



The women's basketball team comes out victorious after matchups against Calvin and Adrian. See page 7.



The men's swimming and diving beat Albion while the women's team reigned over St. Mary's. See page 8.

Friday's Weather



Scattered Snow Showers
High: 16°
Low: 1°

For the rest of this week's weather see page 8.

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Term starts with new Provost

By NIKOLE CANUTE
News Editor

As finals week came to an end, so did the presence of Provost Leslie Brown.

Alan Stone, president, asked Brown through a December 15th letter to vacate her office on the 17th of that month.

In October, Stone decided, following a recommendation from the Executive Committee of the Board Trustees, not to renew Brown's contract after it expires on June 30, 2000.

According to Stone, the decision to release Brown of her duties before the end of her contract had been discussed throughout the fall by attorneys, John Colina, chair of the board of trustees, and himself.

Stone said, "We thought all along that this would be a nice breaking point... a good time to do it. He continued, "The working relationship had deteriorated to the point where it was detrimental to the school. That's not to blame her."

As to whether Brown suspected she would be leaving in December, Colina said that discussion about finding an interim provost said to me she probably knew. Stone said, "She knew the possibility was there."

When asked why Brown was only given two days' notice of the decision, Stone said, "That's short, but it's enough time to clean out the office."

The December 15th letter also asks Brown to refrain from coming to campus until fall of 2000, when she may undertake a faculty position in the music department.

Stone said, "The lawyers and members of the executive committee of the board really thought that would be best for the institution to be able to operate here without having her meeting with the faculty."

In a show of support, applauding faculty members formed lines from the outside doors of the Swanson Academic Center to Brown's car as she left the building on the 17th.

Brown's contract will continue to be honored, and in addition there are currently discussions taking place as to whether she will receive an additional cash settlement, and how much money that settlement might include.

No formal search was conducted for an interim provost, rather, Stone contacted that people he knew. Stone said, "We didn't have much time—we needed someone here who could start."

Kelvie Comer, interim provost, said that Stone did not contact her regarding the position until the third week in December.

Comer is a professor of education administration at Central Michigan University (CMU), and is the former dean of the College of Education and Human Resources there. She is currently on leave from her position, and will remain at Alma until June 30.

Regarding her payment, Alma bought her contract from CMU, which means that Alma will give payment of her salary and benefits to CMU, who will in turn give payment to Comer.

Brown declined to comment regarding the situation.

Governance Receives National Attention

By DONNA PAPPAS
Staff Writer

Alma became national news on December 17, 1999, when *The Chronicle of Higher Education* printed a story which focused on the governance of the college. This story raised many concerns throughout the campus community, including the Board of Trustees.

The first concern was based on the presence of mistakes that were reported in the article, including the statement that President Stone has been here for 10 years. Stone has presided for 12 years. The endowment, which is now \$115 million, was reported as \$112 million. The 49 member board was also reported as having only 45 members.

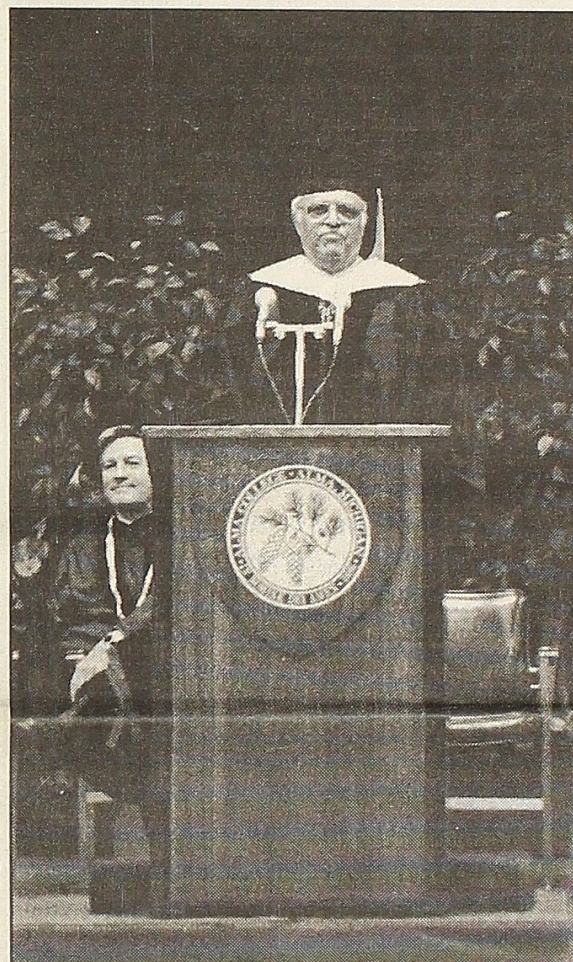
The article states that the \$33 million capital campaign that has just been concluded was finished one year after its target date. Stone said this statement was wrong since the campaign did in fact meet its target date.

It continues that a total of \$1.6 million in gifts that had been pledged by two trustees has been withdrawn as a result of disagreements with Stone. Stone claims that the accuracy of the figure is incorrect.

The article mis-reported the concern over Alma's standards of admission. Contrary to the article's statement, "Some faculty members complained that the quality of students was declining, and this year, a faculty committee tightened requirements, Alma's standards for admission have not been altered."

One section of the article deals with a resolution passed by Student Congress in 1998 calling for more of the budget to go to the library. It states, "Mr. Stone was incensed and upbraided the students and faculty members in separate meetings for challenging his office. Stone says he regrets losing his temper. Stone denies ever stating that he regrets losing his temper."

The dream is still alive



Tammy Acker

Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks shares memories of Martin Luther King, Jr. at Monday's Convocation

By CARA BONINE
Staff Writer

For the first time, Alma College formally recognized the national observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with campus festivities held throughout the day.

By a faculty vote of 45-26-1, morning classes on Monday, January 17 were canceled to allow students to participate in campus-wide events.

Anything that is new, there's going to be some opposition, said Judy Martin, member of the Diversity Enhancement Team (DET) and technical director of the Heritage Center. "We need to make this statement as a college."

The day began at 8:30 a.m. with an opening session followed by perspective-taking training and discussion groups from 9:00 to 10:15.

Students and faculty were placed in small groups and learned about the skill of perspective-taking, which focuses on learning to support another person's perspective without necessarily sharing it. Students were encouraged to discuss the training along with the rest of the weekend Bursting the Bubble activities.

At 11:00 a.m. the entire campus reassembled in the Cappaert Gymnasium to attend the formal Convocation.

After receiving an honorary degree,

presented by Alma College, Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks, former executive director of the NAACP (1977-1993), gave the Convocation Address.

Hooks shared with the student body his personal relationship with and memories of Martin Luther King, Jr. by relating some of his first-hand experiences with King.

Hooks spoke of King's character, persistence and hope for the future.

The student body responded to Hooks' closing words, "you can kill the dreamer, but you cannot kill the dream, with thunderous applause and a standing ovation."

Christina Brown (01) and Anne Henningfeld (01) also added to the Celebrating the Beloved Community theme by reciting a tapestry of African-American poems.

Other than the early morning deterrent, I enjoyed the convocation and was impressed by the guest speaker, said Jerry Ross (03).

The activities continued into the late evening and included various campus and community service projects, closing discussions in the Heritage Center and a Cultural Food Festival in Hamilton Commons in the evening.

This [was] a day to embody Martin Luther King's legacy, said Joanne Gilbert, Director of Communications.

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Custody battle crosses international lines

By JANAY ANDERSON
Staff Writer

While many Americans sat at their dinner tables giving thanks, six-year-old Elian Gonzalez, a Cuban native, was rescued off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Thanksgiving day.

Elian had departed from Cuba with his mother and stepfather for the United States by way of sea. However, the combination of a dead motor and a storm caused the boat to sink.

The fifteen refugees on the boat were forced to climb into two inner tubes they had brought in place of

life jackets. Over the course of two days, all drowned except three, one of them being Elian.

Elian was found by two fishermen who, with the help of the U.S. Coast Guard, rescued the boy. Upon arriving in the U.S., he was put into temporary custody of his granduncle Larzaro Gonzalez and some of the boy's cousins.

This matter has sparked a debate about who will now have custody of the child - his father in Cuba or his relatives in Miami. Torn between two countries, Elian will have little say in the court's ruling.

The trial has become a national dispute, involving presidential

candidates, Attorney General Janet Reno, and President Bill Clinton.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service ruled that the Cuban boy must be returned to his father. Nonetheless, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Rosa Rodriguez issued a temporary order for the boy to remain in the U.S. until arguments regarding custody could be heard on March 6.

His father, Juan Miguel, said his ex-wife did not obtain his permission to take Elian out of Cuba. According to the January 17 edition of Time magazine, Miguel said, "This country is where I can teach my son the values I want him to learn."

According to MSNBC in a January 12 report, Reno said, "His father has stated, in no uncertain terms, that he does not wish for Elian to make an asylum claim. The lawyer for the Miami relatives said they plan to file a federal lawsuit persuading the INS to grant Elian an asylum hearing."

In opposition to Miguel, Elian's Miami relatives stated in Time that the boy's mother gave her life to bring him opportunities, a career, freedoms. Yet, Raquel Rodriguez, the boy's maternal grandmother,

said that her daughter had never spoken of leaving Cuba and believes that she did not do so for political reasons.

Supported by many Cuban-Americans, Elian's relatives explain that by sending him back to Cuba they are sending him back to a place where his physical and mental health are in danger. Gonzalez, who has Elian in his custody for now, believes that the boy will be safer and happiest in Miami rather than in Cuba.

This case should be treated in a manner similar to normal custody battles, regardless of the fact that the decision will place Elian in a certain country and lifestyle, said first-year student Sarah Jewell.

The INS stated that it has no intentions of forcibly removing the boy from his Miami relatives.

Spencer Eig, Gonzalez's attorney, says there is an opportunity for Elian's father and grandparents to participate in the process by coming to Miami.

First-year student Josh Funsch said sending Elian back to his father would be in the boy's best interest.

Andy Kibbe, sophomore, said, "I believe the boy should decide where he wants to live."

News

'At a glance'

Pinochet may avoid torture charges

LONDON - Former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet, will avoid trial on torture charges and will return to Chile unless opponents are able to stop Britain from allowing his release. Spanish officials sent a judge's request to Britain for new medical tests be conducted to confirm Pinochet is unfit to stand trial on these charges. This request is a result of the alleged human rights abuses committed during the general's 1973-90 dictatorship.

Death row featured in clothing ads

NEW YORK — A new advertising campaign Looking Death in the Face is being used by Benetton. Instead of featuring clothing, the ads feature convicted murderers who are on death row. These ads are designed to show the human cost of capital punishment. Victims rights advocates are outraged at the fact that the ads focus on the childhoods and dreams of the inmates, not their victims.

Clinton attempts to make America safer

BOSTON — Clinton has proposed funding to employ more federal agents and prosecutors and to create a program to track gun use through ballistics testing in attempt to enforce tougher firearms laws. Clinton is expected to ask Congress to include \$280 million in the fiscal year 2001 budget to pay for new agents and prosecutors.

March against confederate flag

SOUTH CAROLINA — Fifty thousand people marched on the South Carolina capitol on Monday with Martin Luther King's spirit of nonviolent protest demanding the removal of the confederate flag, which hangs over the statehouse, and recognition of the day as a state holiday. South Carolina is the only state that has not made King's birthday a holiday.

Income gap widens

WASHINGTON — The income gap between the poorest and richest US families. The poorest fifth of American families earned less than 1 percent more between 1988 and 1998, but the richest fifth earned 15 percent more over the ten-year span.

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AOL buys Time Warner

By CHRIS HARRINGTON
Staff Writer

Last Monday, America Online made one of the largest business deals ever.

This mega-deal was the purchase of the world's largest media company, Time Warner, by giant internet service provider America Online for \$178 billion. The fact that AOL bought Time Warner shows a change from low technology to high.

America Online will now have a piece of such names as HBO, CNN Network, Time Magazine, and Warner Bros. movies. Junior Jared Fritz said, "This is going to set a precedence for entertainment and internet companies to join together for the future. Eventually the two fields will have little distinction."

AOL now has access to Time Warner's faster advantageous cable-Internet lines. This line has been fought over by many competitors of AOL.

After the merger, the stock market highlighted an increase of \$25.25 per share for Time Warner while AOL dropped \$2.62 per share. This large effect shows how internet companies have been dominating lately by having such a large effect on a giant media company.

Experts of these fields foresee households to be run entirely off one network line operating everything from porch lights to refrigerators by means of remote control.

The companies are very excited about the possibilities when combining their forces. According to the Detroit Free Press January 11 edition, AOL Chief Executive Officer Steve Case said, "We're Kicking off the new century with a unique new company that has unparalleled assets."

No problems have been foreseen by this merger. Sophomore Forrest Johnson said, "I don't like the idea of these big companies having such a control over so many everyday things. This creates too much of an opportunity for a monopoly."

AT&T Corp. is looking to merge with MediaOne in an attempt to create the largest cable TV company. This merger has not been completed yet, but it has some major implications on AOL and Time Warner because MediaOne owns 25.5 percent of Time Warner Entertainment Co.

Explosions of technology are predicted to occur in the near future. The head chairman will be AOL's Steve Case while Time Warner's Gerald Levin will be the chief executive.

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The second concern was raised by John Colina, chair of the Board of Trustees, in a memo which was sent to Board member Sandy Hulme, professor of political science, on December 20, 1999. Colina states, [Your remarks] are unacceptable for a trustee of Alma College.

Colina calls Hulme's attention to the fifth goal of the Board, which states, Individual me reflected the divide and rule approach to marginalizing dissent which has been used by the administration repeatedly during the course of the last few years, it does a profound disservice to the imperative of fostering a true understanding by the Board of the profound crisis in which the College finds itself.

Hulme stated, As a member of the Board I have a duty, as do you, to protect the reputation of the College and to insure its future viability and excellence.

He continued, Efforts to silence student reporters or members of the Board in order to offer an outward appearance of unity in the face of institutional collapse are mistaken.

What is at stake is not the tenure of Alan Stone. What is at stake is the ability of Alma College to become the kind of

Student Congress Minutes January 17, 00

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call and Announcements

36 organizations present.

III. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer

1. Anyone on Contingency please see Ryan after the meeting.

2. Bruske Hall rep please see Ryan.

B. Secretary

1. Constitutional Review committee will meet February 1st and 8th at 7:00 pm in the Student Congress office.

2. All new representatives for this semester please see Melinda after the meeting to be put on the e-mailing list of minutes.

3. The Provost Search committee met before break to finalize the ad that will be out all of January. The next meeting is this Friday to discuss the process that will take place in evaluating the applications.

4. Request for volunteers: Luce Road school is looking for 40 or more volunteers for their family fun night on February 24 from 6-8 pm. Please see Melinda if your organization is interested.

C. Vice President

1. Budgets for next year are due MARCH 13TH!

2. Budget/Finance committee will meet after next week's meeting. Please bring your schedules.

D. President

1. All seniors who are reps in Congress please sign the sheet passed around.

2. If your organization is interested in attending a conference please see Kevin for details.

3. The new office hours for the Executive Council were passed around for everyone's binder.

4. Next week Process of Excellence applications will be available for all organizations. They will be due April 10.

5. Petitions for this year's elections for class officers and Executive Council positions will be available starting March 26th. There will be more information

institution that will thrive and prosper during the next twenty years, Hulme stated.

Hulme concludes by calling attention to the fifth goal of the Board as well. He states, I hope... all members of the Board recognize the necessity to begin immediately planning the transition process to move to new executive leadership at the College... Your responsibility is to Alma College, not to Alan Stone.

The final concern relates to the tension between faculty and administration. Stone addresses this in a memo forwarded to the trustees, which was not sent to the faculty trustees.

He states that he has a different slant on the governance question at Alma College. It is clarification of governance roles which is critical in order to contain the teetering between which side will control the College - faculty or administration.

According to Stone, the faculty believes that students come to gather knowledge and wisdom from them and all else is secondary, if not tertiary. They believe they should participate in most administrative decisions - just as they do in academic decisions.

In his response, Stone also states that Provost Leslie Brown supported this push for more faculty participation. He attributes this to her sense that faculty are the legitimate basis for authority.

6. Please call Scott Hill to voice your opinion or ideas about what to include in the Student report of the Board of Trustees.

7. Community Governance committees will begin monthly reports February 7th and continue every first Monday of the month.

8. Switch a Day with President Stone will be Tuesday January 25th. Tickets sold at meals and door to door will be 50 cents a piece or 3/\$1.00 or 20/\$5.00. Money will go towards the Senior all night party.

9. The Student Affairs committee will meet after tonight's meeting.

10. Kevin asked for input about the Martin Luther King Jr. day schedule and activities.

11. New people were appointed to the Community Governance committees to fill spaces that were left open.

IV. Old Business none.

V. New Business - none.

VI. Announcements

ACUB - College Bowl this Saturday from 9-4 in SAC 216. Please call 8047 to register teams of four by Thursday

Alma Pride - there will be a meeting tonight at 8:30 pm in the Bruske Blue Room.

College Republicans - meeting Thursday at 9:00 pm in Van Dusen Fireside.

Michigan Senator Mike Goschka will be speaking.

IFC - working on new ideas for Runouts.

May at least include the need for student IDs to be presented at the door.

Lacrosse - official practices have started. They will be at 10 pm this Mon, Tues, Wed, and Thurs this week.

Student Judicial - starts up again this Thursday.

FCA and Trinity want to thank Contingency for providing the funds for the concert this weekend. It will be Saturday at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Center.

VII. Adjournment

Alma endowment in state's top five

By GINGER DAVIS
Staff Writer

Alma College is welcoming the new year in an admirable financial state. The endowment of Alma has climbed to \$115.1 million from \$41.7 million in 1989. The Alma College public relations office reported on December 14, 1999, that the college's endowment is one of the five largest college endowments in Michigan. This statistic includes all Michigan colleges. Alma finished behind the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and Albion College.

Jerry Scoby, vice-president of finance, explained that the endowment is more than the sum of gifts and assets available to the college. Scoby said, In concept it is taking dollars usually donated by alumni, friends of the college, and invested with the clear understanding that those gifts are not spent, but some portion of the investment income from that is then spent to meet some of the needs of the college.

This portion of the interest from the endowment is the money that the college spends in its operation budget. Five percent of the prior three years' annual market value is what we can spend, and in the current budget that is \$5,117,000, just rounded, so a little over \$5.1 million comes into our operation budget as spendable income from the investments, said Scoby. This figure is calculated by averaging the endowment from the past three years, and then multiplying that average by five percent.

The money from the endowment is split among many facets. Some of the money will be used in the Evergreen Plan, research funding, and more opportunities in general for Alma students.

Scoby shared other uses for the money. He said, One of the biggest, most obvious areas where that is done is the area of scholarships, to help students be able to afford the cost of education. There are other areas where that is done, too. For example, one of the more recent initiatives set up was to help with the acquisition of science equipment. One that is really underway right now is the development of what is called the Library Initiative, and the purpose of that is to help create more dollars to have a competitive library so that our students have the kinds of library resources available to them.

One of the goals in the Evergreen Plan is to keep increasing the endowment. As the plan states, the college will Manage the endowment, with the investment Committee of the Board, to a targeted level of \$150 million by June of 2003.

Alma beats Y2K bug

By RACHEL KUHL
Staff Writer

While most students were off-campus enjoying the holidays, there were many people hard at work preparing for any Y2K problems, both on-campus and within the Alma community. Like many companies around the world, Alma businesses, service companies, police, hospitals and campus offices spent time, energy and large sums of money in preparation of the computer problems expected as the new millennium dawned. There was also concern that the computer problems could lead to electric and phone system outage, and increased emergency medical need. What many found was that the Y2K bug lacked a bite.

We had people here on standby just in case, but we didn't even have a blip. To the best of my knowledge there were no problems, said Aubrey Williams of the Alma College Physical Plant. Williams also stated that her husband, who works for Consumers Energy, had said they had not had any major problems or power outages, which was probably due to the millions of dollars the company invested in preparation. A customer service representative with GTE had a similar response when asked if there had been any problems with the phone systems in the Alma area. She said, Not

that we know about. Everything was working fine when we came back to work on Monday, and there were no complaints about phone service that I know about. As for the phone system and voice mail on campus, the only problems that arose were in the upgrade process recommended by GTE in preparation of the Y2K concerns. The upgrade in December was because GTE said the phone system was not Y2K compatible. We had a lot of problems with that (upgrading), but not anything Y2K related, stated Jan Pratt, switchboard receptionist. Pratt also added that even though the upgrade caused a few problems, she felt that the preparations were probably responsible for the lack of problems after the New Year.

With no problems within the Alma community as the clock struck midnight, Alma security officials were left with little to do. When asked of any problems within city limits due to Y2K, Suzanne Parker of the Alma Police said, There was nothing that I know of within the city. She added that there had been extra officers on duty, but they had not been needed. This seems to be the attitude and question surrounding the aftermath of the Y2K hype, a thankfulness that all went well, and a question of whether it was a threat rescued by prevention or nothing to fret about in the first place.

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Musically Inclined by Scott Timmreck

Metallica showcases their talent, again

- 1. Stuart Little
- 2. The Talented Mr. Ripley
- 3. The Green Mile
- 4. Any Given Day
- 5. Galaxy Quest
- 6. Toy Story 2
- 7. Magnolia
- 8. Bicentennial Man
- 9. Deuce Bigalow, Male Jiggalo
- 10. Snow Falling on Cedars

Arguably the world's most popular rock band, consistently selling out arenas since the 1991 release of their sixth major-label record, metal giant Metallica has come a long way since drummer Lars Ulrich's emigration from Denmark in 1980. In the past 19 years, Ulrich and mate James Hetfield have taken Metallica from an underground speed-metal cult hit all the way to the Pontiac Silverdome on New Year's Eve 1999 to play the second largest concert (jam band Phish was first) held on the eve of the last year of the century.

On April 21, 1999, Metallica decided to throw a little party with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra in the Berkeley Community Theatre. They showed an audience of black ties exactly how a band good enough to sell over 20 million records could turn up the amps on its electric guitars and throw down a muscular surge of

rock while backed by some of the greatest symphonic musicians in the world and make the combination sound good. The effort turned into a two-disc set that most likely found its way under plenty of Christmas trees. The album, *S & M*, a two-hour-fifteen-minute set of 21 of Metallica's songs, came churning out like a monster that has been waiting 20 years to be unleashed.

If the point of the combination was a ridiculously maniacal sound that could captivate both rock and classical fans, it succeeded. Both "One" and "The Memory Remains" make full use of the strings and winds to create songs that are better than they had intended to be, and composer Michael Kamen has the symphonic sounds pierce ears just as well as Kirk Hammett's guitar does on songs like "For Whom The Bell Tolls" and "No Leaf

Clover." Ballads "Nothing Else Matters," which Kamen arranged for the band's 1991 album, and "Hero of the Day" come off as melodic and gentle but edgy enough to sound metallic.

The collaboration between rock and symphony is nothing new. Pink Floyd consistently used strings in most of its work, as do British pop-heads Oasis, whose songs rely on strings almost as much as on guitars.

So, if Metallica's point is progression, they are too late. But, if their point is to prove that they can bring a symphony into their gigantic basement of metal and still sound good, they succeeded. *S & M* is a worthy effort, music to please the ears. It is nothing spectacularly new, but proving that with or without a symphony, Metallica will always stand as one of the loudest and most impressive bands in rock.

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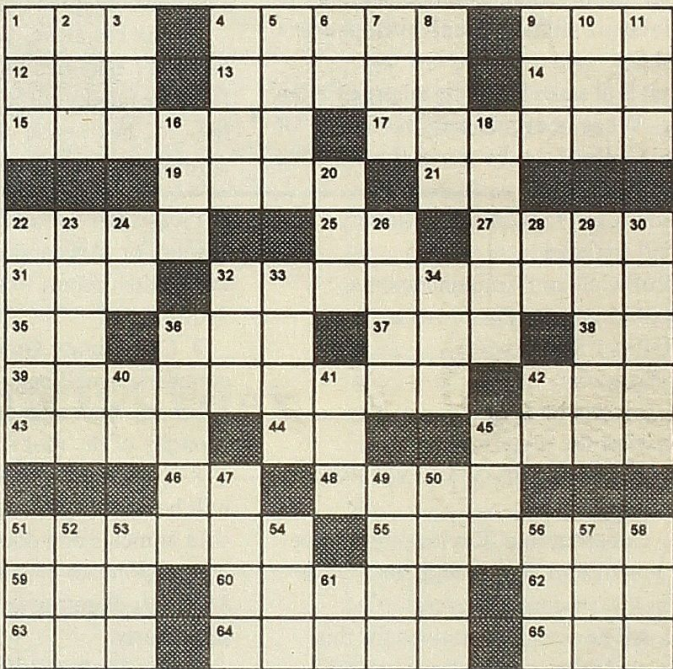
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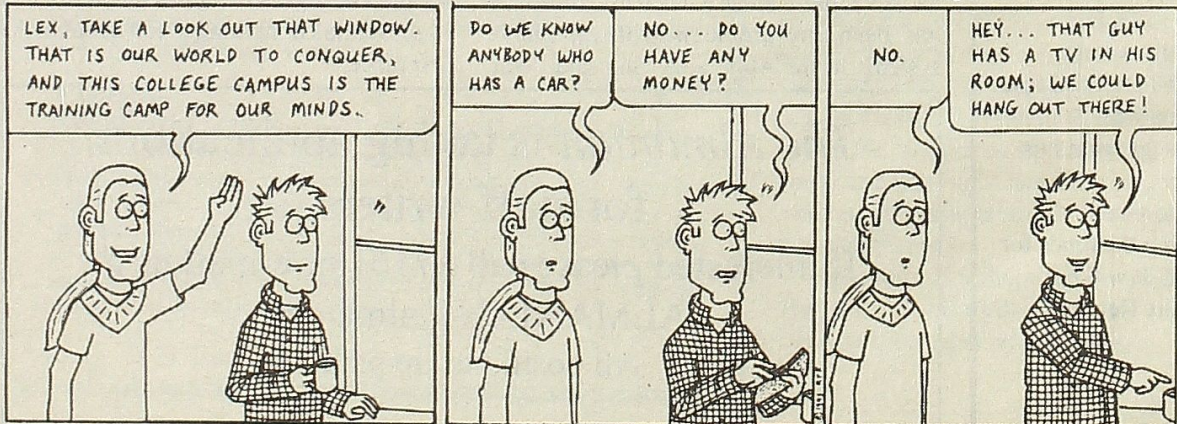
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- 49 Iranian monetary unit
- 50 Classic race (slang)
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New music on

90.9 FM **WQAC** *The Duck*



by Bryan Waugh

Julie Hintz (01), Program Director at WQAC, entertains listeners with a few of her favorite tunes.

By KATIE BEAM
Staff Writer

Alma College's radio station, 90.9 FM, known as 91 FM The Duck, is gearing up for a new semester of programming. The staff members, including the new Music Director Kelly Prill (01), have set high goals for this term. Prill said the "new vision of what we [The Duck staff members] want The Duck to sound like" came from attending the National College Media Convention in Atlanta, Georgia last October.

WQAC wants to attract a larger audience of listeners. The Duck feels the lack of interest in the radio station is due to the students' unfamiliarity with the songs that are broadcasted.

In the past, the Duck played a combination of college rock on a rotational basis during the day and specialty shows starting at 6 pm, which featured various types of music. College rock, from bands such as Incubus and Vertical Horizon, includes music that does not reach mainstream audiences like those who watch MTV and listen to commercial radio stations. Examples of specialty show genres include jazz, metal and punk.

This term WQAC will continue specialty shows and college rock and will add two types of music to rotation. Popular alternative will be the highlight of programming and college rock classics will also be included. Popular alternative songs are songs playing right now in mainstream media, like Blink 182's "All the Small Things." College rock classics are songs

that were previously unknown to most people but later attracted a mainstream audience, such as songs by The Barenaked Ladies or Dave Matthews Band.

The station hopes playing more popular songs will increase the number of listeners since the music will be more familiar to them. Scott Timmreck (02), a member of the executive committee of WQAC, said, "I am quite excited about the new format and the audience it will attract."

The Duck also hopes to achieve continuity during its specialty programming. This refers to broadcasting the same types of shows at the same time each semester. For example, students can always count on the "Trash Pop Show" playing on Monday nights at 7 pm.

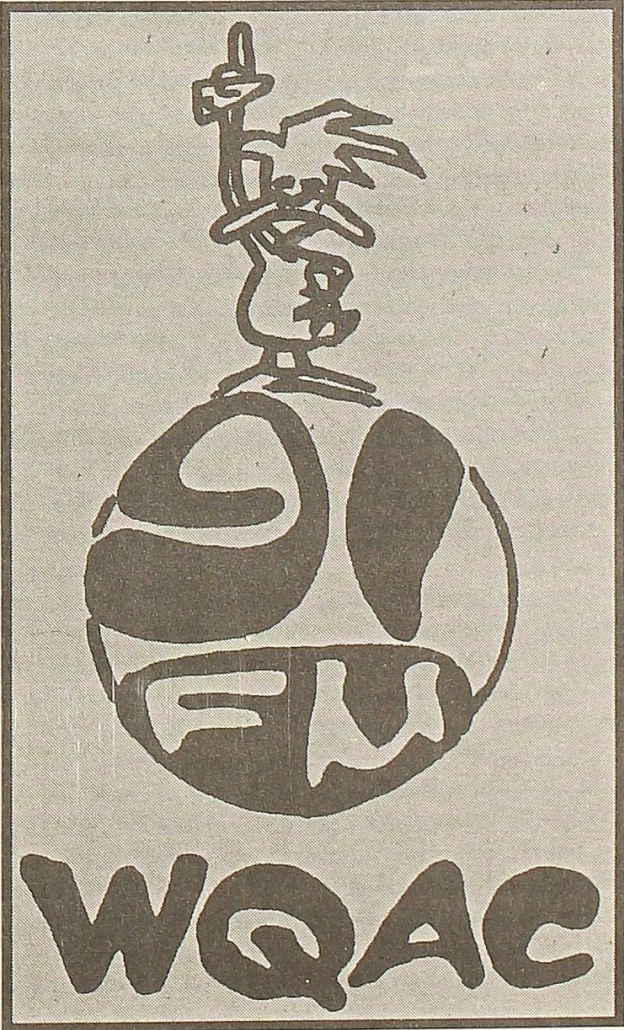
Another goal of the station is to implement 24 hour, on-the-air programming. The technology is currently available and the station is working on installing the necessary software. Julie Hintz (01), the Program Director of WQAC, said the equipment should be up and running soon.

Another new addition to WQAC is Steven Vest, who became a co-advisor along with Michael Selmon, associate professor of English, this term. He is currently the reference librarian at the Alma College Library. He was a DJ in his college days and was happy to become involved in college radio again. He said he was "very impressed with the staff of The Duck because of their interest and involvement."

In upcoming issues of *The Almanian*, look for the "Top 20 Songs" played on WQAC and information about new music coming soon. Make sure to tune in to hear the new format of The Duck.

WQAC's Program Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	Sunday
	rotation 9am-6pm	rotation 11am-6pm	rotation 9am-6pm	rotation 9am-6pm	rotation 11am-6pm		programming starts at 6pm
6	Artist Showcase	Phunk & Grooves	The Bulldog		Ethereal Air	off the	
7	The Trash Pop Show	The Hippie Show		The Bulldog	House of	air	Biscuit's Basement
8			70% H ₂ O	Bop & Beyond	Trance-ill- vania		
9	Quack Yack				Techno		
10	Ska Bonanza	Mound O' Venus	the 12-Gauge	Urban	Techno Time	off the air	Homegrown Radio
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12	Punk &		Dead Heaven	the Erickson Clinic			Variety & Requests
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Diversity Enhancement Team (DET) makes *Bursting the Bubble 2000* a success

By AMY TAYLOR
Managing Editor

The mission of Alma College is the liberation of people from ignorance, prejudice, and parochialism; the preservation and perpetuation of the knowledge, skills and values appropriate for free men and women; and the preparation of students for useful lives in a changing society. ...In order to fulfill its mission as an institution of higher education, Alma College cultivates and promotes experiences, both in activity and thought, which will lead students to an outlook on life of wholeness and openness, an acceptance of life as a trust, a continuing lifestyle of critical affirmation and integrity and a sense of responsibility for themselves and others.

*An excerpt from the Mission Statement
of the Evergreen Plan
Adopted May 8, 1999, by the
Alma College Board of Trustees*

Many new things are taking place on campus during this 1999-2000 school year as a result of the Diversity Enhancement Team (DET). These events consist of the Cultural Passport Program and recently the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of celebration also known as *Bursting the Bubble 2000*.

This team has been working for several months preparing a community celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on campus. The day was planned to provide the campus

community and Alma community with many activities to celebrate one of King's dreams and theme as the "beloved community." For this event, service learning workshops and perspective taking classes occurred for experience, activity and openness as outlined in the mission statement.

This was the first time classes have been canceled for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In the past events have taken place on campus for the purpose of celebration, but classes have never been canceled.

"We are suspending classes for the morning but we are not suspending learning," said Joanne Gilbert, professor of communication.

What is the Diversity Enhancement Team and where did it come from? According to Bob Perkins, chair of DET and dean of student development, members for this year were appointed by President Alan J. Stone.

Members from the faculty include Murray Borrello, Joanne Gilbert, Mark Seals and Lawrence Potter. Administrative members include Alan Hill, Claire Brady, Jesse Perry, Carolyn Schneider and Judy Martin. Support Staff consists of Terri Freeland and student members of D.E.T include Karl Griggs, Amanda Sanders and Ray Cochenour.

Specifically for *Bursting the Bubble 2000* weekend, members included Claire Brady and ACUB who were in charge of Friday evening's band and dance. The All-Campus Leadership Conference on Saturday was coordinated by Carolyn Schneider and the co-curricular event was in the hands of Judy Martin. Jesse Perry was responsible for Sunday evening's ecumenical service.

Gilbert, Seals and Perkins took charge of Monday

morning's perspective-taking group sessions and Anne Ritz and Claire Brady were in charge of the afternoon service projects. The closing session was a result of efforts by Perkins and Gilbert. Clerical support came from Fran Groves and Terri Freeland from the Center for Student Development.

"This is a history-making weekend of events for Alma College, which is the result of a lot of very hard work by everyone on the Diversity Enhancement Team," Perkins said. "In particular, there are two firsts for the College—the All-Campus Leadership Conference, as well as a convocation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the national observance of his birthday," he said.

According to Gilbert, Monday's event has three goals; exposing the Alma community to new information, facilitating the development of perspective taking skills and contributing the greater Alma community. There are also reasons as to why these were objectives to the events. The college's mission statement embodies these ideals; it will prepare students for the world beyond college effectively because they will work on teams with different backgrounds and students then become more marketable. The perspective-taking workshops included administration which created pairs for friendlier communication between them and students. These events are offered around the country and DET wants to bring Alma up to speed.

"Perhaps there has never been a time in the institution's life cycle when community building is so important," said Gilbert.

As for making this an annual event is still uncertain depending on the feedback from the campus community.

Y2K celebrated worldwide

By MYELNE WOOD
Staff Writer

As everyone knows, Y2K came and went just like any other New Year comes and goes. There was not a complete and total shut down of the global economy, the only thing that happened that could be considered "bad" was a nuclear plant in Japan was evacuated after its alarm system was triggered. The good part was, it was a false alarm.

While there were many people prepared for the impending doom, there were many more who were patiently waiting the new millennium in the highest of fashion, or just sitting in their homes having their own small gathering of people to celebrate - and celebrate is what people all around the world did.

The new year, decade, and millennium (depending on who you really believe) struck Millennium Island, Kiribati first. Formerly known as Caroline Island, Millennium Island has been uninhabited by permanent peoples for over 100 years. However, 70 native people travelled to the island to welcome the new sunrise with traditional dancing and singing.

Along with Kiribati, Tonga also was among the first to celebrate with 10,000 Tongans participating in hymns of praise.

China, the country who gave the world fireworks, provided a display like none other. Even though the party in Beijing had to be canceled due to claims of embezzlement and fraud, the country continued to have an excellent time ringing in the New Year.

Thailand came next with a dragon which measured 80 meters and was carried by 90 people, climbed the clock tower until midnight struck. Also commemorating the new year were 2,000 newly married Thai couples.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced his resignation from his position early in the morning of December 31, 1999 in Moscow. By midnight, the people were celebrating in Red Square with ringing

bells and fireworks over the Kremlin.

Cairo and Giza, Egypt used the Nile River and the famous pyramids as props to welcome the New Year. The pyramids in Giza were used as screens on which films were shown through a laser show and fireworks. Across the Nile in Cairo, people watched as a flotilla of boats came down the river with white lights and balloons covering them.

Paris followed with an extravagant display of fireworks centered around the Eiffel Tower. A clock on the tower had been counting down the days until the year 2000 for almost three years, unfortunately, this clock stopped five hours before the New Year came. Lights on the Eiffel Tower flashed from the top to the bottom until midnight when fireworks shot out of the top and all sides of the tower in all directions.

London, England, boasted of "setting fire to the River Thames," and that they did. As midnight chimed on Big Ben, boats of fireworks in the River Thames exploded into a fireworks display that made the river "the River of Flames."

Everyone knows what happens in New York City on New Year's Eve. People gather to watch a twinkling ball drop during the last 10 seconds of the year. This year, the same happened, only on a larger level. Millions of people crowded each other until there was no place to move or way to move. Concerts rang through the streets from the stage, parades came through the people as midnight struck other countries, MTV held their own party above Times Square with their own concerts, and a half hour later, the square was nearly empty.

The last place to welcome the new year was Little Diomed, Alaska, and island-village in the Aleutian chain. Little Diomed is 1.5 miles east of the International Date Line, and celebrated in their own way.

No matter how you celebrated, whether it was watching fireworks with strangers, drinking champagne with friends or watching the ball drop with Dick Clark, this was a New Year's Eve that will not soon be forgotten

Tomás Kubínek *Loony—mad—absurd*

By DARBY CORNELIUS
Staff Writer

A lunatic has been roaming about the campus. A certified lunatic, that is.

Tomás Kubínek performed for eager audiences on Saturday, January 15 and Sunday, January 16. The entertainer describes his own act as a whimsical assault of madness and absurdity.

Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and presently residing in Toronto, Kubínek travels all over the world, performing for a wide variety of audiences. He began performing as a magician at the age of nine, and has been dramatizing for 25 years.

Kubínek's performance included a demonstration using a pair of unique, timesaving shoes that he strapped to his shins and moved around the stage in a fluid rolling motion. He also rode a high unicycle, spread his wings and flew around the stage. He even blew out the house lights with his own breath.

Kubínek surprised the audience with many of his astounding feats of silliness, in particular, his rambunctious descent into the crowd, as he scanned the nervous faces for an oblivious sidekick. When asked how he chose his volunteers, Kubínek said that he looks for "bright open faces", those who look "fun to play with" and express "apparent interest."

Seven year-old Janel, a selected audience member, said, "My favorite part was when I chased him and caught him."

Kubínek's passion is his love of people. He is driven to entertain, and his inspiration initially surfaced when he was a child watching Laurel & Hardy and Charlie Chaplin.

First-year student Lark Haunert said, "He was extremely entertaining and he kept me very interested."

Elizabeth Norton(03) said, "I thought he was excellent. He did a great job of playing the audience. It was so funny when he did the backflip while drinking a glass of wine with his knees."

Kubínek's optimistic outlook and unquestionable looniness keep him entertaining audiences worldwide.

Orchard Lake victory breaks streak

By AMY NOVAK
Online Editor

Monday night's victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's has hopefully ended the Scots' losing streak. Despite their victory over the Eagles, the men's basketball team lost to both Defiance and Adrian last week in conference action, falling to 0-4 in the MIAA.

The Scots emerged victorious on Monday night, winning 84-59 over Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Despite being down by seven at the half, the Scots rallied in the opening minutes of the second to take the lead.

Senior Seth Stapleton led the Scots, finishing the game with 19 points, 10 rebounds, and seven assists. Also contributing to the Scot victory was senior Joe Peters, who had 12 points and three rebounds. Sophomore Sean Dick finished the game with 12 points and five rebounds.

"We didn't play as well as we could have in the first half," said Peters. "But we held them to just 20 points in the second half. We

showed them we could run and we looked good."

"This was a much needed victory," said senior Jeremy Hyler. "As a team, we have found ways to lose, on Monday, we finally found ways to win." The Scots out-rebounded their opponents 44-24 and held Orchard Lake to just 23 percent shooting in the second half.

Last Saturday, the Scots played in an MIAA contest, this time taking on the Adrian Bulldogs. The game was tight until the end, with Alma losing 64-61.

The Scots were led by Hyler with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Aaron Kanitz added to the Scots scoring with nine points and 12 rebounds. Peters added nine points and four rebounds, while junior Brian Pierce had five points and four rebounds.

The lead of the game changed 20 times throughout the contest, with Adrian emerging victorious. The Scots shot at 40 percent and committed 17 turnovers, compared to 12 by the Bulldogs. "Our MIAA record doesn't show how well we played," said Hyler. "We should

have won three out of the four games. The statistics for all the games go to us, the only thing that is hurting us is turnovers, we need to work on not turning the ball over."

A week ago, Wednesday, the Scots lost 92-72 to the Defiance Yellowjackets in what was their third game of MIAA play. The Scots were led again by Hyler with 24 points and nine rebounds while Stapleton scored 20 points and grabbed five rebounds. The first half proved to be close, with Alma trailing 38-33 at half time. However a quick start by Defiance in the second half gave them a 62-43 lead, and they never looked back.

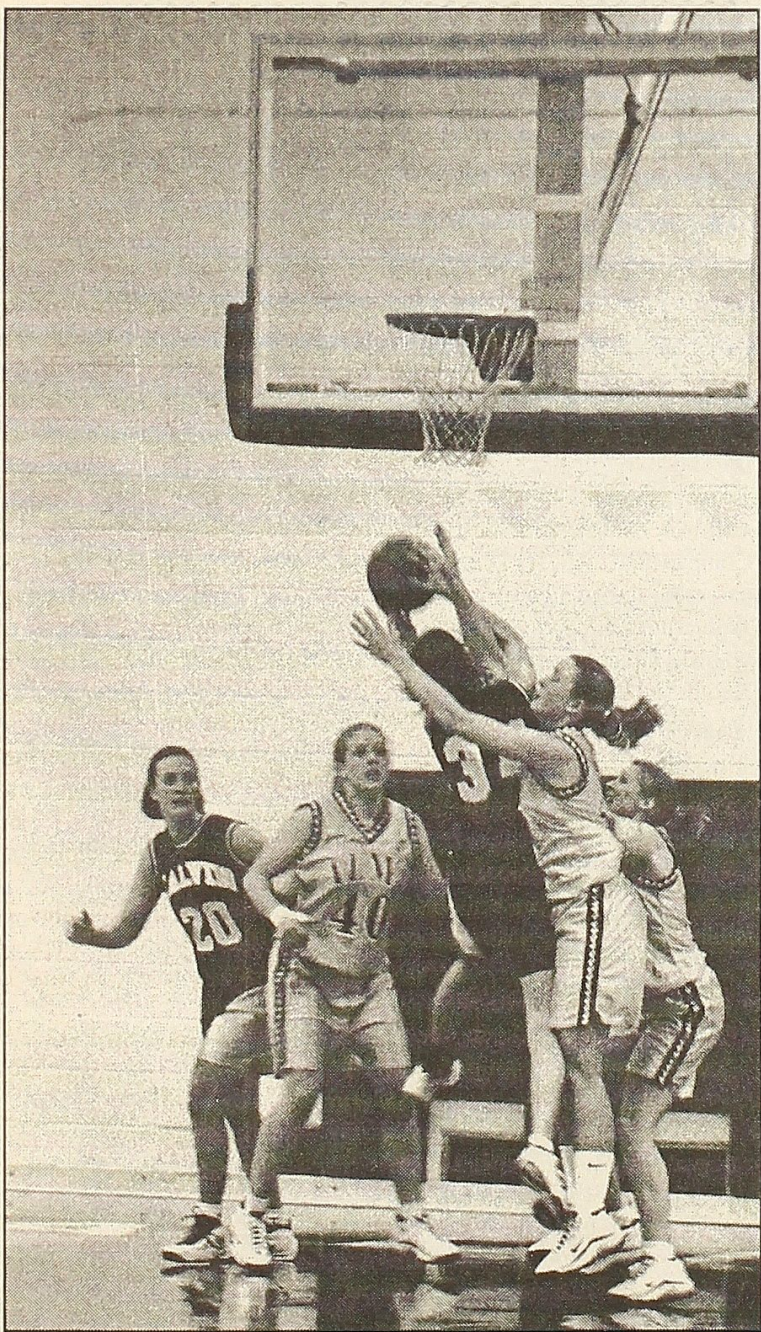
The Scots gave away a season high 25 turnovers, compared to only eight by the Yellowjackets. The Scots shot at only 41 percent.

"The team isn't happy with our MIAA record," said Peters. "We lost two close ones, but the team's morale is high, just not happy. Our practices are becoming more intense, the guys are starting to focus and starting to care."

The Scots return to MIAA action tonight at Hope, game time is 7:30.



The men's basketball team took a slam dunk for success.



Alma fights off Calvin to add another win to their record

Women's basketball team downs Calvin and Adrian

By DARBY CORNELIUS
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team came out on top this week with victories over both Calvin and Adrian.

In Tuesday's action, Alma defeated visiting Calvin College to grant them their first league loss of the season, and terminate their eight-game winning streak. The game ended with a score of 71-61.

The first half set the mood for a tight game, with the Scots holding a steady lead, and ending the second quarter five points ahead of the defending league co-champs.

Alma proved their ability in the second quarter as they went on a 10-0 run early in the third quarter. Senior guard Mary Barnhart roused the action by pumping a three-point shot and making a stellar steal and lay-up to bring the Scots to a 39-29 lead. Calvin fought back with a four point gain, but the hosts pushed them back with a 14 point lead on a three by first-year student Janell Twietmeyer, a small forward. The Knights attempted to close the gap

with a score of 65-58, but Alma triumphed with six of ten successful free-throws down the stretch.

The Scots retained Calvin to a season-low 29.7 % from the field, and halted Alma's four-game losing streak to Calvin. The Knights left their armor at home.

Senior guard Shannon Gross finished with 15 points and three rebounds, and Barnhart had 12 points and three assists. Twietmeyer and Shelly Ulfig(03) rounded out the scoring with ten points each, while Julie Whitmore tallied 11 rebounds to add to Ulfig's 13 rebounds and three blocks.

Whitmore states, "We really came together as a team defensively and everyone played their role to beat the number one team in the league. Our post players really stepped it up."

In Saturday's action at Adrian, Ulfig tallied 13 points and Twietmeyer scored all of her eight points in the last seven minutes. The game was tied 34-34 with 12:32 remaining. Twietmeyer fired a three-pointer to finalize the Scots' lead, then kept her rhythm, playing to the tune of a field goal

and another three-pointer in answer to the Bulldogs' four point pull. The win became Alma's sixth in the last eight games.

For the game, the Scots held Adrian to a mere 30 % shooting night. The boards showed a Bulldog advantage of 43-39, but Alma took better care of the ball, sacrificing it only 15 times and forced Adrian to 25 turnovers.

Barnhart tallied ten points and five assists, and Whitmore contributed nine points and three steals.

Sarah Kruttlin(03), when asked if the team is playing to their potential, answered, "Although we are winning, with the talent we have, we can still continue to do better." She also stated, "The team has come together both on and off the court."

Whitmore responded to Saturday's game, "It was a real confidence booster to win on the road against a good team."

With the win, Alma stands strong in third place in MIAA standings. Calvin is at 6-1, while Hope is second at 6-2. Alma holds third with a 5-2 record.

The Scots travel to Olivet College tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Swim teams dive into league meets

Women split week, men beat Albion

By KELLY McDONALD
Sports Editor

The women's swimming and diving team splashed into two home meets last week with an impressive 145-84 victory over St. Mary's on Wednesday. Albion came to town on Saturday to spoil the Scots winning, beating Alma, 123-118.

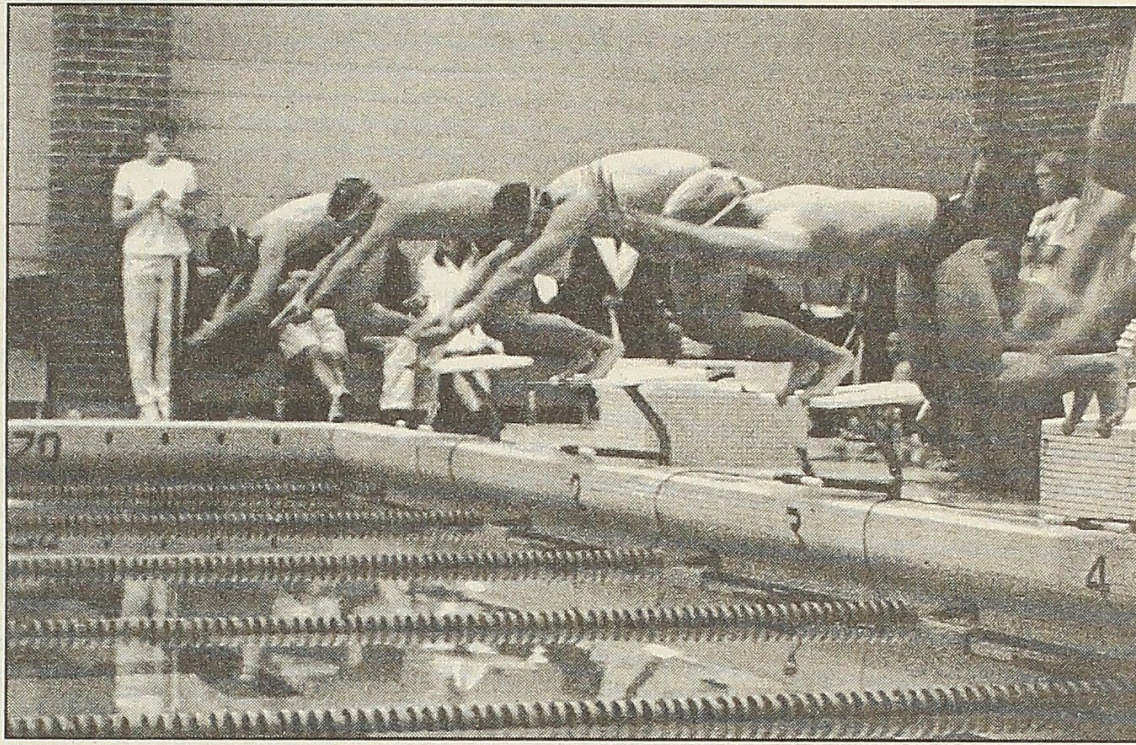
St. Mary's came out tough winning the first event, the 200 medley relay. After that the Scots took control with Andrea Carlson (01) winning the next event, the 1,000 freestyle in 11:32.68. St. Mary's fought back to win their second event of the night in the 200 freestyle. Again, the Scots soared from there as they rattled off the next eight first place finishes.

Katie Zellen (00) swam a :26.28 in the 50 freestyle, good for one of her two first place finishes of the night. The 200 individual medley was won by Jenni Troyer (01). She recorded a 2:24.87 time. Rachel Dowdney (01) secured a first place in the one-meter diving with 182.48 points.

Troyer kept the Scots on the right

track with her second win of the night in the 100 butterfly. She was timed in 1:04.96. Meredith Henry (03) and Zellen captured the next two events for the Scots. Henry's :57.49 topped the 100 freestyle heat, while Zellen posted a 1:04.69 in the 100 backstroke for her second first place of the night. Carlson took care of the long-distance events as she tallied her second win of the night in the 500 freestyle in 5:38.40. Dowdney racked up her second win for the Scots in 3 meter diving with a score of 190.20.

St. Mary's would take the next event in the 100 breaststroke, but it would not be enough to stop the Alma charge. The final event of the evening, the 200 freestyle relay, added to Alma's domination as the quartet of Henry, Carlson, Jaclyn Bernard (03) and Nicole Gentry (01) posted a 1:48.47. Albion visited the women on Saturday for a key MIAA match-up. In a close meet, the Britons came out victors with a 123-118 win. The Alma (1-4 overall,



The men's team drowned Albion in Saturday's meet.

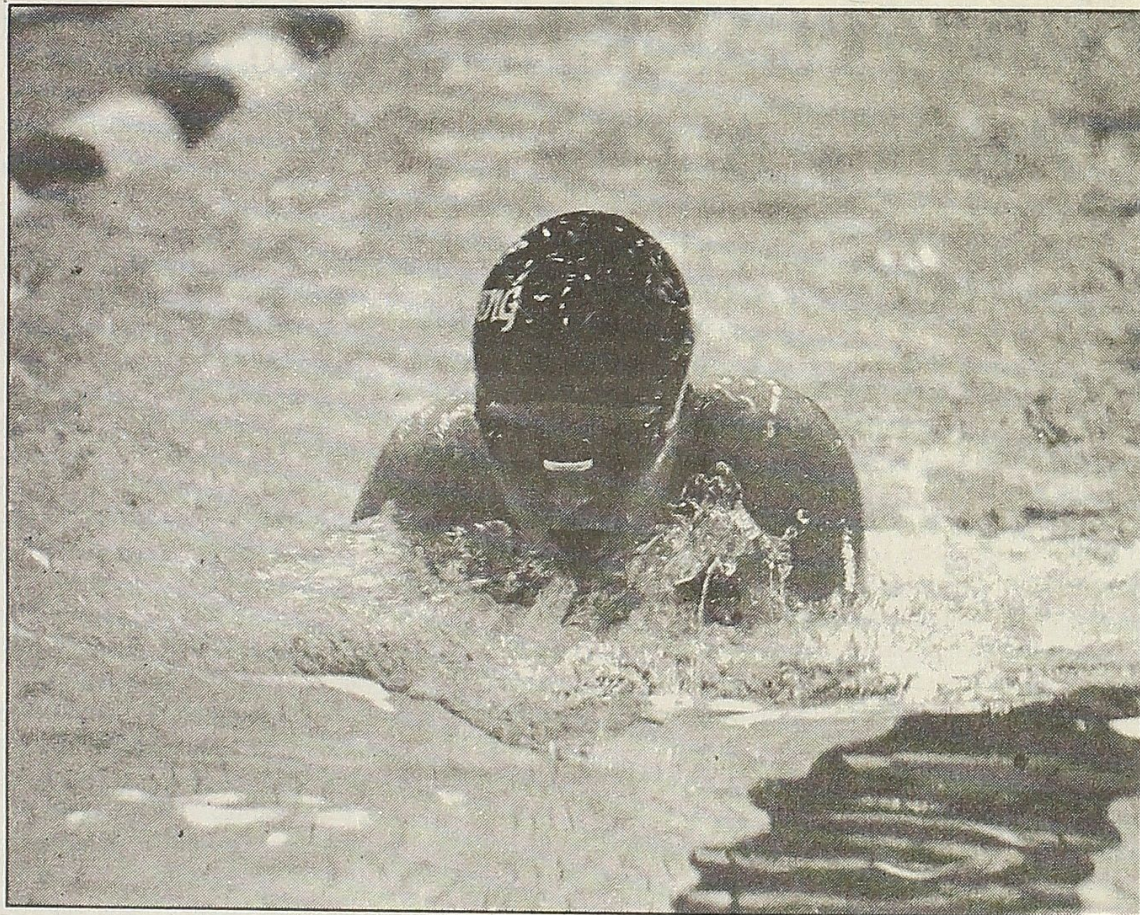
1-3 MIAA) women will travel to Kalamazoo on Tuesday for a 6 p.m. meet. The men took care of business early winning the first event, 400 medley relay. The team of Mike Cox (00), Dan Schroeder (02), Nick Holliday (01), and Justin Fournier (02) swam in 3:44.06.

Joey Mead (00) was a double

winner in the diving events taking both the one-meter and three-meter. Cox tallied a 2:03.99 in the 200 backstroke, good for a first place. Dan Linsell (02) captured first in the 1000 freestyle in 10:42.36. It came down to the final event, the 400 freestyle where the Scots dominated Albion in a

time of 3:21.15. The quartet of Fournier, Mike Porter (03), Holliday and Joe Harris (02) got the job done for coach Baadte's men's team.

Alma (1-3 overall, 1-2 MIAA) will swim their last home meet on Friday against Wayne State and then travel to Olivet on Saturday.



Nicole Gentry (01) tears up the lanes to end a close meet against Albion.

Sports Shorts

College Football- The East-West Shrine bowl game featured Michigan wide receiver Marcus Knight and his teammate and quarterback Tom Brady as two key performers. Knight caught four touchdown passes, one from Brady, in the 75th anniversary version of the Shrine Bowl. Compare that tot he six touchdown passes he scored all season for his Wolverine team and you have got yourself a budding NFL prospect. Knight and Brady's East team won the game 35-21.

Pro Basketball- Just three days after the car accident that killed teammate and friend Bobby Phills, the Charlotte hornets were in no way ready to play basketball as they lost to the Knicks on Saturday.

The team wore their emotions on their sleeves in the form of black bands with Phills number 13 on it and his initials etched on their shoes. The emotional tide of the week's events left the team, the NBA and all its fans stunned with the tragic death of Phills. A nine-year veteran, Phills was with his third team in the NBA and was the emotional leader and team captain of the Hornets. Last Wednesday, as Phills drove away from the morning workout, he was killed instantly as he lost control of his speeding Porsche and crashed into two other cars. Reports say he was drag-racing with teammate David Wesley, but the accident is still under investigation. Phills, 30, is survived by his wife Kendall, and two kids, Bobby III, 3 and Kerstie, 1.

The rest of this week's weather:

Saturday



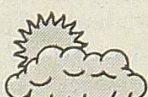
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Monday



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X-Games create excitement

By MYLENE WOOD
Staff Writer

While some people prefer cross-country skiing or sledding down small hills in their back yards, there are many more people who prefer the wild side of these favorite winter past-times. For these people, ESPN created the "Winter X Games," which will take place February 3-6, at Mount Snow, Vermont.

The "X Games" (short for Extreme Games) have taken place every summer and winter for the past four years to allow athletes from non-traditional sports to compete and have a good time.

This year's Winter X Games will be held in a new location, Mount Snow, Vermont moved from Crested Butte, Colorado. Mount Snow has more acreage than Crested Butte and also has more snowmaking equipment. Mount Snow will also be the site of the 2001 "Winter X Games" as part of a four-year agreement that has the Games taking place only at Ameri-

can Skiing Company resorts. Mount Snow will be open during the events for regular daily operation for skiing and riding to all guests.

The "Winter X Games" feature the athletic talents of over 200 international athletes competing in snowboarding, ice climbing, snowmobile snocross, freeskiing and snow mountain bike racing. There is also a new event, the UltraCross, in which the top 16 skiers and snowboarders will compete in a team relay-style event on the Skier X course. The teams are made up of a skier and a snowboarder. A full schedule of events can be found at espn.go.com/extreme/index. These events will be televised February 4-8 on ESPN, ESPN2, and ABC.

This year's "Winter X Games" hope to be the best yet as they are the first games of the new millennium. If you like extreme sports and you have never watched the "X Games", this may be what you are looking for. Tune in to either ESPN, ESPN2, or ABC February 4-8 to catch what you have been missing.

Are you ready for some football?

By RACHEL KUHL
Staff Writer

The first Super Bowl took place in 1967, with the Green Bay Packers beating the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10, thanks to a great passing game by Bart Starr and a crucial interception by Wille Wood. Over the course of the last 33 years, there have been a host of great Super Bowl moments. A few of the most notable include: the Miami Dolphins finishing off a perfect season as they beat the Redskins in Super Bowl VII, John Elway passing for 336 yards and scoring a touchdown in the 34-19 victory over the Redskins in Super Bowl XXXIII and, of course, the back-to-back victories for the Dallas Cowboys in 1993 and 1994. Dallas joins only four other teams in winning back-to-back titles: Green Bay, Miami, Pittsburgh and San Francisco. Dallas, San Francisco and Pittsburgh also lead the rest of the pack in total Super Bowl wins,

with each having won the title four times.

As this football season draws to a close, the Super Bowl quickly approaches on January 30, 2000. We here at *The Almanian* were curious to see which teams Alma students thought would win the NFL championship title. A few students were called at random and asked for their picks. At the time the question was asked, the following teams still had Super Bowl dreams: Tennessee Titans, Miami Dolphins, Minnesota Vikings, Washington Redskins, Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, St. Louis Rams and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. With those eight teams to choose from, the following predictions were made as to who would go on to win it all! The conference title games will be played Sunday, January 23, 2000. The Super Bowl will be broadcast live on ABC Sunday, January 30, 2000 at 6:00p.m.

"Minnesota over Indianapolis. Minnesota's passing offense is really good with Jeff George."
Jeremy Braun (03)

"I guess I'll go with the Redskins."
Heidi Grantham (00)

"The Vikings... They're the only ones I've heard have been doing okay."
Andrea Horton (01)

"Tennessee over the Vikings."
Daniel Gray (03)

"Let me say... Dolphins!"
Kristin Parran (02)

"I've got the Colts and I'll go out on a limb and say the Rams. The Colts will win it 38-35 in double overtime."
Aaron Simmons (01)

New faces at basketball game



By JANAY ANDERSON
Staff Writer

As we enter the New Year, the up and coming ALMA College dance team, better known as the Pom Squad, adds new excitement to half time at home basketball games.

Although the past four attempts to form a Pom squad have failed, a group of determined students turned their vision into a reality. Founder and captain, Brooke Palm, said "I don't think I really knew what I was getting myself into back in October but eventually everything just came together. I have to say thank you to Denny Griffen for all of his help and to the girls on the squad for their dedication."

The idea was first proposed to the athletic department, who reviewed the constitution and granted the group a budget as an

official campus organization. The group, consisting of 21 members, has rightfully earned its place in the college.

During tryouts, each perspective team member learned a short routine and individually performed before a group of judges. The judges objectively critiqued each smiling face and together compiled the team roster.

The squad holds practice on average one to two hours, three times a week. When asked the reason behind the minimal practice time Brooke replied, "I want it to be fun." Of the group, eight are choreographers, who in addition to attending practices spend extra time creating new routines. The group will have a total of four routines this season.

"Despite the absence of an advisor, the team is held together by dedication and respect" said first-year student Darby Cornelius.

The members understand their commitment and work along with the group's officers to reach common goals. In order to raise funds, the team organized a can drive where over 300 dollars in bottles and cans were collected.

On January 15, the Pom Squad debuted at the men's varsity basketball game during half time. With eye-catching outfits and overflowing energy they performed to the Britney Spears hit, Crazy.

Member and choreographer Tiffany Moon said, "We had a great performance and look forward to our next one." This team is a model example of achievement. "We have a great group of girls that work really well together and I'm happy to be a part of it" said Bonnie Baker, first-year student.

Be sure to stick around at half time for their next performance on Saturday, January 29.

All-American Justin Harris

By KATIE BEAM
Staff Writer

Last year, kicker Rick Brands (99) brought pride and honor to the Alma College football program when he was awarded post-season All-American honors. This year, defensive end Justin Harris (01) did the same – three times. Early in December, Harris was named to the First Team All-MIAA and the Hewlett-Packard Division III All-American Second Team. Shortly after, he was informed that he had been named to *two* more All-American teams. The *Football Gazette* placed him on its All-American Second Team while *d3football.com* named him to its "Team of the Year" first team. He is only the third defensive player and the eighth player overall in the program's history to receive post-season All-American honors.

Head football coach Jim Cole was the one to inform Harris of his honors. He said that he was not surprised because of Harris' dedication and hard work. Harris recorded an astounding 17 sacks and

47 total tackles, 23 of which were solo tackles. Cole remarked that Harris' 17 sacks were "quite an achievement." He also said Eric Seiger, the Sports Information Director, did a great job of getting the word out about the exceptional play of the football players.

Harris attributes his post-season honors to his hard work during the off season as part of the football team's "Bigger, Faster, and Stronger" workout program. Despite his individual honors, the highlight of the season for him was winning the MIAA Championship and going to the playoffs for the first time in Alma's history. When asked what his goals are for next season, he smiled and jokingly said, "Well, where do you go from here? There's really no place to go. But I want the team to repeat as MIAA Champs and make a run in the playoffs again." He said individually, he will work on his speed and strength as usual during the off season.

Harris is an Exercise and Health Science major at Alma. He plans on attending medical school to become a chiropractor.

Correction:

The Almanian apologizes for any misunderstandings concerning the December 8, 1999 article titled "Softball team investigated by MIAA commissioner" written by Katie Beam. Danielle Pease was misquoted in her statement that read "Anyone can come play. We just get together and throw the ball around. Guys come too." She actually said, "You guys [non-softball girls] can come too."

Campus Quips *Comments heard around campus*

So we come back to Alma and Mother Nature dumps a lot of snow on us—that means **snowball fights**...Bursting the Bubble sure did get a lot of hype, didn't it?...some faculty members weren't too happy about having to cancel classes Monday—*why?*...approximately 100 people showed up to the RA meeting on Wednesday—there better be a really good selection process...WQAC is now playing music that the masses can recognize—hooray!...PIG Books were distributed on Wednesday—a mere **134** days after the first day of fall term...the contingency fund of **Student Congress** has dipped lower than it probably should have—perhaps meetings will be shorter now...Leslie Brown was given **two days** to clean out her desk and get off campus—does anyone else consider that a bit **mysterious?**...everyone have fun during *rush* week...

Hemispheres

By Cara Bonine

Teaching foreign languages key to global unification

As the doors of the new millennium open, humanity embarks on the challenge of creating a unified society; a society that is diverse and willing to embrace new customs. However wonderful and simple this challenge may seem, the educational system is not catering to these modern requirements. Students are growing up thinking that English is the most commonly used language and that everyone in the world can speak it.

In many schools, children are not exposed to a foreign language until middle or high school. Recent studies have proven that children can learn languages much faster than adults. Therefore, students should begin to learn a foreign language in elementary school alongside English. Children in other countries learn their native language plus English or another foreign language in elementary schools. Why shouldn't American students be required to do the same?

Another difficulty in closing the "global gap" is deciding which foreign language to teach children. In recent years, the societal pressure was to teach American students Spanish due to the increase in Spanish-speaking Americans. However, globally, Spanish is the fourth most widely spoken language in the world behind Chinese, English and Hindustani.

It is understandably impossible and not necessary to teach students more than one foreign language. The goal should not be to make individuals multilingual. The challenge is to unify our society. Making young people aware of a culture besides their own will promote open minds, awareness and hopefully interest in other ways of life. It is in this way that our world will be "globalized."

Colleges can help with global unification by encouraging students to take foreign languages and travel overseas. Presently, foreign language requirements are low and, if taken in high school, students may not be required to continue with their foreign language education. Requiring students to begin or continue studying a language in college would also help to alleviate the "global gap."

To create a society that understands and appreciates differences, communication is vital. Without it, people will continue to feel segregated and worlds apart from each other. However, if the educational system puts more emphasis on the importance of foreign languages, perhaps we can unlock new and interesting ideas and open the way for a society that lives as neighbors.

Sports Track *By Chris Harrington*

Bowl game upsets good news for local fans

Happy New Year sports fans!

Local fans have reason to cheer after this past month's bowl game results. In the Orange Bowl in Miami, the University of Michigan pulled some second half heroics to upend fifth ranked Alabama 35-34. A few hours north in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Michigan State kicked a last second field goal to beat a strong Florida Gator team.

The success of Michigan and Michigan State as well as the rest of the Big Ten teams in the bowl games has brought much needed respect to the Big Ten Conference. During past two seasons the conference has dominated with a post-season record of 10-2. This clearly marks them as the best conference.

Other wins this year included Wisconsin beating Stanford 17-9 in the Rose Bowl. Penn State routed Texas A&M 24-0 in the Alamo Bowl. Illinois destroyed Virginia 63-21 in the Micronpc.com Bowl. Purdue and Minnesota lost in the Outback and Sun Bowls respectively.

This year marked a year of true excitement in most of the marquee match-ups. Many games went down to the last possession including two overtime games on New Year's Day. It is a safe bet that eventually you will see some of these games replayed on the beloved ESPN Classic channel a few years down the road.

It is very difficult to talk about college football post season action and not mention anything about the BCS rating system. These results may leave fans torn on whether or not they would like to see a playoff system. Yes, many championship outputs have been very controversial, especially with more than one team finishing undefeated. The problem arises when there are years like this year with so many classic games.

A playoff system would most likely produce some classic games, but the traditionalist college football fans seem to love the whole idea of New Year's Day games that have been around for so many generations. However, the bowl games, like almost everything else in sports, have become extremely commercialized. This includes who sponsors the bowl as well as the names of some of the newer bowls such as the Micronpc.com bowl and the Insight.com bowl.

One issue some coaches have mentioned is that a longer season may cut into the academics of the student athletes. Another real-world technicality is the business factor. There is so much money surrounding all of these games, and all who have involvement will be out of a lot of money, especially the schools with their pay-out.

There are countless pros and cons enveloped in this issue. For now the way the championship is decided is very effective. The two best undefeated teams played each other and the best team in the country brought home the Sears Trophy.

Experiencing the Y2K letdown

By GINGER DAVIS
Staff Writer

Rarely has an event received as much hype as the coming of the new millennium. People were storing flour and canned goods in their basements, buying candles so they could see during the power outage and making copies of bank statements. Cities around the world geared up for the celebration. In Paris, France, rock climbers spent three years decorating the Eiffel Tower; in Boise, Idaho, a chorus spent months rehearsing Disney songs (the reason for this still remains unclear), and 8,000 police officers were put in charge of crowd control in Times Square. Jerry Farwell was even warning people of the coming of the anti-Christ and the Apocalypse (40% of Americans reputedly believed that the world would end at the turn of the millennium).

So, on the eve of Y2K, the world (or at least those parts of the world that have cable TV) huddled in front of their televisions and waited for the countdown. And then...nothing happened. No power outages, no riots, no explosions, no anti-Christ jumping off the top of the ball in Times Square. There were not even any "Independence Day" type crowds gathered on top of tall buildings with signs reading "Y2K Land Here!" The world has not experienced a letdown of this magnitude since the final episode of Seinfeld.

Has Y2K really changed anything? Although problems were a bit over-anticipated (to put it mildly), the arrival of the millennium was not problem-free. Y2K diehards must now figure out what to do with the 100-pound sacks of flour lining the Y2K shelters they constructed in their basements, there was a rumor about a garage door opener in Idaho falling prey to Y2K, and there is also the problem of naming the decade. (The "80s"...The "90s"...and what? The "Double Ohs?" The Double Nothings?)

The millennium has also brought with it a few select benefits. For starters, those who hoarded food now realize just how silly they looked buying grocery carts full of canned goods in the first place. Also, The-Artist-Formerly-Known-For-Partying-Like-It's-1999 retired his infamous song. And the millennium has brought some wonderful new products (sarcasm intended) like Millienni-Ohs, limited edition packages of M&M 2000s, and the song "Will2K." With revolutionary products and songs such as these, who needs an Apocalypse anyway?

Overall, Y2K has demonstrated that we, as humans, do not learn from the past. In 999, there was talk of the year 1000 bringing the end of the world. In 1999, after 1000 years of science, information and progress, people still overreacted. And surely in 2999, the hype and letdown will happen again.

Simple Thoughts

By Dan Joyce

Unhappy with campus haps? Get involved!

"I wish that certain things would change around this campus" - a very common phrase heard on any college campus. Yet, what good does it do? None, unless the complaint is voiced in the presence of those with the power to change the element of campus life.

Many effective methods of vocalizing concerns and complaints about the inner workings of Alma College exist. Simply whining to a friend that "the luminance in the residence halls is insufficient and could cause a massive straining of the ocular membrane" is 100% ineffective.

So, you may ask, what alternative modes of getting the point across exist? A simple letter to the editor of *The Almanian* may be the first and least time consuming step. Simply sit down, plug in lots of extra lamps so that you can see to write your letter, and complain away. Please do, though, make your letter decipherable and intelligent. Once completed, the letter must be placed in the manila folder hanging on the door of *The Almanian/Scot* door in the basement of Newberry. Let's be realistic though. How many letters to the editor of a small college newspaper can spin the world the other way around?

If a letter just does not seem to do the trick, maybe a visit to administration would be in order. If not, a guest appearance at a related meeting would be advantageous. Another possibility? A petition!

If the plaintiff is not outgoing enough for any of the latter mentioned ideas, go back to the letter. The chances of the letter falling in the sight of another being with similar concerns is exceedingly great. Maybe one of the readers will have the courage to take the complaint to the next level.

In any letter, try not to simply complain. Offer suggestions of how the alleged problem could be righted. Any good administrator is open to suggestions. A very good administrator is not afraid to admit that someone else's suggestion is better than his or her own.

These forms of suggestion can be applied throughout life. Nothing changes by itself, it must be changed. There exists a committee for nearly everything. For schools there are school boards. For companies there is a board of directors. For every governmental function, there is a committee.

Not all meetings are open to outsiders. Yet, for those that are not open to everyone, anyone can have his or her opinion brought to light by those who are on the committee. State representatives are only one example of this.

Now, next time you start to complain about the Bruske preferred parking lot only being half full and all permits for such a lot being taken, think. What does your roommate or friend care if you have to walk a couple hundred yards to reach your vehicle? After all, it is not as if you have any snow to walk through. Do not just complain, write a letter or attend a meeting.

An eye on administration

By SCOTT TIMMRECK
Opinion Editor

Welcome to the year 2000. That's my official greeting to the students, faculty, administration and staff of Alma College, my greeting to a year that will not include Leslie Brown in the position of provost/vice-president of academic affairs. According to the *Morning Sun* and a good number of faculty members, Brown was asked by President Alan Stone to clean out her desk sometime before Christmas and not to return to the campus of the college. He then appointed an interim provost, Kelvie Comer, who began work at Alma on January 3.

Now, with the early departure of Brown (her contract did not expire until June 30, 2000), the four vice-presidents that, with Stone, made up the executive committee of Alma College, have departed this institution in a span of only 21 months. In the ten years (that's 120 months) before the spring of 1998, only two vice-presidents left Alma: one because of budget cuts, and the other to take a position as president of another institution.

Brown's departure is just the latest wound on the reputation of Alma College, wounds that I am personally, as are many others around this school, tired of opening and feeling. I am not blaming anyone for anything, because the turmoil isn't the fault of any one person or any one group anymore. Quests for power are getting in the way of the most important aspect of Alma College: students.

My questions: How is all of this commotion, all of this bickering spinning within the faculty, board and president beneficial to the students, the people who actually make Alma College what it is? How can the early exit of the provost, a woman most of the faculty greatly respected, be beneficial to the educational experiences of the students? How can the board, the president, the faculty and everyone else involved with this chaos be satisfied with the events that have taken place here over the last eighteen months, especially when a newspaper as upstanding as *The Chronicle of Higher Education* has to print the phrase, "(Stone's) too busy trying to keep his head off a platter?" Truthful, accurate, factual and unbiased answers to these questions would be accepted with endless gratitude. However, those answers have yet to come.

The Alma College population is being thrown into a cauldron, a caul-

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Many years ago, I was told that a journalist listens to the various sides of an issue before writing an article. A propagandist talks only to those people that support his or her premise before writing an article. Your edition of December 8 was written without any discussion with the more than 30 members of the Board of Trustees that support Dr. Stone.

Unfortunately, there appears to be a lack of understanding of how the Board of Trustees operates by the writers of this issue of *The Almanian*. This is in spite of the fact that there are four student representatives on the Board of Trustees.

Teamwork is a strong priority of the Board of Trustees. So are civility and honesty. There are currently four trustees on the Board who at one time voted in favor of the no confidence issue, plus four faculty trustees that you identified as voting for no confidence. Two of the Trustees have reversed their positions after exploring the issues. I would not classify this as "strategic elimination." Mr. Gigliotti, Ms. Morley, and Mr. Goodrich resigned from the Board of Trustees because they did not want to work with Alan Stone, and refused to work with him; not because they held opposing viewpoints with other Board members. If I refuse to talk with you, how are we to communicate?

Since you raised the issue of several faculty members who have left, I suggest that you contact them, as I have, and ask why they left. It was not because of Dr. Stone. I have the e-mail addresses of Dr. Johnson and Dr. Petonito if you are interested.

Perhaps you could have been more balanced in presenting some of my comments by quoting them in their entirety, or actually talking with me, rather than taking them out of context.

Alma College is the only school in Michigan, and one of the very few in this country, that provides the opportunity for faculty and student representation with a vote. Did you know that? When we talk of teamwork, what better example than having representatives of faculty and the student body in the same room discussing issues as voting members of the Board of Trustees? Dr. Weary recommended that all associate trustees be eliminated. The issue was fully and openly debated with opposing views being presented. Throughout the debate, Dr. Stone supported student and faculty representation. Mr. Gigliotti's quote in your article is incorrect. The Board chose to keep the number of associate trustees at 4 and 4 in spite of the fact that the size of the full Board was being reduced. Is this an effort to eliminate discussion and opposing opinions?

There were references made to various Board memos, and memos sent under my signature. My Memo of April 22, 1999 primarily addressed the Board's role and conduct. "What are the responsibilities of a Board member? How are issues of confidentiality to be treated? How can a member express a dissenting opinion without others becoming defensive? And how can a board member be part of the loyal opposition without harming the college?" (I consider this last point important. Do others?) I also expressed concern over a violation of confidentiality, and incorrect information being presented to the faculty, which led to the faculty resolution. You made several references to the Board asking for resignations. I am unaware of any individual being asked to resign from the Board. A general statement was proposed at the May 8, 1999 meeting, saying that the best interests of Alma College require the resignation of Trustees unable to put this matter to rest. The resolution was fully debated and DEFEATED. The Board opposed asking for anyone's resignation. Your article did not make this clear. In fact, your editorial infers the opposite.

As a final comment, Dr. Stone works for the Board, and makes recommendations to the Board. There are recommendations made by Dr. Stone that do not get approved by the Board. There are also issues, such as the library initiative (brought to the Board by the student reps), that the Board takes action on without an administrative recommendation. The Board takes seriously its charge of governance. The last paragraph of your editorial is wrong. The Board is not made up of only those that are willing to follow the recommendations of Stone. It is made up of people who are willing to listen to recommendations made by the president of the college, and who devote considerable time and money to Alma College. Those in opposition to the majority are **not** asked to resign. They are asked to listen to other viewpoints, and present their own positions in a civil manner. The current members of the Board work to serve the best interests of Alma College, and I am proud to be a part of their efforts.

Sincerely,
John Colina
Chair, Board of Trustees

Staff Editorial

Administration, faculty, students - Can't we all just get along?

"Alumni, students and donors are concerned about the state of affairs at Alma College. They do not understand why when so much at Alma is good that certain faculty are not talking to each other, why so much of what they hear is negative and why their beloved college is disheartened." This statement was taken directly from a memo written by Alan Stone on December 13, 1999.

The Almanian agrees with this statement, and believes that alumni, students and donors have the right to be informed of the state of affairs on campus, in order to allow them to understand. This is the reason why the *Inside Edition* was printed. Personal and political agendas, as well as propagandism were not a part of our motives. We were making an effort to better inform our campus community of the events that have placed this institution, which is so integral in the lives of many,

in a state of turmoil.

However, we were told by a member of administration recently that people considered our work "yellow journalism. This is defined as "the use of cheaply sensational or unscrupulous methods in newspapers to attract or influence the readers." As writers, we were unaware that documentation and interviewing were considered "unscrupulous methods."

We understand that there are many people who feel these issues should not be discussed "in the papers." We cannot apologize for our view in believing the campus has a right to be aware of events that are occurring, but as students we can only be sorry that our institution is in this state of affairs in the first place.

In Stone's December 13 memo to "Alma College Trustees" (with the exclusion of the faculty trustees), he states, "...faculty have

always perceived that institutions revolve around them. They believe that students come to gather knowledge and wisdom from them, and all else is secondary."

In the December 17, 1999, edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Stone is quoted as saying, "I concentrated on building enrollment, building buildings, building endowment. That's what I do. If they wanted me to do something else, they should have told me earlier."

In keeping with the "student first" theme, would this not imply that the faculty are in fact here to impart knowledge and that the administration is here to facilitate these efforts in order to better the educational experience for students? The confusion regarding each sector's role must be resolved before this institution can perform the task for which it was created - education.

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the publication on the recent "Inside Edition" of *The Almanian*. I was impressed with the depth of the research and the quality of the reporting. The closing lines of the editorial were right on. It appears *The Almanian* has entered the realm of quality ethos. I appreciate and applaud the tremendous courage necessary to print and distribute this edition. Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of my alma mater.

Sincerely,
Bill Potter, '73

Alumnus, parent, expatriate

Dear Editor:

While the *Almanian* "Inside Edition" was not particularly accurate with regard to Board of Trustee considerations, I was more disappointed with its lack of balance. It quotes dissenting Board Members who have since dropped from the Board voluntarily. These members were not "strategically eliminated."

Almanian reporters did not bother to seek comments from the overwhelming majority of the Board who support the administration. The bias in the articles is also obvious in the quotes which attack the character of the President. I was not asked about these quotes or given an opportunity to respond to them. Good journalistic practice should have necessitated a more balanced reporting and an opportunity for me to respond specifically to dissenting Board members.

I have been open and truthful with *Almanian* reporters for twelve years and I have come to expect the same from them. While I can understand the lack of accuracy, I am disappointed with then "Inside Edition" because of its lack of fairness.

Alan J. Stone, President

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dron that will seemingly boil and burn everything in it. I don't want to burn—in fact, I'm not really too interested in watching this maniacal game of rules and resignations and fights go on. I would like the wizard to come out from behind his curtain and admit a few things. I would like to see the people who are involved with this institution happy with Alma College. And I know that I am not the only one with these wishes.

The Evergreen Plan states, "The Alma College community is built upon collaboration, collegiality, civility, trust, shared concerns, integrity and respect for difference." I would like to see collaboration and I would like to see trust. I would like to see integrity and I would like to see respect for difference. I would like to see Alan Stone sit down with senior faculty members and listen to their concerns, and I would like to see the senior faculty members listen to him. I would like to see the students able to respect their president's point of view, and I would like to see the president able to respect the students' points of view. But most of all, I would like to see this fiasco stop. My fellow students and I want to attend an institution where they know the energy is going to what is in their best interests.

But until the turmoil stops, I will continue going to class, just another college student, wondering if my money is being squandered on pointless bickering and my time is being used to write articles like this that hopefully are, in the words that have crossed pages and lips so many times in this matter, in the best interests of Alma College.

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