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## News Briefs

### Gates gives Duke \$20 million

Bill Gates the richest man in America, appreciates the value of an education, even if he never got a college degree. The software mogul is donating \$20 million to Duke University his wife's alma mater.

The gift will be used to set up the University Scholars program, providing financial aid and fellowships to dozens of undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

### JonBenet grand jury to investigate

ATLANTA — A grand jury will begin investigating the long-running and contentious JonBenet Ramsey murder case next week, a Boulder official said Saturday.

Bob Greenlee, a Boulder City Council member and candidate for Congress in Colorado's 2nd District, said the panel will begin looking for evidence Tuesday.

The 6-year-old beauty queen was found strangled in her Boulder home December 26, 1996. No arrests have been made though the police say her parents John and Patricia Ramsey, remain under "an umbrella of suspicion." They deny any involvement.

### World News

### Mexico flood victims still in danger

TAPACHULA, Mexico — Some victims of last week's flooding remain in danger, trapped on islands surrounded by torrents fed by a week of rain, Mexican authorities said Saturday.

President Ernesto Zedillo made a helicopter tour of the damaged areas on the Pacific coast of southern Chiapas state, where more than 100 people died, 20,000 were forced from their homes and 600,000 residents were cut off by downed bridges and washed-out highways.

Miguel Valdez Galan, the government's emergency response director, said the helicopters were fanning out across the coast, with their first priority to rescue people still clinging to perilous plots of ground near swollen rivers. The airborne aid effort also was bringing food and medicine to the area.

### Serb police drive Albanians from camp

ISTINIC, Yugoslavia — Thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees were driven Saturday from a squalid camp in Western Kosovo after Serb police in armored vehicles told them to leave the area immediately.

The refugees, who had numbered as many as 40,000 near Istinic until Friday, piled on tractors to attempt returns to their villages — many of which have been razed — or find other refugee pockets nearby.

## Opening Convocation Kicks Off the New Year

By Amy Taylor  
Staff Reporter

The 1998-99 Alma College school year started with a bang as a result of Thursday's opening convocation. Convocation takes place three times throughout the academic year, but opening convocation is clearly significant as a tradition that welcomes returning students, first-year students, new faculty and administrators back to campus.

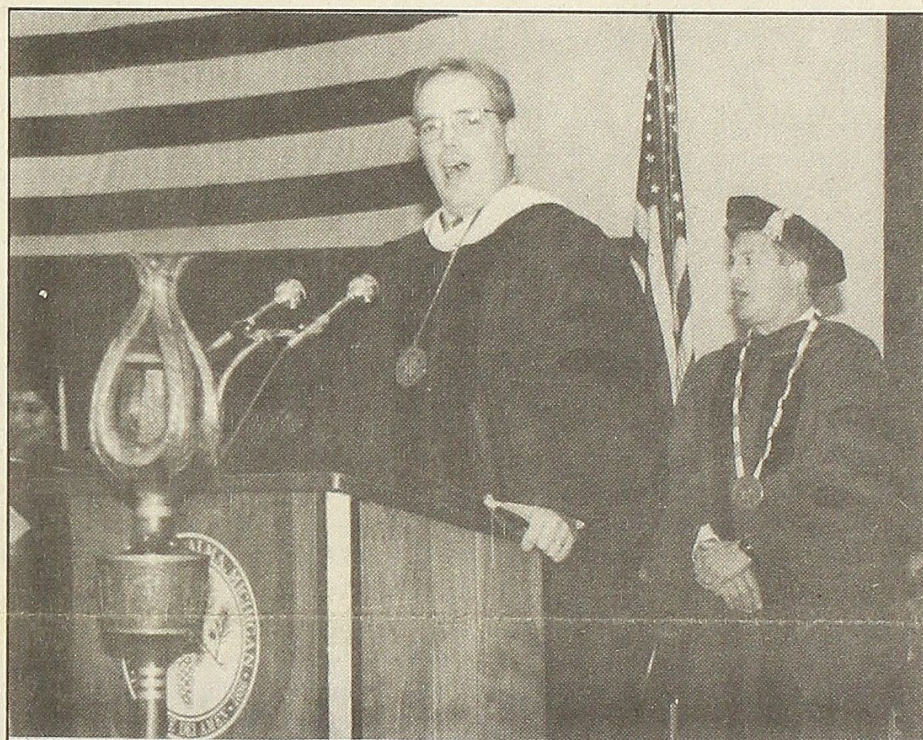
According to President Alan J. Stone, "opening convocation is the best day of the year."

Opening convocation gives Stone the chance to share with the college community remarkable accomplishments of the first-year students. This year, Stone revealed that the class of 2002 is, "a little larger than previous classes."

Statistics show that 25 were valedictorians, 250 involved in the National Honor's Society and several are involved with the performing arts. Stone stressed the importance of the performing arts and how they, "add much to the college."

Also at Opening Convocation, Student Congress President Amanda Schafer spoke on the necessity of more active participation on campus. She claimed this will contribute to the success of the college community through the students' opinions. She encouraged active student participation in the community government process. "Students can have the opportunity to participate in policy making, which equals change and feedback," she said. "Student Congress exists to service the voice of the students."

Sophomore Alexis Bankowski said "All of the speakers were interesting, but it



Dr. William Nichols, professor of music, leads the student body, faculty and staff in the singing of the Alma Mater during the Opening Convocation ceremony held Thursday, September 10 in Cappaert Gymnasium. Photo by Steve Nadeau.

would have been better had time been shortened and held in a larger area to accommodate the growing student body."

Since 1968 Alma College has appreciated faculty members who have shown outstanding commitment in the work that they do. This year John Gibson professor of Physics and Micheal J. Yavenditti professor of History were recognized as recipients.

Sophomore Nick Vartanian stated, "Dr. Yavenditti's service and commitment to this institution is an example for all of us to follow."

The convocation's keynote speaker was

Gordon Henry Jr. who has a Ph.D. in English and creative writing, Henry is an opinion writer and speaker who used his talents to express the importance of education in our society today and in the future. Henry has examined the relationship and interdependence of the spirit, community, education, and self.

In closing of the ceremony the Alma Mater was lead by Professor Will Nichols, Secrest Professor of Music. The Traditional Scottish Tunes played by the Alma College Pipers filled Cappaert Gymnasium with excitement for the new academic year.

## Student Congress Gears Up For 1998-1999 Academic School Year

By Amy Fraley  
News Editor

On July 1st the new Student Congress Executive Board officially took office. While most Alma College students were enjoying their summer, senior Amanda Schafer, President; junior Kevin Main, Vice-President; sophomore Melinda Messmer, Secretary; and senior Mike Heying, Treasurer were hard at work designing a framework for this year's Student Congress. Their goal was to appropriately utilize the \$138.00 activity fee that all students pay and to establish goals to better enhance campus government and student life.

The new Executive Council has established specific goals to motivate and en-

courage student participation. The council is striving to apply the community governance structure to better make the student voice heard. They are also working to increase student awareness of their potential power in community governments.

President Amanda Schafer explained by stating that, "each of the 58 groups represented in Student Congress elect a representative who has voting privileges. This expanded network allows all student organizations on the Alma College campus at least one representative on the council and an opportunity to address issues important to them."

Schafer remarked that the council can provide a voice for all students because they are, "either represented by their particular class or through their housing, in

addition to any other on-campus organizations."

The Executive Council also works with the representatives, as well as the five standing committees. The committees include student life, budget and finance, contingency, constitutional review and elections. Schafer acknowledged that, "in these five committees, that is where the real work of the body is accomplished."

This year Student Congress provided all representatives with binders to keep their information updated and organized. Vice President Kevin Main believes that, "the binders will not only organize the information, but it will make it more accessible and will help to make the meetings run smoother." The Congress also included

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### What's Happening On Campus

#### Tuesday, September 15

- \* Zeta Sigma Food Drive held all week.
- \* ACUB Poster Sale in the Rotunda and Jones Auditorium.

#### Wednesday, September 16

- \* Study Skills Workshop - 4 p.m. at The Center for Student Development

#### Saturday, September 19

- \* ACUB Movie at 7 p.m. in Jones Auditorium
- \* Self, College, and Career" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Center for Student Development

#### Sunday, September 20

- \* Greek Recruitment Starts For Sororities 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Monday, September 22

- \* Chicago In-City Interview Information Meeting 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at The Center for Student Development.
- \* Poet Joy Harjo, 8 p.m. in the Heritage Performing Arts Cen-

## ALA Increases Alma Alumni And Student Relations

By Lonna Lutze  
Staff Reporter

Throughout the year, Alma College students will see the results of hard work from the Alma Leadership Alliance (ALA). Survival kits will pop up at doors around exam time, birthday cakes and balloons will be delivered, and homecoming week will be planned so that the campus will shine with Alma pride. The homecoming parade will once again go through town and the downtown shops' windows will be painted to show homecoming spirit, all thanks to ALA.

Two years ago, ALA was called the Student Alumni Association, and their main responsibility was to organize homecoming activities. Since then, their name has changed and they have added responsibilities.

One of their new responsibilities includes holding seminar sessions two or three times a year. During these sessions, alumni come back to campus to speak with students about graduate schools, how to become good

alumni, and about the different jobs they hold.

The Alma College alumni office oversees all ALA activities. The advisor for the student organization is Alumni Director Bob Eldridge. The group works closely with Alma alumni and provides students with networking opportunities.

During the fall and spring, the organization holds a Detroit round table where students go to speak with Alma alumni about jobs. These sessions give students insight into different options that could be open to them after graduation. The students usually hear a guest speaker and a panel discussion.

Senior Karen Jones, the ALA Student Congress Representative, stated that the relationship the organization has between students and alumni is very important. ALA lets alumni know that the college is still in good standing and still active, and alumni work as good resources and references for students in finding jobs.

Because of her involvement in ALA, Jones was able to find an



ALA's Executive Council Chad Wisniewski (99), President; Joel Sandersen (99), Student Congress Rep.; Karen Jones (99), Student Congress Rep.; and Jill Georges (99), Vice-President. Photo by Steve Nadeau.

internship, which later lead to a job offer.

"Alumni are a good source of information and aren't always utilized as they should be. ALA is a great opportunity to build your networking and give you an added opportunity to find internships and jobs. It is a great leadership organization and a wonderful way to get involved on campus," Jones said.

According to ALA president,

senior Chad Wisniewski, the organization is not difficult to get involved in. He said that students who would like to get involved should just show up to the meetings and be ready to volunteer. The group is planning to hold meetings on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Reid Knox conference room.

Anyone interested in joining or has other questions should contact Wisniewski at 8166.

## New Professors come to Alma

By Mandy Long  
Feature Editor

Last week at Opening Convocation, Provost Leslie Ellen Brown had the honor of introducing to Alma College five new faculty members: Catherine Fobes, Timothy Keeton, Margarita Krakusin, Marek Payerhin, and Julia Robinson Yarbrough.

Catherine Fobes, Assistant Professor of Sociology, comes to Alma College from Florida State University where she received both her M.S. and Ph.D. in Sociology.

"I hope to offer students some tools; both practical and analytical, that they can use in their life at Alma College and after for living in a complex, capitalist society," Fobes stated when asked what she hoped to offer to Alma College. Fobes' experience includes Director of Research and Research Assistant at Vassar College, Research Assistant at Pepper Institute of Aging and Public Policy, Research Assistant of Sociology at Florida State University, and Instructor of Sociology at Florida State University.

Alma's Biology department has also received a new Assistant Pro-

fessor, Timothy P. Keeton. Keeton, who was most recently at the University of Wyoming, received his B.A. from Wittenburg University and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Microbiology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Foreign Language, joins Alma from Grand Valley State University where she was the Spanish Adjunct Coordinator.

"Alma College is looking for diversity and I can offer that. My culture is more than a language. The culture you can get from being with another person who has experiences from other countries is important for students," Krakusin said.

Krakusin's background includes positions at Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, U.S. State Department of Colombia, Michigan State University, and Grand Valley State University.

Among the new professors, there are also two full-time temporary positions, Marek Payerhin and Julia Robinson Yarbrough.

Payerhin, the Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, comes to Alma College from the University of Connecticut where he was the Adjunct Professor of Political Science. His degrees include a B.A. and a M.A. from Jagiellonian University, and a M.A. and a Ph.D. from The University of Connecticut.

Julia Robinson Yarbrough, Instructor of Religious Studies, comes to Alma College from Michigan State University where she is currently working on her Ph.D. Yarbrough, who received her B.A. from Alma College in 1991, also received her M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1994.

Fobes said, "I feel that Alma has so much to offer me, and I'm glad that I'm here."

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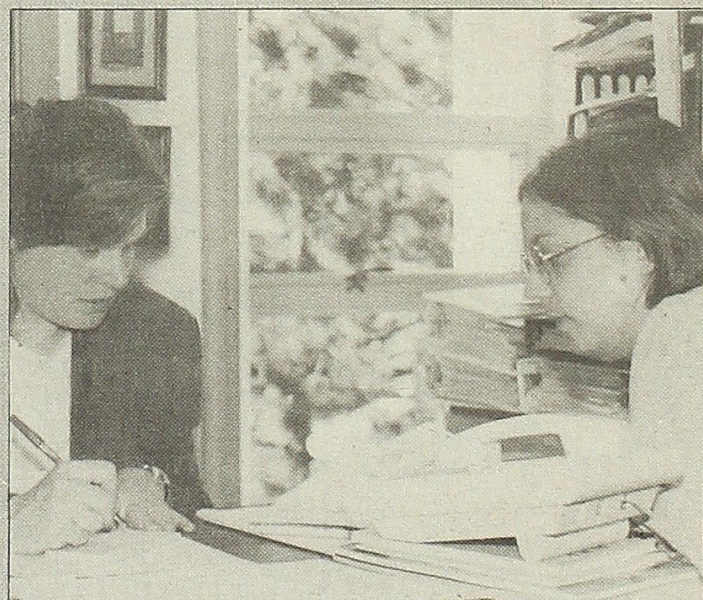
**•Catherine Fobes, assistant professor of sociology**

in 1994. Keeton's experience in biology is extensive, including research at the University of Cincinnati University Hospital, Merrell Dow Research Institute, and the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture.

Keeton said he hopes to "bring a tie between my discipline, biology, and the world for students at Alma College."

Alma has also gained a new professor in the Foreign Language department. Margarita Krakusin, Assistant Professor of

## First-Year Students Enjoy Pre-Term '98



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# Football Team Starts Season With Victory

By Joey Mead  
Sports Editor

Get excited Alma College football fans, the Scots are on a mission. September 5, the Alma College football team had their first game of the season and came out with a 19-17 win over the Thomas More Saints.

Last year the Scots, with a record of 3-2, tied Albion for third in the MIAA. The Scots tied for second in the overall standings with Hope and Albion College all with a record of 6-3.

Head coach Jim Cole said, "Our goal this year is to prove we are among the top three teams in the league."

The Scots first game started out well with a 13-0 lead thanks to senior Mason Converse who ran in two touch downs during the first quarter. Rushing in another touch down for the Scots was first-year student James Parshay.

Thomas More out-gained Alma 458-295 yards, but the Saints had three turnovers to Alma's one. One of the key turnovers was an interception made by sophomore Josh Dukes at the end of game that kept Alma's lead alive. Alma had another nice contribution made by senior quarterback Jason VanderMaas, the offensive leader for the game who passed 142 yards and rushed 65 yards.

Junior Shawn Priem said, "We made a few mistakes for a first game, but it should be all cleared up now. We hope we can get our offense going, and our defense fixed up."

Also putting in a great performance was junior Dustin Armstrong who was nominated for MIAA Defensive Player of the Week. Armstrong said, "It was a tough

game, it came right down to the end as the score shows. I wish we could have beat them a little better, but at the time we were just happy to get a win for our first game."

"Our goal is to win the MIAA. We'd love to make the play-offs, but I think this year we just want to win a ring," added Armstrong.

This year's new recruits look promising. Already many of them have had to step up into positions they have never played before because of some injuries.

"David Schulz (02) in high school was a quarterback, but he had to start his very first college game as a defensive back," Armstrong said.

Senior Jim Townsend said, "We have a lot of leaders this year. We have 20 seniors. We have a lot of young guys coming in who are really pushing the seniors for jobs already."

Cole said, "We're real excited about the support we got at our first game. I know not all the students were back, but the student body is really important."

The Alma college football team expressed nothing but confidence in the running for the MIAA championship. Sophomore Dan Huggler said "The defense is looking stronger if not stronger than last years, our offense has made a lot of strides forward. We are definitely playing at a higher level then what we played last year."

"We're definitely looking at a championship," said junior Chris Warner.

Alma's next game is this Saturday at 1:30 against Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois. Their next home game is on Parent Day/Community Appreciation day, which is September 26, with the Scots against Franklin College at 1:30.

# Sports Schedule

## Men's Golf

| DATE     | OPPONENT         | TIME    |
|----------|------------------|---------|
| Sept. 15 | MIAA at Albion   | 2:00 PM |
| Sept. 17 | MIAA at Olivet   | 2:00 PM |
| Sept. 24 | MIAA at Defiance | 1:00 PM |
| Sept. 26 | MIAA at Adrian   | 11:00AM |
| Sept. 28 | MIAA at Hope     | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 3   | MIAA at Alma     | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 5   | MIAA at Calvin   | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 12  | MIAA at K-zoo    | 1:00 PM |

|            |                     |         |
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| Oct. 17    | at Defiance         | 11:00AM |
|            | McMurray            | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 20    | St. Mary's          | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 21    | Kalamazoo           | 6:30 PM |
| Oct. 23    | Hope College        | 6:30 PM |
| Oct. 28    | Albion College      | 6:30 PM |
| Oct. 30-31 | at Colorado College | 6:30 PM |

## Women's Golf

|          |                    |         |
|----------|--------------------|---------|
| Sept. 15 | MIAA at Albion     | 2:00 PM |
| Sept. 19 | MIAA at Alma       | 1:00 PM |
| Sept. 26 | MIAA at Hope       | 1:00 PM |
| Sept. 30 | MIAA at St. Mary's | 1:00    |
| Oct. 3   | MIAA at Olivet     | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 5   | MIAA at K-zoo      | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 10  | MIAA at Adrian     | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 14  | MIAA at Calvin     | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 17  | MIAA at Defiance   | 1:00 PM |

## Football

|          |                    |         |
|----------|--------------------|---------|
| Sept. 19 | at Olivet Nazarene | 1:30PM  |
| Sept. 26 | Franklin College   | 1:30 PM |
| Oct. 10  | Adrian College     |         |
|          | (Homecoming)       | 2:00 PM |
| Oct. 17  | at Albion          | 1:30 PM |
| Oct. 24  | Hope College       | 1:30 PM |
| Oct. 31  | at Kalamazoo       | 1:00 PM |
| Nov. 7   | Olivet College     | 1:00 PM |

## Men's Soccer

|          |              |         |
|----------|--------------|---------|
| Sept. 17 | Aquinas      | 4:00 PM |
| Sept. 22 | Olivet       | 4:00 PM |
| Sept. 26 | at Adrian    | 1:30 PM |
| Sept. 30 | Hope         | 4:00 PM |
| Oct. 3   | Calvin       | 1:30 PM |
| Oct. 6   | at Albion    | 4:00 PM |
| Oct. 10  | Defiance     |         |
|          | (Homecoming) | 1:30 PM |
| Oct. 14  | at Kalamazoo | 4:00 PM |
| Oct. 17  | at Olivet    | 1:30 PM |
| Oct. 20  | Adrian       | 4:00 PM |
| Oct. 24  | at Hope      | 2:00 PM |
| Oct. 28  | at Calvin    | 3:00 PM |
| Oct. 31  | Albion       | 1:30 PM |
| Nov. 3   | at Defiance  | 3:00 PM |
| Nov. 7   | Kalamazoo    | 1:30 PM |

## Men's and Women's Cross Country

|          |                        |                         |          |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Sept. 19 | Ferris State           | at Big Rapids           | 11:00AM  |
| Sept. 26 | MIAA Jamboree          | at Calvin College       | 11:00AM  |
| Oct. 3   | Loyola Lakefront       | Invitational at Chicago | 11:00 AM |
| Oct. 17  | Defiance Invitational  | at Defiance, OH         | 11:00AM  |
| Oct. 24  | Alma Invitational      | at Alma College         | 11:00AM  |
| Oct. 31  | MIAA Championship Meet | at Alma College         | 11:00 AM |
| Nov. 14  | NCAA Regionals         | at Albion College       | 11:00AM  |

## Volleyball

|          |                   |                   |         |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Sept. 16 | Alma Hope         | at Olivet College | 5:00PM  |
| Sept. 18 | Calvin            |                   | 6:30PM  |
| Sept. 19 | at Albion         |                   | 1:00PM  |
| Sept. 25 | Adrian            |                   | 6:30PM  |
| Sept. 26 | Defiance College  |                   | 1:00 PM |
| Sept. 30 | at Kalamazoo      |                   | 6:30 PM |
| Oct. 7   | Olivet College    |                   | 6:30 PM |
| Oct. 9   | at Calvin         |                   | 6:30 PM |
| Oct. 10  | at St. Mary's     |                   | 1:30 PM |
| Oct. 16  | at Adrian College |                   | 3:00 PM |

## Women's Soccer

|          |                 |         |
|----------|-----------------|---------|
| Sept. 15 | SVSU            | 4:00 PM |
| Sept. 19 | at Olivet       | noon    |
| Sept. 24 | St. Mary's      | 4:00 PM |
| Sept. 26 | at Albion       | noon    |
| Sept. 29 | Calvin          | 4:00 PM |
| Oct. 3   | at Defiance     | 2:00 PM |
| Oct. 7   | at Hope         | 4:00 PM |
| Oct. 10  | Adrian          |         |
|          | (Homecoming)    | noon    |
| Oct. 13  | Kalamazoo       | 4:00 PM |
| Oct. 17  | at St. Mary's   | 1:00 PM |
| Oct. 21  | Olivet          | 4:00 PM |
| Oct. 27  | MIAA Tournament | TBA     |

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Sports by Mike Murphy

# McGwire Smacks 62, reclaiming America's love of baseball

Mark McGwire has single handedly re-captured America's love affair with baseball.

On Wednesday night, against the Chicago Cubs, McGwire smashed a ball that barely rose 40 feet above the ground but traveled over 345 feet, clearing Busch Stadium's outfield wall and sending the entire nation into a frenzy.

His bash concluded his chase for 62 homeruns, which overtook Roger Maris's homerun record set in 1961. Every single person who follows baseball knew about this amazing record, with many believing that Maris's record would stay for good.

McGwire, with a workman-like attitude, set the goal at the beginning of Spring

Training to eclipse the record and notch his place in baseball history.

"I've been talking about this since January and I get to 61, and it's one swing away. The next thing you know, I hit a ball that all of a sudden disappeared," said McGwire at the post-game press conference.

And disappear it did. Into the archives of baseball history and memories of the millions of people who witnessed the awesome feat.

One of the most impressive aspects of this chase was that not only St. Louis fans supported McGwire, but fans and players found throughout America. Stadiums everywhere were showing McGwire at bat,

and when he cranked number 62, the games paused, and all that was heard was cheer upon cheer, clap upon clap. Players tipped their ball caps in recognition and admiration of McGwire.

Sammy Sosa, who is chasing the same record, smiled, clapped, and later embraced the hero of baseball. As McGwire jogged around the diamond, Cubs' infielders smiled and gave McGwire high-fives, underlining the enormous respect they have for McGwire and his major accomplishment.

Even fans that do not like or enjoy baseball appreciate McGwire and what he has done. Hitting a baseball thrown at speeds approaching 100 miles per hour from just a mere 60 feet, 6 inches away with a round bat takes an incredible amount of skill and talent. Hitting the ball over 400 feet is in a class of its own.

But McGwire's job is not only to hit a ball 400 feet, but to also advance runners, drive them in, hit for average, and solidly play defense every single night of the 162 game season. McGwire has admirably performed all of these tasks, hitting a re-

spectable .295 and playing great defense as well.

Another quite impressive aspect of this entire chase on baseball history has been the class that McGwire has demonstrated throughout the entire baseball season. Blue-collar and humility are words that describe Mark McGwire.

He has taken time to thank fans at every stadium he has visited. Not once have you seen McGwire taunt pitchers after he hammered their pitch 500 feet into the bleachers.

Instead, you see McGwire giving honor to Roger Maris and his children, as he recognized them after he hit homerun number 62. You see him pick up his son (who is a Cardinal batboy), and carry him after he crossed home plate. You see McGwire going out to the ballpark everyday and doing his best, trying to help his St. Louis ball club win more games.

If anyone worried that baseball would never recover from the strike of 1994, they were mistaken. They only had to wait four years and place their hopes on the bat of Mark McGwire.



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## OPINION

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## Fieger Will Bring Down the Democratic Party

By Shannon Casey  
Opinion Editor

Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger is his own worst enemy. He describes himself as an anti-politician, but that does not excuse him from religious bigotry or give him a right to personally attack his opponents. This rhetoric may be expected from a Southfield attorney, but not from a candidate for governor.

Fieger portrays himself as a first class religious bigot. He considers Jesus Christ to be, "just some goofball who got nailed to the cross." He called the Council of Orthodox Rabbis a bunch of Nazi's and the Roman Cardinal Archbishop of Detroit a nut. *The*

*New York Times* quoted Fieger as describing the Pope with mocking vulgarities and says he would, "rather take advice from Joe the wino."

Fieger's insults do not stop at religious leaders. He does not possess enough self-discipline to keep his vulgar attacks out of the political arena. He repeatedly describes Governor John Engler as, "the product of miscegenation between barnyard animals and human beings." The Democratic gubernatorial candidate even attacks Engler's triplets by speculating that unless they have corkscrew tails, they are not his kids. Regardless if one agrees with the Governor's policies, his kids should not be the focus of political attacks.

As a successful attorney in Southfield, Fieger made millions, but did not engage in the most ethical of legal practices. He was fined \$20,000 for lying to attorneys in a 1995 civil suit involving Consumers Power and hog farmers. While representing Jack Kevorkian, he was again fined \$7,500 for judge shopping. Fieger dismissed the fines as simple costs of doing business, saying he had paid them before and expected to do so again.

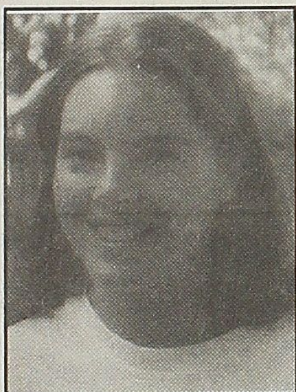
It is surprising that Fieger's democratic Primary opponents did not use his own words against him. If Larry Owen had changed the focus of his campaign from Engler to Fieger, he would probably be gearing up for the November election.

Governor Engler understands the importance of hard campaigning and knows that he can not let down his guard over the next two months. After all, Engler won the governor's seat in 1990 after trailing then Governor James Blanchard in the polls for 2 months.

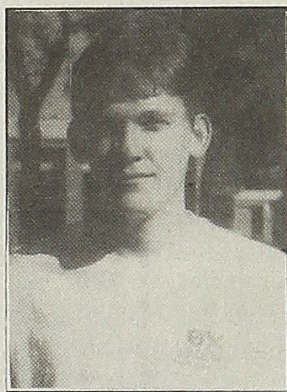
Unfortunately, Fieger's comments do not just hurt himself, but also the entire Democratic Party. As the Democratic candidate for governor, Fieger is the figurehead of the Michigan Democratic Party. There is no doubt Republican candidates at all levels of government will use Fieger and his comments as a weapon against their Democratic opponents.

## The Almanian Opinion Poll

The Almanian conducted an Opinion Poll of six Alma College Students that asked who they support in the November Gubernatorial race, and their reason why.



**Becky Pierce (00)**  
"I really don't support either. I'm not interested right now."



**Del Dunsmore (00)**  
"I like Fieger. He's new and edgy."



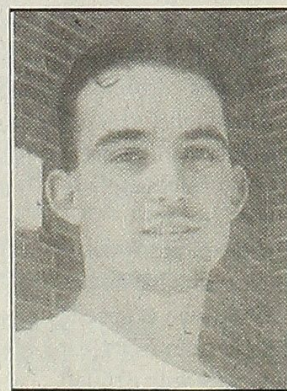
**Mark Kowal (02)**  
"I support Engler, because Fieger is a loudmouth."



**Britten Lyon (02)**  
"I prefer Engler because Fieger is for assisted suicide."



**Katy Bunker (99)**  
"Engler - because Fieger's a schiester."



**Eric Wood (99)**  
"I support no one. I'm not up to date on the current issues."

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the Student Congress Constitution in the student life handbook, which was distributed to all first year students.

Election petitions for the class of 2002 are available in the Student Congress office across from Jones Auditorium. The completed application is due Friday, September 18. First year students can

cast their ballots in Hamilton Commons on Tuesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 23. The Executive Council members can address any further questions and can be reached at 7122.

The Student Congress meetings are held every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Dow L-4. The meetings are open to the entire campus and student participation is strongly encouraged.

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