

Sky bridge, Learning Commons myths busted

By ABIGAIL FERGUS
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Walking down the library stairs, diagonally across MacIntyre Mall and into Swanson Academic Center takes about 112 steps. If the two buildings were connected, the commute would be almost slashed in half to 58 steps.

Some students have mockingly dubbed the proposed addition between SAC and the library “the sky bridge,” with misconceptions of its true purpose.

The proposed construction of Learning Commons plays a part in Alma’s strategic plan of “developing the person and the professional,” “growing the college” and “creating a sustainable campus and community,” according to President Jeff Abernathy. It is meant to house new facilities, not to open a new lane for eyeball-glued-to-phone-screen traffic.

“The [latest] academic building—Swanson, named for our longest serving president—was built in 1973,” said Abernathy.

New classrooms will be housed in the commons to introduce learning spaces for the first time in more than 40 years. They won’t resemble SAC’s current “box full of desks” layout, according to Abernathy. These new academic facilities will assuage overflow in SAC and the library. The commons will be in a more centralized location than study areas such as the Center for Student Opportunity.

The structure will also hold the Anderson Center for Teaching and Learning (to improve teaching), extensions of the library’s work places and a cafe to replace Joe’s Place.

In 1969 Alma’s historical

academic building, Old Main, burned down.

“That was the signature building of Alma College,” said Abernathy. “It symbolized excellence in the Alma academic program. Since it burned, we’ve not had that symbol. Swanson is a terrific building but it’s utilitarian.”

Abernathy led the Strategic Planning Committee responsible for the commons and hopes this addition can be the new signature of Alma, as well as catering to education needs.

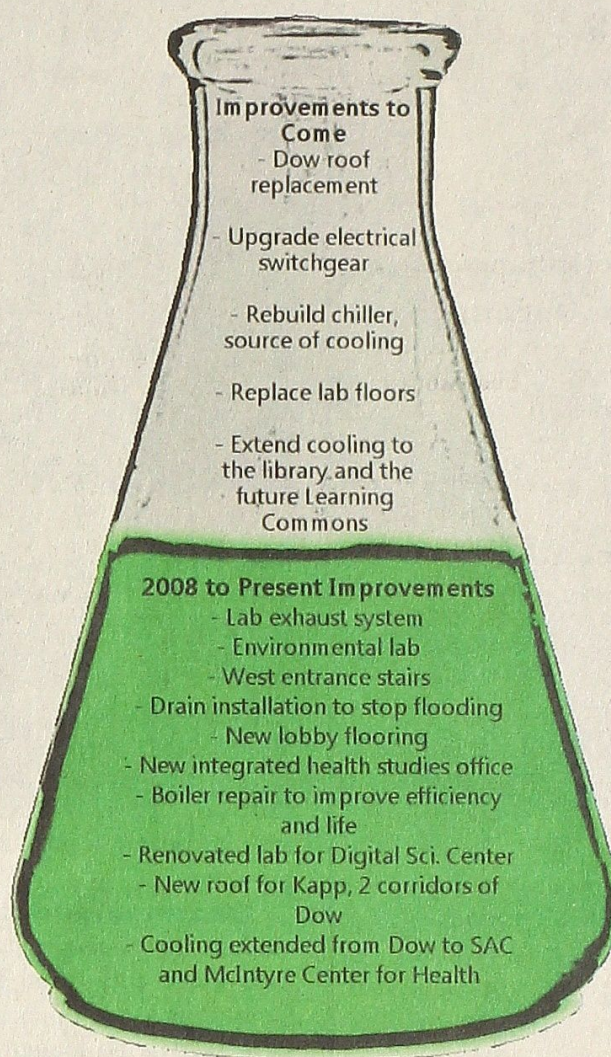
Construction will not begin for three years and will last for an additional two. Current students will not see the sky bridge nor the learning commons in their time on campus.

Students have expressed a desire for updates to the housing and academic buildings already present. Abernathy responded with talk of renovations. Changes to small housing are under way as a result of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fire and of fraternities stepping up.

“When we take down three houses, we take a lot of the deferred maintenance problems that we had off of our list,” stated Abernathy. “Now we’ve got to replace those houses and we’re slowly doing that.”

When asked about repairing sorority houses, Abernathy recommended starting a conversation with Matt Vandenberg, vice-president for advancement.

The Dow Digital Science Center will be built this summer in the first part of a \$22 million dollar modernization. Updates to labs and classrooms still stuck in the 60’s will occur after the completion of the Learning Commons. Both will be funded



Above: Improvements that have taken place since 2008 that will prepare Dow for further renovations and repairs yet to come.

Right: Through the anonymous web forum Yik Yak someone presumed to be a student started a conversation about desired changes on campus.

Abigail Fergus: Campus Editor

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by the Alumni endowment. Abernathy says this will give professors time to determine what scientists of today need out of their learning habitats.

Repairs that have already taken place will hopefully continue, according to Doug Dice, director of facilities.

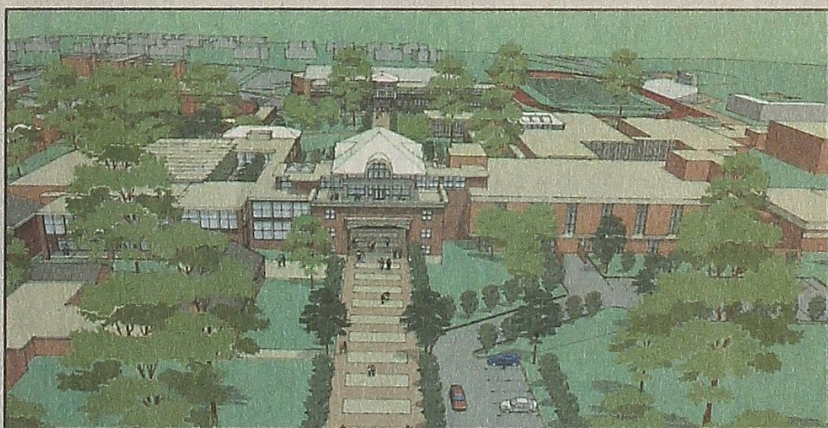
Abernathy shared that students

may voice their opinions on changes to campus by arranging meetings with administrators such as himself via email or by joining a committee. Academic Standards Committee, Co-Curricular Affairs Committee, Student Life Committee, Communications Committee, Campus Conduct Committee

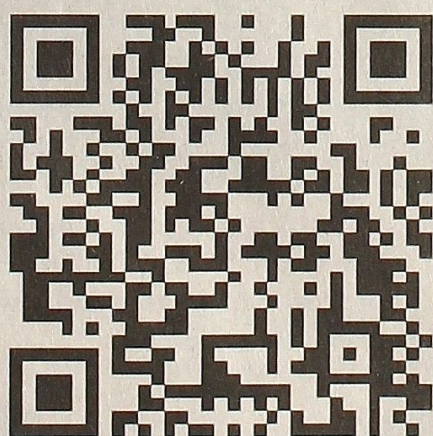
and Strategy and Planning Council all provide positions for students to participate in decision making, according to the student handbook.

If interested in joining one of the groups, contact **Joanna Delpaz ('16)**, president of Student Congress, at delpazijm@alma.edu.

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Clack adjusts to art, new media studies needs

By ALEXANDRA BOURNE
COPY EDITOR

Several students spent time on campus over the summer creating a new space in the Clack Art Center that has been christened the New Media Arts Collaboration Station.

“Over the course of the summer professors, students, and staff worked on renovating parts of the Clack Art Center,” said **Alec Gibson ('17)**. “As soon as it opens we hope that it will be a huge success.”

Gibson will be responsible for running part of the Collaboration Station.

“We’re going more with the spirit of the contemporary art where there is collaboration,” said Sandy Lopez-Isnardi, co-chair and professor of art and design. “It’s going to be an area for new media studies and art students.”

“We’re changing the whole building and degree to make it more collaborative. We’re changing the BFA to allow more flexibility for students.”

“The faculty also has studios upstairs open to talk. We’re changing almost every room in this building to be more open and less about just one media.”

Currently, the Collaboration Station will be limited in use only to those who are taking new media studies or art classes, though they do not have to major or minor in either department.

The hope is that the Collaboration Station will become a community of workers where more than one student can create any art piece and integrate various mediums of art.

“We don’t want any exclusiveness,” said Lopez-Isnardi. “It also allows our students to get into MFA programs. We hope to allow students to graduate with clear bodies of work. They’ll know what they love by the time they leave here.”

“The four main areas consist of the two student carrel areas, a redesigned studio art space and a new multipurpose room,” said Gibson.

The multi-purpose room incorporates bookmaking, a closet nicknamed The Hub for storage and rental of digital equipment, lighting, a green screen, animation, sound design, and more.

“The room was previously used as a poster shop for a previous professor,” said **Jacquellin Mow ('16)**. “The room fell to storage until just recently when we were able to open it up and change it to fit the growing needs of the digital section of Clack.”

“I hope it will become a space for everyone in Clack to use, especially since each of us needs some digital experience in this age to succeed in the art world.”

A large, open space, the room now known as the Collaboration Station was completely emptied and was re-designed into what is quickly becoming the future of Clack and art programs at Alma.

Clack is currently hosting the Student Show featuring work in all mediums from the past school year. The exhibit will conclude on Thursday, Oct. 8, with refreshments from 4 to 5 p.m.

This Week at
Alma College
September 14 - 20

Monday

Anthropology Club
8-9 p.m. SAC 103

Tuesday

Job, Internship Search Workshop
4:30-5:30 p.m. Center for Student Opportunity

Volunteer/Organization Fair
4:30-7 p.m.

Colleges Against Cancer meeting
8-11 p.m. Dow L4

Wednesday

MUN Info Session
6:30 p.m. SAC 110

Alt. Break Info Session
6:30-8 p.m. Dow L1

Thursday

Sigma Chi Derby Game
8 p.m. Chapel

‘Fordson: Faith, Fasting, Football’ movie
presented by InterFaith Council
7 p.m. SAC 110

Friday

Fiesta Baile
9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Tyler-Van Dusen

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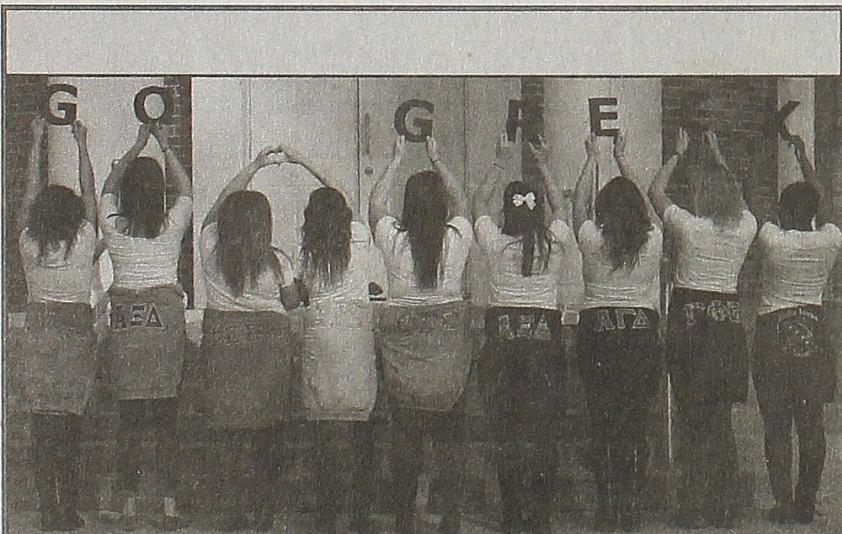


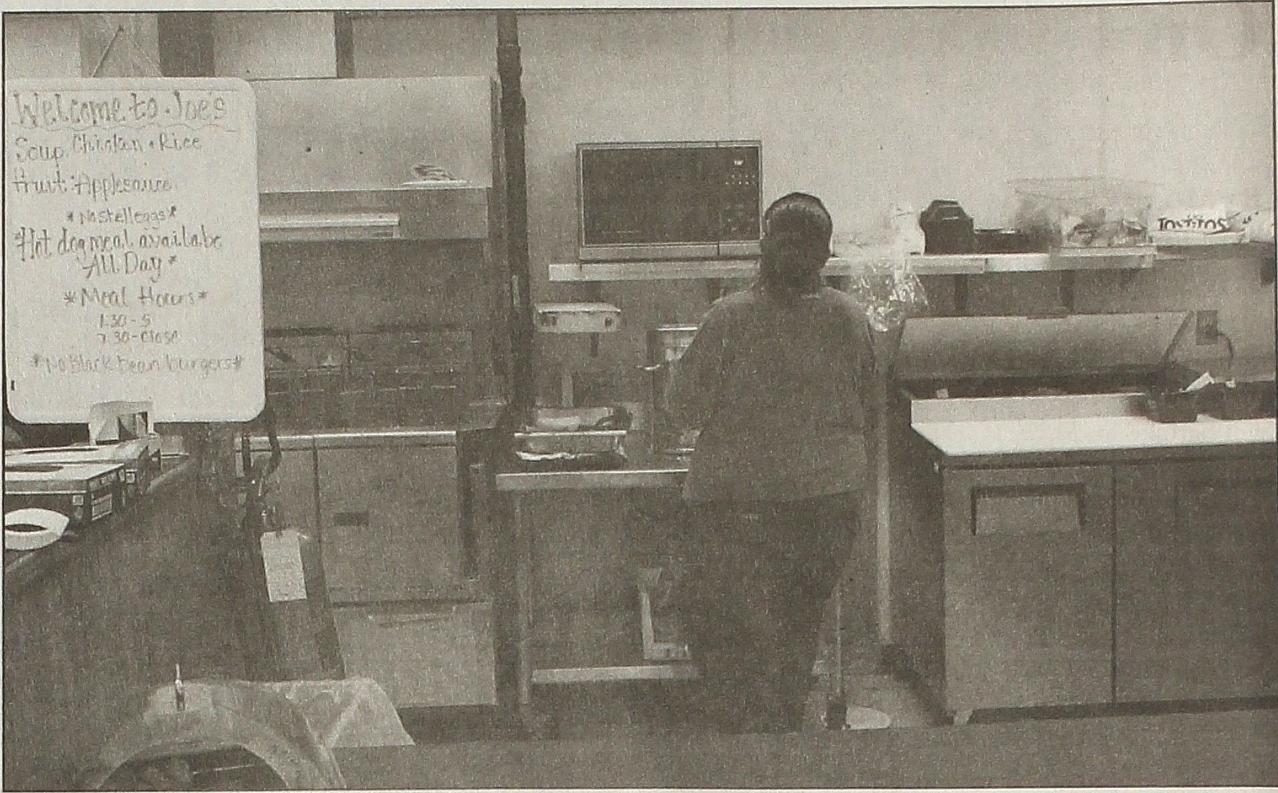
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Panhellenic Info Meeting

Thursday Sept. 17
7 p.m. Dow L1

Looking for a family on campus? Enjoy philanthropy work?
Join the sororites for a Panhellenic informational meeting and
discover how you can get involved in Greek Life.

Unexpected meal restrictions



Marcella Flury: Photo Editor

A worker prepares food in Joe's Place. Students can only pay for food through the use of a meal outside of Hamilton Commons's meal times.

By **ZACK BAKER**
STAFF WRITER

Word spread fast on campus this last Tuesday when Sodexo announced a new meal advantage program.

The new system in place allows students to use their meal plans at Joe's Place only when Hamilton Commons is not open for meals. Dow Cart is no longer a part of the meal advantage plan.

While Gary Brown, the Sodexo resource manager, maintains that good things are coming and that this change is only to "see how students react," the campus community has expressed its opinion on the matter.

"Although it's not as much of an inconvenience as I thought initially, it's just another thing to get acquainted with," said **Max Flagler ('18)**

As the year starts moving and students start to get busier, having to acquaint themselves with food is a bit of a roadblock, say students.

Hannah King ('17), a biology major, is "worried about the other science students, the freshman especially." Those who haven't quite figured out how to make time to "get meals between classes and labs," could be the most effected.

In response to the students who really feel they need

concessions similar to the ones Alma has had in the past, Brown said to contact him. He could help to make an exception and to work around schedules.

Brown insists that Sodexo is just "testing out the waters" and that "nothing is set in stone." He details plans for a new Executive Chef and General Manager, to be on campus full-time in the near future to help with the transition.

"I just hope they step it up at SAGA [Hamilton Commons]," says **Zack Kribbet ('18)**. "If it's the only place I can eat I hope I can actually enjoy the food this year."

Although the food may be on the right track, the queues at Hamilton have yet to improve. Long lines and slow restocks of food cost students more time out of already busy schedules and increase the displeasure with the cafeteria

"We want to streamline everything through Hamilton," said Brown. "This is our bread and butter."

While Hamilton's appeal aesthetically is hard to argue against, the lines out the door and presence of empty food areas, at times, are disconcerting.

Although students may not agree with reduced meal options at Joe's, the size of the menu may have been Brown's biggest concern. He said that fifteen

different meal options impedes Sodexo's ability to redirect traffic to Hamilton.

Brown continued to describe that there have been significant increases to the amount of traffic at Hamilton.

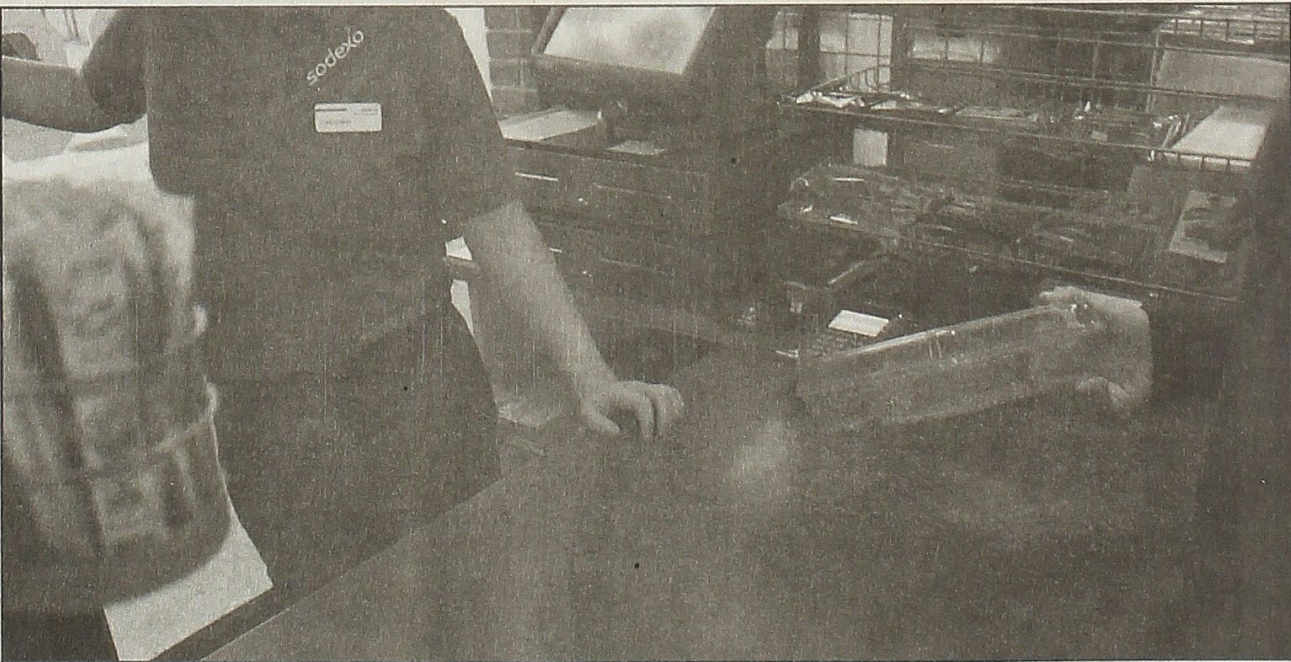
"We've seen [the new policy] actually work."

The new "choose to reuse" program, in conjunction with Joe's new limited menu and streamlining of Hamilton, helps to address an even bigger problem within the Alma community.

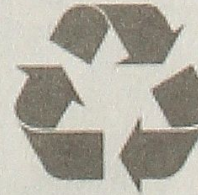
Brown detailed plans to work with and improve the food waste problem that Hamilton has with a week in the spring called "Waste Less Week." The Hamilton Commons employees will count and weigh all the waste that is left over on plates that are going into the dishwasher, giving students an idea of how much waste can actually be prevented.

With a "big push towards composting" Brown explains, a new destruction system that no longer involves landfills is in progress at Hamilton.

Brown is open to making it easier for students who are feeling upset by the new policies, but invites students to branch out and make meals at Hamilton Commons "social" again. With a new Executive Chef on the way, it is hoped that the food will improve with the cafeteria's waste footprint.



Joe's Place now offers reusable containers for \$4.99. Sodexo's goal is to be more environmentally friendly. Containers can be turned in for washing and in return students will receive a carabiner as collateral. This can be turned in the next time a hot meal is purchased and it will be replaced with a freshly cleaned, reusable container.



Hispanic Heritage Month

On-campus events bring diversity to Alma community

By **MONICA KUNOVSKY**
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Beginning Tuesday, the College will partake in the nationally celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Honoring our Heritage. Building our Future."

Due to its month-long duration—the entire celebration goes until Oct. 15—there are numerous events going on across campus.

Starting Friday, the Fiesta Baile will kick off the festivities and celebration.

At Fiesta Baile there will be several authentic Hispanic dishes from local restaurants and Hispanic community members.

Visitors to the event will be graced with a live mariachi band as they feast and will be able to play some traditional games as well as learn a few well-known cultural dances.

President of the Hispanic Coalition club, **Sam Kulhanek ('17)** said, "It may not be obvious to many students, but there is a vibrant Hispanic community in and around Alma, making this month's events a great opportunity to connect and bridge the gap between Alma College students and the Alma community."

She continued by sharing that if there are any students, faculty, or locals who would have liked to attend Fiesta Baile but are not able to attend the event, they can still get involved in the many other events happening later throughout Sept. and Oct.

The rest of this month features events including a seminar on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in SAC 109 given by attorney Susan Reed titled "Immigration



An authentic mariachi band plays at Fiesta Baile during Hispanic Heritage Month in the fall of 2014.

Photo courtesy of Almanian Archives

101: What Every American Needs to Know."

One particular faculty member who is involved with the planning of these events, Stephany Slaughter, associate professor of Spanish, is thrilled about the diversity-focused opportunities students will have with these festivities.

"Every American should know how low-income families are affected by immigration laws and learn more about the system. Especially now with elections coming up, and immigration reform being a hot topic."

Staphany Slaughter advises all students to attend the seminar presented by Susan Reed.

Daniel Wasserman, assistant professor of history, is also speaking at a seminar, discussing "Who

was the real Christopher Columbus?" on Columbus Day, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in SAC 109.

When asked about his part in the festivities, Daniel Wasserman explained that "Dr. Stephany Slaughter has been interested in opening activities to the community since we have a significant amount of Alma citizens with Latino background and it's nice to make students aware of this, as well as making the community feel like they have a special part in our school."

Members of the community are also getting involved with the planning and running of this event.

Maria Vetere is a fourth year veteran of the committee and loves to be involved with not only bridging the connection between

the Hispanic community and the Alma students, but also enjoying the exploration of cultures.

"[Fiesta Baile] is always a success and everything falls into place. It's great to connect with students and also spread the word of these festivities to other migrants in the community."

Vetere works exclusively with camps of recently migrated Mexican natives and helps them adjust and become comfortable in their new surroundings and home.

MariaPaz Ribadeneira ('17) shared that "I appreciate that this month is celebrated by Alma students for the Hispanic community. It is a good opportunity for everyone to learn outside the classroom and textbooks and encourage everyone to travel the world and

take a more global perspective on things."

At the end of Hispanic Heritage month on Oct. 8 there will also be a showing of *McFarland, USA*, as well as book club discussions regarding the book *Born to Run*.

Kulhanek reminds students to continue the support of diversity and inclusion across campus by "getting involved in one or more of Alma's various groups that deal with these issues such as the Hispanic 'Coalition,' 'Multi-Cultural Student Union,' 'International Club,' the 'Diversity & Inclusion Office', and more."

For more information regarding Hispanic Heritage Month, contact Kris Chessin, Sam Kulhanek, or Stephany Slaughter, or check out the Alma College website.

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Upcoming Events in the CSO

Tuesday, September 15

Job/Internship Search Workshop @ 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

Budgeting Workshop @ 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 17

Linked-In Lunch @ 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23

Credit Card Workshop @ 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 24

Resume Workshop @ 4:30

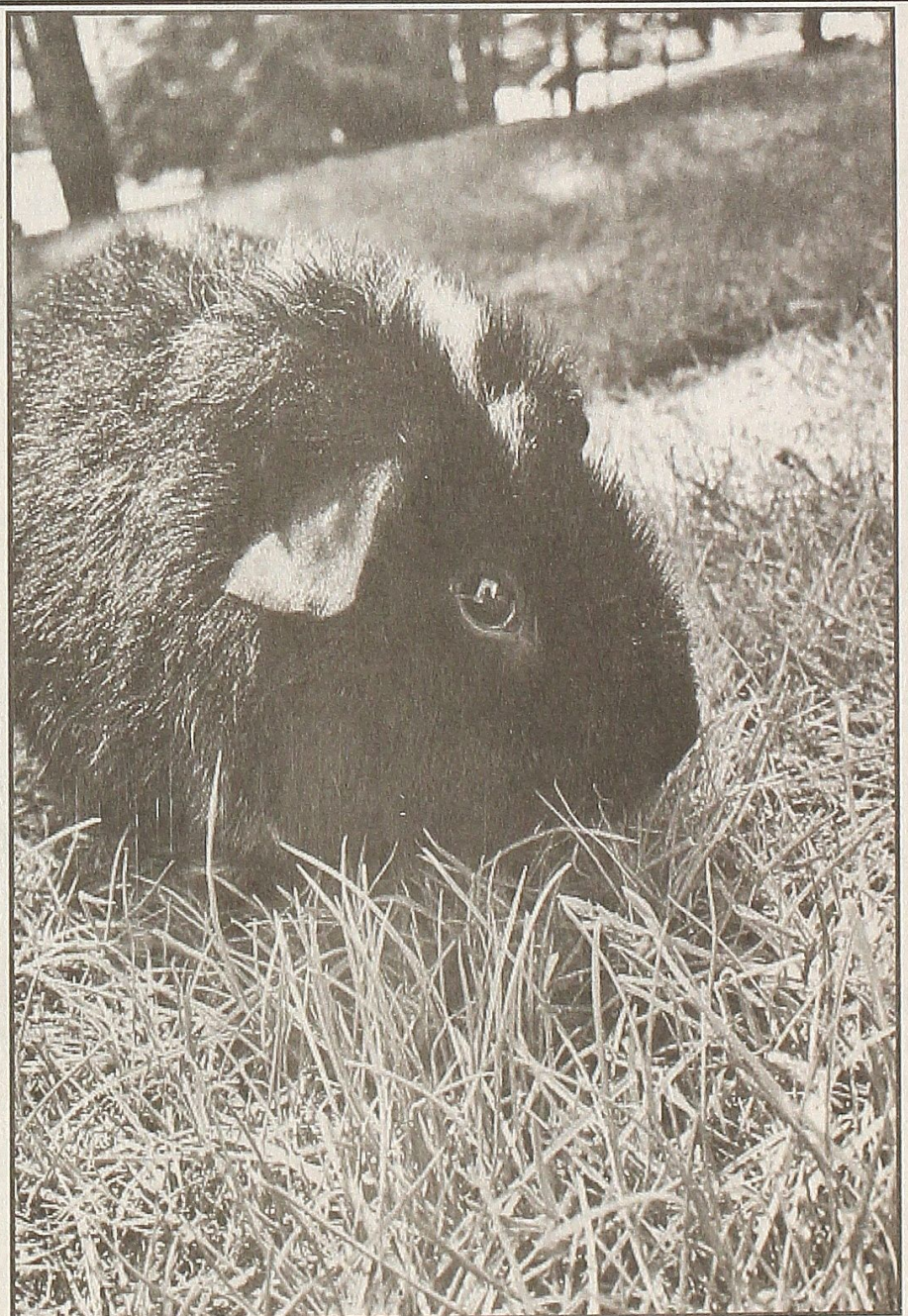


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Alternative breaks continue to alter lives

By MARGARET RAUSCH

STAFF WRITER

As students start to get back into their hectic daily schedules, Sallie Scheide, assistant director of Responsible Leadership Institute, and the student advisory board for alternative breaks have been discussing what opportunities students may have this coming year.

An information session will be held during Service Week on Wednesday Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Dow Li. The meeting will be led by the student advisory board and will consist of a question and answer session. "We will introduce the concept of alternative breaks—the who, what, when, where, and why—and also host a community partner from Lansing's Food Bank," said Scheide.

"When we have our break in October, we have opportunities to volunteer in Lansing at their warehouse and their gardens."

Alternative break participant **Maxim Short ('18)** said, "This meeting is a great opportunity for those who are interested in volunteer work to express their ideas and [provide] input on alternative programs."

"Additionally, this is a great opportunity for us to answer questions that students may have."

Short has experienced volunteering in a soup kitchen, local shelter, and a farmer's market in Tucson, Arizona. He also visited Selma, Alabama.

board, encouraged students of all ages to attend. "Experiences like these allow you to discover things that you are passionate about and to become close to the people you do service with."

Gurrola has travelled to the Fort St. Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan to volunteer for

Aaron Daggett ('17), who also traveled to Detroit, is promoting a high attendance for the meeting as well.

"It is a great opportunity to experience diversity and to get out of your comfort zone."

Daggett also visited Memphis, Tennessee and worked with the Ronald McDonald House. After both of his experiences, he developed a different view on his life. "I [learned] to never take anything in my life for granted."

Many other students have had similar life changing experiences while being off campus.

"It's an immersive experience," said Scheide. "Hopefully you can shut out the rest of the world during the three to seven days of the break."

The sites for the upcoming fall break will be available at the meeting along with applications for those who are ready to sign up.

"We will continue to add at least one in-state option," said Scheide. This may be a good option for students who do not want to travel far or cannot afford to go to a different state.

"We do hope that there is a learning component in [the experience]," said Scheide. "Service is wonderful for both the agency and yourself."

"It's an immersive experience. Hopefully you can shut out the rest of the world."
- Sallie Scheide

"In Selma we focused on understanding racial discrimination and the consequences of racism in modern America," said Short. "I was so inspired that after returning home from the break, my friends and I drove out the following weekend for the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday—a journey I will never forget."

Annika Gurrola ('18), a member of the student advisory

Cass Community Social Services and to the St. Vincent Islands of Florida to work alongside the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge.

While in Detroit, she learned that words can have a lasting impact. "As I worked with people who were dealing with homelessness, I became more aware of how I used casual phrases like 'I'm starving' or 'you are crazy.'"

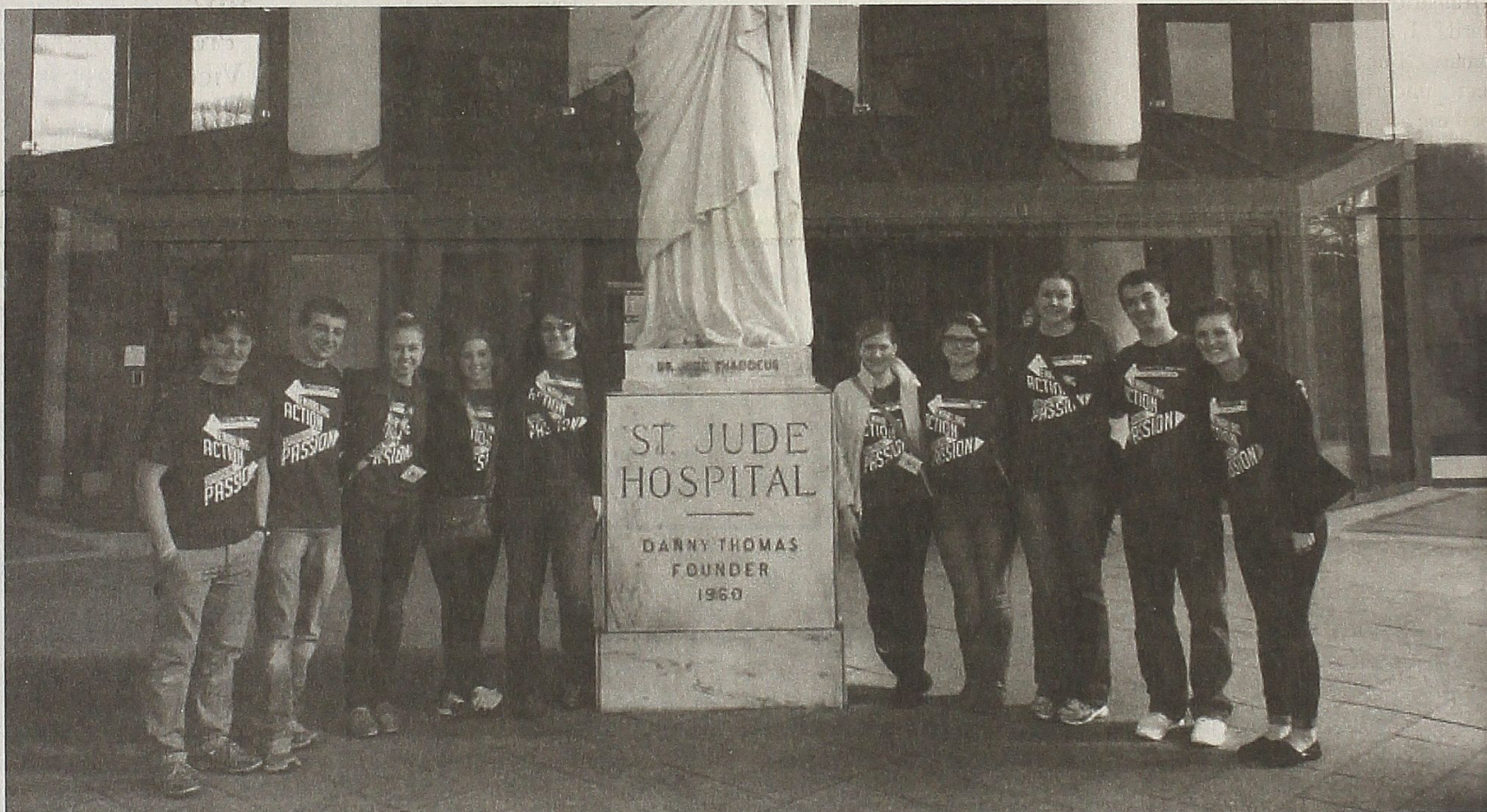


Photo courtesy of Aaron Daggett ('17)

A group of students of all ages stand by a statue in front of St. Jude's Children's Research hospital in Memphis, Tennessee while on their alternative break during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Spotlight: the Wilcox Health and Wellness Center

By HALEY PARKER

STAFF WRITER

Help: do not be afraid to seek it.

Even though school has just begun, students dove deep into the mire of tests, homework, papers, people, and student jobs this week.

Already hard enough to deal with when there is a sense of security and a web of trusted people that offer advice and confidentiality, freshmen face even greater stress with strange settings, freedoms, and upperclassmen.

The Wilcox Health and Wellness Center reached out to them through the Be a True Scot presentations on Aug. 31 and Sept. 4.

They presented the dangers of the bystander effect in cases that involved either alcohol or sexual

misconduct as a part of their prevention efforts focused on keeping the student body safe..

"I spoke at orientation [about] my incident last year," said **Erin Moore ('18)**, the peer educator who presented.

"I didn't know where to go or who to talk to. When I talked at orientation, I wanted to talk to the students saying this isn't a place where nobody goes, where it isn't 'cool' to go. They're not taboo to go to. They will help you even if you just failed a test and you need someone to vent to... It's fine."

According to Anne Lambrecht, director of counseling, these prevention efforts tend to give them the most publicity: Be a True Scot presentations, therapy dogs (who shall visit the library for stress relief on Sept. 24), and National Depression Screenings among them.

"I was looking at the unique students and found that about half the people show up at one point or another during their four

years here... Of course, I don't have any statistics yet, but the trend shows that this might be the case," Lambrecht said.

The Counseling Center also has a high degree of confidentiality and acts in most ways that a professional center would: by keeping records safe from everyone except in cases of extenuating circumstances (for more information, see their Web site).

"[It is] a place to go where you know your information is safe and that it won't leave that building and what you say will stay right there," said Moore.

"The college has a commitment to help and work with students, so the Wilcox Center is funded by the college," said Lambrecht.

She stressed that the counselors could be changed so that all could feel comfortable seeking help.

Each counselor has a different style of therapy, though all are Safe-Zone trained and licensed counselors in the state of Michigan. Their offerings include

individual, group, couple, and athletic counseling as well as referrals to other facilities.

Their resources page on the website includes self-tests for those looking for more information, as well as relaxation techniques and alcohol screenings, though the site does not state that these tests are confidential.

The center is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The center pairs with the Gratiot Mental Health clinic, which runs a 24-hour crisis hotline number so that people can receive after-hours help.

Otherwise, "The Wilcox Medical Center is not affiliated with the county facility. Though we are connected through our profession, we share no funding or record keeping with them. However, sometimes we collaborate to help keep our students safe," said Lambrecht.

"Hopefully we are a trusting and confidential place where no problem is too big or too small."

Forecast: Persistent meteor showers expected for the year

By ABIGAIL FERGUS
CAMPUS EDITOR

One white smudge paints itself above us as we rumble down a dark road in a red truck. We pass through a yellow-tinted tunnel and halt at the flicker of a great horned owl before surpassing a winding hill to the beach.

We search for perseid meteors. Once Thomas and I have our feet sucked into the sand and heads shrouded by night-sky, he shares fear about college. "I'm lowering my expectations to be safe."

Now I'm in the lurching, devil-may-care car belonging to Josh, my first boyfriend. He states that it's better to be pessimistic; no one can let you down.

My head shakes; a corner of my mouth twitches. "It's better to be optimistic. I'd rather someone disappoint me and hurt me. You end up hurting others if you doubt them."

Another day Josh and I share happier tones. We agree to cease having expectations. We will turn off our overactive imaginations. No mishap nor adversary will rain on our parade if we stop hoping for one.

"Transitioning to college is hard," I admit to my friend Thomas. "But I've learned to expect uncertainty, and that helped me adjust."

Suppressing daydreams to fulfill my pact with Josh was clipping off an aspect of my personality. I couldn't do it.

Having zero expectations does not protect you. It leaves you uninspired to chase your future. Not allowing yourself to muse, like taking Xanax, eliminates the hopes with the anxieties.

This impairs open-mindedness. What if hanging out isn't more fun than my Netflix plans? What if this job opportunity cuts into my binge watching?

With your creativity and sense of adventure shot, you expect others to deliver a business proposal before you set a foot out the door. You can't know what relationships and big breaks are slipping past your folded arms.

Expecting the unknown opens doors. It inspires you to find and seize opportunity. Flexibility in your anticipations, like meditating, siphons out negativity and allows you to see the light in every experience.

In plan making, you can't know every detail. On a recent quest to find luna moth caterpillars I did not end up empty handed. I did not find any caterpillars either. Instead I swam a quarter-mile down the shore of a pond, tilted back into the waters below a pine tree and gazed up to make eye-contact with a bald eagle. My search did not go as I anticipated, but I was not disappointed.

Similarly, I did not expect the wall of doubt and questioning I battled upon coming to Alma. Am I smart enough to be here? Why do I deserve to be here? How do I connect to God? Why have I lost my self-confidence? What am I doing to better the world?

Instead of focusing on classes and finding new friends, I was caught in my head tormenting myself. I had no looking glass to reveal a school year of committing to enlightening classes, giving back in new ways, hashing out my spiritual life, constructing a concrete morale and developing empowering relationships. I took restless walks when I should have been sleeping, zoned out when I should have been learning and secluded myself when I should have been bonding.

When I'm asked how my first year of college was, my ready response is, "hard!" I continue to outline the unexpected turbulence and blessings that come my way. I finish, "By the end of the year I finally figured it out, and I'm ready to go back."

Perseid meteors flick into view, streak across the sky and dodge behind darkness. Our sense of wonder grew with each shooting star as they surprised us from every corner of the atmosphere.

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6:30pm in DOW L1

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Weekend Highlight: Lucky MacDuck Day

This last weekend community members and students gathered downtown for the annual Lucky MacDuck Community Day. The event brings the town and the college together with different community events such as games, music, and raffle. The keynote event is the rubber duck race in which participants release them into the pine for a race to the finish. The Alma Highland Festival Queen of Scots First Runner Up (Kasia Majkowski) and the Wee Queen of Scots (Jazmyne Cushman) also attended the event.



Summer full of pop music discoveries

By PAIGE DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Waiting for school to begin again makes one go to desperate measures for entertainment. Mine became the seemingly desolate wasteland of top 40 pop.

In previous summers, the distant hum of top 40 radio was an unwelcome companion in fluorescent-lit supermarkets and stores my mom dragged me into against my will. One of the great plot twists of my life was learning to love those often despised “songs of the summer” that are played endlessly on top 40 radio.

The summer months provided me with many unlistenable radio hits (“See You Again” by Charlie Puth feat. Wiz Khalifa anyone?), songs that I would not wish on kids at an awkward middle school dance. However, not all songs of the summer caused me to immediately jerk forward and

change the radio station in the car.

Fetty Wap, permanently cemented in my mind as the man who introduced us to his stove, came through with melodic beauty in his hit single, “Trap Queen.” OMI’s “Cheerleader” follows a similar pattern of undeniable melody, which translates into a ridiculously catchy chorus.

The lean towards electronic dance music-influenced pop (EDM) is extremely apparent in other hit singles like the two Diplo-produced tracks that both went platinum in the U.S., “Where Are Ü Now” by Jack Ü, Diplo, and Skrillex (with Justin Bieber), and “Lean On” by Major Lazer (feat. MØ and DJ Snake). These two tracks have a very exotic feel to them, dabbling in production techniques that are fresh and unique to the EDM genre.

In “Where Are Ü Now,” Skrillex employs the stylistic choice of pitching up Bieber’s voice to supply the main melodic phrase in

the bass drop. “Lean On” utilizes an identical technique, a morphed sample of MØ’s feather light voice at the end of the song that sends your head spinning.

Pop provocateur and viral hit maker Halsey debuted at #2 on the Billboard 200 last week with “Badlands,” a desert-tinged, atmospheric concept album. Her lead single “New Americana” can be quite jarring on first listen, but her more subtle message of diversity in the new millennia is admirable. A mixture of youthful splendor and world-weariness, Halsey could easily be considered the brainchild of Lorde and Lana del Rey.

Carly Rae Jepsen’s new album “Emotion” is one of the best pop releases of the year. Spending time in New York City after “Call Me Maybe” demolished the charts, Jepsen reinvented her approach to bubblegum pop by working with well-regarded indie producers, including Sia. Her 80s-influenced sound is the triumphant and

inevitable sibling to Taylor Swift’s “1989,” if Swift incorporated more funk and experimented more freely.

Jepsen teeters on the brink of love, making songs to soundtrack the nervous excitement before a committed romance. “Run Away With Me” is highly recommended.

Newcomer Alessia Cara turned heads with her debut single, “Here,” a slice of angsty R&B-inflected pop. Many college students can relate to her feelings of introversion at a party, surrounded by foreign people and wanting to escape the crowd. Her extended play album “Four Pink Walls” announces her timely arrival to the current state of pop, when subgenres and sonic dichotomies are finally peeking through the blinds.

These recent releases highlight the growing landscape and availability of interesting pop singles. The songs of the summer, while sometimes insufferable, are

actually indicative of fresh trends to come in the fall.

Pop is ever-changing and random hits seem to appear without explanation. But when you pay attention to certain tendencies in popular music, it becomes a game of prediction, and most importantly, enjoyment.

Now that summer is over, there will be more hits to come. Right now, I am still basking in the glory of these songs with their distinct little quirks and their unadulterated pride in just being a pop song. Maybe that’s exactly it—when I try too hard to think about songs of the summer having a formula created to pander, I lose sight of their charming simplicity and even miss what makes them stand out. Especially since newer songs are breaking the mold and fostering a different set of rules, have faith that the next pop hit will keep me from turning off the radio.

Included below is a list of upcoming fall pop releases.

Lana del Rey	Chvrches	Disclosure	Fetty Wap	Neon Indian	Grimes	Justin Bieber	Coldplay	Ellie Goulding	Sky Ferreira
“Honeymoon”	“Every Open Eye”	“Caracal”	“Fetty Wap”	“VEGA INTL.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.	“A Head Full	T.B.D.	“Masochism
Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Night School”	October	Nov. 13	of Dreams”	November	T.B.D.
				Oct. 16			T.B.D.		



Word Search

Word searches are a puzzle consisting of letters arranged in a grid which contains a number of hidden words written in various directions. This word search contains words from events and places around campus. Circle all found words and remember that some letters can be shared between words.

For an extra challenge of sorts try to find the words alphabetically.

WORD BANK

- AUTUMN
- CHILLY
- DONUTS
- LATTES
- ORANGE
- SCHOOL
- THANKSGIVING
- BACK
- CIDER
- FOOTBALL
- LEAVES
- PUMPKIN
- SPICE
- BONFIRE
- CORN
- HALLOWEEN
- MAZE
- SCARVES
- SWEATERS

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O	T	B	Y	I	D	E	L	G	V	Y	M	A	Z	E
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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 through 9) no more or less than once.
 - 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. This sudoku is considered “medium.”
- There are many different types of sudoku, so if you like this, try out some more!

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Sports Bulletin

Monday

Women's Soccer
Adrian College at Alma at 4 p.m.

Tuesday

Cross Country
MIAA Jamboree at Olivet
at Bedford Valley CC at 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Volleyball
Albion at Alma at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer
Alma at Hope College at 1 p.m.

Thursday

Women's Soccer
Alma at Olivet at 4 p.m.

Friday

Women's Volleyball
Alma At Delaware, Ohio at 2 & 4 p.m.

Saturday

Cross Country
MIAA Jamboree at Alma
at Pine River CC at 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer
Alma at Kalamazoo at 2:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer
Olivet at Alma at noon.

Women's Volleyball
Alma at Delaware, Ohio at 10 a.m.

Football
Rockford at Alma at 6 p.m.



CC at Knight's Invitational

Adam Sanchez ('16)

paced the Scots as he collected 18th place overall, with a time of 25:51.

Kaitlyn Arnold ('17)

started her season off on a high note as she placed 10th overall with a time of 18:35.

Chelse Van Spronsen ('18) placed 70th with a time of 19:50.

The Scot's next race will be Sept. 26, at Hope College for the MIAA jamboree.

BY BRENT LUPLOW
SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday the Alma College men's and women's cross-country teams traveled to Calvin College to compete in the Knight Invitational which included 28 teams.

The women's team took home 14th place while the men's team collected 21st place overall.

Men and women's soccer Scots drop home openers

By ERIC ROHDE
SPORTS WRITER

The Alma College men's soccer team played its home opener at Scotland Yard last Thursday against Aquinas College. The Scots quickly fell behind after an Aquinas goal in the fourth minute of the game.

Despite leading in shots and corner kicks in the first half, the Scots were unable to make any headway, going into the break trailing 1-0.

Spencer Sandow ('16) and **Sam Faardeau ('18)** each had two shots with one on goal in the first half.

Alma attempted to rally without much success as Aquinas scored again in the 70th minute and 80th minute, which sealed the victory for the Saints with a score of 3 to 0.

Alma ended with five of their 13 shots being on goal - two coming from **Ryan Schoonover ('16)**. Their next match is scheduled for Wednesday against conference rival, Hope College, at 7 p.m. The Scots will also host Olivet College at Scotland Yard Saturday at noon.

The women's soccer team hosted Albion in their home opener last Saturday. The Scots held the Britons to a stalemate through the first half.

Albion took the lead with a goal in the 55th minute. This would be

the only goal scored due to the goal keeping of **Kelsey Postema ('18)** who tied her season high of seven saves. Unfortunately for the Scots, the single goal would be enough for Albion to come away with the victory.

The Scots concluded the day with seven of 16 shots being on goal. **Lyndsey Malson ('16)** led the team with three shots, one of which was on goal.

Adrian College comes to Scotland Yard today to face our Scots at 4 pm. Alma College then goes on the road for the rest of the week to play against Olivet College on Thursday and Kalamazoo College on Saturday.



Evan Shirkey ('18) waits for the ball to come his way and focuses on the action on the field. Zack Baker: Staff Photographer



Lyndsey Malson ('16) squares off with her opponent and aims for the goal. Brianna Yaroeh: Staff Photographer



Kelly Wilson ('16) attempts to get away from two of her opponents that are quickly closing in. Brianna Yaroeh: Staff Photographer

Women's volleyball begins conference play



Dorothy Buening ('18) zeroes in on her opponents as she offers them up a strong jump serve.

Brianna Yaroch: Staff Photographer

By MAXXTON JOLLS
SPORTS WRITER

The Alma College volleyball team started the 2015 conference season opener with a win at Kalamazoo College last Wednesday.

The Scots managed to squeeze out wins in the first, third, and fourth sets to give them a 3-1 advantage. Alma, after being tied up at 19, grabbed the lead and took the first set, but didn't deter the Hornets as they came storming back to take the second set.

The next two sets went to Alma, as they never looked back with two breakout runs.

Sasha Laykova ('17) led Alma with 12 kills, five service aces (tying

her career high) and 12 digs. She couldn't have done it without the assistance of her teammates: **Kendall Sells ('17)** and **Maggie Miller ('16)** who contributed seven kills and three block assists each; **Hannah Guilford ('16)** had seven kills and 15 digs; **Molly Lark ('17)** led the Scots with 22 digs.

On the 11th the Lady Scots continued the conference play when they traveled to Hope College, unfortunately losing all three sets.

Alma attacked in the first set with an early lead, but the Dutch fought back with runs of its own to claim the win, 25-22.

The second set began similar to the first. The Scots jumped out to an early lead thanks to four Hope errors, but the Dutch prevailed 25-

20.

Hope took the reigns next, jumping out to an early 6-3 lead, but Alma came storming with a 9-3 run of their own. Alma still came up just short, dropping the third and final set 25-20.

Dakota Pelach ('18) ended the evening with six kills, 19 assists and 16 digs. **Madison Smith ('17)** assisted

with five kills of her own, along with Lark, who tacked on a team high of 19 digs.

The Scots ended the three-game week with their home opener last Saturday taking on the Comets of Olivet.

In a five set battle, Olivet took home the victory, but each match was highly contested.

After taking the early lead with a kill from **Dorothy Buening ('18)**, Alma gave up a crucial error that lead to the Comets taking the lead.

The Scots tied the game up twice down the stretch, but fell 25-20.

The second set went down to the wire after Alma led 11-5 only to have Olivet storm back with a 8-3 run. Errors plagued the Comets that helped Alma take the second set 27-25.

The third set also went the distance as both teams were notched at 18. Alma fought back, but lost 25-22. Set number four went to the Scots after a kill from Pelach and a service ace from Laykova sparked them to a 25-20 win.

The Comets took the fifth set to end the afternoon as Alma lost 3-2. With the loss, the Scots fell to 1-1 overall and 1-2 in MIAA play.

After playing a tough tournament to start the year before conference play, head coach Sarah Dehrin said, "Those matches really pushed us and taught us a lot, which will help us as we take on our tough conference schedule. I'm looking forward to seeing this team improve throughout this season and finish strong in the MIAA and at the National level."

Alma conference play continues this Wednesday, September 16 as they host Albion beginning at 6:30

Football team now 1-1, fall to Wesleyan, 49-14

By MAXXTON JOLLS
SPORTS WRITER

The Alma College football team looked to improve their record to 2-0 last Saturday as they traveled to Illinois Wesleyan. After an impressive game last week shutting out Finlandia 43-0 -marking its first shutout since 2008-Alma tried to continue its winning ways.

Alma started strong, but it was Illinois Wesleyan that came out the victor, the final score being 49-14. The Titans posted 583 yards of total offense against Alma who posted just 232 total yards.

The Scots dropped to 1-1 on the season as they started off the day driving the ball downfield into Titan territory, but an interception from **Dylan Zaborowski ('18)** on the 1-yard line ended that drive short.

Alma's defense made up for the turnover, holding Wesleyan to a three-and-out on its opening drive. After the punt, Zaborowski led the offense from the 26-yard line. In just eight plays, Zaborowski scored from one yard out to take a 7-0 lead.

The Titans didn't shy away and came back to score with their own quarterback, Jack Warner, from two yards out to tie the game up at 7-7.

For most of the second quarter, both teams were at a stalemate, with Alma blocking a 37-yard field goal attempt. Unfortunately, with 4:08 remaining, Wesleyan scored again to make it 14-7.

Alma answered back quickly,

moving the ball 63 yards in six plays, scoring on a 26-yard pass from Zaborowski to **Erik Hines ('16)**. Alma ended up tying the game at 14.

However, the Titans marched down the field and scored on their next possession with only a minute left to take a 21-14 lead into halftime.

The Scots came out strong in the second half with a big interception by **Troy Gahm ('16)**, but Alma couldn't get anything going after that. The Titans, however, continued their scoring ways as they put up 28 points in the second half while Alma went scoreless.

Zaborowski ended the afternoon completing 14 of 26 passes for 98 yards and added 32 rushing yards on nine carries. Hines finished with five catches for 53 yards to lead all receivers while **Dan Hagan ('18)** added six catches for 47 yards. Defensively, **Aaron Davis ('16)** notched 10 tackles to lead the Scots and **Zac Peterson ('18)** had a career-high eight stops and three sacks.

"The biggest thing is that we have to get back and regroup," said Greg Pscodna, head coach, in regards to next week's home opener against Rockford College. "Rockford is 2-0 right now and they are flying high and looking forward to coming into Alma trying to go 3-0. We have to get back to the drawing board, get a little better defensively, convert on third downs, and if we do that it will be a great game under the lights."

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