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Louisiana town evacuated— again
GRAND ISLE, La. — Grand Isle's 1,400 residents were ordered Saturday to head mainland because of Tropical Storm Hermine. This was the third evacuation in three weeks for the town.

The storm was headed for New Orleans, but experts at the National Weather Service expected it to take a northerly turn and land west of the city during the night. Tropical Storm warnings or watches were in effect across the entire Louisiana coast, and the weather service was warning residents of parishes east of the Atchafalaya River to be prepared for potential flash floods.

Clinton tells the GOP to reconsider taxes

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has ordered Republicans "back to the drawing board" for tax relief. The President has promised to veto what he referred to as an irresponsible and unstable \$80-billion tax cut package. According to the Detroit News, Clinton has insisted on narrower cuts that would reserve surplus funds for Social Security.

With only a few days before fiscal 1998 closes the books with a federal budget surplus, Clinton said that the Republicans are too anxious to allocate a proportion of the surplus for tax credits.

World Briefs

Quebec Separatists pressure for referendum

LAVAL, Quebec — The Detroit News reported that "Quebec Separatists put pressure on their leader Premier Lucien Bouchard to pledge that he will hold another referendum on secession if their party wins re-election.

Bouchard, an advocate for breaking from Canada, has been vocal about calling for another referendum on when he was convinced "winning conditions" existed. Twice since 1980, separatists have lost secession referendums, most recently in 1995 by a slim margin. The next election is expected either late this fall or in early spring 1999.

India and Pakistan exchange fire

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Over the weekend, Indian artillery killed nine people and wounded eleven others in Pakistani controlled parts of disputed Kashmir. According to the Pakistani military, their troops returned fire and reported hitting Indian bunkers and military posts. The remote Himalayan territory of Kashmir has been the cause two wars between India and Pakistan since the two gained independence from Britain in 1947.

New vice presidents at Alma

By Amy Beth Place
Freelance Writer

Alma College welcomed three new faces to its campus community this year. President Alan J. Stone announced the appointments of Carol Furrow Hyble as Alma's Vice President of Development, Jerry L. Scoby as Vice President of Finance and Administration, and Alan P. Hill as Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs.

Carol Furrow Hyble, a 1978 graduate and former Director of Alumni Relations for Alma, returned in November 1997 as a Regional Director of Development. For the last 13 years (1984-97), she has served Central Michigan University (CMU) as the Director of Alumni Relations. Hyble has made time to earn a Master's degree in education administration, in addition to her alumni and development work. Besides her job of being a vice president, she will also be a member of the Executive Staff, the President's Advisory Council and the Evergreen Planning Task Force. She also will work with trustee committees for Annual Fund and Constituent Development and Planned Giving.

Alma's new Vice President of Finance and Administration, Jerry L. Scoby of Mt. Pleasant, brings 22 years of business and financial experience at Central Michigan University to his newly appointed position. Scoby served as CMU's Assistant Vice President of Business Affairs since 1992. He has supervisory responsibilities as Alma's Top Financial Officer for Human Resources, Business Office, Physical



From left to right, Carol Hyble, vice president of development, Alan Hill, vice president of enrollment and student affairs and Jerry Scoby, vice president of finance and administration are new to Alma College this year. Photo by Steve Nadeau.

Plant and Office Services. Scoby also will serve as a member of the Executive Staff and work with four trustee committees. He holds three degrees from Central Michigan University: a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (1978), a Master's in Business Administration (1982), and a Specialist Degree in Education Administration (1992).

Jerry Scoby said that he has aspired to a financial vice presidency for many years, he called his move to the Alma community a "good fit" offering new opportunities. "Alma is a quality institution, which makes it very attractive. The location also makes it attractive, I've been looking selectively and

have had offers over the last decade. This one is a good fit at a good time," said Scoby.

DePauw University graduate Alan P. Hill of Greencastle, In., accepted Alma College's offer to become the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs. His previous job was the Dean of Students at DePauw. He worked there since 1995, and has combined 11 years of experience in Student Affairs, Provost's Office, Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid at DePauw. Hill earned a Master of Arts in Teaching from DePauw in 1983, and from there went on to work for IBM for our years as an account marketing representa-

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Alma schools submit bond proposal

by Amy Taylor
Staff Reporter

After 27 years, Alma Public Schools have realized it is time for some major structural changes within their facilities. Alma last completed work to the schools in 1971, and only minor remodeling was done. On Thursday, September 29 Alma residents can vote on a 45.17 million dollar bond that will go strictly towards financing improvements.

According to Jonieta Stone, the changes made with this bond will include renovations to the high school, a new middle school, technology labs, computers, and remodeling to each elementary school. Also, additional classrooms will be added to the elementary schools.

Building a new middle school will be the largest project for Alma. The current school is located downtown at Pine Road and Downy Street. If the proposal passes the new school will be built on the north side of the high school.

Taxpayers will see an increase of 8.4 mills added to their taxes. The expansion

of what the taxpayers submit will vary depending on the resident's status, the value of the house, and other income factors. All will contribute to the alteration in what the resident will pay.

When asked if the bond is more likely to be passed or turned down, Stone said, "It is hard to know. There is a group definitely opposed, but overall it is very supported."

While the bond does have a large amount of support there is some opposition. A concern in the community is that St. Louis recently received \$6 million and built a new high school while Alma requested \$45 million for a new middle school and some renovations. They want to know why there is such an immense difference in the amount requested between the two school districts.

Eric Sieger, Sports Information Director, said, "If people have a problem with poor money management of the schools then they should get involved." Seiger also said, "It is good that those who are opposed will give the other side."

Alma understands that the appearance

and condition of the public schools effects the community in one way or the other. Stone said, "the college is interested in the condition of the schools since it can attract or turn away potential citizens, you start to lose people in the community." She also said, "We are interested in it because the kids in Alma need it."

Sophomore Heather Hoffman who is an Alma resident said she is, "Indifferent. If this proposal is rejected then they will ask for less money and asking for less money will warm the people up and the proposal is more apt to pass the second time."

On Monday, September 28, a flyer will be handed out to the Alma College community urging students to go out and vote. Students who will be voting can visit the polls at the community center in Alma or the Riverdale library.

Paula Moeggenberg, who has children of 4 years, 2 years, and 9 months said "Ithaca and Breckenridge have excellent facilities and are growing as a result. Alma should be like them and hopes the proposal passes."

Campus welcomes changes over summer

Lonna Lutze
Staff Reporter

Coming back to school this year, it probably didn't take very long to notice a change that had taken place on campus. The Gelston/Mitchell parking lot was newly paved adding 27 new spaces. This, however, was only one of the many changes that had occurred.

Every year when students leave, action is still happening on campus improving conditions and keeping maintenance up for the next year.

Maintenance was busy doing routine things on campus such as

replacing air conditioners and repairing roofs. They also had to clean up campus after the storm in May, when 31 trees were lost on campus. These trees, however, will be replaced.

This year many things have been changed and improved. Mitchell hall residents have new furniture in every room. The hall was also provided with new carpeting in every corridor and in first floor rooms. Both Mitchell and Newberry were wired for computer hookup.

These hall improvements were part of an ongoing project that was started a few years ago. First

the windows were replaced in the dorms, the next goal was rewiring, then new furnishings for the dorms. Newberry will be getting new furniture, and Gelston will be wired next summer.

Other improvements were made on campus such as new sidewalks, new carpet in Hamilton Commons and Gelston lobby and new chairs for Hamilton. The International Office and Service Learning offices were both moved to the lower level of the library building, and an additional small housing unit

was added to campus with the purchase of a house at 505 Harvard.

The new baseball complex was worked on. Only the dugout, press box and fencing need to be finished which will occur this year. Additional lighting was also added around campus fulfilling a request voiced by students.

There are different ways students can voice their opinions about what they think needs to be done on campus. It can be done through Dean Kridler's office or Student Congress. Students can also serve on community standards committees. The Presidents Advisory Council deals with immediate issues such as the budget.

The Evergreen Planning Task Force (EPTF) deals with long range planning such as where buildings should be built.

We will continue to see changes take place on campus. The residence hall projects will be continued. The bricks in McIntyre Mall will be replaced with colored concrete in the next year or two. The Inter Mural building will be started this summer, although funds are still needed.

All the funding for the buildings and long range planning is supported entirely by gifts from outside sources. Maintenance money is provided in the budget.

Bridge program connects students to Alma

By Donna Pappas
Staff Reporter

Working to increase the return rates of minority students to Alma, the college administration established the Bridge Program in the early 1990s to provide a transition from high school to college.

In 1992, a state funded grant helped to create the program. Minority students already committed to Alma were targeted by the admissions office and invited to participate in the program during the summer, provided free

of cost.

two classes, either Math 99 or 100 and English 100 or 101.

During the initial year of the program, a total of seventeen students agreed to participate.

With state money left over, two additional classes

"The Bridge Program provides minority students with a further transition, or bridge, from home life and high school, to a new place with a new culture."

Trisha Jurkewicz, English Professor

The students were enrolled in were created: Civil Rights in

America and American Dialects. Speakers were also invited to Alma to discuss issues not usually heard on campus such as diversity.

This year, Mark Nazario, previous Director of Special Programs, was in charge of the summer program. A total of 28 students began the 1998 school year as members of the Bridge Program

"Since the Bridge Program was created, there has been a rise in retention rates of minority students," said Trisha Jurkewicz, professor of English during the summer programs.

The Bridge Program, however, does not only provide students with a more comfortable transitional stage, "They are also able to form a strong peer networking group, providing support both academically as well as socially," said Carolyn Schneider, Associate Dean of Career Services.

William Potter, Dean of Academic Affairs, headed this program in its first year. The grant was not received again, so the program did not continue in 1993. Potter remained as an advisor to these participants. He said, "The Bridge Program was the first step away from the 'all vanilla' environment of the college community."

The Program was re-established in the summer of 1996, organized by Schneider. While there was no state funding, the college supported the program itself.

"The Bridge Program provides minority students with a further transition, or bridge, from home life and high school, to a new place with a new culture," said Jurkewicz.

Admissions department appoints new directors

By Tonya Schafer
Staff Reporter

An admissions representative is often the first contact prospective scholars have with a school and its community.

It is essential that these representatives be committed to and enthusiastic about the colleges they represent. Recently, the Alma College Admissions Office appointed four new Assistant Directors of Admissions and a new Director of Admissions. These representatives have already begun the important task of recruiting potential students from locations across the state and midwest.

Christopher Brown is not new to the Admissions Office, having previously served as the Associate Director of Admissions at Alma College. He is currently the

temporary Acting Director of Admissions and is simultaneously serving as the Director of Financial Aid. Brown has had seven years of experience in admissions and has been a liaison between the Admissions Office and the Financial Aid Office for the past three years.

Michael Deegan has come to Alma from Westminster College, where he graduated in 1998. Serving as Assistant Director of Admissions, Deegan is responsible for the recruitment of students in southeastern Michigan.

1996 Alma College graduate Carrie Jeffers has been hired by her alma mater to serve as an Assistant Director of Admissions. Jeffers' recruitment territory is Oakland and Macomb Counties and the state of Illinois.

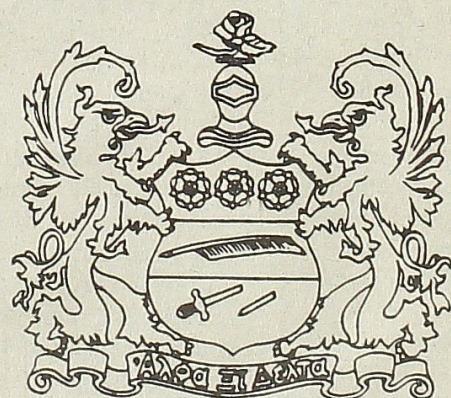
Amy Miller, an Assistant Director of Admissions, hails from

Cobleskill, New York. She is a 1998 graduate of Dickinson College, and is in charge of recruiting prospective students from southwestern Michigan.

Assistant Director of Admissions Daniel Segura graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 1998. Segura's territory consists of the state of Indiana and mid-western Michigan, including Mason, Osceola, Ottawa, and Clinton Counties.

The Admissions Office performs an important task as it strives to make Alma College known to potential students. With the appointments of five new Directors, and the hard work of the admissions staff, the office has ensured that this year's recruiting season will be a success.

*Congratulations to the
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Alpha Xi Delta!*



*The Zeta Upsilon Chapter was one of
15 national AΞΔ chapters to receive the
XI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.
Congratulations on receiving
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Vice President

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tive. In 1987, he returned as an Assistant Director of Admissions for DePauw. His many other positions include Director of Financial Aid and Student Loan Officer (1991-93) and Assistant to the Provost (1993-95).

About his move to Alma, Hill said, "it is a great opportunity to make contributions as a college

administrator with a liberal arts background. In reviewing Alma's strategic plans, I know I can help Alma move forward in areas the plans cover. I'm able to look broadly at issues affecting prospective students and, once they're on campus, the issues affecting college students."

"I'm able to communicate those issues to everyone I work with so

we share the view that we're there to serve students and give them the best educational experience possible both inside and outside the classroom," Hill said.

Hill's office is located in the Hood Building with the Admissions offices. To reach Hill or the Admissions office call 7139.

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Engler and Fieger gubernatorial fight: The 1998 November election draws near

By Amy Novak
Freelance Writer

And the race is on... As November's election draws closer, everyone seems to wonder who will emerge victorious in the Michigan gubernatorial race.

According to a recent poll taken by the Detroit News, Governor John Engler's lead over Democratic challenger, Geoffrey Fieger, has increased to 3 to 1. That means that according to the poll, for every person who prefers Fieger, there are three that prefer Engler.

Alma student and Fieger campaign worker, Joe Toman (99), disagrees. "These polls cannot be

considered valid," Toman said, "They do not get a complete cross section of the voting population."

The Detroit News reports that although no statewide campaign has ever been this uneven with the election date so close, the Democrats aren't worried - yet. The Democrats and Fieger hope that they may repeat history like in the 1990 governor's race where Republican challenger, Engler, narrowly beat out incumbent Jim Blanchard, who had held a significant lead in polls prior to election day.

With Tuesday's release of each candidates' agenda, voter opinions may or may not be changing. Engler's reelection platform is a

thirty page plan filled with both old and new ideas.

Engler stresses new proposals like making it a crime for gang members to recruit teens, expanding charter schools, and putting prisoners to work at community service. Some reoccurring proposals he includes are mandatory drug testing for citizens on welfare and a gradual state income tax decrease starting in 1999.

Fieger's crime-oriented platform focuses on capital punishment for serial, child and cop killers. It also calls for moving drug and property offenders from prison to alternative programs, mandatory drug tests for juvenile offenders, and stricter penalties

for gang violence. Legalizing capital punishment requires a change in the state constitution.

As Governor Engler has shown, he is capable of improving Michigan. However, he is not as timely as some voters would prefer as was stated in the Detroit News. An example of this is the issue over improving Michigan roads. Voters have been asking for road improvements for years, yet it has only been over the last two years that Engler has done anything about it.

Some of Fieger's negative attention has been derived from his longtime association with assisted suicide advocate, Jack Kevorkian. Although some vot-

ers may be discouraged by this, others are looking to Fieger for a change in Michigan. They do not see the fact that Fieger has never previously held office as a downfall, they see it as a chance for a new face and new ideas in Michigan politics.

Jenna Knisley (01) believes that, "Even if a candidate has not held office before, it's not a bad thing. Everyone needs a chance to start somewhere."

The candidates differ not only in their platforms and beliefs, but in their manners, appearances, and personalities as well. As for who will end up governor of Michigan, that's up to the voters to decide.

The presidential scandal: will he resign?

By Amy Fraley
News Editor

With the approval of Congress, yesterday morning the tapes documenting the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal were released to the public. Last week in his first news conference since independent counsel Kenneth Starr submitted his investigative referral for impeachment to Congress, President Clinton said that he would not resign.

Clinton said that he still had the moral authority to properly lead the nation, and he declared that he and the American people

wanted to move past the sordid Lewinsky scandal. The President asked for forgiveness on this journey, which he hoped could help him and the American people grow.

According to a CNN/USA Gallup opinion survey, two-thirds of Americans oppose impeaching the President and six out of ten do not think he should resign.

However, members of Congress are reporting that they are swamped with letters, e-mails, faxes, and voice mail messages from concerned citizens.

Concerns include the escalating costs of investigating the alleged

relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. Independent council Kenneth Starr reported that he has spent over \$4.4 million dollars, compliments of the tax payers, during the past eight months. A spokesman for Starr said that the case was not about sex, instead it was about perjury, subordination of perjury, witness tampering and the obstruction of justice.

Nevertheless, the President has acknowledged and apologized for his inappropriate sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. He has further admitted that the relationship was wrong and that he was responsible and sorry, but

that beyond asking for forgiveness there was little that he could do.

The White House has also confirmed that President Clinton has been receiving weekly spiritual counselling for what he has referred to as his "broken spirit." The two evangelical preachers chosen by the President are the Rev. Tony Campolo, a liberal Baptist from Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Gordon MacDonald, senior pastor of Grace Chapel, a nondenominational Christian church in Lexington, Massachusetts. The two have been asked to serve and counsel Clinton, while

holding him accountable for the behavior that has marred his presidency and personal life.

In the midst of the controversy and despite having her marriage examined by the nation, Hillary Rodham Clinton has remained outwardly confident and continues to remain committed to her busy public schedule with no mention of Monica Lewinsky. Hillary has indicated that she is willing to do her part to help the Democratic party move past the scandal.

Videotapes of Clinton's Grand Jury testimony were released to the public on Monday.

Alma College gains new small housing unit

By Lonna Lutze
Staff Reporter

This summer Alma College purchased a new house (505 Harvard Street) to be used as small housing. The house, once used for adult foster care, had been vacant since last February and was going into disrepair which made the neighbors concerned. For this reason, President Stone was approached to purchase the house.

According to Stone, the house needed maintenance such as carpet cleaning, window repair, yard cleaning, and a sliding glass door replacement.

Dean of students Jim Kridler said that as of now, all repairs in the house have been made and now all it needs are eaves troughs and living room furniture.

Despite the repairs, the residence is still not housing its capacity of students because of zoning problems with the City of Alma.

Stone said the zoning had to be changed to a multiple family dwelling which has caused problems with the number of people that were able to move in.

There was opposition on the planning commission in the broader neighborhood. The City commission has approved it, but now it has to go once again to the planning commission in October. Only then it will be allowed to house its limit.

The house is able to hold 14 people. Currently there are four living there: Terra Blanford (99), Libby Beckett (99), Katrina Dennis (99), and Jen Dunham (99).

All four of these students are members of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. If the zoning change is approved, ten more girls from the sorority will move into the residence.

However, the residence is not designated as a sorority house. It is, small housing.

Dean Kridler stated that the college was in need of more female housing units and the Phi Sigma Sigma girls already had a quad in Bruske all set up for them.

They had their room assignments, but they were also a collective group that would be easy to move and would free space in the residence halls for incoming freshmen.

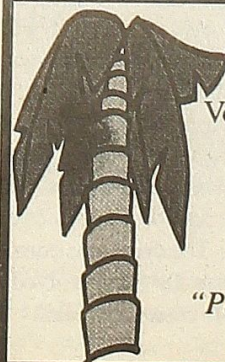


Phi Sigma Sigma members pose in front of the new small housing unit purchased by the College at 505 Harvard Street. Photo by Maya Mackowiak.

It is uncertain what will happen with the house next year.

The Phi Sigs will more than likely be moving into what is currently the Spanish House, giving them an official Greek housing unit and the Spanish house could move into the Plaxton house.

Such changes are not for certain, however.



Attention Seniors!

Vote for Homecoming King and Queen

September 29, 30, October 1

Hamilton Commons

Homecoming October 5-10, 1998

"Party from the Hawaiian Shore to the Ocean Floor"

Alma Ambassadors entice potential students

By Tonya Schafer
Staff Reporter

One of the toughest and most life altering decisions a student will make is determining which college he or she will attend. It is difficult to sort through the stacks of catalogs and brochures that pour into every high school Senior's mailbox and decide upon a school that will match one's academic and social needs. The Alma Ambassadors help to make this momentous choice a little easier for prospective students and their families.

The volunteer student organization, led by co-chairs Amy Sherd (99) and Shannon Casey (00) and faculty advisor Julie Wilson, serves as a welcoming committee for those students considering future study at Alma College. The Ambassadors give prospective students tours of the campus, take them to meals and classes and arrange for overnight stays. This, according to Sherd, allows students to get a unique

view of Alma College life, one that they normally wouldn't see.

"The Ambassadors give an impression of Alma to prospective students," Sherd stated. "It's not the classes or the counselors or the coaches that influence their final decision; it's the peers they interact with."

Agreeing with this viewpoint is new Alma Ambassador member Chris LaCroix (02). "Being with the Ambassadors is a great way to represent Alma College and to get behind the picture-perfect image," he said.

Consisting of approximately 150 members, the Alma Ambassadors range from first year students to seniors. Any Alma College student may join by filling out an application at the Admissions Office. Members are asked questions about their hobbies and class schedules, and are then paired up with prospective students who possess similar interests.

To encourage the hard work of these Alma College students, the

Alma Ambassadors have developed a reward system. Each tour given or overnight stay sponsored is worth a set number of points. When a person has accumulated five points per term, he or she receives a T-Shirt. Ten points per term earns brunch at The Embers in Mount Pleasant.

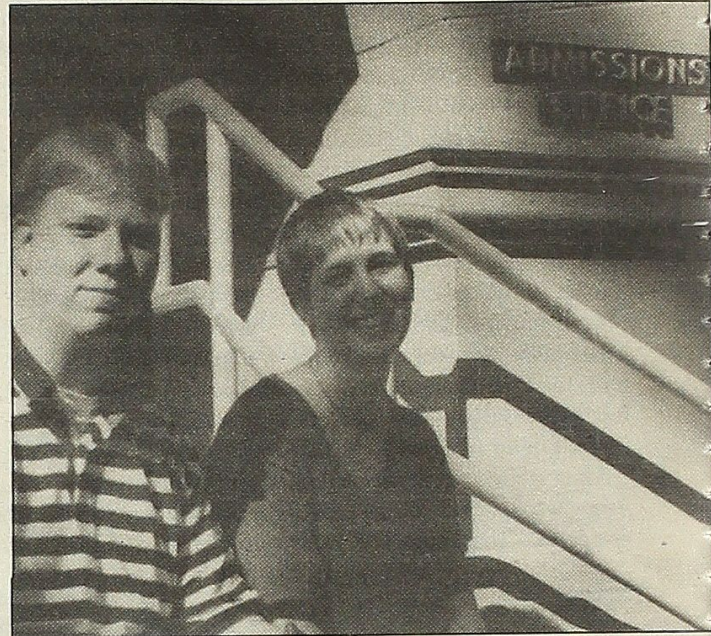
The Alma Ambassadors hold few formal meetings. However, they sponsor an annual pizza party and are planning to publish a newsletter with the goal of maintaining contact with their members and bringing them up to date on group events.

The Alma Ambassadors play an important role in the Alma College community. They provide prospective students with an authentic view of life on a college campus, a view that normally cannot be seen in the self-congratulatory prose of a university guidebook. Without this organization, co-chair Sherd states, Alma College, "wouldn't admit the number of students it currently does. That's why the Ambassadors are

crucial."

Alma ambassadors play a crucial role in the admissions process, and provide a unique view of college life to prospective students

One of the toughest and life-altering decisions a student will make is determining which college to attend. Helping to make that choice a little easier are the Alma Ambassadors.



Alma College Ambassador Co-Chairs, Shannon Casey (99) and Amy Sherd (99). Photo taken by Maya Mackowiak.

Alma's Greek leaders come together to discuss issues

By Mike Murphy
Staff Reporter

On Sunday, September 13, Alma's Greek leaders from both fraternities and sororities attended the first ever Alma College Greek Leadership Workshop.

Student Affairs intern and senior Tim Caister coordinated the workshop in the months of July and August, with the intention of having all Greek chapters' major offices start off the year in sync and on a good note by having them all come together to discuss main issues.

To achieve this, the schedule of events for the leadership workshop was filled with many diverse activities.

Zeta Sigma Fraternity holds third can drive

By Eva Hecht
Staff Reporter

The big, bright tent out front of the Zeta Sigma (ΣΣ) house proclaimed once again the opening of the annual ΣΣ can drive. For the third year in a row, the Zeta Sigma fraternity ran a canned food drive as a philanthropy event, in accordance with the Greek system standards.

Each day, September 14-18, fraternity brothers manned the tent, accepting canned food, non-perishables, returnables like pop cans, and monetary donations. All the proceeds and collections were taken to the Salvation Army on Republic Street.

The drive has been a big success the past two years. The first year, Zeta Sigma received the Philanthropy of the Year award after bringing in around 2,000 cans.

Officers were split into two divisions in which campus issues were discussed. The President, Vice President, and Treasurers of each Greek organization met with Dean Kridler, while Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Marty Stack met with the Social Chairs, Rush Chairs, and New Member Educators.

After these two sessions concluded, lunch was provided in Van Dusen. First, a sheet was passed out for all participants to look over. This sheet contained many rising issues about situations concerning the Greek community and each individual chapter.

Afterwards, David Westol, the Executive Director of the Theta

Chi Fraternity, gave the keynote speech. The purpose of his speech was to give feedback on how the entire Greek system was doing nationally. It helped to give the officers an idea of where they are going in terms of the future.

Five workshop sessions were on the afternoon's agenda, with each individual person being designated to a certain forum. In other words, each workshop saw only one or two representatives from each fraternity and sorority. Heading the five workshop sessions were Westol, Stack, Assistant Dean of Student Development Gayle Passaretti, Marissa DeBlasio who was a representative from Alpha Xi Delta, and Michael Wymant, representing

the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

The workshops were designed to bring up relevant Greek issues and to get good feedback and discussion from the participants.

Following the workshops, all student participants went back for a question and answer session with a panel holding all five workshop session leaders. The students asked numerous questions and received feedback from the panel heads.

Caister hopes to see the workshop expand in the near future. He hopes that the inaugural Greek Leadership Workshop will provide a chance for all of the national Greek organizations to recognize it as a yearly event. This

will prompt each of them to send delegates to Alma and thus expand the workshop sessions. Caister also hopes that every chapter will attend this yearly event so that each can begin the new school year by thinking about pertinent issues within the Greek community.

Caister, who was extremely pleased with the end results, felt that there was not as much goal setting as he had wished for, but he believes that people learned a lot from the panel discussion and will build on it for the future.

What's Happening on Campus

Wednesday, Sept. 23
Trinity Bible Fellowship meeting, 9 p.m. Jones Auditorium

Thursday, Sept. 24
"Eight Bold Souls" 8 p.m. Heritage Performing Arts Center

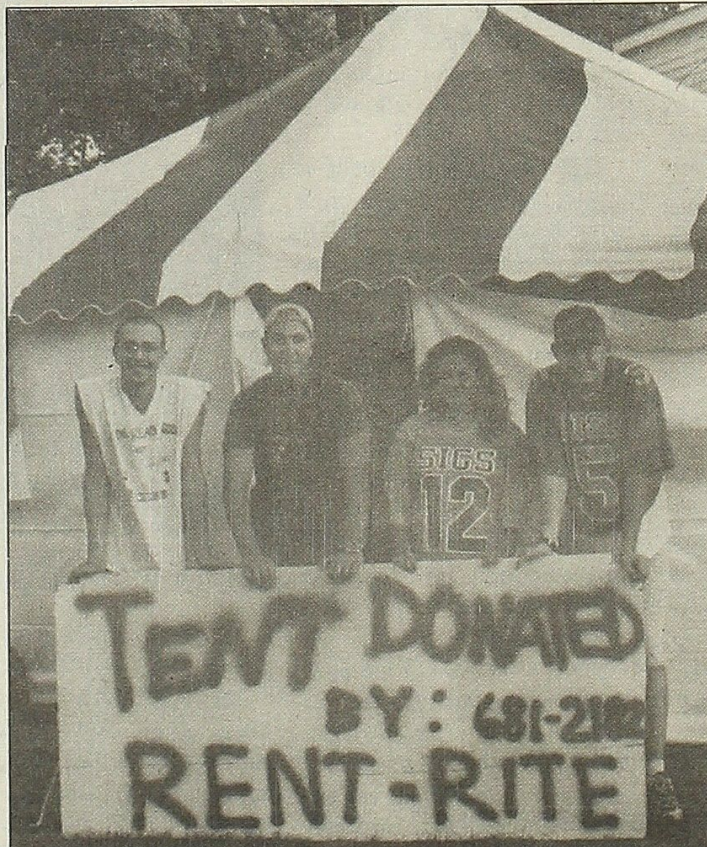
Friday, Sept. 25
ACUB "All Nighter" 6:30 p.m. Jones Auditorium

Saturday, Sept. 26
Parent's Day 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bid Fest 7:30 p.m. Jones and Rotunda Fireside

Sunday, Sept. 27
Greek Week Begins

Monday, Sept. 28
Greek Week

Tuesday, Sept. 29
Greek Week
Patricia Smith, Poet 8 p.m. Heritage Performing Arts Center



Steve Pickelmann (00), Jon Lechkun (98), Laura Keisoglou (99), and John Buesing (99) participated in the Zeta Sigma food drive.

Two new faces direct Mitchell and Gelston Halls

By Mandy Long
Feature Editor

Among the many new faces on Alma's campus this fall, there are two that stand out for Alma College students. Those two faces belong to Kirsten Cauchy and Ken Smith, Alma College's two new Hall Directors.

Kirsten Cauchy is the new Hall Director for Gelston Hall, taking over for Martin Stack who has assumed the position of Assistant Dean of Students. Cauchy comes to Alma College from Central Michigan University where she recently graduated, earning a B.S. with a double major in Communications and Psychology. This summer Cauchy hopes to start

her Masters Degree.

"I came to Alma because it was a good opportunity, I liked the area, the people were great, and it really gave me a chance to further myself," said Cauchy when asked why this job interested her.

Cauchy, who is originally from Midland, was a resident assistant at Central Michigan University for three years.

Cauchy's goals include "figuring out what Alma College is all about, and then trying to implement some new ideas to help both the staff and the residents," said Cauchy. "I love my staff, and my residents are great too," said Cauchy.

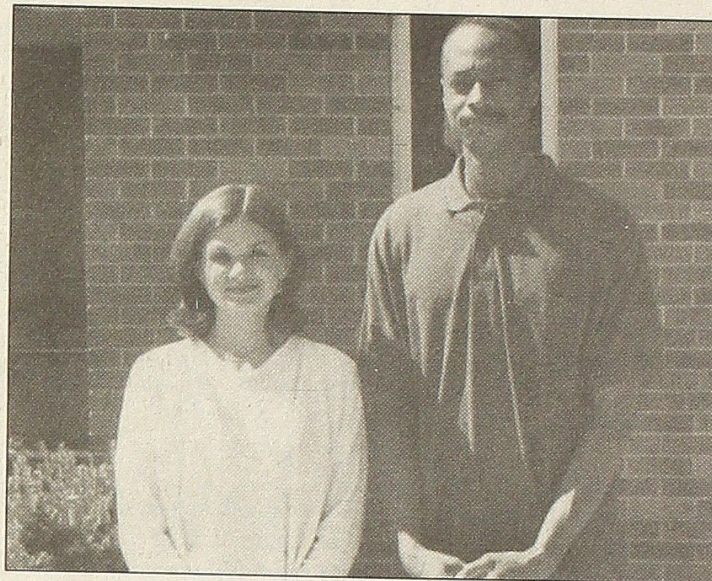
In Mitchell Hall there is also a new face, that of Ken Smith. Smith

is taking over Mitchell Hall from David Wagner, who is the new Hall Director for Bruske Hall. Smith comes to Alma College from Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana where he received a B.A. in Physical Science.

Originally from Chicago, Smith served as a resident assistant for two years during his undergraduate studies.

"I like being in a college environment and being able to have a positive influence on college students," said Smith.

Smith hopes to bring many programs to Mitchell Hall, but would especially like to see some educational programs available to his residents.



Kirsten Cauchy and Ken Smith both new hall directors at Alma College.

Photo by Sean Babbitt

Controversial former Alabama governor dies

By Tonya Schafer
Staff Reporter

George Wallace, the controversial former Alabama governor and United States presidential candidate who built his political career on the concept of racial segregation, died of complications from an infection September 13 in Montgomery, Alabama. He was 79 years old.

Elected to his first term as governor in 1963, Wallace unequivocally asserted his views on race relations when, in his inaugural address, he demanded "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever." In the following years, Alabama became the scene of intense racial strife, much of it instigated by the state's governor.

Wallace's common origins did

not deter his political ambition. Born in 1919 to farmers in Clio, Alabama, the future governor was a page in the state senate, attended the University of Alabama and was a member of the Army Air Corps. He also served in local civic positions and was a district judge before embarking upon his quest for a state political post.

Wallace's most notorious action in his state's ongoing racial struggle occurred in 1963. The United States government had decreed that the University of Alabama could no longer deny entrance to qualified minorities. In a highly symbolic and visible act, Governor Wallace himself stood in the school's entryway to protest the admittance of two black students entering under this order.

As dictated by Alabama law,

Wallace could not seek a second term in office. However, this fact did not deter his political ambitions. In 1966, the governor's wife, Lurleen, began her own gubernatorial campaign. With her husband working behind the scenes, Mrs. Wallace won the race and served as governor until her death two years later. In 1970, and again in 1974, due to a change in the state constitution, George Wallace was re-elected governor of Alabama.

Wallace by this time, however, had developed loftier ambitions. In 1968 he ran an unsuccessful campaign for President as a third-party candidate. Wallace tried again in 1972 and his popularity had risen dramatically when, in the midst of a campaign stop in Laurel, Maryland, the segregationist was shot and paralyzed

from the waist down by a would-be assassin.

This action effectively halted Wallace's presidential ambitions and plunged him into deep despair at the loss of his political livelihood.

In later years the former governor would repent his views on segregation; Wallace stated in 1994, "I'm wrong and I'm sorry."

The apology was accepted by many members of the civil rights movement, including the Reverend Jesse Jackson, who declared "the triumph is that Governor Wallace lived long enough to be repentant of his sins and to be earnest in reaching out to people he had rejected and endangered."

The mark George Wallace will leave on history is debatable. According to History professor Michael Yavenditti, Wallace's

"legacy...is complex and ambiguous. He'll always be remembered as an opponent of the civil rights movement and a staunch defender of segregation. (However), later on in his life, he came to symbolize the ability of some former segregationists to accept or appear to accept certain gains of the civil rights movement."

Sophomore Tammy Godfrey, however, believes that Wallace's reconciliation can "never totally take everything back. For his sake, he probably should have been more thoughtful a little sooner."

George Wallace was married three times and is survived by four children. Funeral services were held on September 16 at a Montgomery Methodist church, with the eulogy delivered by the Rev. Billy Graham's son, Franklin.

Alma College IFC adds to College environment

Mandy Long
Feature Editor

Last Tuesday, September 15, Alma College's Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) held its first meeting of the 1998/99 academic school year.

The IFC is a council in which representatives from five fraternities gather to sort out problems in the Greek community, make campus decisions, and discuss service activities that Alma's fraternities will be taking part in throughout the year.

Each fraternity's president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and two other elected representatives attend the meeting.

The IFC also elects eight executive officers each year. This year they are: President, Paul Chittick; Vice-President, Troy Cox; Treasurer, Kevin Maine; Secretary, Dave Gallinat; Fraternity Affairs Manager, Kevin Carter; Special Events Chair, Kevin Stanley; Public Relations Head, George Wilson; and Service Chair, Matt Kunkle.

"This meeting was mostly about setting goals to get accomplished

this semester," said IFC President Paul Chittick, "There are a lot of projects we'd like to sponsor and bring to Alma College."

The IFC tries to play a large role in campus and community activities by taking part in various service activities and philan-

thropic awareness.

"Raising alcohol awareness is something that we feel strongly about," said Chittick when asked about the issues the IFC hopes to tackle this school year.

However, the main goal of the IFC is to bring the faculty and staff of Alma College together with the students, to find programs that they both feel are important to this campus.

"Our main goal this year is to talk to the faculty and the staff to get their opinions on where the Greek Community is headed and hopefully get some ideas from them. We'd like to know what kinds of programs they'd like to

see on campus and where they think we can make improvements," said Chittick.

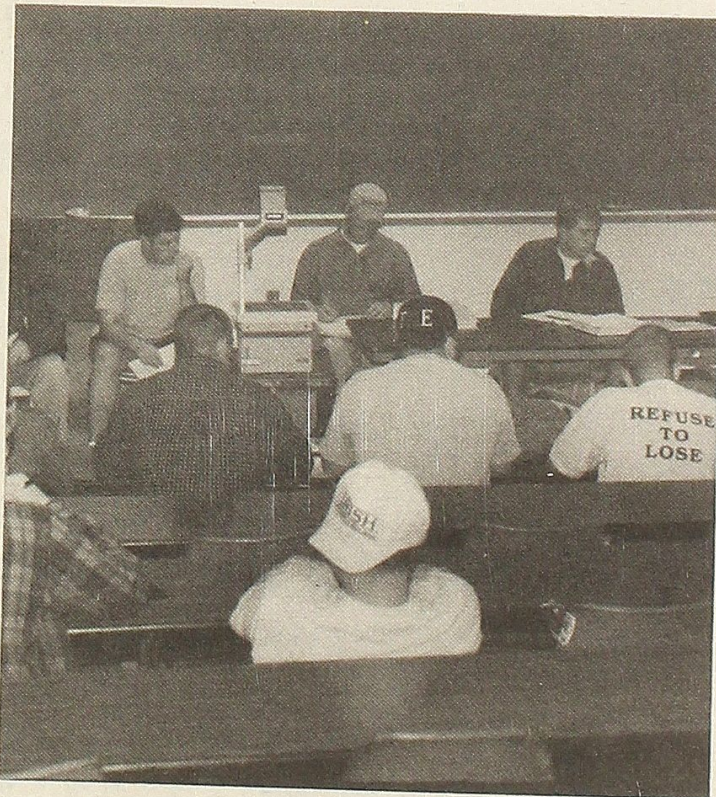
Chittick also added that the IFC is an important organization here at Alma, bringing the Greek community into the campus, both socially and academically.

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thropies and sponsoring campus events such as speakers, programs, and "Greek Week," which brings the Greek Community, sororities and fraternities alike, together.

This year the IFC would also like to address another issue, al-



IFC executive board members: Matt Kunkle, service chair; Kevin Maine, treasurer; Paul Chittick, president run the IFC meeting.
Photo by Sean Babbitt

Passeretti offers experience to Alma College

By Amber Brand
Freelance writer

Are you suffering from homesickness, anxiety, or depression? Perhaps you have problems communicating with your roommate or significant other. If you do, there is someone new on campus to help you with these issues. Her name is Gayle Passeretti, the new Assistant Dean of Counseling and Student Development.

Passeretti comes to Alma from California where she attended San Francisco State University. After doing graduate work there, she became a full-time mom, taught literacy in San Francisco, and wrote free-lance articles.

In addition, she became a certified hypnotherapist at the Hypnosis Training Institute and set up a

private practice specializing in stress reduction. Gayle and her son Joe moved to Shepherd, MI, and she attended Central Michigan University.

There she recieved her Masters degree in Professional counseling and did her internship in the student counseling department. Now she is a Limited License Professional Counselor for personal counseling through the state of Michigan.

In addition to being Assistant Dean of Counseling, she is the administrator for the tutoring program and Co-advisor of Alma Pride.

Gayle feels she has a lot to offer Alma College. "I bring a lot of experience living and working in diverse areas... I hope to

offer the students on a personal level the idea that their dreams can be bigger than they may already be."

She also wants to offer a safe and warm environment where people can work through problems. One of her future goals is to develop group counseling on campus for those who are dealing with similar issues.

Gayle loves her job so far, "I enjoy it immensely," she said. Her reason for having so much fun is that the faculty and especially the students, are so warm and friendly.

Gayle is available by appointment at the Center for Student Development any time during the week. Gail's office can be reached by calling 463-7225.



New Assistant Dean of Counseling and Student Development Gayle Passeretti. Photo by Steve Nadeau.

GREEK WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday, Sept. 23 12:00-5:45 p.m.	Blood Drive	Tyler-VanDusen
Saturday, Sept. 26 7:00 p.m.	Bids Bash	Balke Field
Monday, Sept. 28 9:00 p.m.	Bowling	Alma 300 Bowl
Tuesday, Sept. 29 8:00 p.m.	Sumo Wrestling	Tyler-VanDusen
Wednesday, Sept. 30	Letters Day	
Thursday, Oct. 1 8:00 p.m.	Drag Show	Heritage Performing Arts Center
Sunday, Oct. 4 1:00 p.m.	Crop Walk	PE Center

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Alpha Gamma Delta Sponsors Volleyball Tournament

By Scott Timmreck
Freelance Writer

On Sunday, September 13, under a blue and cloudless sky, Newberry Beach was rampant with skilled athletes hoping to lead their teams to victory in the second annual Alpha Gamma Delta (AGD) Volleyfest Tournament.

The event was coordinated by senior Jenny Souva. The contest involved six teams, each of which paid a \$12 entry fee that was donated to the AGD fund for diabetes research.

The winning team was rewarded with two pizzas from Mancino's, along with pop and movie theater tickets. CD's were also given

away to lucky participants.

The AGD house sponsors various activities throughout the school year to benefit their philanthropy.

In addition to the volleyball tournament, AGD holds a balloon sale on Valentine's day, along with a car wash during Spring Term.

The members also perform assorted community service activities throughout the year, such as volunteering at the Masonic Home and the Salvation Army.

Alpha Gamma Delta member, Lindsey Keegstra (99) said, "We do these fund-raisers for the fun. And to raise money for our AGD foundation for diabetes research."

The group hopes to host the Volleyfest tournament once again next year and will continue to find creative ways to raise funds for their foundation.

Senior AGD member Jenny Wright added, "I thought it was a great event, with a lot of campus participation, very successful."

Volleyball team keeps confidence up

by Kelly McDonald
Staff Reporter

The Alma College varsity volleyball team started their season with a 2-1 record at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational. Their first opponent was Ashland University. They were victorious in four games, 15-12, 12-15, 15-10, and 15-13. Leading the way for the Scots was senior Ellen Bradbury with 14 kills.

Alma defeated Clarion University (Pennsylvania) in their second game of the tournament with scores of 15-8, 15-4, 4-15, and 15-12. The team was led by Bradbury with 21 kills. Sophomores Sarah Anderson and Andrea Horton also contributed to the Scot's victory. Anderson had 34 assists and 13 digs, while Horton had 11 digs.

This season, Alma was defeated by Saginaw Valley State in three

games, 0-15, 2-15, 4-15. Again the team was led by Bradbury and Horton with four kills each, and Anderson contributed five assists.

Senior co-captain Nicole Markiecki said, "We're looking forward to a good season with many returning players with experience. We hope this will help us contend for a league title."

The Scots traveled to Indiana to play in the Rose-Hulman Invitational on September 11-12. They were defeated in the first game by Illinois Institute of Technology in three games, 7-15, 7-15, 6-15. The Scots came back to defeat the host school, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, in three games, 15-9, 15-13, 15-1. Indiana University-Southeast handed the Scots a loss in three games. Oakland City University defeated Alma in four games. After a tough weekend of play, the Scots came overall record of 3-4.

Co-captain Ellen Bradbury

said, "We have a good mix of new players and returning players so right now we are still trying to gel as a team."

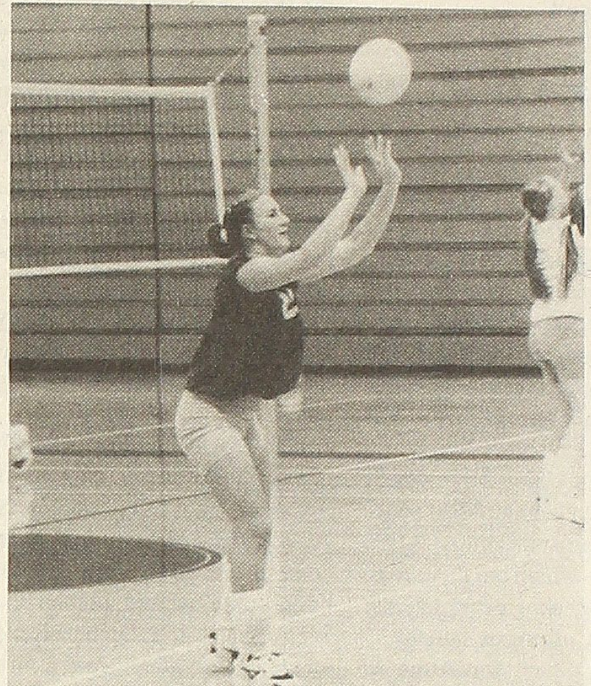
On Wednesday, the team traveled to Olivet for a tri-match. In one match, they successfully defeated Olivet in three games with scores of 15-7, 15-12, 15-7.

"If we play like that all season, we'll do fine and have a great chance in the league race," Markiecki said.

In the other match, the Scots took on the defending league champions from Hope. In a match that took nearly two hours, the Scots lost in four games, 13-15, 17-15, 12-15, and 12-15.

"We are still trying to overcome some key injuries from last week, but I think we are all keeping our confidence up," Bradbury said.

The Scots are back here at 6:30 p.m. to take on Adrian.



Women's volleyball team member Andrea Horton (01) sets the ball during a pre-game warm-up. Photo by: Steve Nadeau.

Football team wins over Defiance, falls to ONU

By Lindsay Carpenter
Freelance Writer

For the Scots' football team, the last two weeks have had their share of ups and downs.

Traveling to Defiance College on Saturday, September 12th the Scots ran off with a 35-28 win.

This past Saturday, however, the Alma team travelled to Olivet Nazarene University (ONU) and walked away with a disappointing 40-7 loss.

Although the Olivet loss could be viewed as discouraging, freshman Brian Burgtorf--who scored two touchdowns against Defiance and played consistently against Olivet--was optimistic about the upcoming game against Franklin saying, "As a team we'll just have to prepare harder (against a solid Franklin team)."

The most recent game, with the loss to ONU, was seen as an opportunity to learn from mis-

takes. Junior runningback James Parshay said of the loss, "We didn't capitalize on opportunities and they (ONU) came out with big plays."

"We lost to a nationally ranked powerhouse, but we can learn from our mistakes and become a better team out of it," junior punter Shawn Grant said of the loss to ONU. "(The loss) was a wakeup call to the team, because we didn't play to our capabilities."

When asked about how the team can learn from this loss, Parshay said that the ONU game was, "a good test because we want to get all of the wrinkles out and learn from our mistakes before we start league games."

On the positive side of the loss is, of course, the win. Grant said, "it was good because it was our first league win," of the year.

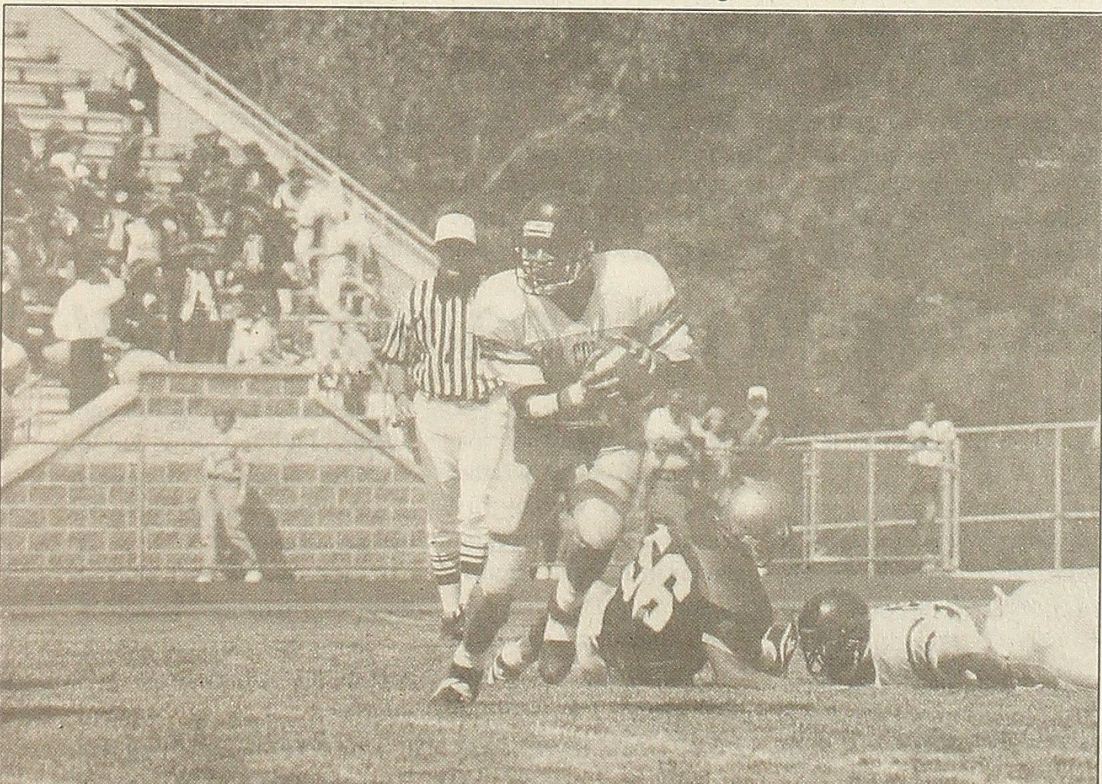
Parshay also talked of the win against Defiance, saying, "No one panicked that we were losing

(at halftime) and everyone showed good poise, and we proved what we can do as a team."

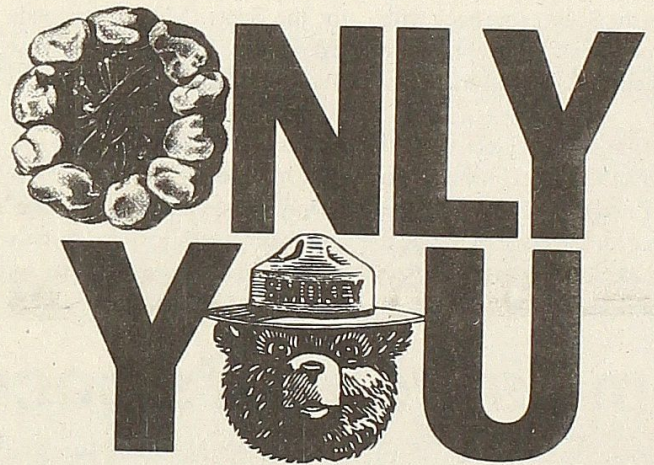
This Saturday, September 26, Alma will take on undefeated Franklin College at 1:30 p.m. at home. After two road games the Scots are looking forward to home-field advantage and the support of their fans.

The team is looking forward to the game Saturday against Franklin, with Grant saying, "We're playing an undefeated team. With a good week of practice we'll come together as a team (for the win)."

The Scots are hoping that this week will prove successful. The team's mental game is on track, with players looking forward to rebounding and coming back strong for the win against an undefeated team, and entering into the remainder of league play on a winning note.



Senior quarterback Jason VanDerMass runs the ball down the Defiance field. Photo courtesy of Mary Webb.



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Alma soccer grips number one spot in the region

By Joey Mead
Sports Editor

Alma College men's soccer fans are going to have to think about bringing a fire hose to the next couple games, because the Scots are on fire. The Scots extended their record to 4-0 after winning both a tournament over September 12-13 and last Thursday's game against Aquinas College. The Scots have also become the number one ranked team in the Region.

The Mount Union Tournament located in Ohio, gave Alma a victory over Denison College 3-1 on Saturday — which put them in to the championship game against Mt. Union College on Sunday.

The first goal for Alma in Saturday's game was put in by sophomore Jake Olson. Soon after that Denison scored their one point on a penalty kick to make it 1-1. But the Scots came back with two more goals by sophomore Paul Aceto and sophomore Kevin Gunns.

On Sunday the Scots walked away with the championship when senior Randy U'Ren scored the only goal for the game, winning it 1-0. For week number one, U'Ren earned his spot on the Player of

the Week Honor Roll.

Junior Ryan Webb said, "Since the juniors on the team have been here, we have never done well when we have gone down to Ohio. We always seem to have a problem with Ohio. So it felt real good to go out there and win a couple games and win the tournament on their home field."

This year's team has really proven its strength, and continues to flex its muscles at every game.

Head coach Scott Frey said, "It is a good group. Our strength is our depth. We have some very good young players that have come in and some transfers that have come in and helped us. We're able to go to our bench and we don't lose much. And a nice commodity to have is a bench that can come in and pick us up."

Thursday's game against Aquinas was a very smooth win for the Scots. With 20 seconds left in the first half, first year student Adam Sobczak started the scoring with an impressive header. Assist by first year student Jeff Hosler.

Only two minutes into the second half Aceto put in Alma's second goal with the assist by senior Matt Keller. 16 minutes

later Aceto fired in another one making it 3-0. Assist by sophomore Eric Martinson.

"I had surgery this summer, and being back on the field feels good. And being back out here playing feels great," said Aceto.

The last goal was tipped in by Gunns with only a minute remaining in the game.

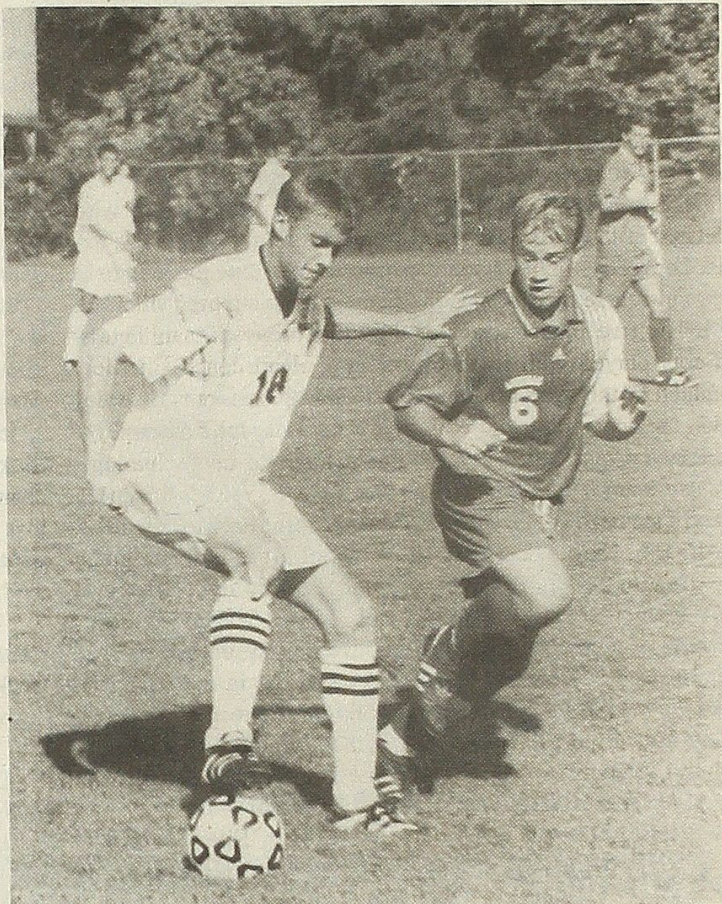
Gunns said, "It was a good win before we start our MIAA season. The real season will start out Tuesday, but we had a good solid first four games."

"[Aquinas] played a strong first half. Second half we dominated, and after we scored our second goal they lost their confidence," Gunns continued.

The Scots start their MIAA season today against Olivet at 4:00 here on Alma's field. Being number one in the Region has put a new target on the Scots and they hope to defend their title.

Junior goal keeper Jon Cullen said, "It feels good to be number one in the Region. We've worked for it since I have been here. We're going to just concentrate on the next game. We can't look passed that. We can not underestimate any team."

Coach Frey said, "The ranking is a great thing, but it also puts a



Men's Soccer team member Jeff Hosler (02) holds off an Aquinas player in Thursday's game. Photo by Steve Nadeau.

mark on us. Everybody is going to be coming after us. I also think that the ranking is a combination of last year's success combined

with this year's success. I wouldn't say we're the number one ranked team in the Region, we have to prove it by playing."

Alma's women's soccer team keeps high goals going

by Kelly McDonald
Staff Reporter

Young and talented are the best words to describe the 1998 Alma College women's golf team. On Wednesday, they played their first match of the fresh MIAA season at Concord Hills Golf Course, the home course of Albion College.

The five player roster of the Scots played well in their first match of the 1998 season. Hope led the way with a score of 354, followed by Albion at 371, St. Mary's at 408, Defiance at 412, and Kalamazoo at 433. Then came Alma, in sixth place, shooting a 436 with Adrian, Olivet, and Calvin not far behind with scores of 443, 445, and 469, respectively.

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Men's golf team places fifth in tournament play

Lindsay Robinson
Staff Reporter

The first Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association golf tournament of the season was held Tuesday, September 15th at the Duck Lake Country Club in Albion. All the MIAA schools competed, including Alma College, Adrian College, Calvin College, Defiance College, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, and Olivet College.

Alma placed fifth, behind Hope, Olivet, Calvin, and Albion.

Senior Tim Shunsky lead the team with a 75, followed by first year student Andrew Rummel who shot a 79. Senior Chris Dawson shot an 80, junior Jon Chapel shot an 81, senior Ryan Fahler shot an 83, and senior Kevin Degroot shot an 85.

Even with inclement weather, Coach Mark Starkweather was proud of their play.

"I was proud of them, they

played good golf. This is their

could," said Starkweather.

Rummel on the weather

saying, "This was my first tournament. It was pretty fun playing in the rain -- interesting too."

Team members were asked to comment upon Coach Starkweather's first year as coach.

"Coach Starkweather is great - we eat like kings. Really, he's a great guy. Very upbeat."

Tim Shunsky (99)

first year with me as a coach, and I'm glad they did the best they

"Coach is pretty cool," Rummel added.

As for the rest of the season, Coach Starkweather thinks it looks promising.

"I think we'll get even better as the year progresses," he said.

Coach Starkweather encourages more to come play golf with the team.

"We have five or six upperclassmen, and ten freshmen, but I'm trying to grow the team for next year because we'll be losing those upperclassmen," he said.

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New coach on football scene

Staff Reporter
Lindsay Robinson

A new member has been added to the Alma College Football coaching staff. The Scots welcomed Assistant Coach Chris Curtiss to the team this past April. He is now the acting defensive coordinator.

Curtiss' family moved shortly after his birth to the Owosso/Corunna area, where he grew up with a younger brother and sister. He attended Corunna High School, where he played football and participated in track and field.

Curtiss sought his secondary education degree at Central Michigan University, and majored in education, with a concentration on special education. He also played football while attending CMU.

After his graduation from CMU in 1991, he returned to his high school alma mater. It was there that he taught for seven years before accepting Alma's offer to coach football and track.

Coach Curtiss bought a house in Alma this past summer with his new wife Mary, who is coaching the Alma College

Cheerleading Team. His passions, aside from coaching football and track, include a love for the outdoors. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and kayaking the Betsie River.

For this season, Coach Curtiss has two main goals he would like to help the football team to accomplish.

"I would like to see the team lead the league in defensive scoring. I would also obviously like to see the team win the league title," he said.

Coach Curtiss is glad to be a part of Alma College.

"Coming here was brand new for me, and everyone here has just been so friendly and helpful. I'm really enjoying it... I'm glad I made the decision to move," he said.

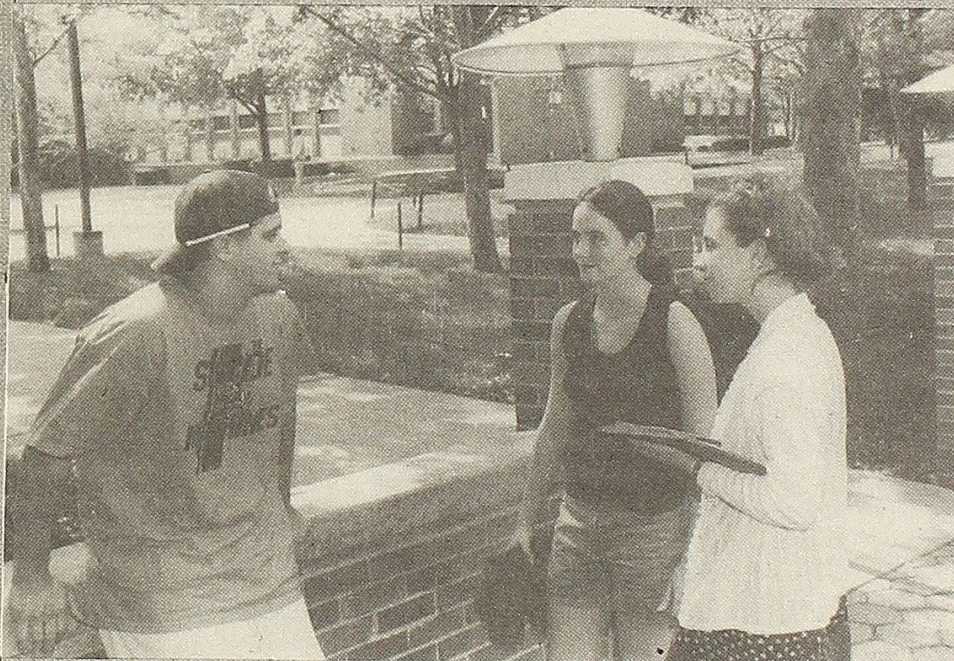
Members of the Alma College Football team have positive things to say about Coach Curtiss.

Junior Phil Ochoa was asked his opinion of the new coach.

"He's a good guy. He has a lot of knowledge for such a young coach," he said.

"He's fair and decisive and knows the game," said senior Rob Nelson.

Students enjoy the summer weather!



First Year Students spend their free time hanging out in front of SAC after class during Pre-Term. Photo by Steve Nadeau.

Runners prepare for upcoming season

By Donna Pappas
Staff Reporter

This year's cross country season began in Indiana last Saturday, September 12, in a ten-team invitational.

In the women's division, Alma placed sixth, led by sophomore Shelly Maruszak, a transfer student from Saginaw Valley State University. She was also named 'Eagle of the Week' by teammates for her performance.

"We have all been working really hard and have become a close team. And we're having a lot of fun," said Maruszak.

Also contributing to the final score of 158 points were senior Dana Cole, sophomore Stacy Turschak, freshman Lindsey Nederhood, and junior Amy Burns. Senior Katie Rodgers and senior Jennifer Nowaczak finished the varsity race as well.

Coach Dan Gibson said, "We

have a solid group of girls this year, the best I've seen in a couple of years."

Senior Sarah Fisher said, "We have a lot of good team unity this year. We have bonded a lot as a team, and that will help us during our season."

Captains of this year's team are Fisher, junior Anne Grimaldi, and Rodgers.

The men placed seventh, led by freshman Mark Penzien. In addition to Penzien, this year the men's team includes four more freshman varsity runners.

Penzi said, "The team is looking strong right now, we have a lot of potential. I am surprised with the performance of our freshman runners, who are as determined and motivated as the rest of the team."

Following Penzien, and contributing to the Scot's score of 171 points, were senior Pete Muccio,

freshman Reid McGuire, freshman Ryan McCallum, freshman Ryan Rau.

Also finishing in the varsity race were freshman Andrew Kibbe and junior Kyle Kristin.

Gibson said, "This is a young team. We are in the transition from a 3.1 mile race to the 5 mile college level. I'm expecting that we will only get better."

Because of the new length of training, freshman Adam Blair said, "We are still building up. I am expecting us to peak near the end of the season."

McGuire said, "We are a really young team and I hope that the upperclassmen lead us to a good season."

This year's captains are senior Jim Alspaugh, Kristin, and Muccio.

On Saturday, both teams traveled to Ferris for their second race of the season.

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Michigan football caught in the doldrums

By Michael Murphy
Staff Reporter

The University of Michigan Wolverines are off to their worst start since 1988, as they have lost severely in their first two games of the season. They were badly outplayed in the second half of their opener at rival Notre Dame, and then crushed against the Orangemen of Syracuse the following weekend. All of this coming after they won the co-national championship just eight months ago.

What are the reasons for this disappointing beginning of the 1998 college football campaign? Maybe it is the lack of leadership

after starting quarterback Brian Griese and Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson went on to the NFL. Tom Brady, the new starting quarterback, has played just average and has not been able to guide the team like Griese did so admirably last year. Within the defense, there are no leaders on the field that want to step up and lead the team to victory.

Or is it a new sense of superiority stemming from the co-national championship that has caused the Wolverines to abandon their awesome work ethic that existed a year ago? Have the "Champions of the West" decided to ride on the laurels of last year and not play solid football? This

may be true, as one sees penalty after penalty, missed tackle after missed tackle, heartless running by the running backs, and just poor play all around.

Head coach Lloyd Carr will be forced to answer all of these questions in the upcoming weeks before the Wolverines play Michigan State University on September 26. He must recapture the hearts of his players and get them to refocus on the Rose Bowl and Big Ten Championship. Carr will have to abandon hopes of a National Championship repeat and strive for Pasadena.

Michigan fans are already getting upset with the play of their beloved Wolverines. For now,

they should not start jumping off of the bandwagon that they so easily stayed on last year and rode it on to victory. Nor should they start to question Lloyd Carr and his ability as the head football coach. He did take them to the promised land last year.

Remember, Michigan is missing key ingredients like Griese and Woodson. They also had to travel to South Bend, Indiana, which is not an easy place to play. Plus, Donovan McNabb of Syracuse is the front runner in the Heisman Trophy race. Unfortunately, these are just mere excuses that do not make up for the 0-2 start.

Still, Michigan has to reclaim

the winning edge it had last year. The highly-touted freshman class has to prove the accolades it had. Tom Brady has to step up and put together time-eating touch-down-scoring drives. The defense has to revive its tenacity and fire that burned so passionately a year ago, when they had the best defense that college football has seen in years.

Hopefully the first two games of the season will get Michigan back into form before the start of the Big Ten Season. If Michigan chooses to completely abandon the winning formula they had possessed a year ago, they will be in for a dreadfully long season.

RAs deserve more for their contribution to Alma College

By Eva Hecht
Staff Reporter

Free room and board. Extra cash. These words will catch the attention of any college students or parents.

The job is that of Resident Assistant, one with many responsibilities that include watching over a hall of students, enforcing dorm rules, diffusing emotionally intense situations, initiating beneficial programs, being a counselor, acting as a source of information, and even a friend.

An RA must also be on duty, making rounds of the dorm in rotation with other RAs. It sounds like a good job on any campus, but the reality at a private school like Alma, is not so attractive.

At large schools, MSU for example, room and board are paid for in full for all RAs, and at most they are required to be on duty once every eight days, and even as little as once a month. At some larger schools, RAs may receive a paycheck on top of that.

At Alma and Albion, RAs must first pay room and board, and then receive a salary covering some of that. Alma offers from 85% for first years to 100% for third years, covering room cost only. The difference with this system is that the RA must pay taxes on that salary, leaving them with even less money. Albion has

a similar system, but offers up to approximately 75% of room cost for third year RAs.

RAs at Alma and Albion are required to implement a number of beneficial programs each semester. It is true that they have fewer residents than MSU, who can have as many as 50, but because of the more personal atmosphere, residents reach out to and rely on their RAs more.

In the dorms at USC in LA, many residents in large halls hardly speak to their RAs, let alone rely on them for programming and help.

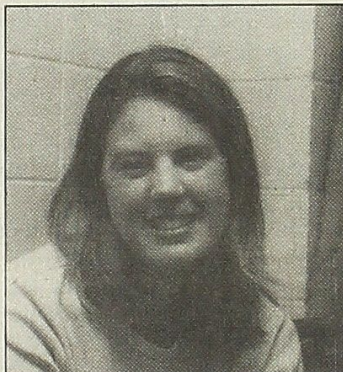
Here at Alma especially, Resident Assistants are extremely dedicated and enthusiastic about their jobs. Many go above and beyond the call of duty, doing extra programs and projects for their halls.

Private institutions do not appear to appreciate their RAs as much as bigger schools. RAs at Alma are extremely dependable and hardworking; it seems disappointing that they are not receiving nearly the compensation of RAs at MSU.

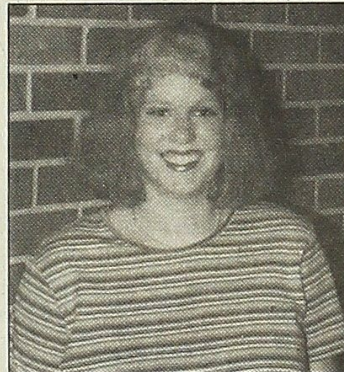
Alma College and other private colleges need to take a hard look at the quality help they have and show those students their appreciation by paying the standard set by public schools. They certainly deserve it.

The Almanian opinion poll

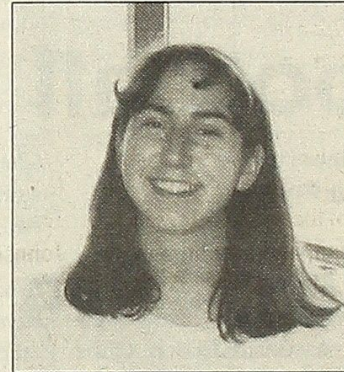
The Almanian conducted an opinion poll of eight Alma College students that asked the following question: Assuming all the allegations against Clinton are true, what should happen next with regards to the Lewinsky scandal?



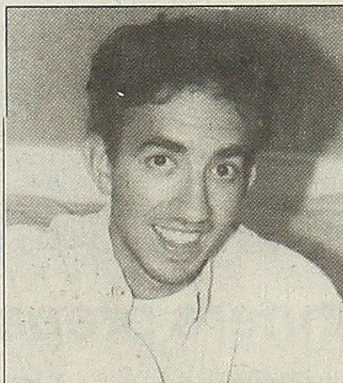
Carrie Thomas (00)
"When a president lies to his country, something drastic should be done."



Allyson Ham (99)
"I think we should leave him alone."



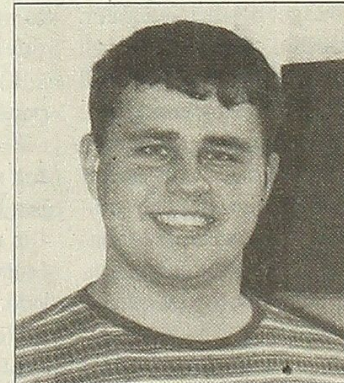
Sarah Conley (01)
"He doesn't have the moral values a president should have, he shouldn't be president anymore."



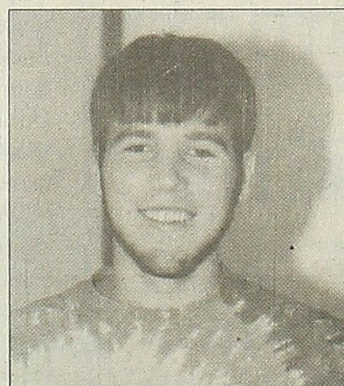
Zaccheus Compson (01)
"Forgive him and let him get on with his job."



Maggy Keegan (01)
"We should leave the Clintons alone to do family healing and concentrate on international affairs and things concerning our country."



Joey Martin (99)
"The office is very symbolic. It should have a high standard. He has done great things and he should do another great thing and resign."



Mike Pelot (02)
"Personally, I don't think they should have bothered with it in the first place. It's none of our business."



Virginia Cloutier (02)
"I really don't think he should be impeached. He should have been honest, but the Monica thing is not the actual crime."

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Perjury is cause for Clinton impeachment

By Shannon Casey
Opinion Editor

President Richard Nixon helped prove that the president of the United States is not above the law. Nixon broke not only the law, but also the trust of the American people. For that breach of trust and misuse of power, Congress, through internal pressure, forced him out of office.

Thirty years later, President Clinton finds himself in the same position after having an improper sexual relationship with a 21-year old intern. He publicly lied to the American people and pos-

sibly committed perjury. If the report of the Independent Council is accurate, Clinton gave perjured testimony in both the Paula Jones civil suit and in front of the grand jury.

Defenders of Clinton say that the sex life of a president is no business of the American people. They say that the president should not be impeached over sex. However, they forget that this case goes much farther than just sex.

The report of the Independent Council focuses on Clinton's perjured testimony and possible obstruction of justice. The details of his sexual acts are supporting

evidence that he did in fact lie to a jury when he said that he did not engage in sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky.

Can the country withstand the impeachment of a president? The real question should be, can the country withstand the claim that the president is above the law? He should be held to the same standards as everyone else in this country. If anything, he should be held to a higher standard because he is the figurehead of the United States.

To get the spotlight off of the president and his illicit behavior, liberals blame the Independent

Council Ken Starr. The truth is that Starr's investigation is the most successful investigation in the history of the Independent Council statute.

Lawrence Walsh, the Independent Council who investigated Iran-Contra, spent six years and eight months investigating President Reagan and his staff. Starr's investigation has only lasted four years and six months. Walsh spent \$47.9 million while securing only three convictions in Iran-Contra. Starr has already secured fourteen convictions and has spent only \$35.1 million.

Cost is relative. Clinton spent

over \$40 million on his trip to China, where he brought 1,000 guests, but no Republican lawmakers. When Nixon made his historic trip to China in 1972, he only took 300 people.

The president needs to spare the country any more embarrassment and should immediately step down. If the same thing happened to the CEO of a major corporation he would surely be forced to resign. Federal judges have been impeached for perjury. There is no reason that the president is any different.

Clinton needs the support of the people

by Amy Taylor
Staff Reporter

Bill Clinton was not the man for the presidency the minute he was chosen as the democratic candidate who would run against George Bush in 1992. I just never liked the man and some of his policy making decisions. Nonetheless, Clinton was elected as our president and we should stand behind him while he has the state of the nation in his hands.

As a man, and as a human, he

makes mistakes like every other person who lives and breathes.

Some American citizens argue that because he is a role model and our president, he is not allowed to engage in anything wrong or lie about it to save himself from embarrassment.

What he did was definitely wrong. Clinton made a mistake and he apologized for it. However, how was what he did different than presidents before, like John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson's alleged affairs? The

difference is the media. The media has played a large role in allowing this scandal to go farther than it ever should have. Also, the media has more resources and desire to give the people what they want. The public wanted all the details of Clinton's life and now that they have it, they criticize him and shout impeachment. Asking for his resignation or impeaching him is not the solution. If he resigns it should be of his own free will, not because he was forced or recommended.

According to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll, 62 percent to 36 percent of Americans said Clinton should not resign. The poll also showed Clinton's approval rate actually increasing with 64 percent approving of his job performance while 34 percent disapproved.

Clinton still has the support from other nations as well. Reported in the Detroit Free Press British Prime Minister Tony Blair made it clear that he has no plans to distance himself from Clinton,

and he still considers Clinton a good friend.

The only way that the country is going to be able to get past this ordeal that has consumed our nation's thoughts and conversations is if we learn to get past it, and let Clinton get back to what he was elected to do. He was elected to take care of the welfare of the country and not be raked across the coals for something that can be so easily forgiven and forgotten.

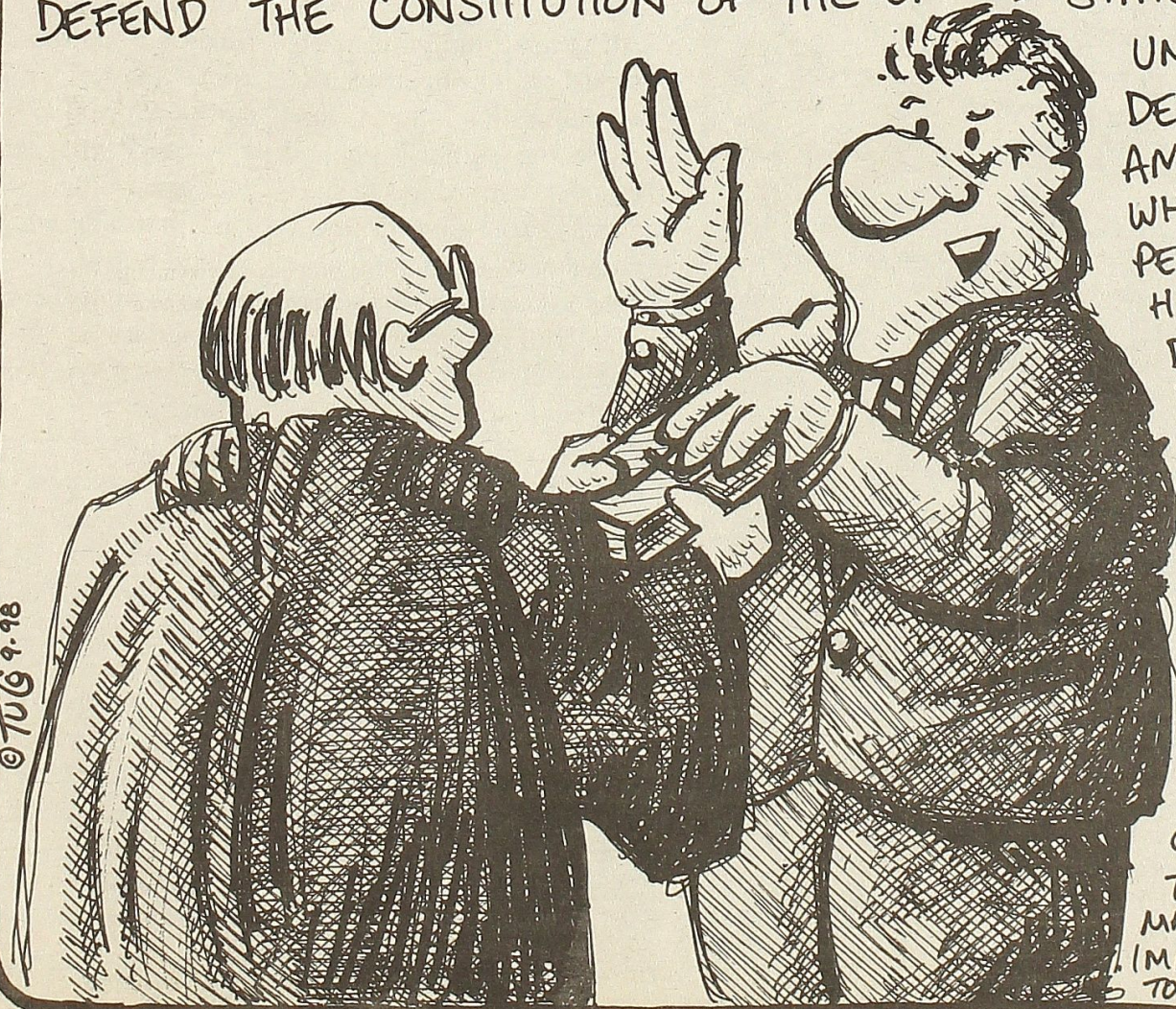


Political Pokes

BY Tuco Jakubowski

"I, WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY EXECUTE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES... AS BEST AS I

UNDERSTAND THIS NARROWLY DEFINED OATH IN THIS AMBIGUOUS, SLOPPY LANGUAGE WHICH DOES NOT APPLY TO MY PERSONAL LIFE IN SPITE OF THE HIGHEST OFFICE I HOLD AND DOES NOT COUNT IF I COMMIT PERJURY ABOUT SEX WITH AN INTERN AND TRY TO COVER IT UP BY ABUSING MY AUTHORITY AND OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE REGARDLESS OF THE EMBARRASSMENT IT CAUSES BECAUSE IT IS ONLY ABOUT SEX, AND FURTHERMORE, I DESERVE FORGIVENESS WHEN I APOLOGIZE AND CLAIM REPENTANCE EVEN THOUGH THAT IN AND OF ITSELF MAY BE A STRATEGY TO AVOID IMPEACHMENT WHILE CLAIMING TO BE CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE PEOPLE WHILE



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Parent Day 1998
Saturday, September 26, 1998

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Schedule of Events

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Registration/Information

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10 - 10:15 a.m.

Welcome

Heritage Center, Presbyterian Hall

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Student Art Exhibition
Clack Art Center

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Scot Shop Bookstore
Open
Tyler-Van Dusen
Center

10:30 - 11:10 a.m.

Workshop Series I

11:15 a.m. - Noon

Workshop Series II

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

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Bahlke Field

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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Van Dusen Commons

1 p.m.

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*and Language
Houses*

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The Almanian Judgement Calls



Thumbs up to Alma College for diversifying the student body.

Thumbs down to President Stone for centering his Opening Convocation speech on it.

Thumbs up to Mariott for refurbishing Hamilton Commons with reclining chairs and new carpet.

Thumbs down to Mariott for

serving the same old food.

Thumbs up to the RAs and Orientation Committee for making Pre-term a huge success.

Thumbs down to the college for not appreciating them enough.

Thumbs up to the Admissions Office for exceeding enrollment goals.

Thumbs down to the college for not having enough rooms available to accommodate them.

Thumbs up to Alma College for finally providing soap dispensers in the bathrooms.

Thumbs down to Alma College for forgetting paper towels or functioning hand driers.

Thumbs up to AAL for free

laundry day.

Thumbs down to AAL for increasing regular washer and drier prices to \$.75.

Thumbs up to the housekeepers for keeping the residence halls clean.

Thumbs down to the housekeepers for vacuuming at 8:00 in the morning.

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