

# New Board Trustee chair wishes to 'give back'

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Alumni find many ways to give back to the college, such as serving as members of the Board of Trustees. **Mike Sherman ('74)** is giving back to his alma mater by becoming the new chair of the board.

"When you serve on the Board of Trustees you start out with the concept of trying to give back to the college," said Sherman. "You'll never hear someone say they joined the board with the intent of being the chair. It becomes a progression that gets you to being board chair."

Sherman was head of an advancement committee and moved from there to vice-chair. He held that position for three years and became chair of the board when Steve Meyer stepped down.

"I had to evaluate if it was something I was able to take

on and do a good job for Alma College," said Sherman. "The opportunity presented itself at the right time in my life."

"Among other reasons, the board elected Mr. Sherman to this position because of his passion for Alma, his leadership skills [and] his motivation to bring change to Alma," said President Jeff Abernathy.

"Mr. Sherman has been an incredibly influential board member. His generosity to Alma inspires the generosity of others, and I am grateful for his willingness to take on board leadership."

Sherman was hired by an insurance company in Saginaw that transferred him to Cleveland, Ohio, after graduation. In Ohio he attended Baldwin Wallace College where he earned his MBA.

Four years after graduation from Alma, he began working for an independent insurance firm, Dawson Insurance Inc., which he later bought and expanded to

Florida and Virginia.

In 2012, Sherman sold his companies to AssuredPartners. Sherman became the chairman and CEO of the Dawson platform and vice-chairman of AssuredPartners Inc.

His resignation from these positions will be effective at the end of this year so he can devote his energies to the three other businesses he owns and his work at Alma College.

"I hope to continue the leadership in working closely with President Abernathy on his vision and the leadership group at Alma College," said Sherman.

"It's a working relationship between the board chair and president to lead the college into the future."

"Mr. Sherman will work with our board and campus leaders to ensure that we achieve the ambitious goals of our strategic plan, which will ensure that Alma thrives for our next 130 years," said Abernathy. "Mike Sherman has been a guide for me in my



**Mike Sherman, new chair of the Board of Trustees, poses for a head shot. The 34 member board approved Larry Andrus ('72), David Bowen ('73), Elizabeth Parkinson ('84) and Bryan Segedi ('81) to the ranks as new trustees.**

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work since I arrived at Alma six years ago, and I am enthusiastic about our work together over the next years."

Sherman said he is excited to be here because of his passion for the college.

"It's that passion and knowing the quality of product that we were provided at Alma College and how important it is to students' lives," said Sherman.

"As you leave this cocoon and move to the big world, what you learned at Alma College stays with you your entire life."

Sherman expressed the hope that all students reading this article recognize the wonderful education they are receiving here that will serve them the rest of their lives, and that down the road they will also give back to Alma College.

# Disconnect in views on campus security efficiency

By **ABIGAIL FERGUS**  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Recent incidents involving campus security and disputes over parking violations have raised contrasting opinions on practices of officers of the company.

Security personnel searched Tau Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Sigma and Sigma Chi Friday, Sept. 18, according to brothers from each fraternity.

Sigma Chi members were told by an officer that the search was justified by a large amount of drugs found elsewhere on campus, according to **Samuel Robb ('16)**, the fraternity's risk manager.

Security Manager Toby Pickelmann and Nick Piccolo, vice president for student life, neither confirmed nor denied whether that was the situation. Pickelmann stated, "I can't disclose that because it is an ongoing investigation."

Piccolo deferred the discussion on security to Pickelmann.

STT Security Services was employed by the college in July of 2010. Before then, three night watchmen monitored campus as they performed their main job of checking school boilers, according to Doug Dice, director of facilities and service management.

"When I was a freshman or sophomore, the campus security and rules seemed to be more [like] guidelines," said alumnus **Eric Gorte ('12)**.

"Security was there more as peacekeepers. They still did rounds. They were seen as people who would help you get in a building or room if you forgot your keys. We were usually on a first-name basis with security. We had no hesitation to call them if we needed them."

Presently, four STT officers are on campus Friday and Saturday nights, two on weekdays and one on weekday afternoons. Eight security guards including Pickelmann are currently

employed.

"They definitely hired way more intrusive staff," Gorte said, referring to STT. "Rules became [upheld] rules and punishments and fines were more common and less forgiveness was given."

"In a sense I felt like there was more trust between us in my early years [before STT]. I felt like I was trusted to be a young adult in college. Yes, we lived on the edge a bit, but that's what college is for."

Pickelmann has served in his position since the security company came to campus. He studied law enforcement and previously served as a security official at Dow Chemical Co., a juvenile facility and Northwood University.

"I enjoy it, I like to help people," said Pickelmann. "I treat [students] with respect if they treat me with respect. I see fraternities more because they have the parties."

When asked how he ensures students feel comfortable coming to him, Pickelmann responded: "We have our number on the door, we're available 24/7, 365 days a year. If you don't feel comfortable talking to anybody, I'm always here during the days. You can email me. If I'm not swamped with other things, [I'll] get back with you."

Pickelmann believes he and other security personnel are in good standing with the students. This position was endorsed by **Logan Sweet ('16)** of Sigma Chi.

"I think security is on the up with cooperation with fraternities."

He compared this year's conduct to how security behaved after the death of a student in January 2014. "I think that was such a surprise and had to be such a drastic turn. Now they've worked out a system."

"In the past they would have said 'we have the power to [search houses.]' Instead of just doing it, they politely ask."

TKE, Zeta Sigma and the Inter-fraternity council officials denied requests for comment.

Students have had issues with STT in the past. "I saw a pretty substantial change," said alumna

fulfilled part of its job, but recognized the fear they instilled, particularly in members of Greek Life. She attributes this to the TKE fire of 2012 and various on and off campus incidents. She shared negative memories of STT's conduct.

"Two male security guards were conducting searches of rooms in the sororities. They stopped to talk to a couple of our sisters on their way past the Kappa Iota house. They knew them to be our president and risk manager. They waited until they had left to go to Joe's to return and search our house."

"That to me says loud and clear that their intentions were not for safety and cooperation, but to get as many busts as they could. I was asleep in my room at this time. They proceeded to knock on my door. They did not introduce themselves or make any effort to communicate their intent. All I heard was loud and alarming banging on my door."

"After multiple prompts from myself asking who was knocking, they finally announced themselves. I got dressed and opened my door to have them look through my room with no expression of their intent. It was a very disconcerting experience."

Where security formerly provided safe and welcoming environments at parties, they became "the enemy," according to Woody. She also felt alumni

were no longer welcome to visit their old houses after the switch.

Security is allowed to conduct random, monthly checks of small and Greek housing with the accompaniment of a student life representative. The intent is to prevent safety hazards, but more thorough searches can occur with due suspicion, such as the smell of marijuana, according to Pickelmann.

Frustration with security conduct has arisen this year. **Shayla Baldwin ('16)** received a ticket from the school for parking a car on Mechanic Street. The location is under city ordinance and a legal area to park, confirmed Dice and Pickelmann.

"I park the car at my house because I feel unsafe walking in unlit areas at night," Baldwin wrote in a letter to President Jeff Abernathy, addressing a failed ticket appeal with Pickelmann.

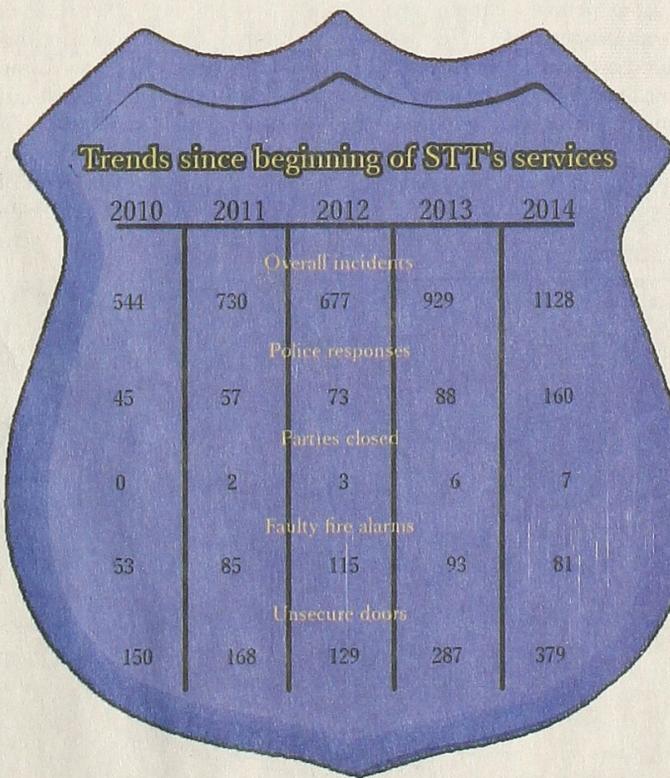
Security offers escorts around campus, but Baldwin does not trust the service after past experiences.

"I can remember trying to get an escort from Joe's to Mechanic Street. I called, and I waited for 20 minutes. No one showed up. Finally, I gave up and walked. Thankfully, I did not have a problem, but later that year I did."

"[I was] sent into a panic attack while I was outside of my dorm, unable to get in without an ID. It was late at night, nearing the early hours of the morning. I finally was able to calm down enough to call security. They told me they would be there to let me in. I let them know I was panicking. I let them know that I was not able to remain calm. Once again, I waited. At the time, I lived in Carey Hall. The security building is a minute walk, maybe, from this building."

"As I waited, the panic set in again and I found myself on the ground biting through my coat. I waited, waited and continued to wait. Finally, they showed up, scanned me in and treated me as though I was some drunk."

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Abigail Fergus: Campus Editor

**There has been a rise in overall campus incidents, police responses to campus, parties closed by security, malfunctioning fire alarms (activated when no fire occurred) and unsecured doors (unlocked housing doors) in STT's time on campus.**

**Andrea Woody ('14).**

"I saw security become impersonal. Their presence at Greek parties completely altered Greek Life where they had enriched it before."

Woody said she felt safe at school and thought security

## Alma's Union Board reaches out

By MARGARET RAUSCH  
STAFF WRITER

The Alma College Union Board (ACUB) has been making some huge changes this year. With the goal of increasing student involvement, the organization has put together new events and is relying more on social media to reach out to the campus.

These alterations started early this semester when ACUB members went on their first fall retreat.

"We spent a whole day out as a staff. We made a huge list of ideas and narrowed it down to the ones that students would be the most excited about," said **Jenny Campfield ('13)**, Mitchell Hall director and co-advisor of ACUB.

"A lot of the changes that students might not recognize are internal changes and the way that we restructured ACUB to try to make it more efficient and more fun for our students [who] work for us," said Campfield.

As a result of the sessions, ACUB members began to develop new, larger activities.

"We are trying to create bigger

events that involve more students and do more off-campus activities as well," said **Luke Ashton ('15')**.

"Last year we did an event every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Now we are trying to do something once every week that is a little bit bigger," said Ashton.

One of the larger events will take place Saturday, Oct. 10, on the Chapel lawn. A movie will be shown with a hot chocolate and s'mores bar. This week there will be a survey available to students to help choose the movie.

"[We] would love to get more student feedback," said Campfield.

There are many other events that are still being finalized, such as a dunk tank during the Community Carnival on the weekend of Halloween, Songfest with a hired MC, and bubble soccer for the weekend before finals week. ACUB also hopes to plan a trip to see a Red Wings game and to visit an "Escape Room."

Not only are the events changing this year, but the group's form of communication is as well. "We are trying to market in different ways," said Shannon Finnell, campus activities director and

co-advisor of ACUB. "We have a Snapchat that we're using to get student involvement."

"We realized that students in past years would get annoyed about all of the emails that pop up," said Ashton. "We are student-run, so we should be using things that students use." ACUB will be using Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram much more this year to boost student interest.

During the summer, the Student Lounge was completely renovated with fresh paint, new furniture, and a coffee bar. ACUB is excited to provide a more comfortable location for students to utilize and for organizations to use.

"We want to try to be mutual," said Ashton. "We will have them help us with an event and we will help them with an event."

The lounge is open daily from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. and is available for all student organizations to rent.

All of ACUB's events are campus wide.

"All students are welcome and encouraged to come to all of our events," said Finnell. "We don't try to target to any one class or any section of the campus."

## Radio station plans changes WQAC to go internet only

By HALEY PARKER  
STAFF WRITER

Once, if you had a terrestrial radio, you would hear the fuzz of static and the sound of a DJ greeting the day with indie music provided by Alma College's radio station, 90.9 FM WQAC.

However with the waning student involvement and interest, the organization decided to relinquish the station's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) contract with the Alma Board of Education. The organization decided to go radio silent in the radio world and moved instead toward digital content.

"We weren't reaching our audience. The radio didn't go past five miles and nobody really has a real radio anymore," said Jane Diels, professor of communication and adviser to the radio station. "We also didn't have content as there were only six radio shows on

board which occupied four hours of the week and the rest was a computer streaming music."

The lack of interest, despite having the second largest budget for an organization after ACUB, might have more to do with the amount of students that Alma has rather than the proportional interest in the programs themselves.

"It's actually a change that more small colleges are making now," said **Chris Vest ('17)**, one student involved with WQAC. "The only schools that can have a good station are big colleges like MSU, so liberal arts schools like Alma or Albion have to change to a different medium to move forward."

With a change of medium came a change in name as well: the now former WQAC functions as a small streaming site calling itself "Pirate Media" with a small following of around 80 followers at the count of last Monday.

According to **Jonathan Clark ('16)**, the general manager of the

station, the site has not quite gotten off of the ground.

"We are expanding from a platform of talk shows and music to one that includes both of those and much more," said Clark. "Once the new website/digital stream is up and running, we plan on having a variety of podcasts as well as shows. The site has not yet launched, but we will have a stream in the next month. Our digital stream will act exactly as our broadcast did, but being online it can be listened to on an app or computer and will be available anywhere in the U.S. that has internet capabilities."

The plan is for the new site to grow from simply an audio-visual focus to one that allows students of all majors to have a platform to showcase their skills such as blogs, stories, podcasts, videos, and live-stream events such as music recitals or athletic events.

This change was inspired by NPR (National Public Radio) whose website collects news, podcasts, and video to aid its goal of a more cultured America. However, here the station would have a very different function.

"It allows students interested in the media industry to play and experiment on a platform designed to give them experience," said Diels. "We want to set up a program that's student-owned, student run and student oriented."

It may sound incredibly ambitious for a small radio station to bring together different departments and specialties under one website. But station officials believe that it might, at the very least, be doable.

To read the full article check out The Almanian's Facebook page and website.

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Pickelmann mentioned the purchase of a club car in 2013 to aid in security's transportation around campus. Dice mentioned increased temporary lighting to ensure safety while Superior's street lamps are yet to arrive.

Pickelmann clarified that cars parked on school property, such as grass, are subject to ticketing if they impede facilities from mowing. He also recommended students be proactive in communication, referencing a student who received a ticket after being parked in a lot without the proper permit for 45 minutes. He said the student should have informed security before she temporarily parked to move some of her possessions.

Dice said he played a part in hiring STT and believes company employees have been "an incredible success story. [The] night watchmen would pay attention but they were not trained officers.

"I have to go to the city every year for rental agreements and special use permits to use our houses. It used to be that I'd have half the city there with complaints. When I go now, there's nobody there."

In the first year of STT's presence on campus, incidents fell by 37 percent, according to the annual security reports written by Pickelmann. They can be requested through Todd Friesner's vice president for finance and administration.

Security began to closely monitor and shut down parties in 2011, according to the reports. Typically, two or three parties were shut down a year. Seven events were closed in 2014.

In security reports, false fire alarms are reported. These incidents rose from 45 occurrences in 2010, to 160 occurrences in 2014. Reports through the years mention dirty and low battery smoke heads.

Overall, incidents reported by security rose from 544 when the company started on campus in 2010 to 1128 in 2014, a 48 percent increase. This may be due in part to the increasing amount of false fire alarms and unsecure doors.

"Our goal is to keep people safe, making sure our property is safe, having a good working relationship with our clients, staff, guests, just having an open door," said Pickelmann. "If someone needs to come in and talk to us, feel comfortable to come in and talk to us."

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Lizzie Heller ('15) and Miranda Anderson ('15) in the radio station playing music for all those listening.

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## Halloween costumes; the feminist perspective

BY MONICA KUNOVSKY  
WEB EDITOR

It's that time of year again. The risk winds pick up and the mild scent of pumpkin spice lattes can be smelled all across campus. Fall is coming, and with that comes undeniably the greatest holiday out there: Halloween.

Encompassing this holiday is the extortion of everyone's inner fat child: gobbling down numerous pounds of chocolates, gummy candies, lollipops, and sugary delights.

There's also the plague of finding Halloween costume accurate enough to portray your personality.

There's endless possibilities from wearing a comedic outfit that shows off your humor, or something savvy that shows your knowledge in current events.

Often time women are subjected to the less than satisfying choices, things that hypersexualize the female body and offer more pleasure for the male gaze rather than the wearer herself.

Outfits that aren't accurate (what police officer wears booty shorts and a crop top while on the clock?) or non-functioning (everyone's first choice for cold protection is an Eskimo costume, complete with a skin tight cocktail dress).

There's nothing wrong at all with wearing these types of costumes if you're into them, (because after-all, what other day of the year are you going to be able to not only dress as something other than yourself AND show loads of skin and not be stigmatized for it).

However, there comes a time when you want outfits more funny and creative and less focus on how much cleavage is showing.

So for those who are less into buying costumes and more into making homemade ones, or just want to show up to this year's upcoming Halloween party sporting an ultra-patriarchal slammin' outfit, here are a few ideas to get your

creative minds flowin'.

### Rosie the Riveter:

Most obvious outfit choice, this one is super simple because all you've got to do is create a pin-up look with your hair and makeup, grab a red bandana for your hair, and put on a blue shirt. Then get to slaying!

### Birth control:

Who doesn't love the option for oral contraceptives?

### Vagina:

Give people what they want to see...an anatomically correct representation of a female body part in all its stunning glory!

### Kathleen Hanna:

Nothing is more metal than replicating the icon herself who opened up the doorway for female punk bands. Better practice your growls, because you'll be screaming, "Riot grrrrl!"

### Ruth Bader Ginsburg:

The costume is easy—just grab a cheap pair of fake glasses, put on an old graduation gown and white scarf. Grab a gavel and get to smackin' away at all the misogynists!

### A tampon:

People get uncomfortable talking about periods, so why not bring that to your next social gathering? And what's better is if you make it a buddy costume and bring a friend along dressed as a pad.

### Patriarchy Slayer:

Grab your boxing gloves and put on your battle outfit. Carry around a sign with the words 'patriarch' written on them, and proceed to smash the sign throughout the whole night.

### Femme Bot:

Austin Powers ain't got nothing on these gals, and what's better is that for those who want to show a

little more, why not give people a bang for their buck (boob guns are good guns).

### Powder puff girls:

The ultimate definition of girl power.

### Zombie Suffragette:

Take the bad ass costume of a suffragette and just ZOMBIFY IT.

### Witch:

Wearing all black never sounded more appealing.

### Your favorite Women's and Gender studies professor:

Why not keep it local and rep up one of your favorite WGS profs?!

### Alien:

Gender neutral AND out of this world!

### Drag King/Queen:

Take a whirl dressing up like a gender unlike your own, and have some fun exploring gender fluidity!

### Princess Fiona from "Shrek":

A good excuse to put on green paint AND who doesn't love a strong female character in an animated film?

### Ghost:

Get a sheet, throw it on, costume DONE. And no one will even know who is underneath so you can get away with sleuthing around secretly.

### Marina and the Diamonds:

Cute and revolutionary.

### Lumber-Jill:

The female take on a lumber-jack, simple and cute. Grab your favorite flannel and some suspenders and a beanie and get to hacking away at misogynists!

### Happy costume hunting!

## Lana Del Rey's "Honeymoon" dazzles from behind a smoke screen

BY PAIGE DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

Who is Lana del Rey? This question has plagued me since she first made her viral debut with the eerily vintage music video for "Video Games." The songstress' fourth album "Honeymoon" is yet another vague chapter in her archetypal saga.

I saw del Rey in concert this past summer, expecting to finally get my question answered. What I got instead was a continuation of this blurred view, the shadowy parts of her character no more illuminated than before.

The set list was only 13 songs (relatively short for performing at an amphitheater), and she sang beautifully. But it was her meek demeanor and timid smirk that interested me.

She seems to have flourished for the past four years by keeping a secret just out of our reach. With Honeymoon, she extends the mystery.

The appeal of del Rey, at least for me, is this give and take with her persona: the dysfunctional characters that she plays and her veiled configuration of ruinous beauty.

I am attracted to what she doesn't give away, the shrouded late night scenes that she briefly reveals even with her often clichéd lyrics.

Honeymoon takes a slight fork in the road from Ultraviolence, revisiting some old influences while also introducing new spins on her signature sound.

The title track "Honeymoon," has foreboding strings accompany del Rey's promise to a faceless lover, a prelude to the ultimate heartbreak that always befalls her.

"We both know that it's not

fashionable to love me," she pouts. Hold up — isn't that the whole shtick?

Her play-acting at doomed characters is part of her appeal, so this line sets the tone for del Rey to bewilder and confuse us further.

The lyrics of "Music To Watch Boys To" expose virtually nothing. Do you see the pattern here? She loves to hypnotize with her floating vocal melodies that exist in the stratosphere just above our heads. But when you realize that she's purposefully being elusive ("I know what only the girls know"), it produces a dizzying effect.

Tracks like "Terrence Loves You" and "Salvatore" explore jazzier territory, although they are the most snooze-worthy on the album. She once again serenades faceless lovers, unknown but for the names in the titles.

Lead single "High By The Beach" betrays her customarily puzzling style and serves up the most concrete lyrics on the album. Finally, del Rey seems to be making a statement. All she wants to do is get high by the beach. It's really that simple.

Moody ballad "God Knows I Tried" succeeds where "Salvatore" dissipates. Scornful and fiery-eyed, she strikes a balance between a typical kiss-off and something refreshingly honest.

This is the kind of song that she was meant to make, along with "24," another lengthy, whimpering ballad that cements her adoration for the old-fashioned.

Gone are the overbearing reverb guitar tones of Ultraviolence in "Freak" and "Art Deco," a trap-infused duo of songs that hearken back to del Rey's classic sound. These tracks feature horn riffs (saxophone and flute) that add a new texture to her crooning.

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## Horoscopes

Disclaimer:  
These horoscopes may not apply to everyone. Horoscopes are not a science but a mystical art. They are not designed to offend or affect anyone. We wish no one ill will or bad weeks.

### ARIES (March 21- April 19)



This week you'll find yourself in the midst of an unthinkable battle. It's either between an upcoming exam or class and your digestive system tempting to survive the detrimental vitality caused by SAGA. No prediction on who will be victorious. It's also not too late to drop out of school and live under a nice bridge in NYC (after the week you've had).

### Taurus (April 20- May 20)



You may have had a horrible time last week, but these upcoming few days will be GREAT! Grab your bag of glitter and sprinkle it all throughout campus, just so everyone else can be reminded how great your life is and how miserable theirs is. Don't forget to carry around an umbrella because any people will try to rain on your parade.

### Gemini (May 21- June 20)



You'll be hurt by someone this week, but unintentionally. Before jumping to conclusions, proceed with caution and listen to the apology they have to give. Contemplate making a drastic change to your life as well (such as becoming vegetarian or dying your hair an odd color). Take out this week's aggression in a productive way. Try the rock wall or throwing pennies at students sitting at the carrels in the library.

Your backpack will break this week midst walking up the steps to 3rd floor SAC, so either bring some duct tape, another backpack, or a brown paper bag so you can cover your head and save yourself from embarrassment. Pumpkin spice lattes are also back for the season, so at least there's that.

### CANCER (June 21- July 22)



You'll fall asleep in the middle of a class, so prepare by bringing a pillow to class. Or make sure to get on top of your homework and get that done early so you can get to bed at a decent time. Your friends might also be having a rough time this week, so make sure to be on standby with a box of tissues and a bag of Dove Chocolates.

### LEO (July 23- August 22)



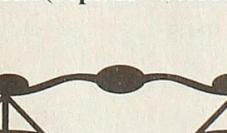
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### VIRGO (August 23- September 22)



Life seems pointless sometimes, but don't let that get you down. Keep your head up buttercup (and if you physically can't—just wear a neck brace. It functions both as a convenient storage area for snacks as well as keeping your head afloat so you don't drown in self pity). Steal your local neighbors candy corn and feast on this delectable fall delicacy.

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



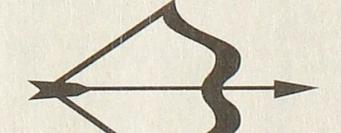
Don't wear your favorite sweater this week. A spillage in SAGA could deem fateful for your beloved knit wear. Don't forget to party hard because it's Libra season, so technically EVERYDAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY! Do yourself a favor and drive to the Italian Oven in Mount Pleasant and order all the desserts. Not one, or some, ALL.

### SCORPIO (October 23- November 21)



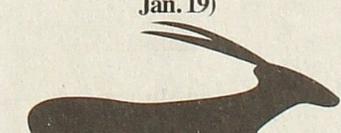
Fall weather has arrived and so has your prime power time. Revel in this glory and take advantage of this. Practice your new-found royalty by attempting to get your friends to carry you in a chair to Joe's. Those who say no were never real friends to begin with. When you realize no one will follow through with your requests, just sit yourself down with a good book and some good hummus (not with the red pepper hummus because that is the grossest flavor).

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



This week starts the countdown before winter (aka being trapped inside) so get your last few moments of sun-time you can. Go for numerous bike rides, runs to Stucchi's, and even try walking to Mount Pleasant one weekend. Hit up IHOP sometime this week as well because their new Fruit 'N Streusel Crepes are to DIE for.

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



You've always contemplated trying to top knot/man bun look. If you're waiting for a sign: this is it. Make this week's goal to personify and become an exclamation point. Don't let the cold weather get to your spirits and bring you down. Rise above and keep moving forward and keep being happy (if you need help, contact your local Sagittarius!)

## Heartbreaker at homecoming; Scots fall to Trine University by one point

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Members of the Alma College football team line up to score one of the first touchdowns of the 2015 homecoming game against Trine.

With alumni filling the stands, the Alma College football team hosted the Thunder of Trine University last Saturday afternoon for homecoming. Alma, after having a bye-week, looked to get back on the field.

For seniors **Troy Gahm ('16)** and **Justin Thelen ('16)**, homecoming is a special day.

"Homecoming weekend is always special," says Thelen. "A lot of alumni come back, family and friends come watch," Gahm adds. However, this homecoming came in a loss for the Scots as Trine overcame a 13-point deficit to defeat The Scots 21-20.

At the start of the game, Alma looked to set the tone early, but the powerful defense of Trine stopped them on the one-yard line, not once, but twice on their opening drive. Eventually they scored on a 50-yard run from **Nick Sullivan ('17)** to put Alma up 7-0. On the next possession, the Scots defense forced a fumble when Thelen hit the ball out of Lamar Carswell's hands. **Aaron Davis ('17)** recovered the ball on Trine territory.

As the second quarter went by, Alma tried to increase their lead after **Dylan Demo ('19)** blocked a punt on Trine's 14. Unfortunately, Alma wasn't

able to turn that turnover into points because **Ryan Maguire ('18)** missed one out of three field goals in the game.

After the halftime show, Alma came out and increased its lead 14-0, when **Dylan Zaborowski ('18)** completed a 25-yard pass to Sullivan. On the kickoff, Trine's Jeffery Barnett ran 92 yards for a touchdown to cut the lead in half 14-7. The

next drive, Sullivan scored again - his third of the game - to give the Scots a 13-point lead because of a missed extra point. Sullivan finished the afternoon with 182 yards, a career-high.

Alma's defense stood strong on Trine's next possession, but a short punt by **Edward Inglesbee ('18)** allowed Trine to start on Alma's 40,

which later lead to a score by Carswell. On Alma's next drive, Sullivan scored again, but a penalty brought them back for no touchdown. Alma tried for a field goal, but Maguire missed it wide right. Trine would take the lead indefinitely with 6:13 left in the game, giving Trine the 21-20 victory.

Coach Greg Pscodna commented on the game: "We

played hard today and we played good enough to win, but we lost because of five or six different plays." He added that the team needs to "play every play because you never know what's going to happen."

Alma will be on the road next week, as the Scots travel to Adrian, to play the defending MIAA champions. Game time is set for 5 p.m.

## Sports Bulletin

### Tuesday

Men's Soccer  
Trine at Alma at 4 p.m.

### Friday

Women's Volleyball  
Kalamazoo at Alma at 7 p.m.

### Saturday

Men's Soccer  
Hope at Alma at 2:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball  
Hope at Alma at 1 p.m.

## Spotlight: Kennedy Hilley's ('19) big freshman season



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One year ago, **Kennedy Hilley ('19)** was golfing at Lake Odessa Lakewood High School trying to lead her team in the Michigan high school division 3 girls championship. She shot an 85 and 93 in her two rounds, leaving her outside of medalist honors.

This was motivation for Hilley as she entered her freshman year of golf at Alma with big goals for the season.

"My goal was to break 80 and I am glad I have done that. I wanted to be consistent with my scores and I am still working on that," explained Hilley.

She is not disappointed with the women's golf team, which is loaded with underclassmen and is showing signs of improvement after years of dissatisfaction in the conference.

At the 2nd MIAA Jamboree event earlier this year, Hilley

shot a career best 2 over par, 74, at Milham Park in Kalamazoo.

Her performance led to a 1st place finish in the jamboree, as well as MIAA women's golfer of the week honors. She was the first Alma women's golfer to win medalist honors since 2002.

Although Hilley has enjoyed collegiate golf, she says it's a little bit different than high school.

"The biggest difference for me is that practice isn't going to be the same every day. In high school you'd know you head to the course after school with the rest of the team. In college, you practice when your schedule allows. Not having a set routine everyday was an adjustment I had to make."

Hilley, who has had three first place finishes for Alma, will look to continue and build on her performance as Alma travels to Adrian this weekend to play in the final MIAA Jamboree.

The Scots have finished 7th in back to back jamboree's, but have finished as high as 5th at

one earlier this season.

There are big goals for the future of the program.

Hilley said, "I really believe that this team, when we all have a good day, can be at least top in the league and I can't wait to see that happen."



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