

Tower of Terror strikes Almost

By S-MONEY
BUSINESS HANDLER

As graduation and the end of the semester draws near, many students are still left scrambling for jobs, summer internship and research positions. Last week during a hall program held in the Wright Hall lobby, several residents mentioned an idea they had been considering in order to make some quick cash and as a way to make Almost College more entertaining.

“Last week I took the elevator down from the second floor and there was this huge lurch as the elevator began to move,” said **Meghan Makranyi ('16)**. “This got me thinking, what if we could somehow market the elevator in Wright Hall as the Midwest Tower of Terror? Move over Pure Michigan campaign, we have now have the Midwest Tower of Terror.”

Several students shared similar stories of crazy elevator rides at the hall event and the building’s RA began to immediately help organize and lead her residents in this money-making Tower of



Ansley Adams: Paparazzi

Wright Hall has been experiencing unusual weather since the Tower of Terror plans were announced.

Terror venture.

“I’ve always felt that I can make a huge impact here on campus as an RA,” said **Brandy**

Lancewicz ('15) “I just never imagined it would take the form of me spearheading the Wright Hall Tower of Terror. I really

think that this attraction will be a selling point for students who are visiting Almost College.” Plans are already underway

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Theta Chi to move into opera house

By MEERKAT ENTHUSIAST
CAMPUS RABBLE-ROUSER

Theta Chi will be challenging Phi Mu Alpha for the title of music fraternity next year when they are moved into the opera house.

The brothers and sisters female friends of Theta are very glad for the recent decision the school made to demolish their home. Queen of Theta Chi **Sara Day ('15)** said, “I think a Theta Chi with no walls and no running water will be perfect.”

Expert in all things fungus, **Steve Smith ('16)** reiterated the queen’s feelings. “It will be a suitable fit and it will be a huge step up from Theta.

“This house has provided me a home I thought I’d never have and all the allergies I could ever want. I’m glad the opera house is held together by a higher quality of mold than Theta is.”

The opera house is the perfect fit for the Greek organization, according to members. “I’m hoping there’s still ice cream left over from when Stucchi’s was there,” said **Chris Vest ('17)**. He continued to share that he is excited to work off any ice

cream he eats through the trek to campus every morning.

Open mic nights will thrive at the new location. “The acoustics will be choice,” according to Day. Theta Chi President **Evan Masley ('17)** shared, “I’ve ignored some notes from a guy who calls himself the ‘Opera Ghost,’ because I know open mic with Theta in an opera house will be a great idea.

“We’ve already got **Aaron Krause ('17)** acting as our prima donna and emcee for the shows. Nothing can go wrong.”

Cody Beebe ('15) is excited for the move and hates the Phantom of the Opera. “If that guy tries to get in the way of our beautiful diva Aaron, I will snap his neck. That’s a promise.”

The in-town location is agreeable to **Joe Kennedy ('17)**. “I’m glad to be closer to all the local businesses such as Bravehearts and Pine Knot.”

Relationships between Theta and the community will change, according to Day. “We will fill downtown with the correct amount of patriotism for our country that Alma has been desperately searching



Meerkat Enthusiast: Campus Rabble-Rouser

Aaron Krause ('17) depicted in one of his most famous roles, a Lego prima donna.

for.”

Theta alumni are glad to see their old home be replaced. “I wish we moved in while I was a student,” said Josh Zeitler. “We would have been there for the fire and gotten insurance money for a new house.”

This move will occur in the fall semester and the old house will be demolished this

summer. According to Vest, Krause will be singing an aria at the site. “The house doesn’t get demolished until the fat lady sings.”

Theta Chi had former plans to fundraise for new, permanent housing. The opera house has changed their mind, according to the Queen. The organization has ceased fundraising.

“We’ll put the \$3.00 we had raised toward supporting the local businesses and getting Pizza One or something,” said **Jacob Woodcock ('17)**.

The Queen gave parting advice for the move, which will occur after her graduation. “Ingest the spores, for they will bring you to Nirvana- the Theta brother and the place.”

Scottish terriers to take over campus

By MADELINE MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Next year Scottish terriers will be on the Almost College campus.

“It will be interesting to see,” said **Alex Shaw ('18)**. “Being here at Almost, squirrels cross our path constantly, it will be something new to see little dogs around. I know the superstition of being bad luck when a black cat crosses your path, I do not know what it would for a little black dog.”

The Scottish terrier is one of the common breeds of dog

that originated in Scotland. But it is only one of the five breeds of terrier, the others being the Skye, Cairn, Dandie Dinmont, and the other common breed, West Highland White terrier, with whom it is quite similar. As a promotional act to renew the Scottish ancestry of the college, these terriers have been brought from various areas of Scotland and the Isle of Skye. However, to propagate the pure Scottish background, only Scottish terriers will be allowed, no other breeds of dogs.

Also known as “Scottys”

these dogs were first recorded in 1436 and made popular by King James VI of Scotland when he became James I of England. It was the first Earl of Dumbarton that nicknamed these little black terriers as “the diehards,” as it was a rugged breed.

“Being able to play and pet with the terriers after a long hectic day of homework or exams would be a great stress reliever,” said **Melissa Colter ('17)**. “If they are going to be allowed on campus, it would sure beat waiting for the therapy dogs.”

The terriers will be housed and roam around the campus. Scottish terriers, originally used for hunting on the Scottish Highlands, are known for their energetic disposition and wiry black hair. They are a small breed that get up to around twenty pounds in weight and only ten inches tall.

“It would make sense for a college with Scottish background to promote a more Highland atmosphere,” said **Patrick Curran ('15)**. “That being said, having little terriers on Almost’s campus would make me miss my dog at

home.”

Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, in 2007 made the Scottish terrier their school mascot. Carnegie Mellon, whose predecessor was the Carnegie Technical Schools which were founded by Andrew Carnegie, himself a Scottish American tying in that Scot backstory.

“There is also a breed of cat called the Scottish Fold,” said **Mary Frances Eshleman ('16)**. “If terriers will be allowed, a type of cat should too, for people who do not like dogs.”

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The yak is back: popular app Yik Yak rumored up-voted into class requirements

By ANONYMOUS POSTER
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Although less than half of Almost College’s student population currently has the growing app Yik Yak downloaded onto their mobile devices, that number could rise to a near 100 percent in the next five months. The well-known yak has been said to soon be taking the place of the white elephant in the rooms across campus.

Yik Yak has been rumored to be used as a classroom tool in every class that Almost will be offering for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Regardless of its controversial reputation and complete anonymity, some students appear to be more than thrilled at the possible new changes to class itinerary.

“I think this will really help for people who are too shy to voice their opinions in class,” explained **Danielle Boss (’18)**, an avid user of the popular social media app since its creation in Nov. 2013.

“Yik Yak is a great way to distribute information,” said **Roderick MacNeil (’15)**, who also expressed that he finds it unfortunate that he and fellow seniors won’t be around next year for the academic addition. “Why not use it in the classroom?”

But other opinions have been

made concerning the app’s potential academic use.

Apparently a lawsuit was filed this past September due to posts on a college campus in New Hampshire that lead to a student being forbidden from entering the college’s grounds, and similar concerns are being expressed by a few Almost College students who claim that they will be refusing to download the app in the fall.

“I think this is a really stupid idea,” confided an Almost College junior who preferred to remain anonymous. “Anyone who uses the app is shallow—if you can’t post it to your Facebook page, you shouldn’t be posting it for the whole campus to see. I think the administration is making a huge mistake for bringing something like this into the classroom that could create so much drama amongst classmates.”

Some professors are even familiar with the app and have shared their concerns for very similar reasons.

Dr. Stupica, one of the psychology professors here at Almost College, agrees with the negative opinions on using Yik Yak in class due to potential psychological damage to the students who will be using it.

“Yik Yak has the potential to turn into an online bullying forum due to its anonymity,” she explains. “Bullying has deep and broad negative psychological im-



Emmy Nems: Creation Maker

pacts. Thus, I urge all to be cognizant of these issues in their implementation of Yik Yak.”

Yet despite adamant advice, many students continue to be thrilled and say they are especially looking forward to next term.

“I really love yik yak,” shared an Almost College sophomore who also asked to remain anonymous. “And I like that news on campus can get to me so quickly and I can share things without the focus being on me; it’s all on the post.”

“My yakarma is currently over

11,500, so I’m hoping that will come into play in my sociology and psychology classes next term for extra credit or something.

“Whatever the case, I think this is a really wise move on the part of the administration; maybe it’ll make the hate-rate on the app go down.”

The Almost College administration has neither denied nor confirmed the rumors related to the ultimate up-vote and down-vote count amongst themselves in regard to using Yik Yak in classes this coming fall.

Meninist class to be offered fall 2015

By SINLESS EVE
STAFF WRITER

After all the fuss and uproar about the addressing of gender inequality, a solution has been found. Starting up fall of 2015, Almost will now be offering meninist classes to combat the feminist classes already being offered.

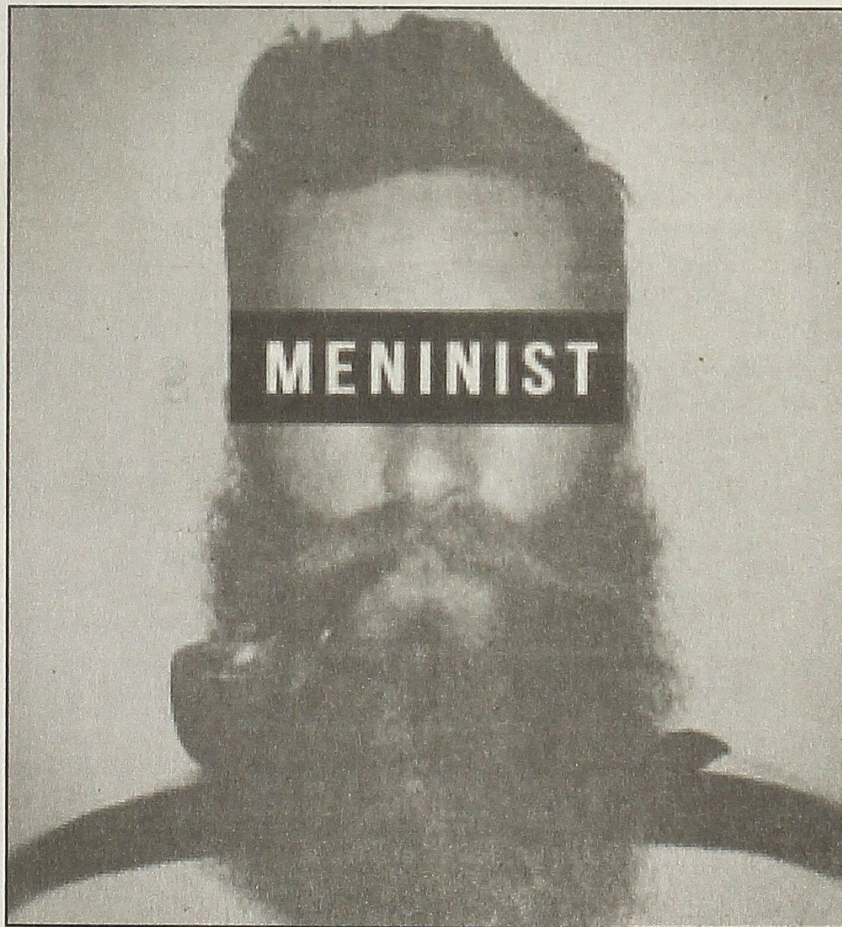
Current feminist philosophy professor Mindi Torrey comments, “Of course women aren’t oppressed enough, so it’s great to see a class aimed towards men and their struggles in everyday life and how hard it is being a white, cis-gendered male in this society.”

Class itinerary includes lectures discussing things such as how to deal with being a crybaby, how to support the dislike and ingrained prejudice against women, and how to victimize your place in social hierarchy.

Learning how to embrace your self-entitlement, emphasize your misogynistic ways, how to dress as blindly as your views, how to attempt to rock fedoras and so much more will also be included in every class period.

It’s remarkable how many topics can be fit into one course but lead professor Chauvinist says he’ll make it happen. “We just need to show the world this meninist manifesto that’s hiding within all of us and shine a light on the oppression we face as individuals.”

“It’s hard living in a society where men aren’t the main priority ALL THE TIME,” Chauvinist continues, “we just can’t get enough of ourselves, and seeing women finally get a bit of progress in terms of self-empowerment



Courtesy of @Meninisttweet on Twitter.com

and raising their voice is just completely bonkers.”

Classes will only be held Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. due to the professor’s personal schedule.

“Mother will only let me borrow the car Tuesday evenings, and most nights she’s at bingo with the ladies so I have to watch the cats.

“One day of the week is the most she can afford to sacrifice, so until I can stop spending money on meninist shirts and WWE action figures, I won’t have my own car or ability to make more classes available.”

Prospective student’s willing to take the course are seemingly stoked to sign up. **Vern Moeggenborg (’15)** stated, “I’m

interested in this class because I have no idea what a meninist is, but I’m a dude so it must make sense?”

Females are also taking an interest in the course and what it has to offer. “I think it’s a great idea to offer this course! I’m so excited to have more internalized misogynistic thoughts and learn more ways to oppress women!” says **Marlee Schilbe (’16)**.

Some are more enthusiastic than others. **Karen Flesh (’18)** commented, “I needed one more class to fill my credit requirement and this seemed like the least effort so I thought, why not?”

So far the class has only 5 slots out of the 30 filled, but professor Chauvinist is optimistic that it’ll

fill up.

“I mean, I came to a liberal arts college, mostly filled with women so I could enlighten them. So I don’t see why anyone wouldn’t want to take this course, strictly aimed at men’s rights. Plus mother has always been a pain and told me not to say nasty things to women, so I went behind her back to put together this course. But shh don’t tell mother I’m doing this!”

For more information, visit the newly formed, “Misguided and Meninist” department.

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travel will greatly increase,” said Lancewicz. Lancewicz is one of the few residents who will not be remaining at Almost College to run the Tower of Terror and will be handing the running of operations off to Makranyi.

Some students are only looking for an easy way to make cash. Strickler weighed in on this aspect, “I’m thinking that we can easily charge students anywhere in the range of \$5 to \$10 in munch money or a pack of Trident Layers. I would definitely pay that much to ride on this beauty from the Midwest.”

As of now, plans are currently underway to begin construction on both stairwells located in Wright Hall to create larger spaces for students to wait in line. The projected completion date is Fall of 2015, however campus, the community and the nation should not hold their breath because the contractors of the Opera House have offered to take on the project free of charge.

Easter egg hunts prove profitable for students

By ANNIE MOUSE
STAFF WRITER

This Friday Almost College will be hosting a college Easter egg hunt. These eggs will contain everything a college student could ever need.

"I really hope I get money in my eggs," said **Fred Astaire ('18)**.

Yakko Warner ('17) agreed, and added "movie tickets would be nice."

"I don't know about you guys, but I just want condoms in my eggs," said **Steve Ocelot ('16)**.

"I want plane tickets to Florida," added **Francesca Bee ('17)**. "I really hate the cold."

Hopes for the event are high with all students. In a survey taken to see what students wanted their eggs to contain, 100% responded that money would be good. As a secondary choice, 56% said coffee, 24% said alcohol, 13% answered condoms, and 7% responded miscellaneous (such as pizza,

games, test answers, etc).

"I think it's great that the college is willing to do this for us," said Bee.

"With finals coming up, I could certainly use some rum and really bad eggs," added Warner. "Drink up me hearties, yo ho."

"With how quickly tuition rates are rising I would love if the college would help us out a little and have eggs containing a year's worth of tuition with no expiration date in them," added Astaire. "I think we could all use it."

The egg hunt is set to begin at noon on Friday and run until midnight. At midnight administration will be holding a ceremony to award the finder of the most eggs with the Golden Goose Egg from Willy Wonka's chocolate factory.

Administration would not answer what the Golden Egg would contain, but the rumor among the students is that it is tuition for the rest of their college

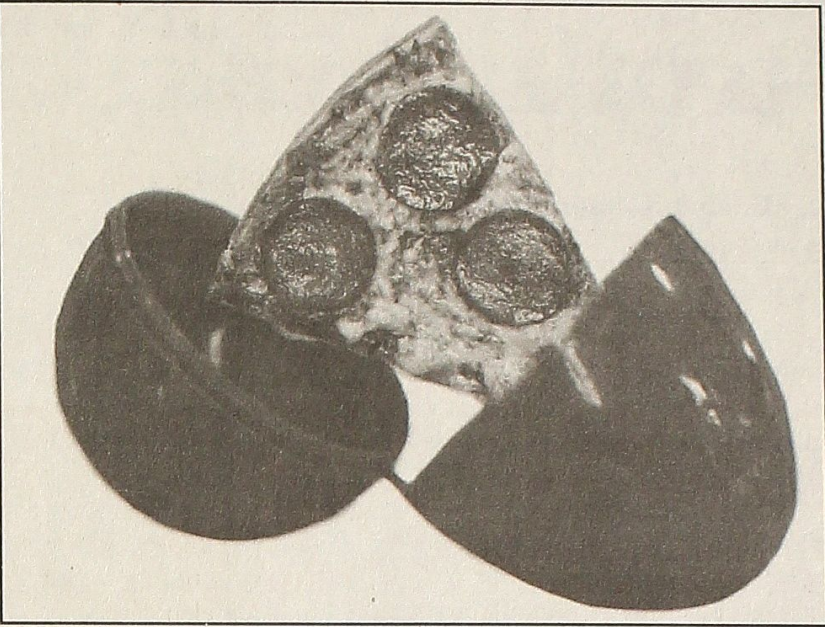
years (including graduate school and a doctorate program if the student so chooses) as well as any room, board, textbook and travel expenses during those years with no strings attached.

"Forget classes," said Ocelot. "I'm gonna do everything I can to find every single egg and get that shiny gold one."

The eggs will be well-disguised and hidden to make the hunt as difficult as possible; further rumors have spread that faculty and staff will have some eggs in their possession as well. Eggs will be placed on the roof and in secure locations, and the hard-boiled eggs that will be served in the cafeteria all day will have the eggs from the hunt hidden among them.

Administration did reveal that certain eggs do count for more than others, and that those eggs will be well-guarded.

"We have called in contacts with the FBI and CIA to ensure that the most important eggs



Ansley Adams: Paparazzi

Lucky students may find mid-day snacks in Easter eggs.

are kept safe," remarked one administrator who requested not to be named. "Of course, if any student can get past the fire pit, laser maze, highly trained assassins and break the riddle code locking the golden egg in its secret location, they would automatically win."

There are no rules to the egg hunt. While actually finding the most eggs for yourself is recommended, taking eggs that others have found or buying classmates off is not expressly forbidden.

"Threat Level Midnight" is the best movie ever made

By DUMPSTER DAVE
STAFF WRITER

The most anticipated film of the century, Michael Scott's "Threat Level Midnight", is finally arriving to a theater near you!

It took three years to write, one year to shoot, four years to reshoot and one year to edit. All of that work has resulted in what I believe may be the best movie ever made.

But the best thing about "Threat Level Midnight" is that it gives hope to all up and coming filmmakers. Michael is the branch manager of the Dunder-Mifflin Paper Company in Scranton, Pennsylvania. This shows that absolutely anyone can make a film and have it get a crack at a chance

to win the summer Oscar for Best Picture.

If Michael Scott can do it, anyone can.

This film has one of the best plots I have ever seen on screen. Scott plays Michael Scarn, a former secret service agent. He comes out of retirement when his archenemy, Golden face (played by Jim Halpert), threatens to blow up the NHL All-Star Game.

The film opens with the most realistic-looking gun battle ever made for a film. I couldn't believe my eyes (I think I even started crying).

Newspaper clippings tell us that Scarn has saved a few other professional All-Star games. But after his wife, Catherine-Zeta Scarn, is murdered by Goldenface, he fails at one of his missions. This is presumably what led him

to quit.

In what is probably the most intense scene in the history of film, we see Scarn tormented by the question of whether or not he should temporarily come out of retirement. He wisely leaves his decision up to a best of seven coin flip.

Watching him flip the coin was so nerve-wracking that it almost gave me a heart attack. And everyone stood up and cheered when, after the seventh toss, Scarn said "looks like there's going to be a cleanup on aisle five."

I think I even saw someone shed a tear.

Will Michael be able to face his demons and save the day? I won't spoil it for you. You'll have to see it for yourself.

And if I haven't already sold you on this incredible masterpiece,

then I will say that I learned a new and exciting dance move in "Threat Level Midnight." It's called "The Scarn."

I found myself doing that dance all night. I wanted to share that with you. I agree with the bartender, Billy (played by Andy Bernard, who is on a roll after his breakout performance earlier this year in a stage production of "Sweeney Todd: the Demon Barber of Fleet Street) when he says "there's a whole crowd of people out there who need to learn how to do the Scarn."

If you would have asked me a few weeks ago what is the best performance I have ever seen, I would have either said Heath Ledger as the Joker in "The Dark Knight" or Steve Carell as John du Pont in "Foxcatcher."

But after seeing "Threat Level

Midnight," there is no doubt in my mind that the accolade should go to Michael Scott for playing Scarn.

According to www.dumpsterdave.com, for the first time ever, next year's Academy Awards will form an award to accolade for best performance ever. It will be called "The Michael Scott Award."

I'm glad he is getting the recognition he deserves.

"The Shawshank Redemption" used to be the highest rated film on imdb.com, with a 9.3 out of 10 rating. It has now dropped to the number two seed, with "Threat Level Midnight" surpassing it with a 10.1 out of 10.

I give "Threat Level Midnight" six out of five stars.

The film is rated R for "Really, this is the best movie ever."

Failproof final study tips

By ANNIE MOUSE
STAFF WRITER

With final exams fast approaching, it is always a good idea to review the best ways to study and prepare for the big test week and get the best possible grades.

Knowing how to prepare is the first place to start. After that, the exam will just take care of itself. Below are 10 failproof tips to preparing for finals.

- Stay out all night.**
Staying out all night at parties is always a blast. Let's face it, having time to relax is the best way to go. Not getting any sleep the night before that final exam for a 400-level chemistry course is definitely a fail-proof way to pass the exam.
- Get drunk.**
Along with the party, of course, is relaxing with a nice bottle of beer. I can promise you that you won't regret waking up at 8 am after being black-out drunk. Having a hang-over is the best way to take an exam.
- Don't study.**
You've gone over all the

- material in class already. There's no reason to stress yourself out by going over the same notes all day and giving yourself a headache. Relax. The exam will take care of itself.
- Check Facebook.**
If you do decide to try and study, checking Facebook is essential. Everybody needs a brain break, and the best way to do that is by taking a few minutes to check your notifications and letting those five minutes turn into an hour and a few funny cat videos on YouTube.
- Gossip.**
There's no point in testing on academic material if you don't know the truly important things in life: what's going on in the world around you. How can taking a test that can affect your possible future career matter in the face of what Kim Kardashian was wearing today?
- Play video games.**
Video games are perhaps the best educational tools today. After all, everybody should know how to defeat an orc with a double-sided ax. Where else will you learn these essential life lessons?
- Hang out with friends.**
You have to have fun and

- maintain relationships with those around you. After all, a big part of college is the connections you make. So order a few pizzas, turn on a movie, and waste the night away.
- Watch late-night comedy shows or Netflix.**
This brings us back to relaxing. Everybody needs a few laughs once in a while, and what better way to get it than by watching Saturday Night Live re-runs or watching an entire season of Breaking Bad on Netflix?
- Count your money.**
Knowing how much money you have is essential. This can also take a lot of time, as college kids tend to be some of the richest people in America. Know what you have available to bribe your professor to get the grade you want.
- Read a fun book.**
You have a chemistry exam in the morning? Read Harry Potter. The best way to learn about chemistry is in a potions class with Snape. "Tell me, what would I get if I added powdered root of asphodel into an infusion of wormwood?" Come on people, this is elementary science.
- Good Luck. :)

Sudoku

- Sudoku is a type of number puzzle. If you're not familiar here are the rules;**
- Each 3x3 square can contain each number (1-9)
 - Each row and column can contain each number no more or less than once.
 - The puzzle is complete when all spaces are filled in.
- Sudoku difficulty is determined by how many numbers are initially filled in.**

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Lacrosse questions get answered; truth revealed about ever-present sticks

By **Rusty Shackelford**
Staff Writer

It has been the stuff of legend and inquiry around campus for years: why do the lacrosse players always carry their sticks around with them?

The rumors have swirled for years, with no clear answer. Many assumed it was for convenience, others guessed it was a status symbol, and many more believed that the players were always prepared for an impromptu game to start up.

The answer to this question can be found in the MIAA rulebook under section 6, subsection 7. This little known rule states that after the first day of official practice until the end of the regular season, a lacrosse game can be started at any time and any place.

This rule was put in place in 2001 to increase the competitiveness of the MIAA lacrosse schedule. This rule in part helped Albino College clinch the conference championship in 2003, when they busted into Almost College's cafeteria and hit the game winner in the mashed potato tray.

"It really is the most stressful part about playing lacrosse



A women's lacrosse player caught with her stick in the bathroom.

Elsa Switzerland; Important Person

here," said **Daric Mueller ('15)**. "It is always on the back of my mind. I'm the goalie, if I don't have my stick with me at all times, all hell could break loose."

Scott McDougie, a former Almost lacrosse player had to transfer schools because the

pressure became too great.

"I'd walk across campus and I'd always have to look behind me to make sure a game wasn't taking place. It was unnerving, I felt like I was paranoid," said McDougie. "It got so bad, I had a nervous breakdown and nearly burned my dorm down."

Some players love the intensity and the pressure that this rule provides. From some of the players interviewed, the rule is what really makes playing lacrosse in the MIAA exciting.

"It makes you feel like James Bond, dude," said **David Foster ('16)**. "You're constantly

looking over your shoulder, planning in case something happens, and humming the Bond theme song under your breath. It's a great time."

This rule has only been used a handful of times, teams citing that it does seem pretty unfair to have guys drive to other schools and start games in the middle of the day.

One anonymous MIAA official said, "Is the rule stupid. Absolutely, but it's not like people can actually change rules."

The MIAA tried to extend this rule to other sports, but with limited success and huge amounts of bodily harm.

In 2006, the Anytime Rule was extended to include football and baseball. The MIAA had to quickly backtrack, as "Bloody Tuesday" caused hundreds of innocent students to be injured by rogue fastballs and angry ball carriers at Trine.

The Anytime Rule has seen its fair share of controversy, but it seems it is here to stay. For all the ridicule that the lacrosse team has gotten over the years about carrying their sticks, you cannot put a price on being prepared.

The men's lacrosse team will face world champion Saskatchewan University of Interpretive Dance and Science on April 15.

Maxx Jolls ('16) is former star Rick Fox

By **KEITH STONE**
STAFF WRITER

One of the largest scandals in the history of the Almost College athletic department surfaced last week as a case of falsified identity may have forever stained its reputation.

After an extensive investigation by the NCAA, the athletic department of Almost College was forced to release a statement that revealed that former Almost College basketball player **Maxxton Jolls ('16)** is actually former NBA star, Rick Fox.

"This truly is a black eye on the face of the basketball program," said Coach Ryan Clark, "I feel ashamed for the role I played in covering it up."

Rick Fox is mostly known for his accomplishments with the Los Angeles Lakers in the early 2000s, but is also

somewhat known for his modest acting career which began with a supporting role as Clyde "Sweetfeet" Livingston in the film adaptation of Holes. Non-sports fans might best recognize Fox for his season spent opposite Cheryl Burke on Dancing with the Stars.

Fox reportedly assumed the false identity of Maxxton Jolls because he missed the game of basketball, but did not have any years of eligibility left due to his four seasons at the University of North Carolina.

"Honestly, I just felt like I had to prove myself again, especially to certain former teammates. Ever since I went to the Lakers, Kobe was just so mean. For seven years, we were teammates and he said some of the most hurtful things," said a teary eyed Jolls.

"Even after I retired, he would trash talk to me. Seven years after I retired, Kobe would still call me up late at night and talk smack about my wife at the

time, Vanessa Williams... man what is that guy's problem? So I felt I just needed to prove that I could still play, even at the age of 45."

Born in Toronto, Fox/Jolls was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 1991 where he played seven seasons before being released, after which he signed with the Los Angeles Lakers where he won three NBA championships alongside Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal.

After his acting career experienced a dip in 2012 after a small role on TNT's Franklin and Bash, Fox decided to forge transcripts, passports, and other documents that allowed him to effectively assume the identity of the fictitious Maxxton Jolls who claimed to be 18 at the time.

"In retrospect, I guess I should have realized that something was amiss during Jolls' freshman year when I noticed those three NBA championship rings that he always wears

around," commented Head Coach Sam Hargraves, "Also all of that authentic UNC gear from the 80's that he would wear to practice, that was super suspicious too."

Jolls is no longer a member of the Almost College basketball program, but the reasons have been largely speculative until this point.

"I think we were just lying to ourselves for the most part," added Hargraves, "I think I should've asked more questions in the beginning like 'isn't that the guy who played Chick Deagan in He Got Game?', but 6'7" small forwards with smooth jumpers and a great team mentality don't just fall out of the sky, so I was reluctant to do any true investigating."

Clark added "Once, Jolls was complaining about minutes and said 'this is just like when I had to play behind Glen Rice in '99' which I thought was a really odd thing to say for a college freshman"

"These NCAA scandals are serious matters and I'm sorry for the issues that I've brought to this program," said Jolls, "The only thing I can say is: at least I wasn't receiving any money for playing like what happened in the movie Blue Chips. Have you seen that? Blue Chips? I was in that movie back in 1994."

The coaching staff actively covered this information since they learned the truth during Jolls' sophomore season.

"I was finally able to put it all together when I saw Jolls sign the name 'Rick Fox' on his divorce papers with Vanessa Williams," continued Hargraves, "I told him he could finish out the season, but would not be able to play the following year."

The NCAA has ruled that Jolls may finish his pursuit of his art degree. But, as a punitive action, upon receipt of his Art degree, he will have to use his art skills to erect a sculpture of **Weston Kartes ('16)** outside of Hogan.

Almost athletes investigated for steroid use

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You may have seen or heard about the drastic transformation of two athletes over the past couple of months. It's not hard to notice the approximately thirty to forty pound weight gain, basically all muscle, of two of the prior more slim athlete's on Almost's campus.

"I was flabbergasted, I didn't even recognize them", said an anonymous bystander.

If you haven't guessed by

now, the two athletes under investigation are roommates, baseball player **Blake Ordiway ('16)** and baseball and basketball player **Matt Launstein ('16)**.

Ordiway and Launstein, both juniors are two of the more comical students on campus, always laughing, telling jokes and having a good time.

They may seem innocent from the outside by a reliable source close to the two said they've been trying to acquire steroids for the past year.

"It's been their goal to get bigger and the "seconds" in the weight room weren't working, sure Launstein has put on a

few pounds but Ordiway hasn't gained any muscle, he was begging to use them", said close friend, **Carrie Burns ('16)**.

It wasn't until recently that cause for concern arised. There seemed to be an unreasonably fast body transformation for the two. It came on within a month or so and to bring even more attention to them they both started to wear tank tops in the middle of winter, to show off their "ripped" pectorals, biceps, and triceps muscles.

Ordiway made sure everyone knew about it as well. It wasn't uncommon to walk through SAC and see Ordiway asking girls to feel his muscles or

take pictures with him while he flexed, he seemed to love the attention.

"It was creepy", said **Raeanna Zink ('16)**. "He was just coming up to girls and asking if they would like a picture with him. Who does that?"

As far as baseball goes, the increase in strength definitely showed for both pitchers.

Launstein increased his fastball to 94 mph and solidified himself as one of the best pitchers in the MIAA. He also has developed some extremely athletic moves on the basketball court, pulling off a between the legs 360 dunk in an individual workout recently.

Ordiway also increased his fastball to 92 mph, but with the speed came a loss of accuracy as he leads the league in batters hit with 19, almost one per inning he has pitched.

The NCAA has just started their investigation and it may take upwards of three months for them to conclude if in fact Ordiway and Launstein are taking steroids.

While the investigation is ongoing, look for them to continue to throw fast, throw down dunks, and ask for creepy pictures.

We will keep you updated on the investigation when more information becomes available.