists.

Zielinski said, "It was a tough game, but it was a great game played by both teams respectively. Last year against Albion I believe the score was 12-3. So, we have shown a lot of improvement from that to this year."

Alma's game against Ball State was important to the team because of the loss the Scots suffered last year against them. Last year the Scots lost to BSU in overtime.

This year was a lot different. The Scots came out on top with a 8-5 victory.

Workman said, "We are playing a lot better as a team, and that is why we won. It was fun beating them, because of last year."

Swan again led the Scots with 3

goals. Wasen also had three goals and two assists and first-year student Dan Sweetman had one goal.

"It was nice to beat them because they thought they were a lot better than they were. It is great to have another win under our belt. We showed those little Indiana boys what lacrosse is all about," commented sophomore Eric Didocha.

In both games a phenomenal performance was put in by junior Tim "The Dominator" McAleece, the goalie for the Scots. He had 17 saves against Albion and 18 against Ball State.

The Scots record is now 3-2-0

Not only is the lacrosse team growing athletically, but also technologically. The team is now on line. Swan designed a web page and updates it after every game. The address is [http://www.alma.edu/Academics/StudentOrganizations/Lacrosse/main.htm].



Sophomore Zack Workman runs downfield in Saturday's game against Albion. The Scots lost in overtime to the Britons, but defeated Ball State University. Photo by Sean Babbitt.

Brnjac preparing strong finish to Alma track career

By Rhonda Smith
Staff Reporter



After the frigid first meet in Atlanta, Ga., senior Joann Brnjac looks forward to better results the rest of the season. Brnjac placed fourth in Atlanta in her "main event," shot put and the javelin throw.

Brnjac, who is majoring in exercise and health sciences (EHS) and gerontology, will be attending Washington University next year. She will be preparing for a career in occupational therapy there. "I'm very excited," Brnjac commented about

Senior Joann Brnjac practices throwing the shot put during track practice. She also competes in the javelin, the high jump, the 400-meter hurdles and the mile relay. Photo by Derek Warner.

attending graduate school.

She chose occupational therapy because of experiences in volunteering. "I like working with people and occupational therapy geared away from medical school and that won me over," she said.

Besides the women's track team, Brnjac is also involved in the EHS honor society and volunteers at the Masonic Home.

Brnjac, who is from Sterling Heights, started track while she was in seventh grade. "It's [the] longest [played] sport for me," she said. She said she tried playing basketball her first year here, but it "didn't do it for her."

She is attracted to track and field because it contains so many different events. She also likes the individuality of the sport. "You can't fall back on the team if you don't do well," said Brnjac.

She also participates in the 400-meter hurdles, mile relay and high jump events.

Brnjac's other hobbies include volleyball, spending time with friends and cooking, "especially Italian or desserts."

Brnjac and her friends are spending the summer in Europe as one last trip together. They will backpack through four or five countries including England, Austria, Italy and France. Brnjac will also make a stop in Croatia where she will visit with family there. The trip has been planned for a long time and now they are clearing up little things like how many Eurorail passes to get.

As a senior, Brnjac offers advice to athletes. One year she said she tried to take sports very seriously and consequently did not do well. She advises people to "relax and have fun."

Hot Corner by Alex Chung

Griffey, McGwire, Gwynn prepare 1998 assault on record books

With today marking the start of the 1998 Major League Baseball season, I thought it would be cool if I made some predictions for what's to come this year. Will anyone hit 61 homers? Will anyone hit .400? Will anyone do both?

The expansion clubs are going to throw offensive numbers through the roof. We are going to see some monster numbers put up. But does any player have a chance of breaking Roger Maris's record of 61 home runs in 1961? Absolutely. With guys like Mark McGwire, Ken Griffey, Jr. and Juan Gonzalez, the home run record that has stood for over 35 years should fall.

Who will break it? In the modern day age of nutritional supplementation (protein drinks and creatine shakes have replaced Gatorade in locker rooms these days) and intense off-season weight training, players are bigger, stronger and faster than ever—McGwire weighs in at about 250 pounds. Frank Thomas is 270 pounds of hitting machine. Mike Piazza came into camp this year at about 240.

My point? Maris's record could fall in 1998 to any of the above mentioned players. But realistically, McGwire and Gonzalez haven't remained healthy enough to have enough at-bats to string together 62 bombs in a single season, so for them to

challenge, they both need at least 140 games to do it.

Piazza and Thomas are the two best right-handed hitters in the game, each possessing phenomenal power and incredibly smart hitting instincts. However, both are more concerned with getting on base, rather than just smacking home runs. So, while both could conceivably hit 62 homers, they are too busy aiming for a .360 average, and so I must penalize them because they are such good pure hitters.

This leaves me with the odds-on favorite, and perhaps the best player in baseball, Ken Griffey, Jr. Equipped with the sweetest swing outside the golfing world, Griffey launches balls with such ease that hitting 65 home runs is not unreasonable. He is the only guy who can stay healthy and handle the pressure that will inevitably come with a September run at 62.

I know McGwire had a season with that outstanding one home run per eight at-bats ratio, but if I were a betting man, my money would ride on Ken Griffey, Jr.

What about hitting .400? Will the continual decline of Major League pitching allow a player to hit the .400 level? Probably not. As good as Tony Gwynn was in 1997 (he batted .372) and as good as he will be in 1998, I still am not convinced

that a player can get a hit four out of every ten at-bats anymore.

I know that pitching sucks, but the majority of the guys in the field possess hair-trigger reflexes, rocket arms, and across-the-board athleticism that fifty years ago would have been unheard of. With people like Barry Bonds and Griffey patrolling the outfield, it is very hard to earn those cheap singles that a player needs to hit .400. But I am not saying it is impossible.

In the strike-shortened 1994 season, Gwynn ended the year at the .394 mark, and we will never know if Gwynn could have done it then.

He has hit .370 or higher for three seasons—he is the only realistic contender to shatter the ceiling that separates the .300 level hitters from the immortals at the .400 level. His career batting average matches that of legendary Yankee Lou Gehrig (.340), and is sure to rise before Gwynn hangs up his spikes.

He is the exception to today's rule that the game is all about power. With his quick bat, he has fended off opposing pitch-

ers, opposing defenders and time itself to put together a Hall of Fame career.

But Gwynn will be 38 in May, and all the protein shakes and creatine powder can't bring him back his youth. It would be great, though, for him to prove me wrong—no one does more to work on his hitting than Gwynn—and the doubters of the world only serve to strengthen his desire. No one thinks he can hit .400 anymore—no one except Tony Gwynn.

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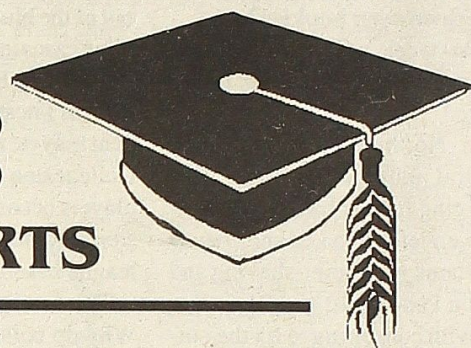
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Program Schedule

Wednesday, April 1

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Closed Reception	President's House
8:00 p.m.	Honors Day Address Dr. Martin Marty	Dunning Memorial Chapel
Immediately Following	Campus Reception	Dow Lobby

Honors Day, Thursday, April 2 *Classes Cancelled*

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions I	
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Honors Convocation <i>Attendance Required</i>	Cappaert Gymnasium
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Luncheons	
	Convocation Honorees	Heather Room
	Honors Day Participants	Van Dusen Commons
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1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions II	
2:15 - 3:13 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions III	
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions IV	
4:45 - 5:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions V	
8:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions VI	Heritage Center, Theatre
	One-Act Play Festival - Series A	

Friday, April 3 *Classes Resume*

8:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions VII	Heritage Center, Theatre
	One-Act Play Festival - Series B	

Sports Uncovered by Tim Caister

Gambling endangers college athletics

Off the top of my head...
Northwestern bookies?

Last week, yet another incident of gambling in college sports occurred.

At Northwestern University, federal indictments were filed charging former basketball starters Kenneth Dion Lee and Dewey Williams with point-shaving and Kevin Pendergast and Brian Irving with conspiring to fix the outcome of three basketball games during the 1994-95 season. In addition, on a separate charge, a fellow Wildcat football player is accused of running a bookmaking operation on the Northwestern campus. I guess financial aid is running thin at Northwestern.

This incident does not come out of the blue. Other recent gambling cases include Arizona State, Tulane and Boston College.

This latest Northwestern incident may be related to the Boston College one where some football players bet on college and professional football games and major league baseball games.

There seems to be a trend here. Why do college athletes deem it necessary to bet on games in their respective sports, even betting against their own teams?

The recent incident at Northwestern surrounds three games, one where Pendergast paid Lee \$4,000 to fix a Penn State game in the 1994-95 season. Then, the

two gamblers, Pendergast and Irving, wagered \$20,000 on that game.

Another interesting aspect in this Northwestern incident is the internal investigation by Northwestern University officials—they did not find any evidence of point-shaving.

Apparently nothing in this case is concrete, but by looking at each players' performances in those three games, federal authorities claim there are discrepancies. If they do back up the indictments and find them guilty, throw the book at them—they do not belong anywhere near the sporting arena.

There are some things in sports

which just sicken me and this is one such example. In college athletics where teamwork, growth and learning seem to be three important lessons, gambling has absolutely no place. How can college athletes play on a team that they hope to lose and then prey off of that same misfortune? This is the worst of all crimes—betraying your friends, teammates and mentors.

There are those who say that college athletes deserve to be paid for their services. I completely disagree. These gambling incidents exemplify a problem in college athletics; however, paying them will only make it worse. Gambling is not the absolute root

problem endangering college athletics—money is. These problems will only get worse if the commercialization of college athletics continues at the current pace. **Stanford and Utah save face.**

Two weeks ago I conceded my incorrect prediction of the Final Four. Well, it is nice to see that for every wrong, there is a right. Remember how I said that Stanford and Utah deserved a number two seed over Cincinnati and Purdue? I thought so. Stanford and Utah made those statements a little sweeter.

Opening Day!

Enough said. Enjoy one of the greatest days of the year—opening day of the major leagues!

Media must become responsible for content

By Missy Crossnoe
News Editor

How important is your health? Most Alma College students feel that eating balanced meals and exercising will ensure them a happy, healthy life. However, diet and exercise are not the only habits that shape a healthy lifestyle.

Many people in America are consuming their daily news and information without giving much thought to its nutritional content.

This presents a major problem for our society. In light of the way the media has been covering recent issues, the health of our country could be in jeopardy.

As a student of communication, I argue that the media is failing to offer its audience a nutritious and balanced dose of news and information each and every

day.

With the type of schedule most students lead, we do not have the time to assure we are getting news and information that will enable us to become knowledgeable and informed citizens.

Most of us assume that the front page headlines and television sound-bites are what we need to know.

But, are they? I argue that what we as citizens *need* to know is becoming shadowed by what the media has determined we *want* to know. The nutritious news diet that is necessary for a healthy lifestyle is being concealed behind the Twinkies and Ho-Hos that are common in today's media.

This implication is evident by examining the media's coverage of the recent alleged affair be-

tween President Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Similar to the coverage of O.J. Simpson, the Clinton/Lewinsky case represents the epitome of junk food in the media. Let's face it, the media has shown us that sex sells. That is why this case has been so heavily and continuously covered. Yes, it is still going.

Americans, no matter how busy we are, know about the alleged sexual affair between Clinton and Lewinsky. We have also heard talk of Clinton facing impeachment if the allegations ring true. What most of us do not realize is that Clinton cannot be impeached for having oral sex in the White House, if proven it can only add to the strikes against his personal character. The issue that could

bring Clinton to trial is that he may have asked Monica Lewinsky to lie about the affair—under oath.

With this case, it is evident that the media has presented us with the most entertaining "facts" while excluding actual details and proof. The media has tempted us with a feast but denied us a balanced meal.

However, the blame cannot be entirely placed on the media. As much as we would like to think, we were not force fed. Newspapers, television stations, magazines and tabloids brought us this news, but *we bought it*.

To improve our health and guarantee a more nutritious news diet, we must refuse to digest the media's attempts at feeding us junk food.

Education about the falsehoods of the media and balancing our news diet by getting information from multiple sources can help prevent the malnutrition that is occurring in our society. As a college student and an American citizen, I demand that the media provide healthy information and knowledge that will enable me to formulate educated ideas and opinions. Shouldn't you? After all, isn't your health important?

Center for Student Development's exit interview unnecessary and unpopular

By Tom Glegola
Staff Reporter

Most graduating seniors have less than three weeks left at Alma College. One task seniors are asked to complete is an exit interview with the Center for Student Development.

Is that really necessary?

Certainly, a critique of their services aids the Center in evaluating itself. But what about the many students who have not used the services of the Center, or have relied on the Center for very little?

The Exit Interview Form asks seniors to rate services in areas such as credentials file, internship coordination, workshops, resume or personal statement critiquing, the Career Consultant Network alumni database, on-campus interviews, the Chicago In-City Interview Program and the Detroit Business Roundtable. Yet how many students have used each service? How many students

have used more than two services?

If the Center wants students to evaluate their programs, they should simply ask the students to do so upon the completion of the program. Additionally, by asking the senior to evaluate the service well after receiving it, the Center risks receiving an inaccurate evaluation.

Finally, with all the other graduation-related details, asking seniors for an interview during the final two weeks of their last term is bad timing.

If a professor or advisor critiqued a student's resume, and not a Center staff member, the student certainly cannot evaluate the Center. If the student never met with a Center staff member, then the student is unable to offer a critique. If the student does not read the Center's newsletter, the student cannot rate it. If the student did not participate in any interview, seminar or workshop,

then that student is unable to evaluate that service.

The Exit Interview Form also asks for information regarding applications to graduate schools and employment possibilities. What if the student does not wish to share this information? After all, it is personal.

Also, if Center staff members were not involved in the process, why inform them now?

If the decision has already been made, why involve them? If a student has not sought advice from the Center prior to now, does the Center expect the student now to accept their advice as credible?

Additionally, if the Center was not involved in the employment or graduate school process, how can a student evaluate the services received?

Ultimately, it seems that the exit interview really does not help students. Instead, it requires time that they do not have, to do something they would rather not do.

Classifieds

Students enrolled in the college's Pre-med curriculum are eligible for consideration for a Roberta Swanson Pre-med Scholarship. If you are interested in applying for this award and have not already received application materials, please stop by the Student Financial Aid Office for the information. Completed applications are due on April 15, 1998.

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Clinton's actions parallel those of Nixon

By Shannon Casey
Staff Reporter

President Clinton's recent assertion of executive privilege further strengthens the parallel between himself and President Nixon. Clinton has invoked executive privilege to prevent mem-

bers of his staff from answering questions before a federal grand jury.

In *United States v. Nixon*, the Supreme Court defined executive privilege when Nixon claimed it applied to the Watergate tapes. In an 8-0 decision, the Supreme Court stated that executive privilege

deals with matters of national security, diplomacy and other official duties of the presidency.

The current grand jury is concerned with a civil suit against the president, not national security, diplomacy or presidential duties. In civil suits, the president does not possess the luxury of execu-

tive privilege.

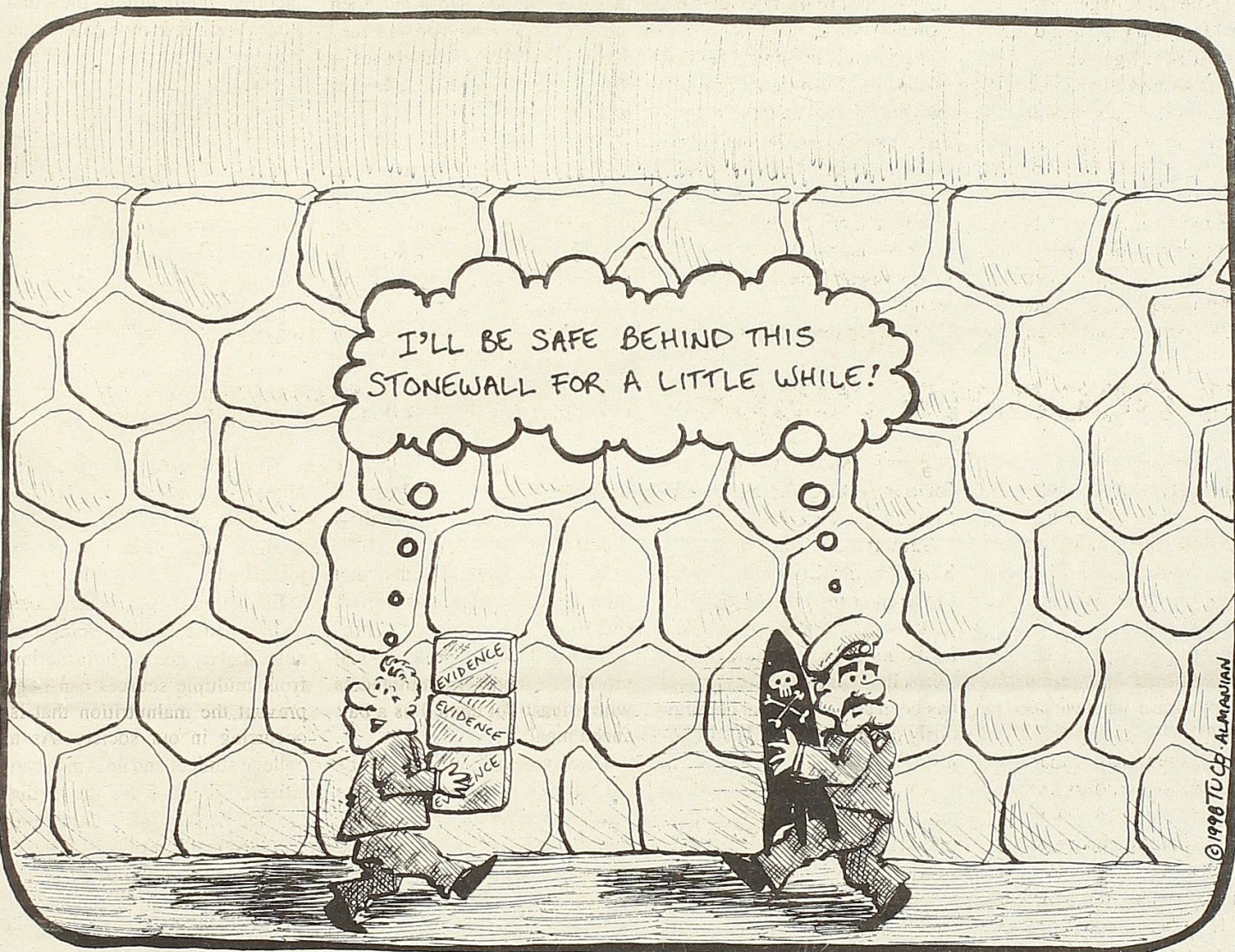
Clinton is attempting to hide behind the office and privileges of the presidency when questioned about personal matters. There should be a clear distinction between the office of the presidency and the man who currently occupies the office.

Clinton's use of executive privilege is a desperate attempt to further delay the suit. Clinton's defense team has been employing this tactic of stonewalling for months. They follow the delays with complaints that the investigation is costing too much and taking too long. They then question Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's motives. This is nothing more than a political strategy designed to buy time.

Clinton attempted to use executive privilege to conceal a White House lawyer's notes on conversations with Hillary Clinton concerning Whitewater. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Clinton and ordered that the notes be turned over to the grand jury. The president should learn from the past and spare the country months of delays in an already backed-up court system.

If the president is telling the truth, he has nothing to hide from the grand jury and should encourage his staff to cooperate unconditionally. In light of the current events and the president's reaction to them, the American people are being sent mixed messages.

It appears the president is hiding something and he is willing to put the country through a constitutional crisis to keep it hidden. Nixon learned that the truth eventually presents itself. Clinton will soon realize this. In the meantime, Clinton should withdraw his assertion of executive privilege and instruct his staff to testify.



Arguments opposing NATO expansion lack merit

By Tom Glegola
Staff Reporter

Now that the U.S. Senate is entering the final stages on the current round of NATO expansion debate, the American public must know why so many leaders believe that expansion is in the best interest of the United States. Individual Senators must also consider whether or not expansion is truly in our interest. Enlargement critics must be answered.

Those arguing against voting the expansion of the Alliance use several arguments.

First, some opponents argue that expanding the Alliance to include only Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic redraws the artificial line that was drawn at Yalta.

In other words, Europe will once again be divided. This is wrong specifically because the Alliance stated at the July 1997 Madrid Summit, and ever since then, that this is not the final round of enlargement.

Future candidates will be evaluated at a later date. Also, by expanding the Alliance to include all 12 states that applied for membership, though erasing the so-

called "dividing line," would dilute the Alliance and would also bring members into the Alliance that cannot contribute militarily.

For example, Slovenia currently possesses a 4,100 man military with weapons that were left behind when the Yugoslav Army withdrew from Slovenia in 1991. In essence, Slovenia has to start from scratch to create its military. The same is true for the Baltic states.

To paraphrase Madeleine

Albright, NATO is not a charitable organization.

Second, some opponents argue about the cost of enlargement, or that European states must fair their share of the costs. European states have agreed to pay 75 percent of the costs.

Also, the real question should be whether or not the costs of not expanding are greater. With two World Wars and a Cold War fought over this region, it is clear that the United States does have

an interest in peace. An Alliance such as NATO creates such a peace through deterrence.

Third, some opponents express concern about the effects of enlargement on Russia, or the fact that Russia is not favorable to expansion.

The United States cannot allow Russia to dictate U.S. foreign policy. Also, the United States made several concessions to Russia to decrease its reluctance. In particular, the NATO-Russian

Charter gives Russia a voice in NATO affairs. The Alliance and Russia can formally consult with each other on defense issues. This step allowed Russian President Boris Yeltsin to tell his constituents that he reduced the most harmful costs of enlargement.

The main arguments against expansion do not hold water, they have been answered. Therefore, the Senate should ratify the Accession Protocols to enlarge NATO.

Insufficient parenting, not television, corrupts youth

By Shannon Casey
Staff Reporter

Last week's senseless shooting in Arkansas has made many people question the influence of violent television upon children. The question remains whether television violence influenced the thirteen and eleven-year-old gunmen.

Television violence is nothing but a scapegoat for the lack of parental involvement in a child's life. Parents need to take an active role in teaching children the values of right and wrong.

The decline of morals in America is leading to a more vio-

lent society. Life is no longer held to a high moral standard. In this type of apathetic atmosphere, parents need to reiterate the importance of values in the home.

Television is merely a source of entertainment and should be viewed as such. If children do not understand the difference between real-life and fantasy, it is the parent's responsibility to clarify the discrepancy.

Television should be used as an educational and entertainment source for families, not as a babysitter for children. If parents take a more active role in the program selection of their children, they have the opportunity to

explain the contrasts between television and real-life.

Too many people feel the need to shrug off responsibility for convenience sake. The problem in America is a lack of accountability. There is always an independent factor being blamed for the negligence of the party involved.

The students involved in the shooting, regardless of their age, must be held responsible for their actions.

Despite any outside influence, the students must accept their punishment as handed down in a court of law. In the act of outright murder, the children's youth should not be a defense.

If America concedes to the excuse of television violence to justify this horrific act, where will it stop? Will all criminals blame their illegal acts on an independent factor in order to dodge responsibility? If people continually blame society for their wrongdoings, justice will never be served.

In the quest for justice, it is important to understand the motives of the accused, but it is most important to understand their actions. The truth boils down to the events at hand. Regardless of society's influence, everyone must learn to practice self-control.

Staff Editorial

Central campus calendar needed

It is easy to look at the number of Alma College students who attend the many public service events put on around campus and determine that the college as a whole is apathetic. However, this may not be the case.

A couple weeks ago, Mitchell Hall Resident Staff had only a few people attend their presentation on domestic violence, however, many Alma students were at the Kentucky Choir concert. Sometimes there are just too many events in one night for people to attend.

Perhaps there needs to be a central database that will keep track of what events are planned and when. This could serve as a master calendar so groups can choose a date that does not present too many conflicts.

Well, there is just such a resource. In the Student Affairs office there is a master schedule board that shows all the events taking place on any given day during the year.

How, then, do conflicts like the one two weeks ago arise? Partially, because it is unavoidable. With so many activities, a campus calendar free of conflicts is a dream. However, a large part of the problem is the fact this calendar is largely ignored. Many groups just schedule their events without consulting the list.

In large part this occurs because most people just do not know about this resource. Perhaps if it were made more accessible, it would be more useful.

The list should be put in a location that is reachable 24 hours a

day from nearly anywhere on campus. It should be put on-line. This arrangement would make it extremely easy for students and staff who are scheduling events to choose a convenient day, with a minimum of conflicts.

Additionally, there would be the added benefit of being able to index the list so students could run searches for programs and events. Also, off-campus students, who are often not as well informed of campus events, could easily obtain a schedule.

In this format, the list could immediately be updated as soon as a new event was added to the schedule. Ideally, then, when groups want to schedule their events they could go on-line, and fill out a short form on the computer. The computer would then not only add the event to the list, but also inform the person what other programs were scheduled for that day.

With this arrangement, perhaps even room reservation could be handled by computers.

As a side bonus, an on-line list would be excellent publicity for Alma. Many college-bound high-school students scout the web for potential colleges.

The biggest advantage of all of this is that the burden of handling this list would be taken off the shoulders of the Student Affairs office.

This arrangement would allow Alma to become a more efficiently organized campus on which programs could be enjoyed by as many students as possible.

Letter to the Editors

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To the Editors:

I would like to comment on behalf of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) in regards to last week's staff editorial concerning Greek Week.

First, the competition involved in Greek Week that the editorial board described as "promoting hostility" could more appropriately be termed friendly competition. Competition is a key ingre-

dient for increasing participation in the week's events which we feel develops a sense of involvement versus hostility.

Secondly, the editorial board cited "Greek apathy" as a problem. We would argue that Greeks are some of the most involved and motivated individuals on campus.

This is evidenced by the many leadership positions held by Greeks on campus ranging from Student Congress, Resident Assistants, the various sports teams and many others.

Based on these facts alone we believe that the Greek community could be described as any-

thing but apathetic.

As a member of the IFC Executive Council this year, we have worked hard to advance the positive image of Greek Life on campus and in the community.

Too often the positive aspects of Greek Life are overlooked to focus on the negatives. The staff editorial written last week only hinders our efforts to maintain this image.

As evidenced by the editorial there are obviously some strong feelings towards Greek Week among the members of the Greek community. We believe these feelings would be better concentrated on discussing ideas for im-

provements rather than making them the focus of a Staff Editorial.

The IFC and Panhellenic Councils would be happy to hear your ideas and suggestions at their respective meetings which are held weekly.

Communication is essential to function within the Greek community and our body meetings provide the proper forum for discussing these new ideas and suggestions.

Sincerely,
Timothy Lynott, Fraternity Affairs Chair
Interfraternity Council

Administrative reshuffling concentrates power

By Daniel Scripps
Freelance Writer

In the past month and a half, three senior administration positions have been vacated, with two vice presidents leaving the college, and the director of admissions being reassigned to a new position.

On March 10, President Stone informed the college community of Jon Groteluschen's decision to retire following 15 years of service to Alma College.

In his years as Vice President of Finance, Groteluschen has overseen the financial aspects of adding five new buildings to campus, and the recent announcement that the endowment had reached the \$100 million mark is due in large part to his performance.

Despite Groteluschen's achievements, President Stone has decided to leave the position vacant, with current Comptroller John Johnston named to the position of Comptroller and Treasurer. Johnston, along with Duane Knecht, director of the physical

plant, will report directly to President Stone.

Similarly, Mark Nazario, former director of admissions, has been moved to the newly-established position of Director of Special Programs.

John Seveland, vice president for academic affairs, will take on the added responsibility of director of admissions.

Lastly, Bill Biebuyck, vice president for development, is leaving to work for a camp in Florida. There is no word yet on whether this position will be filled.

Besides the obvious implications of leaving these positions vacant, they also have the effect of increasing the power of President Stone.

The changes in the last month have left only two vice presidents, with at least one of the positions remaining unfilled. Additionally, the number of positions reporting directly to the President increases from four or five to seven or eight, giving Stone direct influence over up to four more administrators, and reduc-

ing the importance of each of these positions, especially the vice presidents.

While it appears that what happened in the last month and a half amounts to little more than an administrative shake-up, it presents a grave threat to Alma's system of community governance. Stone quietly replaced a system that empowers people at every level in the college with one that seeks complete centralization and undermines positions, and the people that hold them, all

through the college community.

Stone always seems to be advocating Alma's community governance system, with students, faculty and administrators serving on the boards that shape college policy.

However, when it comes to structuring the college to put this theory into place,

Stone appears to be leaning more to an autocratic system with himself in charge than any system of community empowerment.



Summer Camp Staff Wanted!!

Indian Trails Camp, a residential summer camp program for children and adults with physical disabilities, seeks staff for the dates of June 6 to August 15. Positions available include female and male counselors, aquatics staff, activity leaders, nurses, kitchen, and maintenance. Salary is between \$1600 and \$1800 for the entire summer, depending on position. Please call (616) 677-5251 for additional information or an application.

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