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Indians, Inuits more prone to diabetes
ATLANTA - A government report released last week found that American Indians and Alaskan Inuits were twice as likely as whites to suffer from diabetes.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention stated that the findings reveal the need for more prevention programs. These programs, aimed at American Indians, should emphasize the necessity of weight loss and exercise.

1,000-yr-old volume worth \$2 million
NEW YORK - The oldest known copy of Archimedes' work, a 1,000-year-old parchment, sold for \$2 million at an auction last week. The buyer, a private American collector, was not identified.

Contained in the 174-page work are the calculations and notes for two of the Greek mathematician's most famous works, "On Floating Bodies" and "Method of Mechanical Theorems."

Journal reports on dinosaurs' death
WASHINGTON - Scientists have found more evidence that falling meteorites ended the reign of the dinosaurs on earth.

According to a report in the journal "Science," a meteorite or comet produced an element, chromium, found in a layer of the Earth's crust that dates to the dinosaurs' end.

Girl sentenced in prom-birth slaying
FREEHOLD, N.J. - The young woman who gave birth in the bathroom at her senior prom was given the maximum sentence of 15 years in prison last week. Twenty-year-old Melissa Drexler gave birth in the bathroom stall, strangled her baby and then returned to the dance floor. For full story, see page 3.

Study indicates that adults can grow brain cells

NEW YORK - For the first time scientists have proven that adults can grow new brain cells even in their 60s and 70s. Before it was thought that once brain cells were lost as an adult they were gone forever. The findings will be reported in the November issue of the journal "Nature Medicine" by researchers in California and Sweden.

Navy, Army short of recruiting goals
WASHINGTON - The Navy fell 6,900 sailors short of their recruiting goal for the fiscal year, which ended September 30. The Pentagon said more young men and women went straight to college or into civilian jobs because of the strong U.S. economy. The Army also fell short of their quota, but the Air Force and Marine Corps reported they met or exceeded their enlistment targets.

Klenk Park to open March 1999

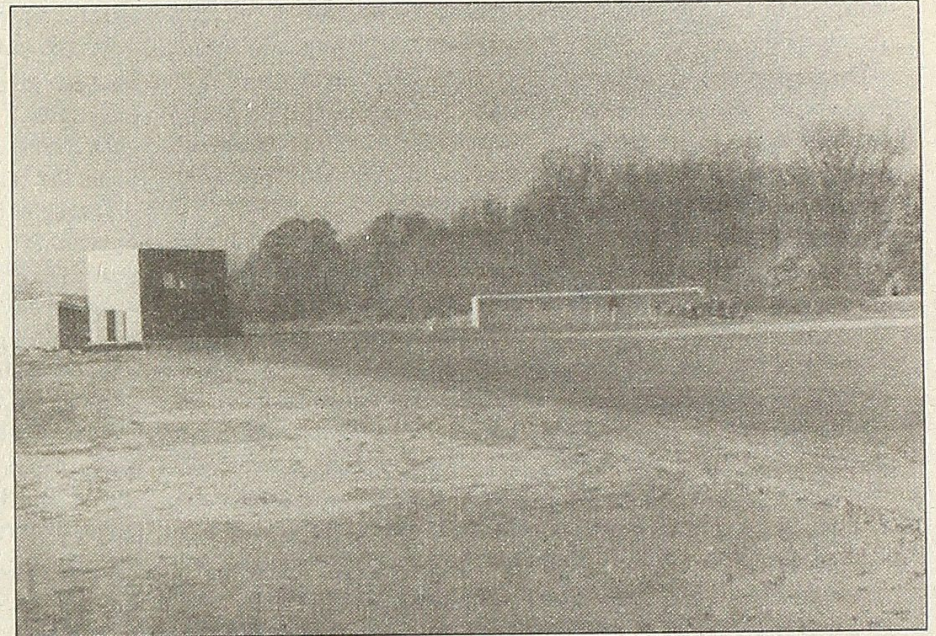
By AMY FRALEY
News Editor

The old song of America's favorite pastime, Take Me Out to the Ball Game will have a new meaning for Alma College this spring with the opening of the new baseball facility. Klenk Park, named after former baseball coach Bill Klenk, is from the standpoint of both the player and spectator a much nicer facility. More of a baseball stadium than field, the \$1 million park features seating for up to 500 people, restrooms, an 18 foot fence in center field, a state of the art playing surface, a better home plate view for fans and actual netting behind the plate.

The plans for the new field began three years ago when the college decided to construct a new Intramural building (IM) on the land where the current field lies. The school proposed moving the location of the field, but no mention was made of upgrading the facility. Head coach John Leister, along with former head coach Bill Klenk, decided to work together to upgrade the field. Their efforts were quickly joined by a group of former Alma players who wanted to honor Klenk by naming the new field after him. These alumni began fundraising and securing financial gifts in an effort to make this dream a reality.

This spring, phase one of the field should be complete. The costs to date total nearly \$500,000, with \$77,726 of that in architectural fees alone. The site preparation, seeding, sod, well, ponds and sprinkler system totaled nearly \$200,000. Other costs included the bathrooms and septic system, scoreboard and other expenses.

The sources of funding for the park in-



Alma College's new baseball stadium, Klenk Park-named for former baseball coach Bill Klenk, is near completion. A target date of March 1999 has been set for the opening of the field. Photo taken by Maya Mackowiak.

clude \$100,000 which was approved by President Alan Stone and \$117,051 in gifts and funds raised as of August 31, 1998.

Stone said that the new field will "free up a large space for us in the middle of campus which should become another parking lot and the new IM building, as well as give us a lot of green space."

Coach Leister said that the stadium is "definitely a recruiting tool, but up to this point we have been telling prospective students 'we are building this stadium' because until this summer the target date was not for this season."

Leister also said "I have tried to keep the construction of the new field separate [from the team's activities] because Alma players are not given anything to be part of these teams. They do it because they love it, be-

lieve it and give up a lot to play here."

The team's first home game will be on March 23 against Saginaw Valley University.

However, Coach Leister said that he does not want to "ruin the new field just to say we played on it this year."

Senior Griff Woodman said, "It would be great to end my career on such a nice facility that I have waited two years for. It would be a wonderful feeling to be the first team to win at Klenk Park, but I agree with Coach Leister, I don't want to ruin what everyone has worked so hard for."

"I am looking forward to being able to play on such a nice playing surface and I am hoping that the new facility will attract more fans to our games," said junior Andy Meter.

John Glenn sets record as oldest man in space

By AMY TAYLOR
Staff Reporter

5...4...3...2...1 BLAST OFF!!! American legend John Glenn returned to space for yet another mission last Thursday. As the shuttle, Discovery, launched off its base the sky was illuminated with a mass of fire and an immense trail of smoke.

Midway through the takeoff, the shuttle released the two assisting engines and continued on with the three engines that lasted for the duration of the mission.

In 1962, on space shuttle Mercury, Glenn was the first man to enter into orbit. This year, Glenn, at age 77, required extensive medical tests before he revisited the course.

NASA flight surgeon Denise Baisden was quoted in *NASA News* as saying, "We have 42 years of medical history on Senator Glenn and we were able to perform an exhaustive medical evaluation." She added, "He is medically qualified to fly."

As a payload specialist, Glenn and six others flew into the outer limits to conduct space-based research on aging.

Conducted by NASA and the National Institute on Aging, this research will build knowledge and an understanding of the aging process. When the mission is completed the data collected will help in further research on how aging affects sleep cycles, muscle deterioration and balance.

Glenn was born on July 18, 1921, in Cambridge, Ohio. Not long after, he moved with his family to New Concord, Ohio, where he attended New Concord High School, now John Glenn High School.

At Muskingum College he received a B.S. degree in engineering and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Science degree in engineering.

Also, he is a recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from Nihon University in Tokyo, Japan, Wagner College and New Hampshire College.

In the Marine Corps, Glenn gained expe-

rience in flying and became a skilled Marine Fighter Pilot.

According to *NASA News*, he set a transcontinental speed record and also set a record for speed on a flight from Dayton, Ohio, to Washington. Today, Glenn still flies his own plane.

Glenn went on to become an Ohio Senator in 1974, and in 1980 was re-elected with the largest margin ever in Ohio history.

He returned to the Senate for a third term in 1986 and again for a fourth term in 1992.

Once more he made history by being the first popularly elected Senator in Ohio to win four consecutive terms.

This recent blast off names Glenn as the oldest person to go into space.

As a legend, he orbited the earth three times in only 4 hours and 55 minutes, which was one of the most important milestones in the development of the United States space program.

College Republicans dine with politicians

By LINDSAY ROBINSON
Staff Reporter

Taking time out from their busy campaign schedules, area politicians joined the Alma College Republicans at President Stone's house October 26th for a nighttime barbecue. The dinner provided the opportunity for Alma College Republicans and their guests to meet and talk with the politicians one more time before the elections.

The area politicians present included Dave Camp, representative from the fourth United States congressional district and Mike Goschka, a representative for the Michigan House from the 94th district. Camp is running as an incumbent for re-election, and Mike Goschka is running for the 33rd district Michigan State Senate seat.

Members of the College Republicans said it was great to be able to sit down and relax with the politicians - a break from the chaos of helping them campaign.

Beneath the moonlight, and the light from Dr. Stone's backyard, the guests enjoyed a dinner of hamburgers and brats, provided

by Marriott. After dinner was completed, the politicians spoke of the campaigns, projections, and how nice it was to be able to meet with the group. Camp commented about the warm welcome and hospitality he receives whenever he visits the campus.

"This is really nice. For those of you who don't know, I graduated from Albion College. In all my years there, I'd never been to the president's house. I always feel like I'm at home here," said Camp.

Representative Goschka, who has come to the college over a dozen times in the past two years, spoke of his enjoyment in visiting the campus.

"It was a great opportunity for me to come to campus again and to learn more about the environment and atmosphere of the college. [My visits] have helped me to learn what makes Alma truly one of the greatest colleges in Michigan," he said.

The dinner came to a close and students and guests were able to further meet with the candidates and express their anxiousness about the upcoming election.

"I'm so excited about this election. This will be a great year for

the Republican party in Michigan," Aaron Simmons (01), second vice president of the College Republicans, said.

David Vink (00), South Complex Representative for the College Republicans, talked about President Stone's involvement with the group.

"I think it is really nice of Dr. Stone, who is our advisor, to let us use his house. I think it is great that the president of the college, who is obviously very busy, takes time out to spend with the group he advises."

Dr. Stone said that he also enjoyed the barbecue.

"I thought the barbecue was delightful. It's kind of late in the year to have a barbecue, but the weather was good, and the light held out long enough to get everybody seated," he said.

"Mike Goschka is becoming a good friend of the college, and he really appreciates the help the students have given to his campaign. And Dave Camp - it's always fun to have a congressman on campus. He's a good friend, and it's just a delight, I think, the way he works with students," Stone added.



United States Congressman Dave Camp and State Representative Mike Goschka were present at the College Republican's barbecue held in President Stone's backyard last week.

Sixty dead in blaze at Swedish disco hall

By TONYA SCHAFER
Staff Reporter

Sixty people were killed and 173 injured in a blaze that consumed a Swedish dance hall last Thursday night. The inferno, which occurred in the city of Goteborg, was Sweden's worst fire in twenty years.

Four hundred young people, over twice the legal capacity, had crowded into the building and were in the midst of revelry when

the fire began. Because an emergency exit had been set ablaze, only one usable door remained from which occupants could escape. According to witnesses, panic ensued as the mass attempted to push its way out of the burning structure.

"Nobody cared about the girls," Christian Czari, who had been inside, told Associated Press reporter Lennart Simonsson. "The strongest made way first. Kids were fighting each other to get

out."

Some of the youth, seeing no other exit, leapt from the second story. "I saw them burning in the windows. Some jumped out of the windows and broke their legs," said witness Heresh Daneshver to the Reuters news agency.

The two-story structure, which housed Goteborg's Macedonian immigrant association, had been rented to party arrangers for the night. Many of the teenagers present were immigrants from Macedonia, Yugoslavia, Somalia and Iran.

Authorities stated that emergency workers arrived within five

minutes of the call for help. Efforts to control the blaze were impeded by party-goers who re-entered the building in an attempt to save friends still inside.

The cause of the fire remains a mystery. An electrical spark was initially believed to be the culprit. However, the speed at which the blaze spread throughout the building has led authorities to believe that a arson may be a factor. "We don't know at the moment. I think it's a fifty-fifty chance," Prosecutor Ulf Noren told Reuters reporter Paul de Bendor.

Identification of the victims, most of whom died from smoke

inhalation, is ongoing. Difficulties have developed in distinguishing the charred remains because of their lack of identification.

Many of the injured remain in intensive care. Authorities predict that up to a third of the 173 may yet die from their injuries.

The worst previous fire in Sweden occurred in 1978, when a hotel blaze in Boraas claimed the lives of 20 people. Infernos similar to that in Goteborg have occurred in Grenoble, France, where a 1970 dance hall blaze killed 146, and in Boston, where 490 were killed in a 1942 fire.

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Fraternities sponsor ride for charity

By JAMIE HAMMEL
Freelance Writer

On the second Saturday in November, two of Alma College's Fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣAE) and Sigma Chi (ΣΧ) will join forces in sponsoring a fun, entertaining activity for a charitable cause; The First Annual Charity Ride mountain bike race.

The mountain bike race is open to anyone interested in the community and on the campus. It will occur on November 14, at 3 p.m., at the Jailhouse Trail in Ithaca. Pre-registration for both the Men's and Women's Divi-

sions may be done for a registration fee of \$10.00 at Terry's Circle of Alma (or call 466-8010 or 466-8270).

If interested, pre-registration should be completed as soon as possible, for pre-registered racers will be guaranteed a T-shirt. All profits from the mountain bike race will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Beyond the fact that the race contributes to charity, it also gains recognition for the admirable joint-effort between the two fraternities.

When inquired as to why Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi decided to work together in sponsoring the The First Annual Charity Ride, the chair of the

committee for ΣAE Ian Kennedy (00) responded that it was to "promote Inter-Fraternal relations."

Kennedy also noted that the race "is not highly competitive, and therefore is a great opportunity for people to experience a laid-back atmosphere for a charitable cause."

Heading up the committee for the Sigma Chi Fraternity, Nate McFarren (99) claimed, "The main thing we are trying to do is get people interested in the sport of mountain biking and of course contribute to the charity through donations."

McFarren also stated that the two fraternities are hoping to make the race an annual event.

New Jersey teen gets 15 years for death of infant

By **TONYA SCHAFER**
Staff Reporter

Melissa Drexler, the New Jersey teenager who gave birth at her senior prom and strangled the baby to death before throwing him in a trash can and rejoining the dance, was sentenced October 29 to a maximum term of fifteen years in prison.

Under a bargain negotiated by her lawyers, Drexler had pleaded guilty in August to aggravated manslaughter. She will be eligible for parole after serving three years.

Now 20 years old, Drexler was 18 when she gave birth on June 6, 1997, in the bathroom of the catering hall where her school's prom was being held. She had managed to hide the pregnancy from family, friends and the infant's father.

According to Drexler, the baby had been born alive. The teenager strangled her child, cut the umbilical cord on a sanitary napkin dispenser and wrapped the body

in trash bags before throwing it away and rejoining her friends. The infant was later discovered by maintenance workers who been sent to clean up blood on the bathroom floor.

Steven Secare, Drexler's lawyer, claimed that his client suffered from developmental problems and learning disabilities and, as a result, had not known how to adequately deal with her pregnancy, reported Cori Anne Natoli in the *Asbury (NJ) Park Press*.

"She has deep emotions and anguish. Everyday for the rest of her life she will think about it," Secare said.

According to Natoli, Prosecutor Elaine Leschot had urged the judge to deal severely with Drexler. "Her choice was to make no choice. This crime will not be tolerated," Leschot stated in court. Leschot's office had agreed to a plea bargain with Drexler because of the woman's age, lack of a criminal record and precarious emotional state.

In passing sentence on the young

woman, Natoli reported, Superior Court Judge John A. Ricciardi stated that Drexler "was entitled to our understanding, our compassion and our prayers."

However, Ricciardi maintained that "forgiveness should never displace responsibility and compassion should not displace accountability."

Alma students expressed outrage over Drexler's sentence.

"It's really disgusting. If this is a landmark case, she should have gotten a tougher punishment. I can't believe she would so coldly kill her own child at a prom," said Sara Cleveland (02).

Erika Canter (02) echoed these sentiments. "She killed a child, a little baby, and she got fifteen years with the fact that she can get out on parole in three years? That's just wrong. It's immoral," she said.

Drexler herself exhibited sorrow over her crime. "I'm really, truly sorry for what I did," Natoli reported Drexler saying during sentencing.

Vice President Hill recruits new Scots

By **KELLY McDONALD**
Staff Reporter

The Admissions office is off and running this year recruiting new students for 1999. Newly appointed Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs, Alan P. Hill, is a busy man these days in search of a new Director of Admissions as well as getting to know the Alma students.

So, what exactly does the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs do at Alma College? Well, there are five major areas that report to him including Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Affairs, Center for Student Development and the Medical Center. Hill brings 11 years of experience in Student Affairs to the college.

"We are still in need of a new Director of Admissions, so right now most of my time is spent doing that, but basically I am involved with student recruitment," said Hill.

The applications coming in right now from prospective students are up for this time of year. The programs held by the college in the past years have helped tre-

mendously with this aspect of recruitment. Junior Day and the extra time spent with juniors and seniors in high school along with the many contacts to the local and statewide high schools have made it possible to recruit top quality students.

"Alma College is well known in Michigan. As good as the economy is right now, I think the sticker price for the college does not scare students away anymore," Hill said.

Hill has been making it possible for the students to get to know who he is by eating lunch in the dining halls, attending sporting events and has been known, on occasion, to 'suit up' with the basketball teams. He is often found working out with the teams and participating in practice sessions as well. It is important to Hill, as a college administrator, to get to know the students personally.

"I've enjoyed it and it has been lots of fun for me. By doing these things, I get a sense of what the place is really like. If we want to retain students, we must understand if we are addressing the needs of the students," said Hill.

First annual 5K race to be held

By **DONNA PAPPAS**
Staff Reporter

The first annual "Just Ice It" 5K race will be held this Saturday, November 7. The race is sponsored by the Alma College student athletic trainers.

The entire campus, as well as the Alma community, is invited to participate in the race.

"This is one step toward getting our name out to the community and campus," said Max Leonard (99).

The cost of the race is \$8 for entries received before November 3. These participants are guaranteed a T-shirt.

Those who wish to participate may also sign up on the day of the race for \$8 without a T-shirt, or \$12 with a T-shirt, while supplies last.

Registration for participants starts at 8:30 a.m. The race will begin at 9 a.m, starting from the Heritage Center parking lot.

The profits from the race will go to the sports medicine program, which the trainers hope to get accredited in the future, as well as to support students so they are able to participate in the regional Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association (GLATA). Currently, Alma's sports medi-

cine program is intern based, which requires students to have fifteen-hundred hours of internship before they are allowed to take the certification test. By the year 2004, the internship program will no longer be available. Under the accredited program, these hours will be worked into the curriculum with more classes offered under the athletic training program.

Student trainers who participate in GLATA attend the regional meeting in March. They are able to learn about the current trends and news in the field of training.

"The first year is always the hardest, but we hope to continue the race in the future," said

Leonard.

"We're shooting for about 20 people as our first year goal," said Denny Griffin, men's athletic director.

"The purpose of the race is to make the campus and community aware of the training program. Hopefully we will see more interest and get the support behind the formation of the new program," commented junior Melissa Strikulis.

The race is being co-sponsored by two community businesses. Ashcraft's will provide the food and refreshments after the race. Domino's is also donating a free large pizza to everyone who participates.

Alpha Xi Delta sorority to rake leaves for senior citizens in the local community

By **MICHAEL MURPHY**
Staff Reporter

Local senior citizens will have something to be thankful for on November 21, as Alma College's Alpha Xi Delta (AΞΔ) sorority will be voluntarily raking their lawn's leaves.

Teaming up with the Gratiot County Commission on Aging, Alpha Xi Delta has held this service event year after year.

Senior citizens had requested leaf raking help to the Commission as Autumn began.

Those seniors residing mostly in Ithaca and in Alma will be having the AΞΔ sisters rake their yards.

AΞΔ's Philanthropy Chair junior Mitzi Janukaitis is heading up the leaf raking project. In describing the service event, she said, "The leaf raking project is a major and annual event for AΞΔ," she said.

"It is a lot of fun, and all of the sisters have a great time raking leaves together," she added.

To plan out the service project, Janukaitis called the Commission and submitted their sorority name as wanting to volunteer for the leaf raking.

The director Sandy Swartz then gave Janukaitis a list of several local senior citizens that asked for volunteers to rake their lawns.

For the actual leaf raking event

on November 21, Janukaitis said that the AΞΔ sisters were going to arrive at the senior citizen's homes and immediately start raking their leaves. All that the senior citizens have to do is provide the volunteers with garbage bags and rakes.

This service event is especially important for the AΞΔ's, as they are performing this service event in conjunction with their national sorority foundation's National Philanthropy Day, which is held on November 15.

The foundation, however, is allowing the different chapters to coordinate their philanthropic events within a few weeks of November 15.

According to Janukaitis, the AΞΔ's will be raking up to as many as 25 different senior citizens' lawns.

To finish as quickly as possible, many AΞΔ sisters will be volunteering in the leaf raking.

Janukaitis also said that the AΞΔ's will be inviting all the other sororities to volunteer with along with their group.

In addition to the leaf raking project, the AΞΔ's will also be having their monthly "Choose Children" event.

On November 14, a few sisters will be going to the Alma Public Library to perform readings and participate in activities with the area's children.

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Boxing champion ends up as Alma President

By AMY TAYLOR
Staff Reporter

The 1998-99 academic year marks the 10th anniversary for President Alan J. Stone, who became president of the college in 1988.

Stone was born and raised in a small town in Iowa as the youngest of four boys. Throughout high school Stone was involved with sports and school government where he was the student body president.

Also during his childhood, Stone was involved with boxing. He fondly remembers being honored with the Golden Gloves Boxing Champion award.

According to Stone, his eldest brother was one of the first in his hometown to attend college. Proceeding in their brother's footsteps, the rest of the siblings went off to college—including Stone.

At first Stone wanted to become a minister, but at that specific time ministers were not in demand. Therefore he attended the University of Chicago.

After graduation, Stone's new career goal was to become a col-

lege president. He came to Alma from Aurora University where he spent ten years as their president.

"At that time, I was said to be the youngest president in the country—I was 34," Stone said.

Before Aurora, Stone held the position of vice president at various colleges such as a women's college in Maryland, a liberal arts college in Virginia, and the University of Maine.

According to Stone, under his guidance, several campus items have improved over the past years. The total enrollment for the 1997-98 school year was 1407 which increased by 321 from 1987-88. Also in 1987-88, the percentage of giving from alumni was 28.4 percent as opposed to the present which is an estimated 38 percent. Other achievements include the Heritage Center, the Exercise and Health Science Wing, the Colina Library Wing, and the Kapp Laboratory. Also resident halls and Dow Science Center has been renovated.

Junior Martha Marsh said, "It is nice to know with all the things which are changing as much as

they do that Dr. Stone has been around for ten years and he will continue to be around for a long time."

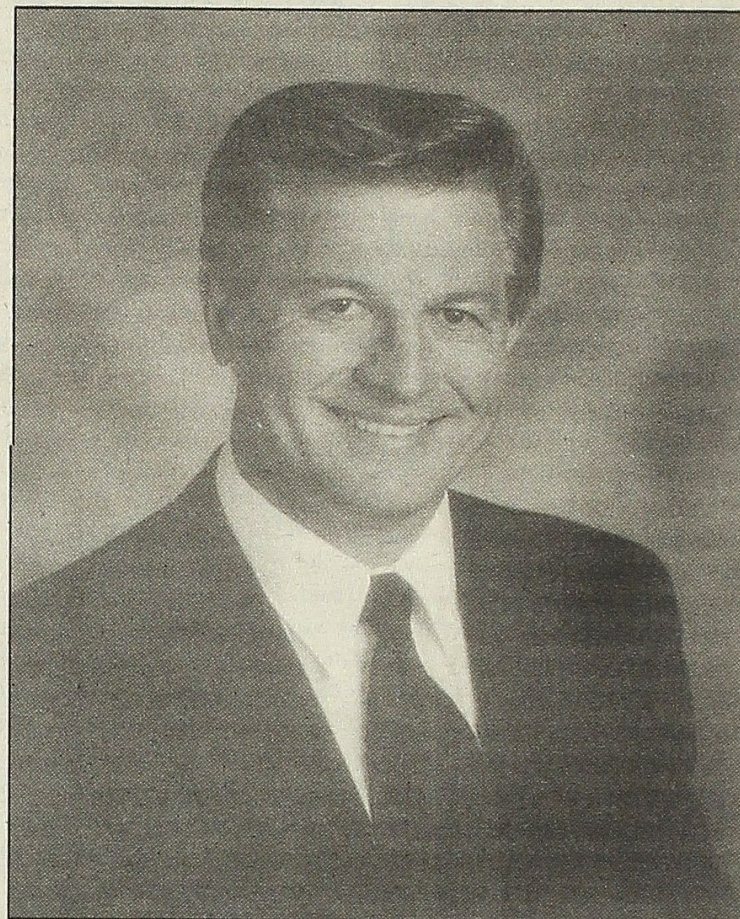
For Stone, out of his ten years, the greatest fulfillment was the opening of the Heritage Center. "It really lifted the performing arts and brought in many talented people," he said.

President Stone and his wife Jonieta attend several student functions which include sports, dances, choir and orchestra.

Sophomore Andy Cashin said, "Any contact that I've had with him as well as most students has always been positive." He added, "His most positive support of all is his attendance at college activities whether it is sports or the arts."

Another issue of importance to Stone is the addition of minorities to campus. He would still like to see more diversity with out of state students and International students.

"It seems that he has done a lot of improvement and betterment with diversity. Over the four years that I have been here I am happy to see more of a range of students," said Eric Grace (99).



Alma College President Alan J. Stone is celebrating his 10th anniversary as president of the college this year. He first came to Alma in 1988 and has since made several improvements throughout campus. Submitted photograph.

Newman offers views on internet censorship

By MANDY LONG
Feature Editor

Roger Newman, lawyer, historian, and award-winning author, visited Alma College last Wednesday, October 28, to speak on his views concerning the internet, mass communication and censorship.

"The strongest human urge is censorship," Newman stated at the beginning of his hour long speech about the current state of censorship and the internet. "Taming that beast within has been a reoccurring part of history," he said.

Newman laid out for the audience a history of censorship, going back as far as Ancient Rome, and bringing it into the present with the latest group of censors attacking the internet. "As with any new media, a wave of censors try to regulate it for the 'good of children'," he stated.

He then provided the audience with numerous examples of censorship on the internet, including software filtering programs and blocking systems such as Net Nanny, Cyber Controls, Cyber Sitter, and Websense, of which there are over fifty available.

Newman stressed how unreliable and ineffective these sorts of "censorware" are. Many use "keyword blocking," and block all sites which contain that word. As a result, sites that include words such as "sex" may be unavailable to children. However, these sites

may include medical sites, movie sites, online magazines, or the homepage for a museum, which shouldn't be off limits to children. "Words are as slippery as banana peels," said Newman, "the results can only be described as bizarre."

Newman also spoke about the size of the internet, and the inability of anyone, including the United States, to censor the internet for the entire world. The internet doubles in size every eight months, making it nearly impossible to rate every site. According to Newman, even if the United States could rate all American sites, it would be impossible to censor the 40% of internet sites which are not American.

"Rating all sites, including chat rooms and homepages, for violence, nudity, sex, and language is nearly impossible," Newman stated.

He also shared his views on the recent addition of PICS, a censorship program, to Netscape, and the censorship of sites by a popular search engine, Lycos.

Newman ended his speech stressing the American right to freedom of speech, and the idea that technology finds a way to overcome obstacles and triumph.

"If censors continue as they are," stated Newman, "all that might be left are the words to 'Mary had a little lamb,' and 'Twinkle twinkle little star'."

Chicagoans treat Alma College to a little bit of jazz culture and style

By MANDY LONG
Feature Editor

James Dapogny's Chicagoans added a bit of culture-jazz culture that is-to the stage of Presbyterian Hall last Thursday, October 29.

James Dapogny's Chicagoans is a jazz trio which consists of Kim Cusack on vocals and the clarinet, Wayne Jones on drums, and of course, James Dapogny on vocals and piano. They opened the performance with "This is my lucky day" a 1920's show tune, and their "theme song."

"We've been together for over forty years," said Dapogny, "and it's our lucky day whenever we get to play together."

During the performance the trio played many popular jazz tunes, including Walter Donaldson's "You're drivin' me crazy," a pop tune called "All of me," a piece from the early thirties called "Spell of the blues," and even a few songs by Fats Waller.

The group also played a "real" swing song entitled "Is you is or is you ain't my baby," which included vocals by Kim Cusack.

"It was really cool," said junior Briget Paulsen, "I like swing, and had never heard a swing song quite like that one."

The performance also included a piano solo by Dapogny, a 1924 piece from George Gershwin entitled "Liza."

The group finished their first

set with three songs by the jazz legend Fats Waller which included "I've got a feelings I've fallen," "Willow Tree," and the popular "Honeysuckle Rose."

Jazz has been called America's classical music because, along with blues, it is one of the truly indigenous musics to develop in America. It was unpredictable and risky, which was one thing that the blues lacked.

In the beginning, jazz was dance music performed by swinging big bands. However, it soon evolved into a number of different styles such as Big Band, Cool, Fusion, Latin, Soul, Bop, Free,

Hard, and New Orleans Jazz. What tied it all together was the group interplay and unpredictable improvisation.

Artists like Miles Davis, Jimmy Smith, Billie Holiday and Louis Armstrong are considered some of the most influential jazz musicians in history with albums like "Kind of Blue," "Back at the Chicken Shack," "Hot Fives and Sevens," and "Quintessential Billie Holiday."

James Dapogny and the Chicagoans brought a bit of this culture to Alma College, brought a bit of America's musical past into the present, and "all that jazz."

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RGA growing popular on campus

By EVA HECHT
Freelance Writer

If you like to play games, debate, shoot-em-up, or suck blood, there is just one place you've got to be. Join the members of the Alma College Recreational Gaming Association (ACRGA) in the Chapel basement Fridays at 7 p.m. and share in all these experiences and much more.

The ACRGA is an organization of about 45 members on and off campus who gather together to play all different kinds of games and role-playing. Organized and run by Kelly Prill (01), these students are a diverse collection that play games like Diplomacy, Civilization, Car Wars, and whatever else players bring.

They also role-play with a different number of systems, the gaming is open to anyone on campus and everyone is welcome to bring their own games.

The group was organized last year by Prill. It began as an informal list of 35 or 40 students on campus who were interested in gaming. The list was available for anyone trying to get a game started. Prill saw the need to create a database of people who enjoyed gaming, because previously it had been hard to always find enough at one time to start a game. He said he believed it would lead to better communication between players and expand their horizons by pooling all their game resources. Beginning with a group of friends who enjoyed the intel-

lectually challenging ideas, the group swelled to its current size over the past year.

The most common game played is Diplomacy, where players try to take over Europe by making alliances through debating and conferring with other players. The trick is that all alliances are not always true and some players may be deceitful, using lies to gain their own footholds and win the game. President Alan J. Stone joined the group on Sunday, Oct. 25, for an intense game of Diplomacy. Stone formerly played in his college days and wanted to get back into the game.

According to Phil, the role-playing uses two main systems. The White Wolf System has games that include Vampires,

Werewolves and Changelings. The Generic Universal Role-Playing System, nicknamed GURPS, is a simple set of rules created to govern all types of role-playing games, giving the group freedom to come up with its own premise.

One very different game the group plays is Car Wars. Each player has cardboard cars loaded with weapons and race around the board trying to shoot and destroy one another.

The group has many regulars that come out to play the games. All have different reasons for gaming, but have positive thoughts about the group.

Senior Dave Landy said, "I'm really glad Kelly got around to organizing this. It's really nice for people to have others to play

with and a good way to find them."

Other gamers enjoy the activity because it is very different from the other Student Congress approved groups.

"It's a good nonspecific activity for people who don't enjoy parties," said Matt Adams (00).

Jason Murdey (01) echoed Adams' sentiments, saying, "What I like about it is that people get to use their student activity fee to participate in something different that they really like."

The group is open to any new members or players, and information is easily accessible through their web page at <http://cicero.com.alma.edu/hum180/students/prill/gaming/acrga.htm>.

Sororities and fraternities beautify campus



Senior Mike Heying, a member of ΣAE, sorts out bulbs at Saturday's planting in front of South Complex. Photo by Steve Nadeau

By AMANDA McKINNON
Freelance Writer

April showers bring May flowers. Well, only if you plant them in October. Dr. Eugene Pattison, professor of English, has sponsored a project for the last 12-15 years entitled, "Making a Difference--Greeks in the Garden."

This project consists of representatives from various fraternities and sororities that volunteered a few hours on Saturdays throughout October to plant early spring bulbs on campus. The volunteers are from fraternities and sororities, including Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Chi, and Zeta Sigma.

Pattison became involved with gardening when he bought his own house in 1971. He wanted to

make his yard beautiful so he began planting flowers and shrubs. He then started to look around campus and began thinking about how he could make it look nice. This gave him the idea to plant flowers around campus.

"This will give students something to look at and be proud to say, 'look, I did that,'" said Pattison.

The Center for Student Development suggested that he ask the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) to take part, and Pattison asked the sororities as well.

Pattison and the volunteering students have planted many kinds of bulbs, including accent daffodils, barrett browning narcissi, blue master hyacinths, salome daffodils, union jack tulips, yellow daffodils, and many others. These will be in bloom in later

March, April, and perhaps even May.

The flowerbeds chosen are located at the hillside next to spirit rock, the entrance to Brazell Hall and Nisbet Hall, and a half bed near Carey Hall. They also fill in the shrubs located near the geese statues.

Pattison generously donates all of the bulbs that are planted, and donate ten to fifteen bulbs to each fraternity or sorority that participates to plant in the house yards. He also provides most of the tools that are needed for the bulbs to be planted.

When asked why the Greeks were the only ones involved Pattison replied, "Since I am Greek, I want to promote the Greek system. Maybe in the future the whole student body can be involved."

Shania Twain impresses fans at concert

By Amy Taylor
Staff Reporter

Fireworks, smoke, music, excitement and Shania Twain filled Michigan State's Breslin Center Sunday, October 25. One of country music's biggest stars, Twain, drew fans from all over Michigan to East Lansing. She had never been East Lansing before and was quite impressed.

Twain said, "I was so sick before the show, but coming here made me feel much better."

It was a very high, energetic show. This was quite impressive considering she came from such a troubled past. As a child, her family was extremely poor and she missed out on much of her childhood. The most troubling part, however, was that both of her parents were killed in an automobile crash when she was 21. Because she was left to raise her younger siblings, Shania was forced to settle down at an early age.

Shania was born as Eileen Regina Edwards on August 28, 1965, in Windsor, Ontario,

Canada. Yes, the country star is Canadian. In 1990, she took the name Shania- which means "I'm on my way"- translated from the Ojibwa Indians, the culture she was raised in through her stepfather.

At the concert she performed her fans' favorite songs. Songs that were heard included *Any Man of Mine*, *From This Moment*, *You're Still the One*, and many others.

Live shows of Shania not only show her stardom, but also her humanitarian side. She invited the Olivet Choir and Olivet's drum corp to perform with her. A young singer from the Lansing community was invited to sing at her concert, which Twain said is beneficial in giving young stars opportunity to perform.

Sophomore Heather Hillier said, "It was one of the better [concerts] because she invites people onto the stage and interacts with them."

Shania has one song she sings, *Hallelujah*, which all proceeds go to children's groups and charities. The Olivet choir assisted her

with this song.

One boy was even celebrating his 7th birthday and Twain sang happy birthday to him. While he was on stage he confessed to her that his brother bought a poster of her and it was the first time he fell in love—his brother was 19. The crowd erupted in laughter as well as Shania.

During the course of her career Twain has received many awards from the music industry. She won a Grammy for Best Country Album, in 1996, a Billboard Music Award for Country Album of the Year in 1996, and the list goes on.

According to many fans, Twain's concert and personality is clearly outstanding. She is real and down

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is proven in the passion she portrays to her audience.

Alma works to improve

Satellite teleconference offers valuable information on how to improve Greek system

By AMY BETH PLACE
Freelance Writer

On October 26, live via satellite, Alma College administration, support staff, faculty and students met in the Dow Science Center for a national teleconference presented by the University of Vermont titled "Greek Life and Higher Education: Collaborating to Build a Culture of Learning."

Although the program was focused toward administrators, representatives from three Alma College fraternities/sororities were present and also students from Bruske and Gelston residence halls. A number of 10-20 was expected because of low publicity and a total of 16 attended. The program was held from 2-4 p.m. which presented a time conflict for many faculty members.

According to Martin Stack, assistant dean of students and head of the Interfraternity Council, the program was very successful.

"I thought that the program went real good. The panel, who were all experts, gave honest and helpful information about Greek life. The student panel were very professional and helpful also. This was a quality program and technically excellent," he said.

Stack said that the purpose of this highly informative conference was set to help colleges and universities reexamine and redefine today's Greek culture for the next generation.

Some specific points hit during the conference were the role of the culture that has emerged around Greek organizations, how Greek culture can be revitalized to express its own values and those of higher education, and the pros and cons of putting specific guidelines into place and of developing a comprehensive plan.

The program began with a warm welcome and introduction of panelists. Next, was an overview and

discussion of the myths and realities of fraternity life on campus, followed by a presentation and discussion of fraternity life. Following was another presentation and discussion of the value of association, and how the role of the fraternity system has changed as our times have changed.

There was open time for audience questions, the colleges participating could interact with the panelists at specific times of the program by calling or faxing their questions or thoughts. After a quick break the program started up again with a presentation and discussion of specific programs and initiatives undertaken by schools and/or fraternities that have led to positive and productive academic and community involvement.

There was a final presentation and discussion of the role of sororities in creating and supporting change. At the end of the program there was a student panel that discussed and answered questions like what types of activities they are doing and why they think that these activities are working.

The first panel expert was Jonathan Brant executive director and executive vice president of the National Interfraternity Council (NIC),

Brant has served the National Interfraternity Council (NIC) of men's fraternities professionally since 1982. The NIC headquarters are in Indianapolis, and provide universities, government, and media relations services to 66 member groups.

He has made television appearances on Fox on Education, Good Morning America, and 20/20. He has been widely quoted in the media as an authority on fraternities. During his discussion he talked about actual questions faced by fraternities. Questions

from what are the values promulgated by American college fraternities to what are the membership trends for fraternities. He gave plenty of information and statistics to back up his answers to thoughts and other questions. Brant told the audience that there are 66 NIC member fraternities that have 400,000 undergraduate members in 5,500 chapters on over 800 college and university campuses in Canada and the United States.

Secondly, Dr. Patrick Brown director of student life at the University of Vermont spoke.

Brown has been a student affairs professional for 19 years and has extensive experience in advising student organizations, understanding the nuances of contemporary student life, and in responding to student activism.

During the discussion that he led, he also stated many points about fraternities to share with the audience. Points such as the elements of organizational change, major players in Greek life collaborations, operational questions of the major players, components of Greek life for the next century, and values found in an educational purposeful community.

Members of the audience were given values such as respect, integrity, innovation, openness, justice, responsibility, and accountability.

Next was Dr. Dennis Gregory, former assistant vice president for student development/student life at Francis Marion University,

Gregory is a regular presenter at Stetson University and University of Vermont legal issues conferences. He talked about the Greek culture on campus and gave suggestions for change. Gregory gave ideas such as a comprehensive approach by individual administrators on their campuses. He talked about performing a comprehensive study of the Greek

system of each campus, the developing of a program of system wide culture issues, and many other ways that current professional organizations, campuses, and others can change the culture of Greek life.

Also, Dr. Bridget Buernsey Riordan, assistant to vice president and dean for campus life at Emory University offered comments.

Riordan is a former president of the Association of Fraternity Advisors and presently is the assistant to the vice president and dean of campus life at Emory University in Atlanta. Her duties include supervision of the Office of Greek life. Riordan is the co-author of "Greek Letter Organizations and Alcohol: Problems, Policies, and Programs."

Lastly, was presenter Dr. Roland M. Smith, vice president of student life at the University of Delaware.

Smith has spearheaded an effort to return the Greek system to its professed values through the establishments of the Greek Five-Star Evaluation System. He serves as co-chair of the Building Responsibility Programs: A UD/City of Newark Community Coalition, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded effort to reduce high risk drinking among college students.

Because of the excellent information gained through the program, Stack is hoping to have a follow up program that will include students as well as administration and faculty.

Stack welcomes anyone interested to come to his office and ask questions about the program. He has a videotape of the program which is available for anyone interested. For more information Stack noted an informational web-site that can be visited (listserv@list.uvm.edu).



At left, brothers from the Phi Mu Alpha (Φ MA) Sinfonia, Alma's music fraternity, pose for a picture to celebrate their new pledge class.



Below, (TKE) brothers pose for their photo.

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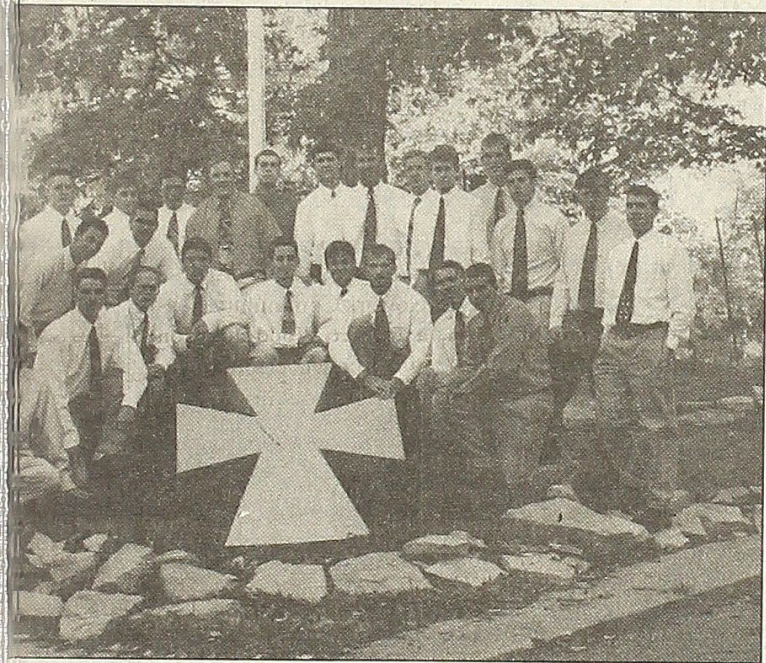
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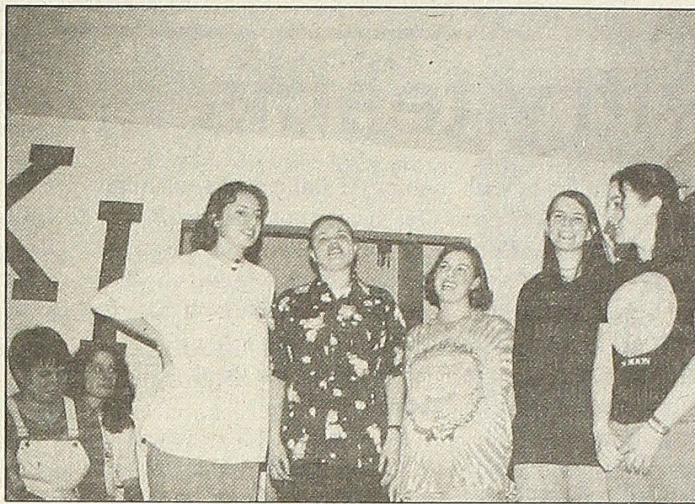
At right, members of a Kappa Iota (KI) pledge class get to know each their new sisters.



Several sisters of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority don their best clothing for their formal held this fall.



Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon sorority, gather for a picture before their formal.



Above, the new Fall '98 pledge class of Alpha Xi Delta (ΑΞΔ) is excited to become a part of the Greek system at Alma College.

At left, the brothers of Sigma Chi (ΣΧ), pose for a group picture outside their house before Winter Term rush.



Above, the sisters of the Gamma Phi Beta (ΓΦΒ) sorority get excited to take on a new pledge class at Bids Fest.

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Cross country teams end MIAA season

By JOEY MEAD
Sports Editor

All the sweat, tears and pain that the men's and women's cross country team put forth preparing for the last conference match was finally tested last Saturday at the MIAA Conference meet held at Alma's own Pine River Country Club.

For the men, Calvin, ranked fourth in the nation, continued their reputation at the conference meet by adding another championship title to the list making it 12 titles in a row. Calvin's team was paced by Geoff VanDragt who set a new course record at 25:05. He was followed by three of his teammates to sweep the first four spots. The Knight's fifth runner came in sixth place giving Calvin a close to perfect score of 16. Kory Kramer from Kalamazoo took fifth.

Overall the scores were Hope in second with 53 points, Kalamazoo in third with 76, Alma in fourth with 128, Albion

in fifth with 133, Adrian in sixth with 171, in seventh was Olivet with 199 and in eighth was Defiance with 219.

The Scots were lead by first-year student Reid McGuire with a time of 26:52 which sat him in 19th place. In 26th place was senior Pete Muccio with 27:25. First-year student Mark Penzien crossed the finish line five seconds after Muccio and placed 31st. In places 42, 43 and 44 were junior Kyle Kristin at 28:15, and first-year students Ryan Rau at 28:19 and Bruce Haney at 28:23. In 49th was first-year student Andrew Kibbe with a time of 28:46. He was followed by senior Tom Arbaugh in 53rd at 29:05, sophomore Chris Porco in 55th at 29:11, first-year student Ken Donoghue in 58th with 29:31, and bringing up the rear was first-year student Adam Blair with a time of 30:03.

Head coach Dan Gibson said, "I think we ran very well at league for our talent. A lot of our top five guys were freshman. We

think the future looks real bright for the guys on our team."

"The first two times we ran we lost to Albion which is a real rival for us, and we beat them on Saturday which is a really good accomplishment for us," Gibson added.

Muccio said, "It went well for the team. We moved up to fourth place. We moved ahead of Albion, so that was great. It's the beginning of a rise in Alma College cross country."

On the women's side, again Calvin ran the show taking their 11th consecutive conference championship. The leader of the pack was Calvin's Lisa Timmer setting a time of 18:02.

The final overall standings were Calvin with 25 points, Hope had 47, Albion with 85, in fourth was Kalamazoo at 123, fifth were the Scots with 151, behind them in sixth was St. Mary's with 192, in seventh was Olivet with 211, one point behind them was Adrian with 212 and again Defiance brought up

the rear with 215.

Leading for Alma was senior Brandi Hasen in 22nd place with a time of 19:45, in 34th was sophomore Stacy Turschak with a time of 20:06, in 38th was sophomore Shelly Maruszak at 20:22, senior Katie Rogers took 42nd place with a time of 20:30. In 47th and 48th were first-year student Lindsay Nederhood with 20:39 and junior Anne Grimaldi three seconds behind Nederhood. Senior Dana Cole came in at 20:48 which put her in 51st place, senior Jen Nowaczek was 94th with 22:44 and in 117th was first-year student Rachel Retzler.

"We had a lot of new people this year, and we had a couple injuries early on. Anne Grimaldi who is our number one runner returning from last year ran her first league meet [Saturday]. But we have had a lot of new people step up. This was senior Brandi Hansen's first year and she was our number one runner at the league meet," Gibson said.

Grimaldi said, "This is the first

time I have ever been injured, and it was hard not being able to compete. It takes a lot of patience to get back into it. It's nice to be back though. It is hard to run when I know I am not where I should be, but it's nice to be back to help out the team as much as I can."

Both the men's and women's cross country team have had a special bond among all the runners that will be sure to pay off during the next years of competition.

Maruszak said, "We have a lot of fun together. I have met probably two of the best friends I have ever had."

"The team has gotten along fantastically. Some personalities meshed very nicely. It's been a fun year as far as practices have gone. Everyone has been very competitive," she continued.

In cross country all teams automatically go to regionals, so come watch the Scots run November 14, 11:00 a.m. at Albion College.

Volleyball wraps up season with a victory over the Albion Brits

By DONNA PAPPAS
Staff Reporter

The volleyball team ended their season on Wednesday with a win over Albion.

The varsity team was upset by Abion in the first round, but the Scot's were unstoppable. They won the second, fourth, and fifth rounds to take the match.

"It was nice to win at our last home match. We played scrappy and had the desire to win," said Coach Penny Allen-Cook.

Meghann Devlin (01) led Alma with 22 kills and 7 blocks. Sarah Anderson (01) was the team leader with 43 assists, and 30 digs. Anderson, along with Julie Fielder (01), led the team with 2 aces as well.

"I'm glad that we came together to beat Albion after our loss last time we faced them. It took a lot of heart to beat them and was a good way to end our season," said Anderson.

Alma's final record for the season is 11-14. In the MIAA they finished in sixth place with a record of 7-9.

"Even though we had an up and down season, this year was a great improvement since last year. With most of our players returning, next year we are hoping for a first place finish in our league," said Devlin.

This past weekend the team competed in the Spike-It-Up Invitational in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Junior Varsity players Katie Beam (01) and Julie Harris

(02) also traveled with the varsity team for the tournament.

On Friday, they faced California State Hayward, which is ranked third in the Western Region, and Colorado College, ranked sixth in the Western Region. Saturday, the team played Oglethorpe University and California Lutheran, which is the number one team in the Western Region. The American Volleyball Coaches Association has also ranked two of these teams nationally: California State Hayward, in thirteenth place, and California Lutheran is seventh.

"We hope to be competitive and have a lot of fun in the Colorado tournament," said Allen-Cook.

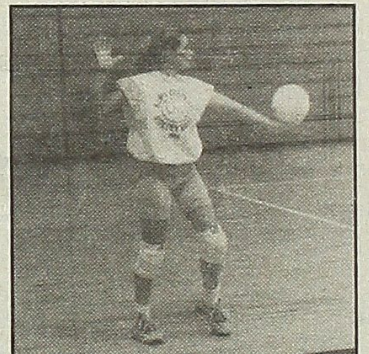
While out west, the team is

also scheduled to visit the Denver Zoo, Pikes Peak, the Cave of Winds, the Royal Gorge Bridge, and Casa Bonita's Restaurant.

"Most of the team has never had the chance to go out west, so it's exciting for us all. It will be a great bonding experience," said Devlin.

Next year's season also has a promising outlook.

"We had a young team this year, they can only get better next season," said Ellen Bradbury (99).



An Alma volleyball player serves the ball over the net. Photo by Steve Naeau

Football team tricked on Halloween

By MARK ISZAK
Freelance Writer

The Scots were hoping to be treated with a victory on Halloween. Instead, they were tricked with a loss to Kalamazoo. The Scots let go of a 20-10 halftime lead, and ended up losing to Kalamazoo 23-20.

The day started rough for the Scots when Kalamazoo picked off a pass attempt by senior Jason VanDerMaas and returned it for a touchdown. Picking up the Scots was junior Zach Workman, intercepting a Kalamazoo pass on the next drive. However, the Scots could not capitalize. A costly fumble resulted in a Kalamazoo field goal. This put Kalamazoo up 10-0, but not for long.

VanDerMaas connected with first-year student Chris Ernst for a touchdown. Senior Rick

Brands, continuing his stellar kicking, also pitched in two field goals, including a 47 yarder. Despite this, the Scots came up short. The defense played tough, allowing only a couple of big Kalamazoo plays in the game.

VanDerMaas said, "The offense struggled to execute, but will work to improve for the last game against Olivet."

Junior Shawn Grant said, "The team came back, but had trouble making the big play in the second half. As for the next game, we are looking to end on a high note and to earn a winning season."

Sophomore Dan Price agreed, "The run defense played well, as well as the defensive backs, and the defense as a whole. We would like to win the last game so we have something solid to build on for next year."

At the start of the second half,

first-year student Dave Schultz got an interception, the first of his college career. He felt, though, that the team gave up too many big plays on both sides of the ball. "We're all looking forward to ending the season on a good note," Schultz said.

The Scots are now 4-4, and are looking to get their fifth win next game. They are now fourth in the MIAA Football Standings, trailing behind Albion, Hope, and Adrian. Alma is tied for fourth with Kalamazoo, and bringing up the rear is Olivet and Defiance.

Other scores around the league for Saturday, October 31 were as follows: Albion 20, Adrian 13; Hope 46, Olivet 13; Defiance Ohio 29, Thomas More, KY. 27. The next game is vs. Olivet at home on November 7, at 1p.m.

Tau Kappa Epsilon alumni of Alma proudly salute a member from the junior class,

BRANDON KLUMP

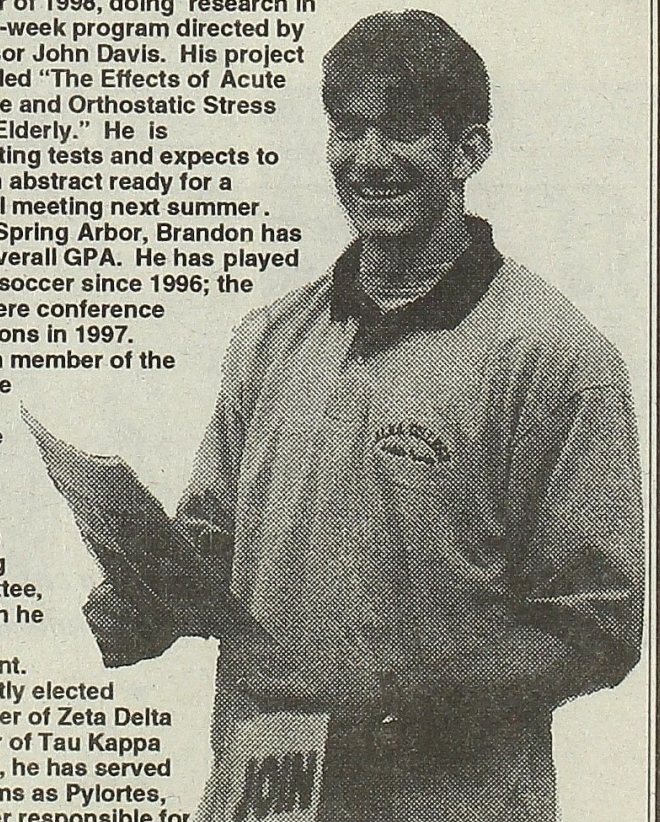
one of four recipients of a MacGregor Grant at Alma for the summer of 1998, doing research in this ten-week program directed by Professor John Davis. His project is entitled "The Effects of Acute Exercise and Orthostatic Stress on the Elderly." He is completing tests and expects to have an abstract ready for a national meeting next summer.

From Spring Arbor, Brandon has a 3.6 overall GPA. He has played varsity soccer since 1996; the team were conference champions in 1997.

He is a member of the Exercise Health Science Honor Society and the Athletic Training Committee, of which he is vice-president.

Recently elected Treasurer of Zeta Delta Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, he has served two terms as Pylotes, an officer responsible for social events and party security.

Zeta Delta (Phi Phi Alpha) Chapter Alumni Association has over 900 members, Alma alumni who were members of the local fraternity Phi Phi Alpha or initiates of TKE. They are proud to recognize Brandon as a current chapter leader and achiever.



Men's Soccer on a winning streak

By MIKE HEYD
Freelance Writer

Alma College men's soccer has been on a winning streak. With three losses, eight wins and one tie Alma is now ranked second in the MIAA.

The MIAA first ranked Kalamazoo College men's soccer team lost to Hope College bringing Alma within three points of Kalamazoo for the conference title.

Junior forward Nate Spang said, "We're playing with more intensity, [but] we can't lose any more games if we want to go on."

On October 28th Alma took that attitude to Calvin's home field in Grand Rapids.

In the 27th minute, assisted by senior forward Randy U'Ren, sophomore forward Paul Aceto shot an 18-yard, game-winning goal. Alma controlled the ball for the majority of the first half. Junior Goal-Keeper Jon Cullen made six saves and allowed no goals.

Seventeen fouls were called on Calvin, 14 on Alma. With four corner kicks evenly split between the teams, no scoring in the second half and no offside

calls or cautions, the game ended with Alma ahead 1-0. The game ended 1-0 Alma over Calvin. As of this game Alma was ranked seventh and Calvin was eighth in the Great Lakes region poll.

"We're playing as well as we have all year," said senior defender Jason Passalaqua. Passalaqua was named MIAA's 'Player of the Week.'

This Halloween while most of America was preparing for evening festivities the Alma College men's soccer team was earning a 2-0 victory over Albion.

Another shut-out victory for the Scots. Scoring began in the sixth minute when first-year forward Erik Martinson shot and scored.

The Scots kept the Albion defense busy with a total of 14 shots and Albion came back with 12 of their own. Each team made five corner kicks. Albion was given eleven fouls to Alma's nine. The 80th minute saw a caution for Albion. Offsides was called once on Alma.

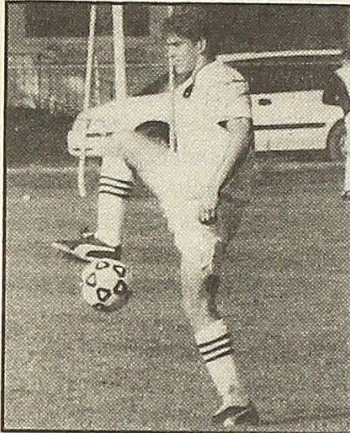
Aceto made good use of first-year outside halfback Jeff Hostler's assist as he added another goal towards Alma's victory.

With only two games remaining Alma still has a chance at the

conference title. This Saturday's home game against Kalamazoo will determine Alma's status for regionals, but Albion's performance against Kalamazoo will greatly effect Alma's conference standing.

If Albion wins, Alma has a chance to become conference champions. If Albion and Kalamazoo tie Alma can tie Kalamazoo for champions.

Just how important is this Saturday's game? "It's huge," U'Ren said. "We lost 2-1 in overtime last time. [Since then] we've got team chemistry. Everything is there. It'll be a good game."



Soccer player Brandon Klump (00) plays the ball during a home match. Photo by Steve Nadeau.

College Football Top Nine Scoreboard Saturday, October 31 results:

Final Georgia Tech at Maryland	31 14
Final West Virginia at Virginal Tech	13 27
Final Pittsburgh at Syracuse	28 45
Final Michigan at Minnesota	15 10
Final Illinois at Penn. St.	0 27
Final Tennessee at North Carolina	49 14
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Women's soccer team has high hopes for next season

By KELLY McDONALD
Staff Reporter

Although their record might not show it, the women's soccer team made great strides to improving themselves throughout the 1998 season.

On Wednesday, October 21, the Scots traveled to Olivet for their last Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) league match of the season. After a tough first half of play and a second half that got away from them, the team lost the game by a score of 5-2.

Many of the girls credit first-year coach Chi Ly for their continued team unity throughout the season and improvement of skills as a team.

"Our skill level improved a lot, both tactical and ball skills. It was very beneficial to have a coach with a positive attitude and with a focus on strengthening our team unity," said junior Holly Caraway.

Alma (2-6 MIAA, 4-13 overall) concluded their season on Tuesday against Calvin College (6-2 MIAA, 15-5 overall) in the quarterfinals of the MIAA tournament. The Scots went into the match with high hopes of avenging their 7-0 loss earlier in the season to the Knights. Tara Dyk of Calvin, scorched the Scots with four goals in their first meeting.

Dyk came into the tournament game the second leading scorer in the league and for good reason. She opened the scoring three minutes into the game putting one past the Alma goalie. The Scots played them tough the entire first half before giving up another key goal to Dyk right before halftime. Going into the break, down 2-0, the Scots looked to be in better shape than previous outings against Calvin. But the Knights proved to be too much for them, going on to win the game 4-0. It didn't help matters any that Calvin out shot Alma, 20-5. First-year student and Alma goalie Paula Schwartz made seven saves in the game.

"We had a good season. Our last game was our best and we really improved against Calvin," said Schwartz.

"Coach really wanted to get to know us better personally and encourage team unity by inviting us over to his house for dinner," she added.

Sophomore and co-captain Kristy Hopper said, "We played a lot better compared to the way we played the rest of the season. The Calvin game was a nice way to end the season but sad especially for the seniors."

Alma said good-bye to two of their seniors in the final game of their Alma College soccer careers, Jackie Sauter and Rebecca Raus.



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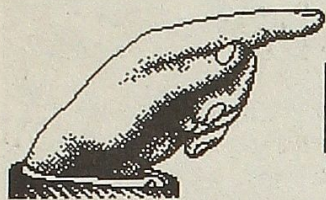


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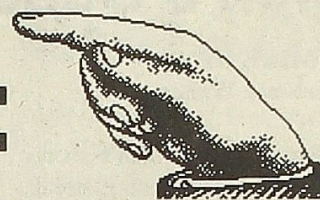
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Michigan needs Smietanka

By SHANNON CASEY
Opinion Editor

For the first time in almost forty years Michigan voters will have the chance to fill an open seat for the chief law enforcement officer in the state. The attorney general race, while often overlooked, is one of the most important race on this year's ballot.

Although Governor John Engler and Secretary of State Candice Miller could easily win re-election, the attorney general race will be a tough fight. To those who do their homework and research the candidates, the choice is clear—John Smietanka is the more qualified candidate.

Appointed to United States attorney by President Reagan, Smietanka focused the efforts of his staff on prosecuting violent and organized crime. During his tenure in office, countless cases involving fraud, murder, rape and robbery were successfully prosecuted.

As principal associate to the U.S. deputy attorney general in Washington, D.C., Smietanka acted as the liaison between the deputy's office and other Department of Justice components,

such as the Environmental, Civil Rights and Civil Divisions. In this role, he continued to improve the delivery of legal services to children across the country.

With over twenty years of prosecuting experience, Smietanka knows what it takes to put criminals behind bars and keep them there. While he is Governor Engler's choice for Michigan's chief law enforcer, Smietanka has also worked with United States Attorney General Janet Reno.

As special counsel to the U.S. attorney general, Smietanka prosecuted the El Rukns, a Chicago street gang. This is the type of leadership that Michigan needs.

While overall crime in Michigan has declined in recent years, violent crime by youth has increased by 25 percent. This spurt in juvenile violent crime is a result of a culture of behavior. Bureaucrats in Lansing cannot come up with solutions because they do not understand the problem.

In order to understand the problem, bureaucrats need to venture into the trenches to find the root of the problem. Bureaucrats, by nature of being bureaucrats, do

not venture into the trenches.

This is why John Smietanka is different. His agenda for Michigan includes a promise to hit the trenches. He will visit at least one school in every county each year to talk to teachers and community leaders in order to gain new insight into the problems that communities face.

Smietanka has authored a national project called "Weed and Seed" to cut down on gang violence. It is intended to rid cities of gangs, drugs and violence, yet nourish seeds of encouragement to keep citizens safe.

Smietanka's opponent, Jennifer Granholm, is supported by her party's nominee for governor, Geoffrey Fieger. Fieger has publicly stated that half the prisoners in Michigan prisons are non-violent offenders and do not need to remain.

This means that Fieger supports the early release of drug dealers and habitual drunk drivers. Michigan cannot afford to let anyone on Fieger's ticket run the chief law enforcement office in the state. Governor Engler and Smietanka know that in order to cut down on crime, criminals need to fear the consequences of their actions.

Granholm--best for the people

By MANDY LONG
Feature Editor

As the elections draw near, one of the candidates voters should remember is Jennifer Granholm, the Democratic candidate for attorney general of Michigan. Granholm's extensive background in law and crime, doubled with her opponent John Smietanka's false and dishonest campaign, make Granholm the best choice for Michigan voters.

Granholm, wife and mother of three, is currently serving as Wayne County's Corporation Counsel, the latest in her long line of accomplishments which make her the right choice for attorney general.

Granholm attended Berkley where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and became Editor in Chief of the Civil-Rights/Civil Liberties Law Review during her years at Harvard Law School. She clerked for Judge Damon Keith, worked full-time on the Dukakis presidential campaign and served as co-whip of the Michigan delegation at the 1996 Democratic National Convention.

In 1995 Granholm became the youngest person and first woman to serve as Wayne County's Corporation Counsel. While serving, Granholm has written one of the toughest ethics ordinances, cut the amount of money spent defending county lawsuits by 50 percent, saved \$40 million annu-

ally in cases dismissed or aggressively negotiated for settlement and successfully sued the state over such issues as unfunded mandates and roads.

Granholm is well-known for being tough on crime, attaining a 98% conviction rate during her four years at the United States Attorney Office in Detroit. She earned her reputation as a top-notch trial attorney through dozens of prosecutions of drug rings, armed drug dealers and bank robbers. Granholm even convicted one of the first cases of child pornography on the Internet.

She has earned commendations from several federal agencies, including "outstanding" job ratings from the Department of Justice, and was singled out for a Special Achievement Award.

Granholm has been endorsed by the Michigan Corrections Organization, the Michigan Police Legislative Coalition, the Detroit-Metropolitan African American Police Association, the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police and countless newspapers including the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Lansing State Journal*.

Jennifer Granholm is the best choice for Michigan voters. With an extensive background in efficient law enforcement, and the drive to "get things done," Granholm is sure to make Michigan safe for everyone. Jennifer Granholm is for the people.

Murphy's sports track—

By MICHAEL MURPHY
Staff Reporter



These are answers that I have for certain questions that may be swirling in sports' fans' minds:

Will the Yankees ever be stopped from winning the World Series in the next five years? No. They will continue their domination until a salary cap is adopted in the Majors.

Why did the Tigers get rid of David Wells, the American League Championship Series Most Valuable Player? Remember, the Tigers were gearing for the future and had to rid themselves of all of the aging veterans. In other words, having a consistent 15-game winner was too much of a hassle to have on their hands. That is why they continue to be the 90s worst ball team.

Will Nick Saban be back next year coaching the Michigan State Spartans? Unless State decides to start playing solid football, Saban will be out looking for a job, most likely in the Cleveland area.

Where is Sedrick Irvin in the Heisman Trophy race? Nowhere. He sparkles in the first half, and

then his offensive line quits on him in the second half.

What happened to the Spartans' supposed upward climb in the Big Ten? They decided to take a siesta this year.

Speaking of the Big Ten, whatever happened to the one-year wonder Northwestern Wildcats? It is called momentum. It lasted one year and has slowly waned ever since.

Are the Wisconsin Badgers really as good as their Top 10 ranking indicates? Heck no. They have played a cinch of a schedule. Look for them to fall sharply in the Top 25 poll in the next few weeks.

Has Michigan Stadium's new addition really caused an increase in the loudness heard during the games? Not at all. Michigan's fans are notoriously known for their feeble attempt at showing support for their Maize 'n' Blue Winged Helmut heroes at the stadium.

If Charles Woodson was back for his senior year, would the Wolverines be undefeated? Darn right, they would be. Their defense would have been able to stop the option that killed them in their first two games, and he would have been an instant catalyst and threat for the offense.

And for the special teams? Well, let's just say Michigan's field position would be much better during their games. No player has ever meant so much to a football team.

Why are we not hearing about Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf every Sunday? Because they are doing terrible. Granted, they play for crummy teams, but they still have a lot to learn about playing quarterback in the NFL.

Will the Wolverines beat Ohio State, thus crushing their hopes for a national championship once again? It is a safe bet. Ohio State will be cocky once again. Michigan will play their best game of the century once more. Bob Cooper will be shown on the sidelines crying, and Buckeye fans will have Wolverine players thrashing away in their nightmares for one more year.

Now that we are on Ohio State, what exactly is a Buckeye? A brown, bald nut. This is definitely one of the sappiest mascots in all of sports.

Are the Lions the most mediocre team ever to play football? You can bet your life savings on this one. Knowing the Lions, they will win 8 of their last 9 games, and then lose in the first round of the playoffs, much to the chagrin

of their loyal fans.

Hold on. Are there any loyal Lions fans out there? Nope. Didn't think so. Fans just cheer for Barry.

Will the Wings continue their dynasty by winning a third Cup? By the looks of it, yup. The season is still young, but they are continuing to play with their trademark work ethic and amazing team play that was present in

their prior championship seasons. Having Scotty Bowman is also a definite plus.

Finally, this question has been nagging at me for a while: What does the NBA stand for? I think it stands for "No Basketball Allowed." Come on NBA players! Learn from what happened to the Major Leagues after their strike. Quit your pathetic whining and start playing basketball.

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OPINION

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CR and AYD predict outcome of election

By LINDSAY ROBINSON
Staff Reporter

Campus organizations have become active this year in helping to elect the candidates they favor. Campaigns of particular interest to the Alma College Re-

publicans (CR) and the Alma Young Democrats (AYD) include local and state level races.

Everyone is familiar with the gubernatorial race between incumbent John Engler and Geoffrey Fieger. But campus organizations are helping candidates closer to

home. This year, with 64 out of 110 seats open in the Michigan House of Representatives, both organizations are helping their respective parties to gain a majority. Other important races this election season include the incumbent Candice Miller fighting to keep her seat as the secretary of state from Democratic opponent Mary Lou Parks. For the first time in forty years, the seat of the attorney general is up for grabs. Republican candidate John Smietanka and Democratic candidate Jennifer Granholm are fighting for the seat held by Democrat Frank Kelley for four decades. In campaigns closer to the Alma area, Alma's United States Congressman Dave Camp is running unopposed, and Representative Mike Goschka and Barbara McDonald are fighting for the state Senate seat previously held by Republican Senator Jon Cisky.

Now, with elections biting at the heels of Americans, members of CR and AYD are offering their views on how they believe the elections will turn out.

"Go, Goschka," said sophomore Louis Schultz of CR.

Junior Mike Staton, also a member of CR, offered his views about the Michigan gubernatorial race.

"I basically think that if Engler loses, it's a bad commentary on

the state of things in Michigan," he said.

"I'm excited about the election, and I think things are going to turn out well [for the Republicans]," said sophomore member Paul Vitantonio.

College Republican South Complex Representative David Vink (00) predicts that 1998 will be a huge year for the Republican party in Michigan.

"I think 1998 is going to be to Michigan what 1994 was to the national party where Republicans took control nationally. The Republicans in Michigan, for the first time in forty years, will be able to take back the seat of the attorney general with the strong ticket we have at the top, starting with Governor Engler," he said.

The advisor of the College Republicans, President Alan Stone, offered his views on the upcoming election.

"The Republicans will pick up one or two Senate seats and 4 to 5 House seats [in the national elections], and if they don't get any more that then the Democrats will claim a victory for themselves. I don't think there will be a big backlash given to the Republicans because of their actions toward the president," he said.

Inevitably with any election comes the negative campaign ad-

vertisements. President Stone talked about the effects of negative ads.

"I think negative advertisements degrade the process. It shows a lack of respect for the intelligence of the voter. Negative advertising has proven itself effective in close races - that's the sorry part of it," he said.

Advisor of the Alma Young Democrats, Political Science Chair Burnet Davis, offered his feelings about negative advertisements.

"There have been some dirty and negative campaign ads run in some places. Other races haven't been as bad. I don't think any dramatic changes will reveal themselves as a result of negative campaign advertising. Voters are turned off by that stuff, so it has negative implications to the person who is putting the ads on, but I don't think its going to be decisive in any of the races," he said.

According to Davis, the elections will depend on the amount of voter turnout in Michigan.

"The polls certainly show that Engler's going to trounce Fieger. The big question in Michigan is whether his coattails will bring Republicans back into control. See ELECTION on page 12..."

Campus Viewpoints

Six members of the Alma College community were asked the following question: On November 3, Michigan citizens will make a decision about Proposal B, which deals with the legality of physician-assisted suicide. What are your thoughts on physician-assisted suicide?



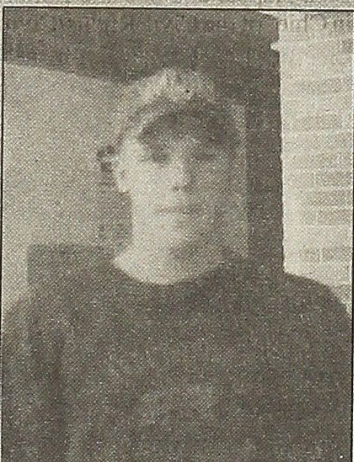
"I agree with it for the terminally ill." Janelle Zmierski (99)



"I'm for it. I want to control my own death." Dr. Burnet Davis



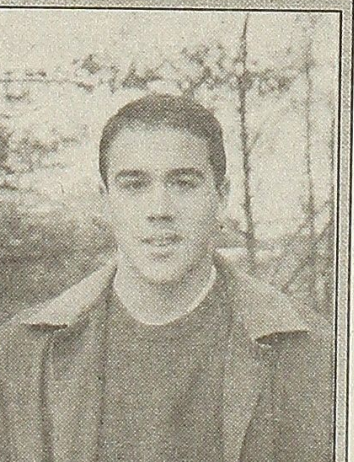
"I think it's okay, if they're in a lot of pain and want to die. If they're suffering, they should be able to make that choice." Emili Testani (02)



"I'm not going to vote yes on physician-assisted suicide because I don't like the way the proposal is worded." Ryan Jambeau (00)



"I think the decisions should be made by the patients as opposed to the doctors—the doctors shouldn't have a lot of control." Molly McNutt (00)



"I don't know... I guess I think it's wrong and should be illegal. But under certain circumstances, it may be better if someone is suffering. I guess my opinion isn't that strong." Rodney Barriger (99)

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Alma survives Little Bo Peep Halloween scare

By TONYA SCHAFER
Staff Reporter

The fact that this issue of *The Almanian* has come out as scheduled means that Alma College has been spared the horrors of a Halloween mass murder.

Rumors circulating campus a few weeks ago told of a grisly incident that was predicted to occur on the night of October 31. A killer, dressed as the fairy-tale shepherdess Little Bo Peep, would arrive in town on that most unholy of evenings and brutally slaughter 43 (give or take a few) people. The source of this prediction, students told one another, was a psychic who had appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and foretold that such a tragedy would befall a mid-Michigan private college whose name began with an "A". And just so there would be no doubt that the murderer was out for the blood of Scots and not (Albion) Brits, the psychic supposedly went on to explain that the carnage would occur near an odd-shaped building whose name began with the letter "H" and was located near railroad tracks (train, incidentally, was the method by which the killer was to enter town). Whether the Heritage Center is shaped oddly is a matter of per-

sonal opinion, but the fact that it is located near the railway was an eerie coincidence to many people.

The worry and conjecture was for nothing; Halloween came and went in Alma with no incident. This should not be surprising, for the above story is an urban legend. It has been repeated for many years and several college campuses have been the setting for the terrors it describes. A quick visit to the very entertaining *Urban Legends Reference Pages* Internet piece on this story (<http://snopes.simplenet.com/horrors/madmen/campus.htm>) will dispel readers of whatever doubts they may have as to whether the Killer Bo Peep Tale has a grain of truth to it. In addition, the fact that a psychic did not appear on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and that mass murders very similar to this one were also predicted to occur at Michigan State University and Olivet College should convince those who grasp onto this story that perhaps their naiveté has gotten the better of them.

The Student Affairs Office, in an effort to allay student fears, responded to the story by posting flyers around campus and sending mass e-mails assuring recipients that the scenario was "nothing more than a joke." It also warned students that "any person(s) found

causing disturbances based on this legend at Alma College would be dealt with severely." While it is amusing to observe that the school made such effort to refute an absurd story, one must admit that these actions were entirely necessary. Oversight of what was being said and passed along would have invited exaggeration and continued talk among the student body. In addition, it is highly likely that Halloween revelers, perhaps infused with the courage only a state of drunkenness can bring, would have found it amusing to frighten their friends with grotesque theatrics based upon the legend. While such actions may seem hilarious, they would have threatened student safety and created potential dangers that would not have been as funny in the light of day.

In the end, the Bo Peep story provided an amusing break from the tedium and stress of mid-term exams. Thankfully, it was merely a morbid urban legend and should have been treated as such. Those who found themselves sincerely believing the story must perfect their cynicism and refuse to be so gullible when they encounter similarly ludicrous tales.

Staff Editorial

Litter continues to dot the landscape

Walking on the way to class, a student steps in an ice cream cone puddle that was formed after a lazy student carelessly tossed their half-eaten cone onto the sidewalk.

Taking a prospective student on a campus tour, an Alma Ambassador is embarrassed as he/she has to take the student around the litter strewn paths that have become trademarks of campus.

It is a windy day, and a student walking from New Dorms to Hamilton Commons witnesses five plastic bags blowing in front of him.

Take a look around yourself while walking around the campus. You should be absolutely disgusted at the litter that speckles the landscape.

What exactly are the reasons for the scenarios depicted in the above paragraphs?

The first reason is the fact that the student body has become too apathetic and lazy to care enough about their surrounding campus environment. Instead, they look for the easy way out - typical of the culture that has consumed our society - and simply toss their candy wrappers, plastic bags, cups, ice cream cones and other paraphernalia onto the paths which they walk on, figuring that someone else will pick up their mess.

Well, to be frank, there is no one else out there to pick up the mess. Physical Plant is busy enough with their every day tasks. They do not have the time to walk around and pick up our litter from the grounds and foliage and student body groups cannot be expected to voluntarily pick up other people's trash.

The second reason behind the trash laden grounds of our campus is that there are simply not enough trash cans placed around the paths which we walk on. It is a pity to see trash piled up to the sky during weekends in cans that are outside of the dormitories. The trash cans that are found outside each dormitory door are just not sufficient enough anymore.

Students: the answer lies within us. We must start caring about our campus and school. We should strive to make the campus cleaner.

In other words, if you do have wrappers in your hand while walking, wait an extra minute to rid yourself of the wrapper in a trash can instead of childishly tossing it onto the ground. If friends are about to throw their litter on the ground, kindly ask them to hold onto it for one more minute and

place it where it belongs.

The student body must take the initiative to ask the school for more trash cans around building entries. One or two more trash cans around the campus will probably help take care of the litter problem that has been lingering on campus for the past few years.

The student body should also take more pride in their school's surroundings and care enough about it to stop the litter problem.

The answers to the trash problem are simple. Do we, as mature adults, care enough about our campus to stop the problem before it gets worse?

Hopefully we do. We, the editorial board, ask that the student body meet this challenge and stop the litter problem that plagues our beautiful campus.

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of the House.

"What I've been hearing is that it sounds like that won't happen. There are a lot of close races. It all depends on turnout basically," said Davis.

Members of AYD offered their ideas about how the elections will turn out.

"We don't pull out too much hope that Fieger will win. We're concentrating on the state Senate

races. We're also concentrating on the 93rd state House district and Barbara McDonald's 33rd state Senate district. We're especially hoping that Barbara McDonald will win," said AYD Co-Chair Emily Lewis (99).

"I don't think Fieger is going to win, either. I have more hope for the local election - Barbara McDonald and definitely Jennifer Granholm will win," said

Allyson Ham (99).

Susanne Jacobs (99) also has much hope for attorney general candidate Jennifer Granholm.

"I don't think Fieger is going to get the backing that he needs. I do, however, support many of the people who are running with him, such as Jennifer Granholm. I think she can go all the way. I hope she does, because she has a lot to offer," she said.

"I know Fieger probably won't win, even though it would be really nice if he did. We have high hopes for Jennifer Granholm and Barbara McDonald," said Karla Greening (99).

Watch tonight for the election returns. The polls close at 8 p.m., so get out and vote. But remember, in order to vote in Alma, voters must be registered as residents of the city.

Letters to the Editors

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To the Editor,

I am writing to express my dismay at the opinion section in the newspaper from October 13th. I appreciate the attempt to give both gubernatorial candidates their due, but in making the article supporting Engler larger and more pronounced and including a political cartoon denigrating Fieger, you have made it biased. I understand that Alma has traditionally been a conservative campus, but it is insulting to those of us who are not conservatives to give us less space to express our opinion. At the very least, you could have made the headlines for each article the same size, so one would not be more prominent than the other.

I think that you have taken a step in the right direction by including both sides of the story. But don't make the mistake by negating this by making the conservative side seem more valid than the liberal. Not only is it offensive, it makes *The Almanian* seem biased and unbelievable.

Sincerely,
April L. Schlaff (02)

To the Editor,

As Alma College students, we have the privilege of living and studying on a very beautiful campus. In addition to the architectural beauty of campus buildings, Physical Plant does a wonderful job maintaining the campus' landscape. However, the recent "resurrection" of the Alma College Spirit Stone has created a huge eyesore for students, faculty and visitors.

Since the Spirit Stone was excavated on October 9th, the large rock has been repainted almost every day. As a result, the Spirit Stone is now a nauseating, multi-colored mess. In addition, the "artists" who have participated in the decoration of the rock have spilt and dripped paint all around the rock. The grass and sidewalk surrounding the Spirit Stone are covered with different colors of splattered paint. Every day I notice the paint stains are spreading farther and farther away from the rock.

The Spirit Stone is a huge embarrassment for Alma College and a likely turn-off for prospective students and other visitors. This campus eyesore should be reburied and never resurrected again.

Emily Lewis
(99)



The Almanian Judgment Calls

Thumbs Up to the various religious backgrounds found on Alma College's campus.

Thumbs Down to the campus preacher picketing on the sidewalk near South Complex.

Thumbs Up to Marriott for creating the Halloween spirit at meals.

Thumbs Down to all the toothaches from too many sweets Marriott supplied.

Thumbs Up to the light show the steeple of the chapel displays each night.

Thumbs Down to the annoying bells that wake up residents every Saturday and Sunday morning.

Thumbs Up to the campus political organizations for spreading the word about which candidates to

vote for in today's election.

Thumbs Down to the voting process which doesn't make it very easy for college students to vote.

Thumbs Up to the awesome performance of *Equus*.

Thumbs Down to the created phobia of horses.

Thumbs Up to all the Halloween parties on campus

Thumbs Down to the Little Bo Peep rumor that sent many believing students home for the weekend.

Thumbs Up to John Glenn for another trip into space.

Thumbs Down to the moron who flew into the no-fly zone minutes before takeoff.