

## Court talks of homecoming hopes

By ALEXANDRA BOURNE  
COPY EDITOR

Ten fine seniors were elected by their classmates to the 2015 Homecoming Court.

**Victoria Bishop ('16), Kris Chessin ('16), Luke Condon ('16), Nicole Eccles ('16), Jade Edwards ('16), Alex Karapas ('16), Emily Kirby ('16), Thomas "TJ" Koehler ('16), Shanyn Rapson ('16), and Justin Thelen ('16)** each received an email last Saturday informing them of their nominations.

"I was very excited to find out that I was on homecoming court and thankful for the individuals who nominated me," said Bishop.

"I understand that this is a huge honor, and the fact that I was nominated by my peers made me feel very happy and proud," said Karapas.

"I was really surprised, honestly," said Condon. "I never really pictured myself as a popular guy, so the fact that more than one person thought I should be on homecoming court was a welcome surprise to me."

"I was really excited and a little bit disbelieving," said Koehler. "Nicole and I had joked about it last year, but I think we were both a little surprised when it actually happened."

All court members are Michigan natives except Eccles who is from La Mesa, Calif.

"I'm a bagpiper, so I came for the pipe band," said Eccles.

"My favorite part of homecoming is seeing so many people walking around campus wearing Alma shirts and colors," Eccles continued. "There's just a really great spirit on campus."



Photo courtesy of Laura Von Wallmenich

**Top: Emily Kirby, Jade Edwards, Shanyn Rapson, Nicole Eccles Bottom: Justin Thelen, Victoria Bishop, Luke Condon Not pictured: Alex Karapas, T.J. Koehler, Kris Chessin**

"I want to be Homecoming King because it would be a big step for me as a trans man," said Chessin. "Homecoming King is a title given to a man and winning it would be one of the most validating honors that Alma College could give a trans man."

Members of the court will take part in the homecoming parade this Saturday at 11 a.m. except Condon, who will be taking his LSAT (law school admission test).

Many court members expressed that their favorite part of homecoming is talking to all the alumni.

"I love to learn alumni where-are-they-now and their success stories," said Rapson. "Alma can really take you great places and our alumni are excellent examples of that."

"My favorite part about homecoming is meeting and

talking with so many alums," said Kirby. "I like to listen to them tell stories about when they were students here. Obviously there are a lot of differences between some alum's experiences and ours, but it's amazing how many similarities there are."

"My favorite part of homecoming is seeing everyone that graduated come back and spend time with all of their younger friends," said Koehler. "I love seeing the people that I miss."

Short biographies on the portal about each candidate helped students vote for king and queen last week.

Eccles wants to be queen so she can have another great thing to look back on.

"I've also always wanted to be royalty, so there's that," she said.

"I want to be homecoming

queen because I see it as an amazing honor to represent my class and Alma College," said Bishop. "It is also something that I have wanted since I was a little girl."

"I would love to be Homecoming King because of what it stands for and because it is chosen by my peers which would mean a lot," said Karapas.

Condon expressed his wish to become king because of what Alma has come to mean for him.

The biographies online list the candidates' hometown, major, activities they are involved in, their plans for after Alma, and their favorite Alma memory.

Additional questions also include what animal they would be and why, what their greatest strength and flaw is, embarrassing childhood stories, and how they have changed during their time at

Alma.

"I loved the fact that professors knew their freshmen students by name," said Rapson when asked why she came to Alma College. "I know I made the right choice because I have really great connections with my professors. That is not something every college student can say."

"I went on quite a few college visits when I was in high school, and they were all right but there was something always off," said Koehler. "Then I went to Alma and the campus was beautiful in comparison. The tour guide was so friendly, and the staff and coaches I met were nothing but welcoming. It felt like the place I was meant to be, and so it was the place I chose to spend my college career."

Edwards and Thelen were unable to be interviewed.

## CSO bustles with fall activities

By MARGARET RAUSCH  
STAFF WRITER

October contains not only the beautiful colors of the changing leaves and the excitement of Halloween, but it is chock-full of volunteer opportunities and events offered by the Center of Student Opportunity.

The CSO wraps up September with the Diversity Meet and Greet on Sept. 30 from 4-6 p.m. in Tyler-Van Dusen.

"This event is a great opportunity for students to become acquainted with the great amount of diversity we have on campus," said Cindy Smith, coordinator of financial counseling.

Student organizations such as the KCP Program and the Multicultural Student Union will have booths set up to discuss their role in promoting diversity throughout campus.

Smith counsels students who are in need of both urgent monetary assistance and long term financial planning. Not only does Smith meet with students one-on-one, but she also hosts the Financial Literacy Workshops. They occur every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the CSO.

All classes can each attend the workshop: "Creating and Using a Budget," "Identity Theft," "Saving

and Investing/Bank Accounts/Paying Bills," and "Looking at Job Offers," respectively.

Smith is also helping to host the Diversity Dialogues on Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Thistle Room located in Hamilton Commons. Athletic Director Steven Rackley will lead the discussion, but it will mainly consist of a question and answer session between students, faculty and staff.

For students looking for a permanent volunteer experience, there will be College Positive Volunteer training on Oct. 8 and Nov. 10 in the Library's Smith Room.

On Oct. 2, the Career EXPLO will take place in the Stone Recreation Center from 3-5 p.m. All students should consider attending.

"This event is for students of all ages," said Kirsten Simmons, assistant director of the CSO. "It is not just for students who are looking for jobs and internships in the near future. It is a great way to make connections and get advice on a potential career path."

There will be a variety of employers from all over Michigan covering a vast amount of career fields. A number of alumni will attend.

Students can also have free professional photos taken that can be used for websites such as

Linkedin.

Business attire is required. Students do not have to bring a resume, but it is highly recommended.

Fall Festival will take place on Oct. 29 in Downtown Alma. There will be many volunteer opportunities that will be announced when the date nears.

Another great way to find internships is through the Chicago In-City Program information sessions on Oct. 6 at 12:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Thistle Room and at 4:30 in the CSO. There will also be two on Oct. 7 at 12:30 p.m. in Hamilton Commons in Scot's Corner and at 4:30 p.m. in the CSO.

This experience takes place over Spring Break and focuses on teaching students how to interview and network in order to secure an internship. Applications for the program are due Friday, Oct. 16.

Students can also do some traveling over Winter Break and Spring Break through the Alternative Breaks Program. Applications come out for both breaks on Oct. 21.

"The CSO is so many different organizations," said Karen Klumpp, director of the CSO. "There are so many opportunities for students to get involved and learn how to prepare for their future."



### CSO Events

**Sept. 30** Diversity Meet and Greet.

4-6 p.m., Tyler-Van Dusen

**Sept. 30, every Wednesday** Financial Literacy

Workshop, 3:30-4:30 p.m., CSO

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**Oct. 6** In-City info session, 12:30 p.m., Thistle Room

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**Oct. 16** In-city applications due

**Oct. 21** Alternative Break applications released

**Oct. 29** Fall Festival, downtown Alma



## This Week at Alma College September 28 - October 4

### Monday

ACUB Homecoming Photo Contest  
Maroon: photo in Alma gear

### Tuesday

ACUB Homecoming Photo Contest  
Selfie: selfie on campus

Alpha Phi Omega dog toys and therapy  
7-9 p.m. Tyler-Van Dusen

### Wednesday

ACUB Homecoming Photo Contest  
Where you live: photo in dorm, house

APO Tie-dye  
7-9 p.m. Tyler-Van Dusen

### Thursday

ACUB Homecoming Photo Contest  
Throwback: photo of past Alma experience

\$3 Dollar Movie Night  
9-11 p.m. Alma Cinemas

### Friday

ACUB Homecoming Photo Contest  
Forever a Scot: photo with alumni

Percussion Ensemble  
8-9 p.m. Heritage Center

### Saturday

ACUB Homecoming Photo Contest  
Scotty: photo with Scotty

Matt Reinke 5K Color Run  
9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

ACUB Cash Cab  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Look for "cash cab" golf cart

Homecoming Parade  
11 a.m.- noon

Kiltie Band Pregame Show  
1 - 1:30 p.m. Bahlke Field

Homecoming Football vs. Trine University  
1:30-4:30 p.m. Bahlke Field

Homecoming Concert  
7-9 p.m. Heritage Center

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## Spotlight: Alma's hidden royalty



Photo Courtesy of Victoria Coykendall

Victoria Coykendall ('18), Miss Michigan from the National American Miss system, poses in sash and crown.

By NICOLE ECCLES  
OPINION EDITOR

With many students aflutter with homecoming court nominations and voting for King and Queen, it is interesting to note the school has been in the presence of royalty since the beginning of the semester.

Victoria Coykendall ('18) currently holds the title of Miss Michigan from the National American Miss system.

This pageant system is different from the Miss America pageant in that it is overall a different organization with different phases of competition and requirements.

Contestants in this pageant system range from ages 4 to 20, and according to Coykendall, it is the biggest pageant system for this age group, averaging "100 girls in each of six different age categories."

Coykendall began doing pageants her sophomore year of high school and has entered eight overall, from county fair pageants to national competitions.

Her road to becoming Miss Michigan was not what would be considered a typical pageant where all the competitors come together and compete in one event.

Instead of a formal competition, contestants submitted different documents to the judges. Coykendall said these

materials consisted of a resume, application, an extensive essay and a photograph. Coykendall and the other candidates also had a thorough phone interview with the judges.

Because of this style of competition, Coykendall was informed of her victory via email.

"I was not at all expecting to win, so reading the email took a few minutes to process. I was at home when I found out and my mom had asked me if I needed anything, so I told her that I needed a dress, an interview suit and a plane ticket.

She was very confused but once she put two and two together, we were jumping around the house screaming. It finally felt real when I was able to go to the state pageant for the younger girls and be crowned by the past NAM Michigan."

Pageants have often received negative and anti-feminist reputations over the year. The National American Miss system does not have a swimsuit or a fitness portion, and the talent portion is optional, eliminating the most controversial parts of beauty pageant.

Coykendall commented that there is more to her and the other competitors than beauty.

"Pageant women and girls are also very much scholastic and volunteer oriented. Lots

of pageant systems require community service, and academic achievement is a large part of the judging process."

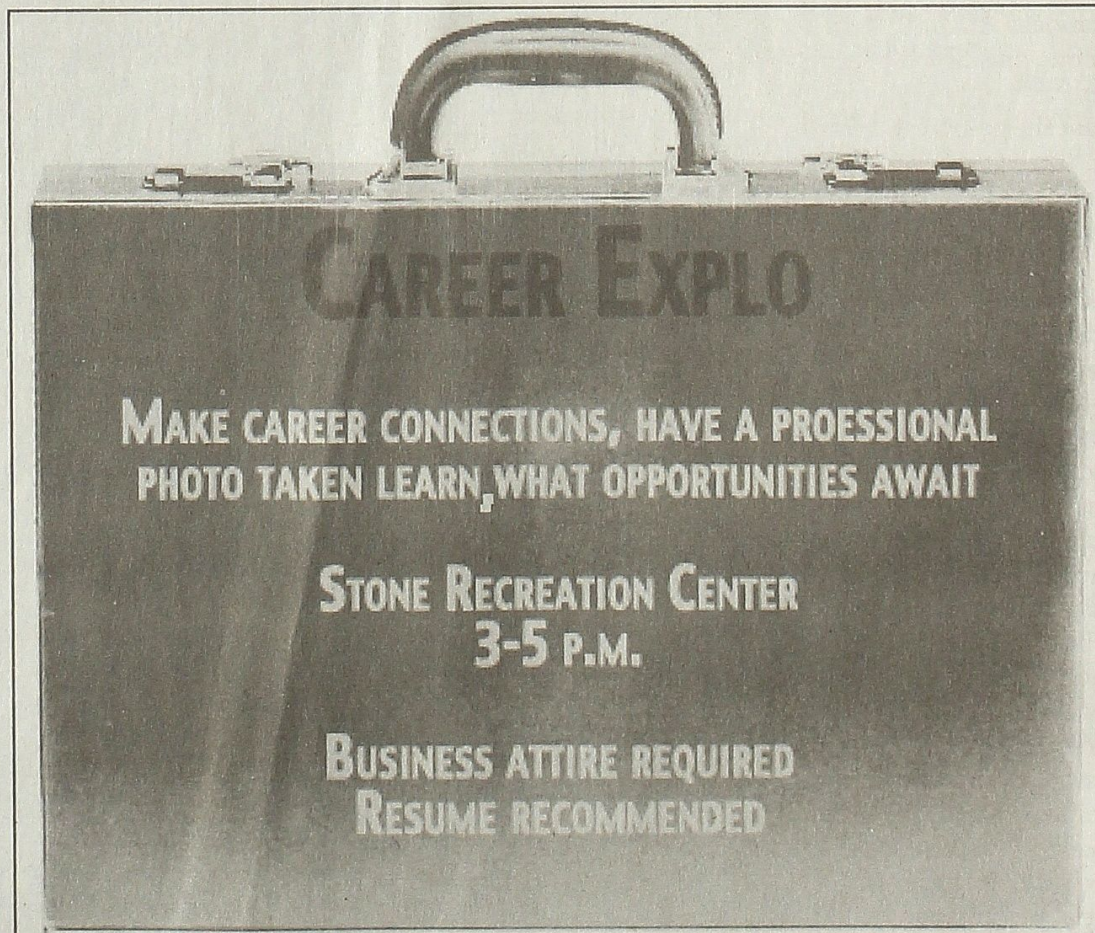
As Miss Michigan, Coykendall is able to be a representative of the state, a status that allows her to continue to expand volunteer efforts as well as requiring her to make community appearances such as parades. She will be able to keep her official crown and banner to wear during her reign and keep after she crowns her successor.

"Overall, pageants, despite their poor reputation, teach women—and young girls—skills that they can take to other areas of their life that can be difficult to learn otherwise," said Coykendall. "Each and every girl and young woman that I have encountered in my years of competition have only benefited from their experiences."

Coykendall's next adventure as NAM Michigan will be attending the NAM Nationals in Anaheim, Calif. where she will compete for the national title. She will also keep busy in her year of queen by continuing her volunteering efforts and official appearances until she passes on her title.

Coykendall says she will then retire from pageants.

"It feels good to be ending my pageant days with a bang as your 2015 National American Miss Michigan."





# Therapy animals take over campus

## Emotional support offered from animal companions

By ZACK BAKER  
SATFF WRITER

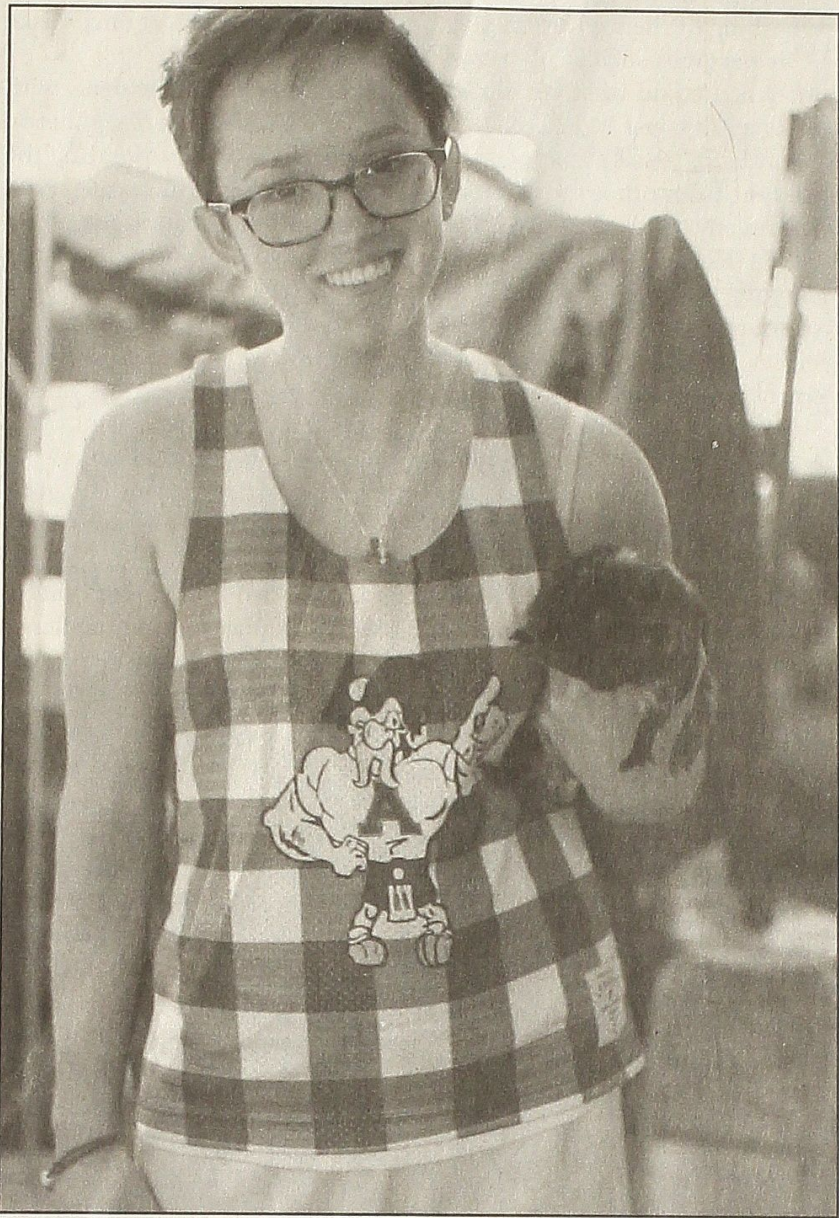
Think you have been hearing more howling dogs and meowing cats lately? It might be because there are more student owned pets on campus this semester.

“Each year the numbers go up,” said Nate Payovich, Assistant Director of the Center for Student Opportunity for Academic Support and Disability Services.

Although these companions are a relatively new element of student life, you can see them almost every day. You can often catch their owners walking them around, or if you get a peek into certain dorm rooms you can see them in their homes, the same homes as students.

These are emotional support animals, the result of a difficult application process. This starts with a committee solely purposed for the event of a student needing one. On the committee are Payovich, Dave Blandford, the director of Campus Life, and Anne Lambrecht, the director of Counseling, Health and Wellness Services.

Applications include a letter from the student explaining the situation and necessity, a care plan for their proposed animal, and



Marcella Flury: Photography Editor  
Elizabeth Taylor ('17) and her therapy guinea pig, Dwight.

“probably the most important thing,” said Payovich, a letter from a doctor or therapist recommending the student for treatment. Approval or denial follows this process, sometimes with the committee returning to the students “need[ing] more information,” said Payovich.

“It can be a really tricky situation,” Payovich said, when dealing with students whose roommates have allergies or simply do not give approval to the pet living in their space. Because this is such a new phenomenon, “there’s really no policy in place,” he continued.

Policy guidelines for Alma College take their lead from the Association of Higher Education and Disability.

“One person’s disability or medical condition doesn’t trump another person’s,” said Payovich, quoting one of the AHEAD organization’s best practices.

If a student feels that he or she has a medical condition that is being overlooked and worsened by the presence of an anxiety-reducing associate in their midst, that is a problem they must bring up themselves, not one that is checked out as part of the application process.

Payovich made it clear that these emotional support animals are not the same as service ani-

mals. A different type of training is required for service animals, most familiarly being used by blind people. And because of that they get different privileges, the sort that emotional support animals have not yet acquired under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Even though most emotional support animals spend their time in the dorms, only leaving on occasion, some are a little bit more experienced with the outside world.

**Amanda Nouhan ('18)** has been through the process herself. “My cat, Tin-Tin, is officially registered online,” Nouhan said, going on to describe the extent to which she worked on training him over the summer. “He’s pen trained,” she said, referring to the way that he will follow the sound of a clicking pen, and he “walks outside with a dog leash on.”

“I think it’s great,” said **Justyne Weenink ('18)**, “if you need help I think you should be able get it any way you see fit.”

For students who haven’t been approved, do not feel they truly need a support animal, or who simply don’t want the extra responsibility of a life in their hands—you are still in luck. While there have not been significant plans to expand the therapy dog visit program, for those who missed last week’s visit, more are planned closer to finals.

# Model United Nations headed for India: round 3

By HALEY PARKER  
SATFF WRITER

The Model United Nations’ (MUN) delegation to India prepared this week for its upcoming departure to foster international cooperation through the management of a MUN Conference.

“We [were] asked by Presidium School System and the U.S. State Department to help run a Model United Nations conference because India has no national MUN program of its own,” said **Nicholas Arnold ('15)**, a returning participant. “The country hasn’t recognized its potential in the international arena and that’s what we are there to help with.”

“The State Department gave us a grant to use MUN to encourage young Indians to take an interest in international affairs,” shared Sandy Hulme, professor of political science.

The grant the program received decreased, so the 23 people from last year also had to dwindle to nine. This year’s delegation comprises of previous MUN participants, and most have not yet been to the Indian conference that the college has helped with for the past two years.

“We got the grant to encourage the connection on a personal level and the proper protocol with the MUN stuff,” said **Roger Zahn ('15)**, a participant from last year. “And perhaps while we do that, it will foster better relations between the US and India as well as starting a better possibility of exchange students coming to Alma.”

“Alma students literally direct committees responsible for helping the students in India learn how to deal with the most important global issues,” said Hulme.

“It means to teach them [the

Indian High School students] how these problems are viewed through the eyes of different countries, how difficult it is to reach a consensus in global issues, and how important it is to reach a consensus.”

However, India’s local MUN program focuses much more on competing with each other and the prowess of individuals.

“Our national MUN focuses on something different. Ours focuses more on cooperation, more like the actual United Nations. Where theirs is like a competition on who can make the best arguments and

know the most facts, ours focuses on getting together and creating a collaboration that would be best for everyone,” explained Zahn.

“It was an eye opening experience,” said Arnold. “There were a lot of little differences. Like at the opening ceremony where in-

stead of saying a prayer to the Christian God like we would here, they opened the conference with a dance to Ganesh [a Hindu god of wisdom and beginnings].”

The delegation leaves on Oct. 10 and arrives back to campus on Oct. 20.

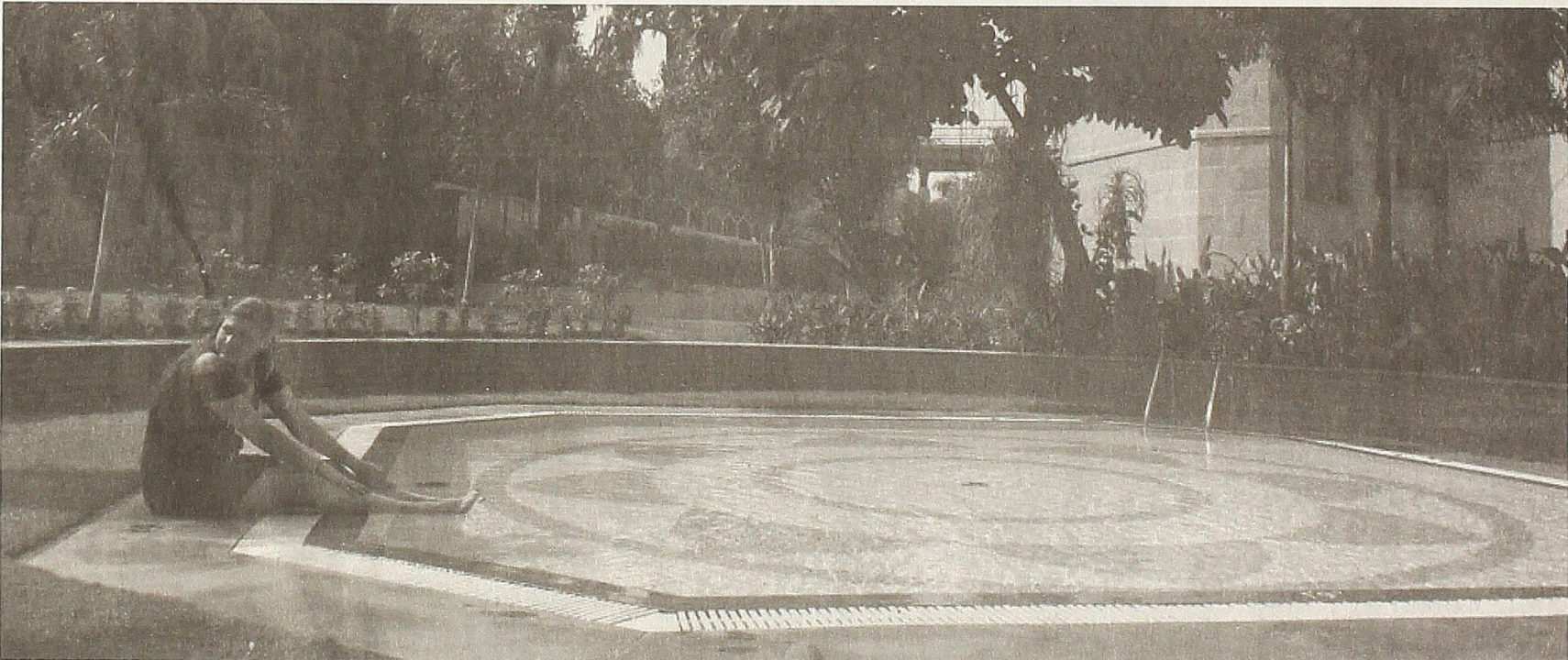


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Marianna Smith ('16) dips her feet in a pool in New Delhi, India, in an attempt to escape the northern India heat.

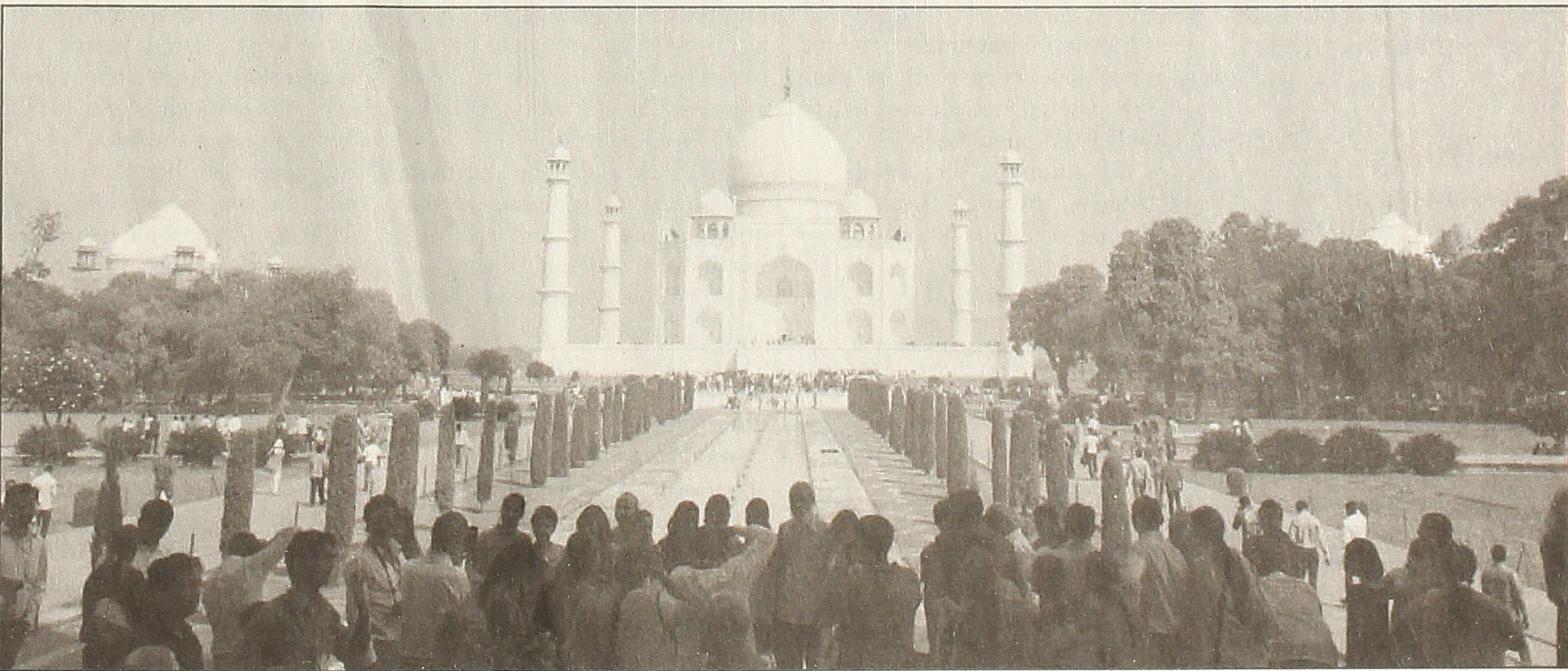


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# Kiltie marching band strives to shine

By **HALEY PARKER**  
STAFF WRITER

Parent’s Day was a typical Saturday night: the loud music, the sound of chattering students, and the Kiltie Marching Band taking the field before parents and colleagues alike.

Clad in their distinctive Alma tartan, the band played the school song and a show to echo the songs of yesteryear, and to also show how the Kiltie Marching Band advances to the future.

Most that comprise this esteemed group are returners to a marching band, showing such devotion that it borders on innate fanaticism that lasts nearly a lifetime.

“Once you’ve been a part of it,

it never leaves you,” said **Emily Danks (’17)**, a drum major. “I’ve known people who’ve left it behind and they feel like there was something of themselves missing.

“It becomes such a big part of who you are and what you do, on any level, it’s just a difference of the outlet of passion that makes it different from other sports teams or from any artistic endeavor.”

“It’s like you’re in a family, everyone accepts you and helps you out if you need it, and it’s perfect without conflict,” said **Mercedes Thrill (’19)**.

“I think the obsession stems from the fact that we spend so much time in rehearsal and with each other,” said **Keara Parker (’19)**. “When band season is over, we don’t know what to do. We don’t see our friends as much, we don’t have as many inside jokes, and we miss working together to reach something great.”

Marching band can also be a

competitive sport that combines the waving of flags, the playing of music and synchronized movements. These all aim to create a show that is at once visual and musical.

This year the show deals with the complex abstract of geometric shapes and into incorporating the shape into the drill (a set series of formations that make up a show) and the music. The names of the pieces the band has weaved together include “First Circle,” “In her Family,” and “Third Circle.”

“It’s really interesting music, compared to last year’s Van Halen show,” said Danks. “It is more intriguing with a good representation of flag work and marching.”

Only two of these pieces have been played to an audience this semester because of the tremendous effort it takes to pull together a show. They start practices two weeks before

freshmen begin to walk our hallowed halls and continue with that work until the beginning of November.

“[Marching band here] is far more intense than high school,” said Thrill. “In high school they don’t care about having the music memorized, it’s more about where you are on the field. But here, after two weeks you’re supposed to have three pieces memorized and pregame. You’re pushed a lot more.”

“It’s more of a drive for perfection and to push our limits,” said Danks. “Like with anything in college, sports, or academics, it becomes more complex and complicated and requires more mental preparation in order to progress.”

“It takes a lot of purpose [and practice] whether to make the alumni proud or making sure that the KMB is the elite,” said Danks.



Photo courtesy of Trent Wiederhold

**Karen Flesh (’18) and her fellow Kiltie Band members perform at the football game versus Rockford University on September 19.**

## Attorney Susan Reed speaks about immigration

By **MONICA KUNOVSKY**  
WEB EDITOR

Eleven million undocumented immigrants are currently residing in the United States, according to the Pew Hispanic Center.

In addition, according to managing attorney Susan Reed, of those 11 million, about 50,000 reside in Michigan.

This past week, Alma College was given a glimpse into the hardships immigrants go through, as well as the details that go into Reed’s job and how she successfully accomplishes assisting those here undocumented.

Reed discussed a variety of broad topics that ranged from various types of visas to American policies that have been put in place to aid immigrants—as well as hinder them.

Regardless of speaking of such

daunting topics, Reed was able to keep things light and humorous, even stating a few times that she was aware of how bleak her job can be.

“In all honesty, I hate immigration issues. If they could just be fixed and not exist I would be perfectly content just not being a lawyer. I’d sell antiques. I’d be fine,” Reed shared.

All jokes aside, she did make it apparent to her audience that her genuine concern is with immigrants and their rights and explained how passionate she is for all of them.

“I can help vulnerable immigrants become powerful. Often times bad attorneys can charge thousands of dollars to just screw over their clients, and that’s malpractice. Giving these people even the slightest hope and an outlet to use their voice is what I’m here for.”

Students who came out were very impressed with her speech.

“Susan Reed was very clear in

her political standing regarding immigration issues,” explained **Hannah Somalski (’16)**.

“It was refreshing to have someone be so honest though as well. The fact that she opened up her talk with explaining how she has a more biased perspective, because she’s seen what her clients have gone through, just made me appreciate what she does.”

“I appreciate her coming here and educating a predominantly white community on issues that we may otherwise not realize is going on,” Somalski continued, stating the importance of Reed coming to Alma College.

Many attendees were students active in the Public Affairs Institutes, along with those interested and involved in human rights clubs.

“As a member of Amnesty [International] and [someone who is] a big advocate for human rights issues, I agreed with much of what she said, and the whole organization she’s a part of really

intrigued me,” explained **Sabrina DeGroot (’18)**, a member of the Public Affairs Institute.

Reed also advocated for involvement with world travel and advised for students to get out of their comfort zone.

“When I was 16, I went to Ecuador. I was from a very protected suburban area in Milwaukee, and having this international experience was tremendous in shaping me.

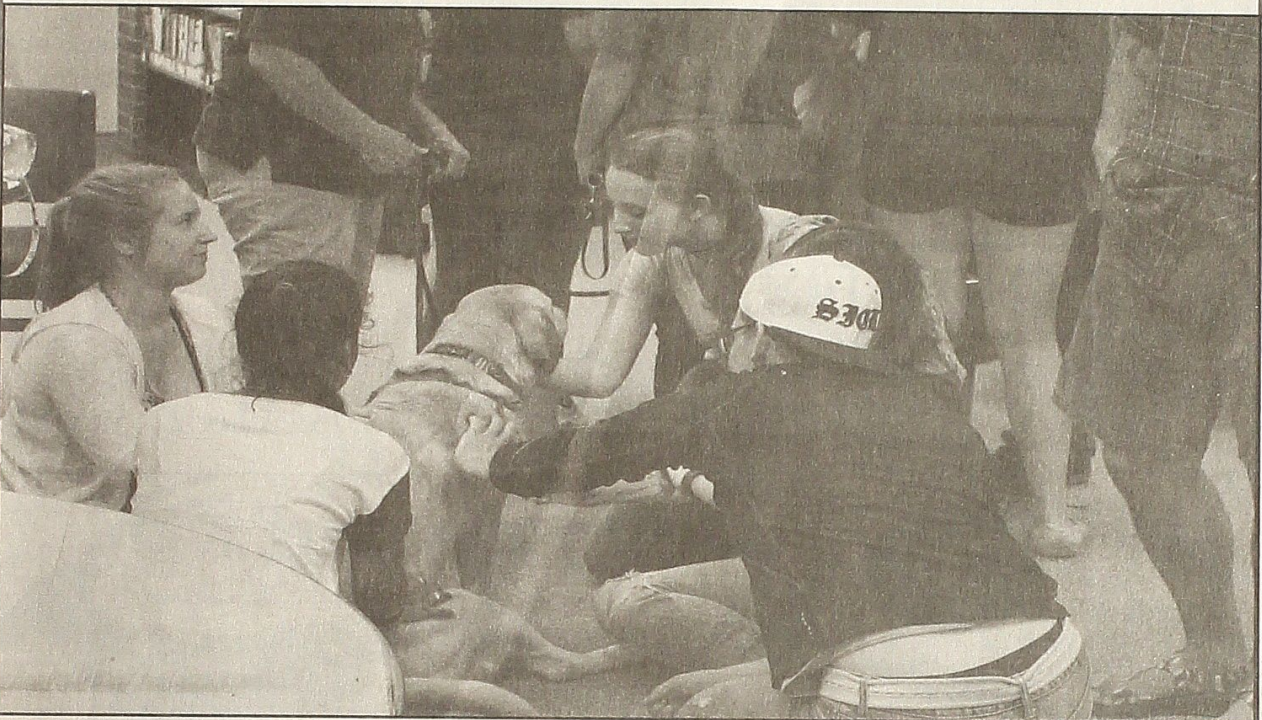
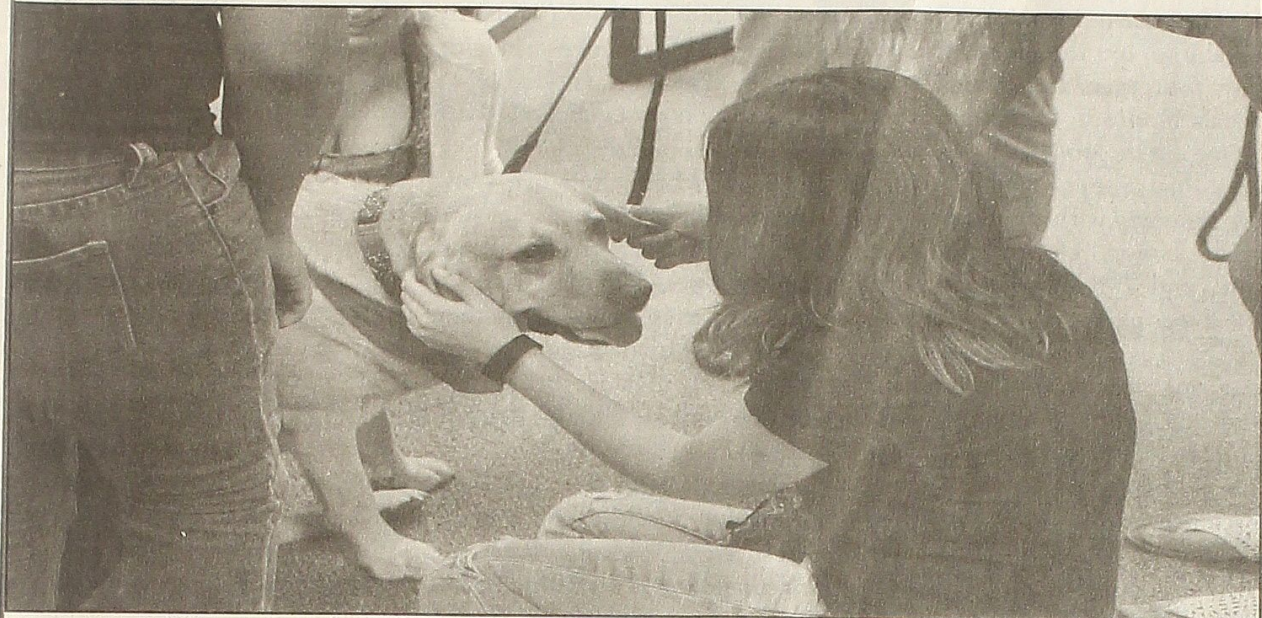
“This trip sparked my interest in this Latin American culture, which caused me to major in Spanish while being an undergrad, and for practical purposes and to be able to help use my Spanish speaking abilities, I went to law school.

“This whole career of mine stemmed from that one trip I took to Ecuador, so I strongly recommend you guys all try it. It’ll open you to the reality of the world, and make you appreciate how different every culture is, but also how similar all people are.”



# Therapy dogs visit, draws large crowd

By BRIANNA YAROCH:  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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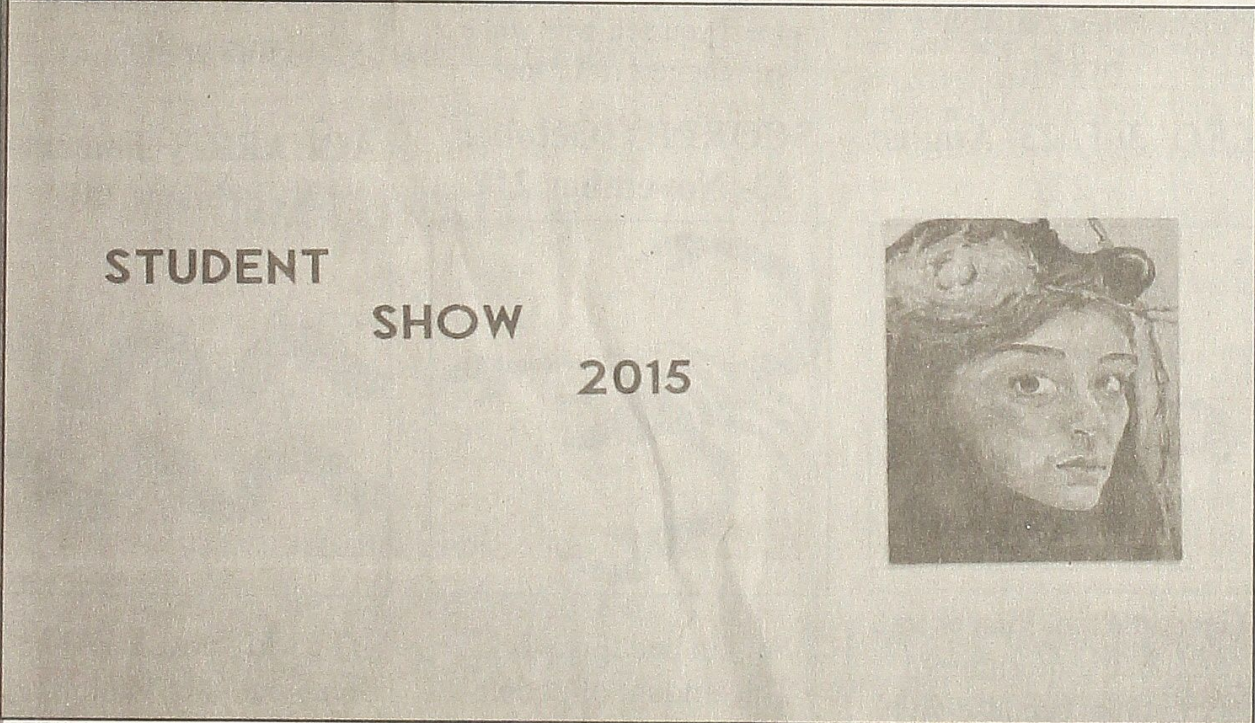
## Panel on the Refugee Crisis

Wednesday, October 1st  
SAC 113  
8:30 p.m.

Join members of the Model UN team and the  
political science club for a discussion on the  
current refugee crisis! Professors from different  
departments will present the issues and its  
effects.

Student Show Wrap-up. A few photos of the great pieces!

By Marcella Flury:  
Photo Editor





One Direction performs at Ford Field, wows audience

By PAIGE DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

As a 19-year-old college student, it can sometimes be hard to admit that I am going through my One Direction phase at this time in my life. The timely arena rock landscape of their fourth album, appropriately titled “Four,” unexpectedly got me hooked last fall. The rest is history.

Naturally, this meant that I had to see the boy band perform on their “On The Road Again Tour” at Ford Field. I found tickets on sale for an extremely discounted price, which caused me to question the shelf-life of Simon Cowell’s cash cows, also known as the boys of One Direction: Harry Styles, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson, and Niall Horan, minus Zayn Malik, who left the band last March in a swift turn of events.

Ford Field was teeming with girls the day of the concert, mostly between the ages of 12 and 21. Girls in homemade t-shirts holding neon signs waited in

mile-long lines to buy official One Direction merchandise. Older girls wearing dark lipstick popped gum, weaving through the crowd to claim their seats.

This mixture of pre-teens and 20-year-olds intrigued me, as I stand somewhere in the middle. I am able to detach myself from this targeted demographic, if only to intellectualize my affection for the boys, while I also know that I’m a vital part of it.

Augustana was the opening band, drawing smattered applause from the impatient horde. The sheer amount of people surrounding me on all sides convinced me that this couldn’t be the end of One Direction, no matter the potential break-up rumors or the desperate ticket-selling. The fan base is still very much alive.

The fourpiece started the concert with “Clouds,” an explosive cut from Four. Most of the first half was comprised of tracks off the fourth album, perfectly tailored for the arena setting. However, I noticed that these newer songs didn’t match up in concert to the

live energy of great older tracks like “Diana” and “Through the Dark” from Midnight Memories (2013).

The nonstop touring schedule inhabited by the band for the past four years has helped their vocals bloom in incredible ways. Payne often spontaneously drifts into his upper register when harmonizing with the other boys, while Horan, electric guitar in tote, and Tomlinson hold down the lower parts.

Styles is a wild card on stage, erupting with vocal intensity and engaging the audience with humble banter in equal measures. These boys have their job down to a science, and they are remarkably good at it, connecting even with the screaming fans in faraway seats like myself.

It cannot be stressed enough that One Direction is a solid live band. Common insults thrown at them are usually concerned with the authenticity of their live performances; it should be noted that the boys co-wrote almost all of the songs on their last two

albums as well.

This is not to say that they aren’t calculated and controlled by their management. Promotional media for the band has been frequently criticized for not acknowledging what the fans want, and failing to capture the boys’ exuberance that is so obvious in older videos.

This is where their live show benefits them immensely. On stage, they subvert the humdrum image that pervades their promos. Some fans even believe that they are censored by management and that it is only in concert that their true personas are allowed to shine through.

The happiness they get from performing is clear and can be seen in Payne’s vocal gymnastics, Horan’s guitar skills, Tomlinson’s pride in their songwriting, Styles’ pensiveness, and their collective vigor in concert. Their new single “Drag Me Down” was performed, highlighting their more mature sound and earning wild acclaim from the audience.

An apt moment during the concert was the performance of

“Girl Almighty,” a song in praise of the people who make up most of their fan base. Girls have given them their success as the biggest boy band in the world; they would arguably be nothing without their constant support.

Their final song, “Best Song Ever,” was the loudest encore I have ever heard—mostly due to the 60,000 screaming people. But that is no complaint; in fact, I secretly enjoyed walking out of the stadium with an ear’s worth of hearing completely blown out.

It is because One Direction loves their fans. They truly have built an empire, subpar promos aside, and managed to retain a fan base over the course of five years. Who knows when we’ll see them next; they are going on hiatus for a year.

Supposedly they are not touring their untitled fifth album, due out in November. These unpredictable circumstances in terms of their future made the concert bittersweet, every fan lingering a little bit longer in the stadium after they left the stage.

HOROSCOPES

By MONICA KUNOVZSKY  
STAFF WRITER

Zodiacs are quite the controversial topic. Although many believe that this theory of astrology and star signs is just a bunch of made up hoo-hah, there are an equal amount of believers for every nonbeliever.

You may be wondering, “What the hell even is astrology?”

In basic terms, it is just the ideology that every person has a specific sign or form of identification linked to a constellation that’s assigned by your birthday.

So take for instance my birthday: December 10th. Because of that date, I fall in line with the category of Sagittarius. Someone else who is born between the 23rd of November and 21st of December would also fall in place of this sign.

What does this mean then, after you’ve found out your sign?

Each zodiac has a set of traits that can be distinguished and are specific for them.

Why most people get upset with zodiacs and bent out of shape is because they take them too literally. Of course not EVERYTHING you read is going to be 100 percent accurate about your sign; because let’s face it, there are many exceptions and different factors that go into making up who you are as a person.

Most zodiac descriptions are just generalizations about what is most common for people born within those specified days, and thus when reading anything with zodiacs it is better to take it with a grain of salt and take it in for its entertainment value rather than creating a huge disdain for it because you read one thing you didn’t quite agree with.

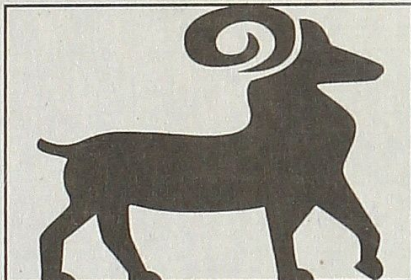
Just like with science, there is always a chance to reform and change and keep experimenting for a better result. Things are not set in stone, and such is life; things fluctuate.

So the next little horoscopes

are just a satirical little jab at the most stereotypical traits of the signs, and thus are for entertainment purposes rather than some end all be all statement.

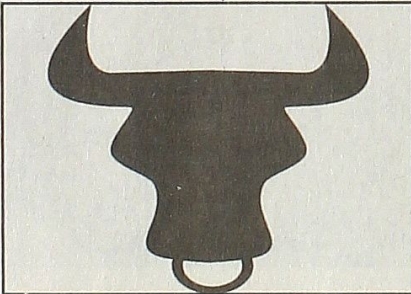
Zodiacs are fun and can be accurate, but should never be taken too seriously because after all, we are all different and are shaped by our environments and own personal choices, and even zodiac signs can’t always attain for that.

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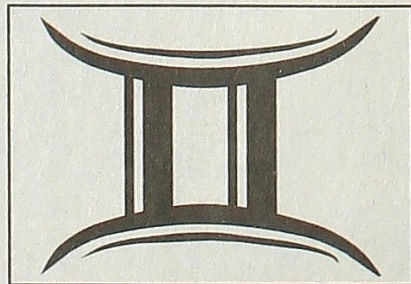
Watch your temper this week, especially in SAGA. An observer hears you complaining and plans to deck you. Watch your tongue! Don’t forget to deep condition as well, this Alma water is not doing any favors for your hair.

**TAURUS (April 20- May 20)**



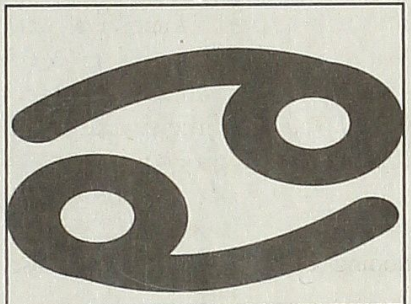
Keep your snacks hidden. Be on the lookout for Aquarius because they have been extra hungry and eyeing your snacks. Call your mom sometime this week as well.

**GEMINI (May 21- June 20)**



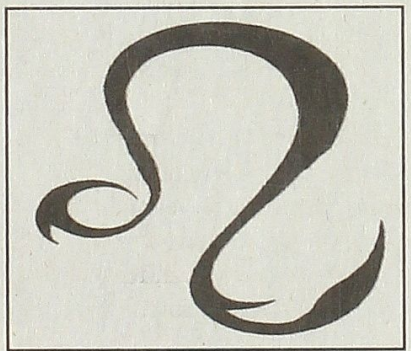
Watch your back, no one is on your side this week. At least you will have a good hair week!

**CANCER (June 21- July 22)**



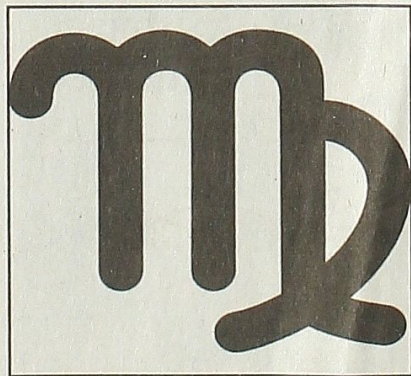
This will be an emotional week for you. Carry around your duvet and favorite stuffed animal. Maybe a plate of chocolate chip cookies too. You will need it.

**LEO (July 23- August 22)**



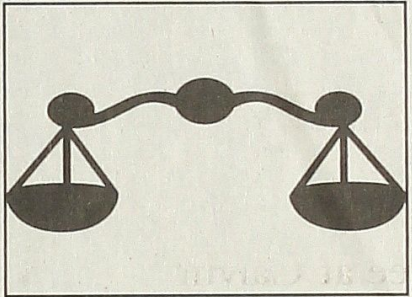
Get some tea. Plan extra time in the morning to get to class because you will look so good in the morning you’ll HAVE to just stop and stare at yourself in every window reflection.

**VIRGO (August 23- September 22)**



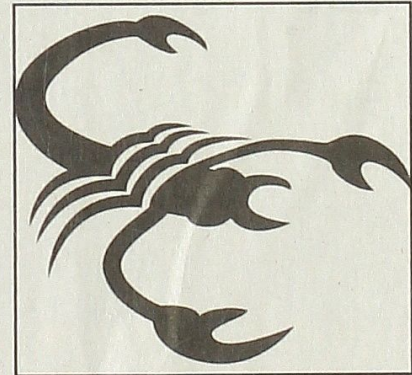
Remember your lip balm, and keep hydrated. Drink enough water and go ace those exams you have spent all that time studying for instead of hanging out with friends.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23- October 22)**



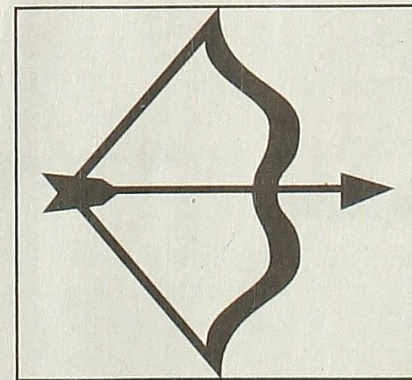
You have no time to do anything. You’ll be super busy with classes, but don’t let your melodramatic self pity get in the way of getting work done. Stay on track and reward yourself with some beer nuggets from Joe’s.

**SCORPIO (October 23- November 21)**



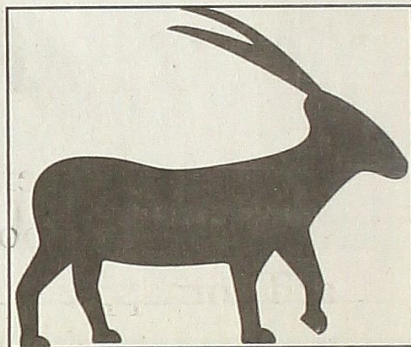
Stay in bed this week. The amount of people who will annoy and upset you is just going to be too overwhelming and much to handle.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22- Dec. 21)**



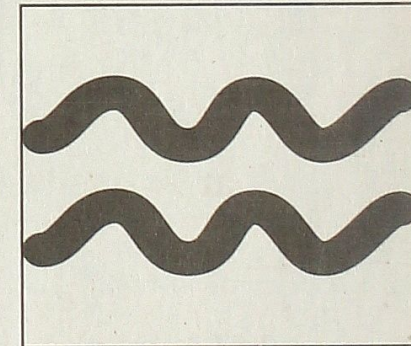
Your optimism will get you in trouble this week, so do not forget to be realistic with yourself and others around you. Don’t forget to eat your vegetables either. And after this weekend; MODERATION IS KEY.

**CAPRICORN (December 22- Jan. 19)**



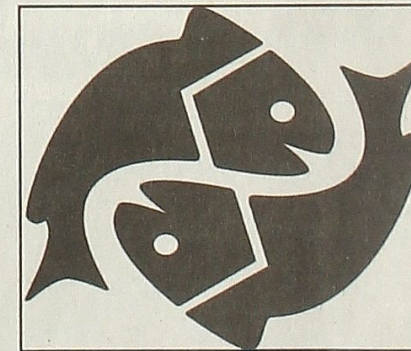
Stop working and go to your local playground to relieve the childhood you never had, also do not forget to floss.

**AQUARIUS (January 20- February 18)**



IT IS FINALLY FALL. Break out your Halloween costume a month early and wear that for the next 31 days of October. Do not forget to carry around candy corn and throw them at those who don’t have fall spirit.

**PISCES (February 19- March 20)**



You have been deprived lately. Go get yourself some poparts and watch “Ancient Aliens” on Netflix. It will be good for you. Treat yourself.



## Sports Bulletin

### Monday

Men's Golf  
MIAA Jamboree at Calvin  
at Watermark GC at 1 p.m.

### Tuesday

Women's Soccer  
Alma at Trine University at 4 p.m.

### Wednesday

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

Men's Soccer  
Kalamazoo College at Alma  
at 4 p.m.

### Thursday

Women's Golf  
MIAA Jamboree at Calvin  
at Thornapple Point GC at 1 p.m.

### Friday

Women's Volleyball  
Alma at Otterbein University  
at 3 p.m.

### Saturday

Women's Golf  
MIAA Jamboree at Trine  
at Zolner GC at 1 p.m.

Men's Golf  
MIAA Jamboree at Adrian  
at Lenawee GC at 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer  
Albion at Alma at noon.

Men's Football  
Trine at Alma at 1:30 p.m.  
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Women's Soccer  
Saint Mary's at Alma at  
2:30 p.m.



## Volleyball aims to improve

BY MAXXTON JOLLS  
SPORTS WRITER

Tough break for the Alma College volleyball team this week, as the Scots dropped all its matches. With effort they fought, but it wasn't enough against the likes of two national powers, Calvin College, Heidelberg University, and conference foe, Trine University. Alma drops to 5-10 overall and 2-4 in MIAA conference play.

First up for the Scots were the fifth-ranked Knights of Calvin College. In the first of two home matches last Friday the Scots were looking to hand them their first loss in the conference.

The Knights set the tone early, hitting .720 of their shots, with 18 kills and no errors to give them a convincing 25-4 victory. The second set was much different. Alma found themselves down 8-3, but they fought back to close the deficit to 11-8. Unfortunately, the Scots would not get any nearer to the lead. Calvin took the second set 24-16.

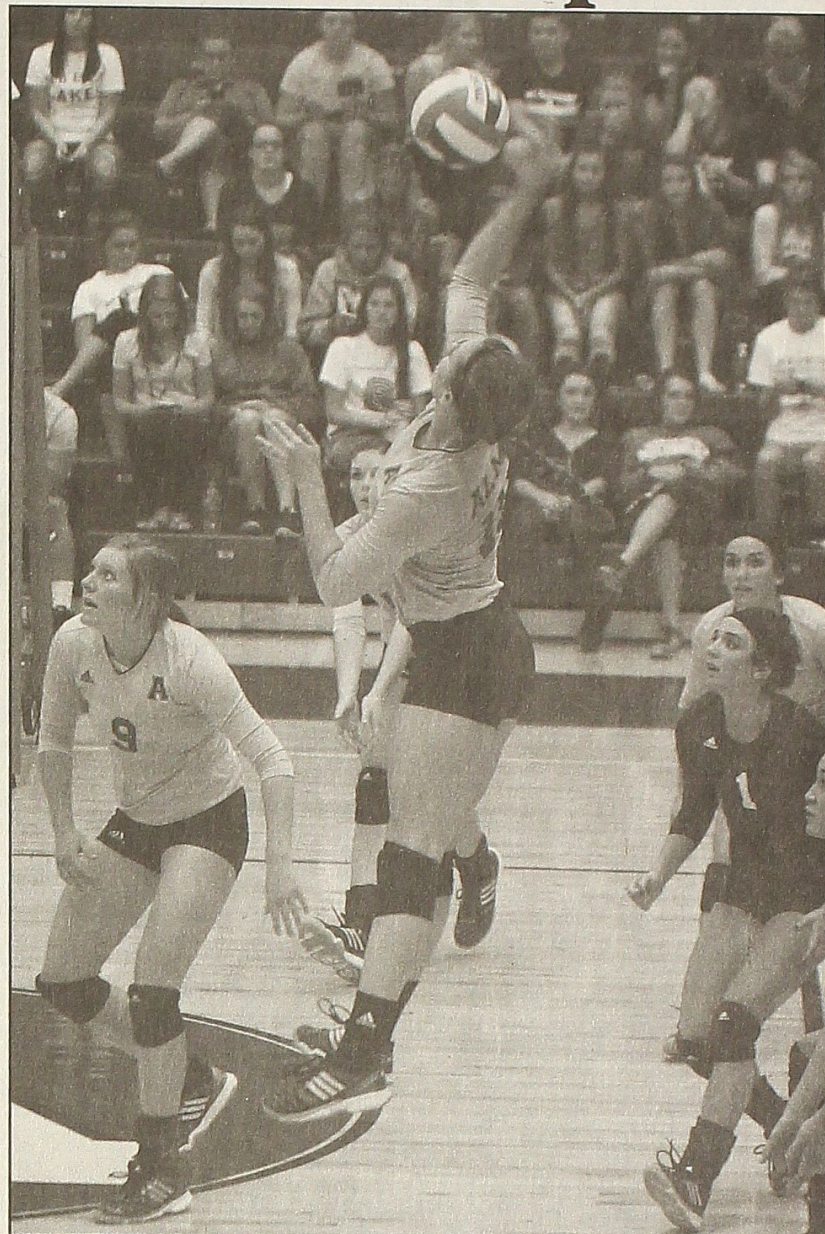
The third and final set showed much improvement from the Scots. Late in the set, Alma was down 21-17, but with kills from **Dakota Pelach ('18)**, **Kendall Sells ('17)** and a block from both Sells and **Madison Smith ('17)** brought them back within striking distance. However, Calvin would seal the victory down the stretch taking a 3-0 victory.

Match number two of Friday, Alma took on Heidelberg University, hoping to improve from its last performance.

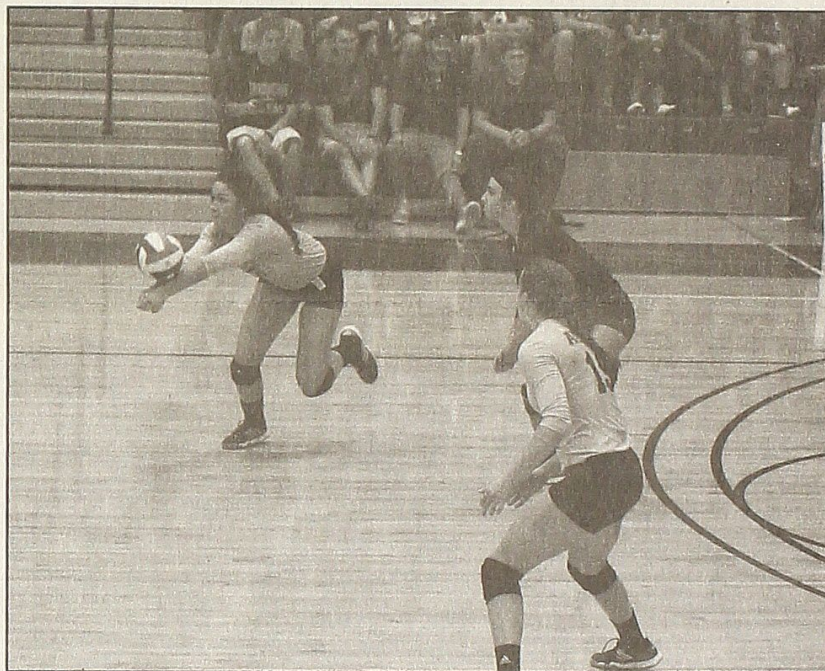
Much like the last match, Heidelberg came out firing. **Sasha Laykova ('17)** delivered a kill during their 7-1 run, but Heidelberg took the first set 25-18. The second set was much different. Alma set a team high hitting percentage at .237 with only five errors as the Scots took the second set 25-23. The third set was evenly matched, but Heidelberg's kills were too much for Alma as they fell by the score of 28-26. The final set, Alma lead for most of the game, but Heidelberg fought back to tie the game 24 and eventually ended up winning 26-24.

After playing two matches the night before, the Scots traveled to Trine University the very next day to take on the Thunder.

The Alma Scots found themselves down 10-1 quick into the first set.



Brianna Yaroch: Staff Photographer  
Hannah Guilford ('16) sends the other team a hard serve.



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Dorothy Buening ('18) saves her team from another opponent point.

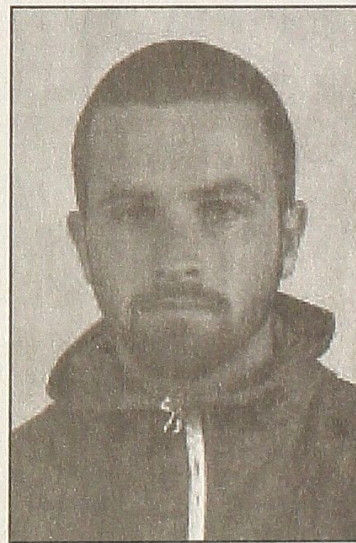
Sells started a rally with a kill to bring them within six points, but Trine would hold and win 25-20. Trine's errors helped Alma obtain an 11-8 lead, but the Thunder went on a run of their own to close out the set 25-15. In the final set, Alma's errors came

back to haunt them as Trine took the match 3-0.

The Scots look to get back in the win column as they travel to Adrian College on Wednesday.

The Scots will play at Adrian Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Matt Sovis ('16)** was named the MIAA Soccer Offensive Player of the Week last week. Sovis had two goals, including the game winner, as Alma defeated Hope, 3-1. This was the Scots' first win over Hope College in 13 years. He also collected an assist last weekend when the Scots defeated Olivet College 3-2. Sovis has started all eight games for the Scots and his senior leadership is a main reason they are (6-2) overall and (3-1) in conference play.



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## Women's golf solid in conference

BY ERIC ROHDE  
SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Scots golfers finished first in the Alma College women's invite last Thursday with a team score of 349. This was their first team victory since the Calvin Invitational in September of 2007. **Tori Basso ('19)** led the Scots with a final score of 11 over par in addition to achieving

a new personal best.

Alma traveled to Olivet College last Wednesday (Sept. 23) for the first MIAA Jamboree. As a team, the Scots tied for fifth place with a 357. **Kennedy Hilley ('19)** and **Tara Padgett ('17)** shot personal lows to contribute to the Scots' success.

The second MIAA Jamboree of the season took place at Kalamazoo last Saturday. The Scots continued to improve by cutting their team score to a 346, placing them at sixth on the

day. Hilley had her best performance of the year by shooting a career low of 74 and earning medalist honors for the event.

Coach Charlie Goffnett is optimistic about the rest of the season with these women. With the recent decline in team scores, Goffnett said he "would be surprised if [they] didn't flirt with 340 before the year is over with." The Scots head to Calvin College this Thursday for more play in the MIAA Jamboree.



## Men's golf looking to improve its scores



Brianna Yaroach: Staff Photographer

Kyle Bodkins ('19) tees off for one of his first college matches earlier this season.

BY ERIC ROHDE  
SPORTS WRITER

The second MIAA Jamboree of the season was at Olivet College last Tuesday. The Scots finished with a

total score of 334, seating them in last place for the day.

**Rob Holmes ('17)** led for Alma and tied for 14th place overall with a 76.

Alma hosted the third MIAA Jamboree on Saturday and found themselves at the bottom once again. While the team shot 336, **Dalton Potter ('16)** and **Ben**

**Thelen ('17)** both finished with 72 on the day, tying for fourth place.

Last Monday the Scots traveled to Kalamazoo for another match in the MIAA Jamboree and ended the rounds with an overall score of 339, finishing seventh out of eight teams. **Alec Genter ('17)** led the team with a 77, earning him a tying spot at 13th place.

The Alma Scots hit the road once again, traveling to Trine University this past Saturday for the fifth MIAA Jamboree. With his best score of the season, Genter headed the Scots and tied for fourth place with a 71. **Kyle Bodkins ('19)** had a strong performance as well, contributing to Alma's seventh place finish. Coach Goffnett said that "Alec Genter has

been very good this season" and that the young players "are working hard and have a lot of potential."

With only three MIAA matches left, the Scots are "looking forward to saving [their] best for last," according to Goffnett. Alma will travel to Calvin College today for its 1 p.m. tee time for another shot in the MIAA Jamboree.

## Spotlight: Terry Calagon ('16)

BY BRENT LUPLOW  
SPORTS EDITOR

**Terry Calagon ('16)** collects MIAA Player of the Week honor.

Calagon has been a mainstay in the Alma College defense over the past four seasons.

The senior linebacker, from East Jackson, Michigan, made an immediate impact when he arrived to campus and has been one of the top defensive players in the league since.

Honored earlier this season as a preseason All-American, Calagon had high expectations to live up to and has not disappointed.

Last week, he was honored by the MIAA conference, collecting the Week 3 defensive player of the week honors.

Calagon collected 13 tackles, a career high 4.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, and 2 forced fumbles in the 42-21 victory over Rockford University.

His presence on defense opened up his teammates as the Scots collected 8 quarterback sacks on the day and were causing havoc throughout the game.

"It means a lot to win the award, but it means more that we were able to get the win", said Calagon.

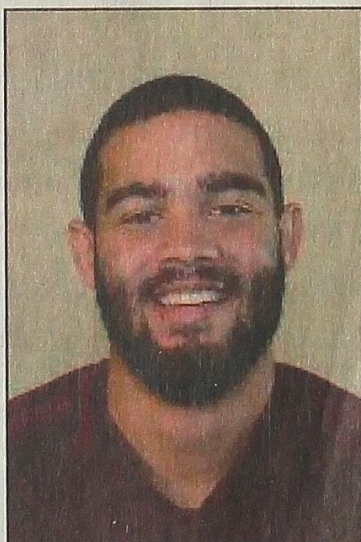
Through three games this season, he has collected 31 tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss (which ranks 9th in NCAA division III), and 4 sacks.

Calagon just surpassed the 200 career tackle mark this season and since 2003, ranks first in both career sacks and career tackles for loss with 16.5 and 37.5, respectively.

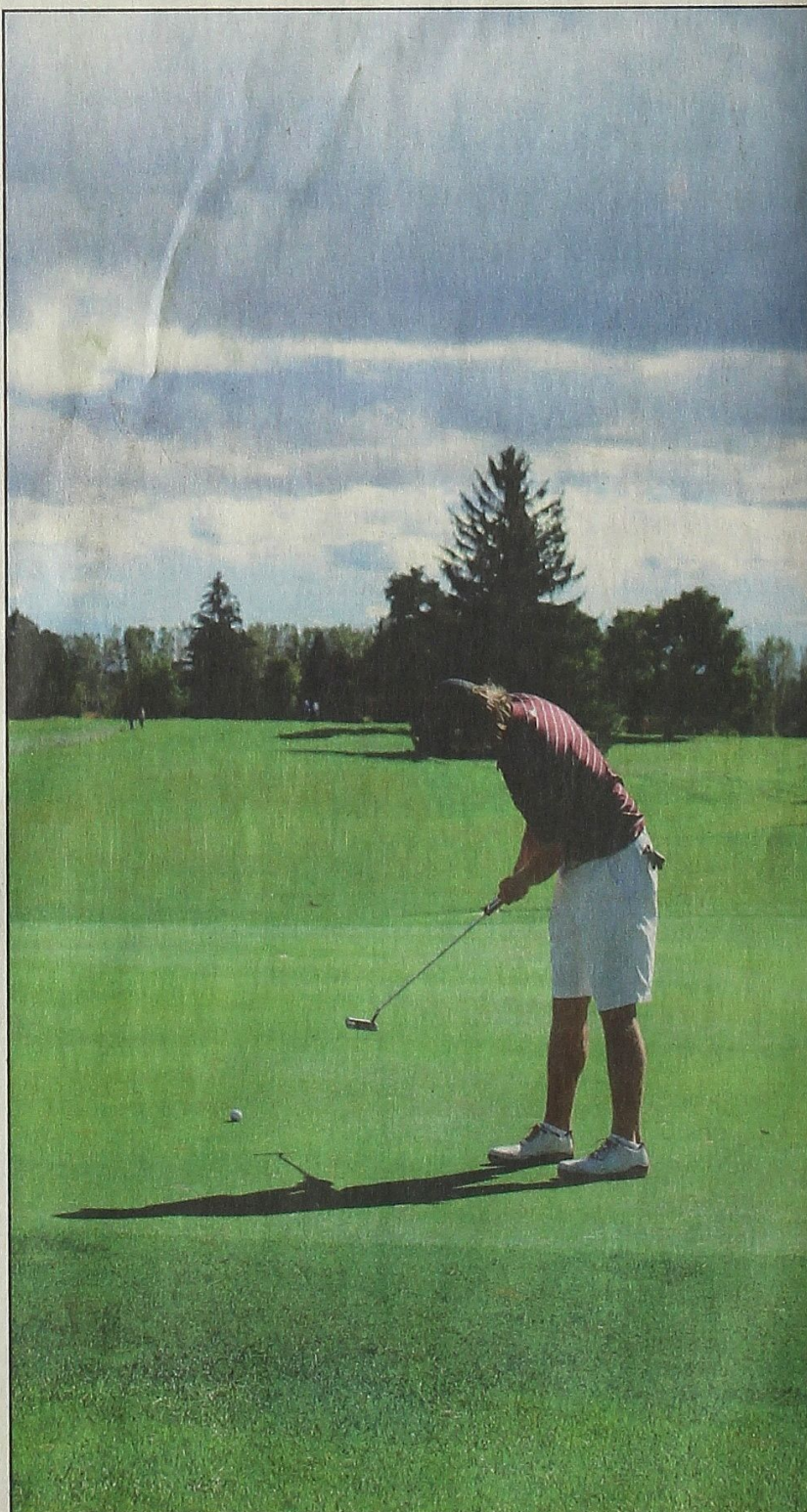
Calagon is looking to continue his dominance on defense during conference play. "My goals for the rest of the season are to do whatever I can to help the team

win a conference championship. Becoming an All-American would be a great ending to my career as well."

The Scots were able to relax this weekend during their bye week. However, they look to continue their winning ways this weekend as they play host to Trine University for homecoming. Game time is 1:30pm.



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Brianna Yaroach: Staff Photographer

Rob Holmes ('17) putts on the green earlier this season.

### Alma College \$3 Movie Nights

#### "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials"

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hours in Hamilton Commons