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Pipe Band edged out at Highland Games in St. Louis, Missouri; Finishes second

BY WILL DONAHUE
STAFF WRITER

The Alma College Pipe Band ranked No. 2 at a Highland Games competition Saturday.

Bagpipers and drummers competed in the St. Louis, Missouri Highland Games festival last weekend. Members competed against seven other pipe bands through solo as well as ensemble performances. The band competed in grade level three and missed the first place ranking by two points.

The competition hosted bands competing in five grade levels with the first level bands considered the most advanced.

According to **Brayden Fisher ('15)**, the competition allows the band to get off campus and add more variety to their more common campus

activities, including playing for football games and admissions events.

The main ensemble performances of the competition involved what is called "The Quick March Medley." The Medley is comprised of four different performance marches.

Competitors of the Alma Pipe Band included the Kansas City Pipe Band and Cleveland 87th Pipe Band. All of the bands practice in the same outdoor space at the Games.

"There are bagpipes everywhere. You cannot escape the sound of them and it is distracting to focus on your music and your pipe band when there are other pipers, pipe bands, and drummers playing other stuff all around you all the time," said drummer, **Laura Jessup ('15)**.

As a current member of the Alma College Kiltie Marching Band, Jessup also competed in high school marching band. She plays the second smallest tenor drum in the Pipe Band.



Nicole Eccles: Opinion Editor

The Pipe Band before one of its performances at the Highland Games in St. Louis.

Practicing at the games

in the midst of many other droning bagpipes creates a large distraction. Jessup said it is an awesome experience to be standing in a circle with Alma's band in the middle of so much noise—the bagpipes surrounding her and the drummers in front.

Many of the drummers in the Kiltie Marching Band usually end up playing with the pipe band if they wish, said Jessup.

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Fischer said he has been playing the bagpipes for 10 years and that this would be his fourth time at the St. Louis festival.

The North American Championship in Maxville, Ontario is the much bigger than the competition held in St. Louis. The Alma Pipe Band competed against 15 to 20 other bands at that event.

The Highland Games in Ontario is "probably two or three times larger than the games in Alma," said Fischer. "I do like this competition because it is a smaller one. It is not as crazy and hectic; once we get there we have a relatively relaxing day."

Urdiales competed in five solo events during the first half of the competition day. He received No. 2 rankings for two of his performances. "If you could picture music flying through the air it's chaotic, but it's just so beautiful," said piper, **John Urdiales ('16)**.



Photo Courtesy Maggie Chambers ('15)

The 2nd annual Plaid Dash last Saturday filled the campus with supporters for Austim Speaks.

CSO to host variety of events this year

BY RAY VISSER
STAFF WRITER

The Center for Student Opportunity has multiple activities planned for the school year. The yearly Career EXPLO is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10, from 3-5 p.m. in the Stone Recreation Center.

"Career EXPLO is a combination networking event and career fair," said Laurie DeYoung, assistant director of career services. "[The] real value is in helping students to identify different career paths."

DeYoung said that students should go into the EXPLO with specific goals in mind.

"If you're a freshman or a sophomore and you're really trying to explore different career paths... maybe you don't know what you want to major in, these are great people to talk to," DeYoung said. "[They've] majored in all different things

and they're doing all sorts of different things.

"For freshmen and sophomores I would say... dress nice—business casual would be a good rule—and have a list of questions," DeYoung said. "Having a resume with you is helpful because you can leave the people you talk to with something, but the questions are the most important part."

For older students approaching graduation, DeYoung's advice is different.

"If you're a junior or senior and you're looking for connections that can help you find opportunities, or identifying actual opportunities present at career EXPLO, you must bring your resume," DeYoung said. "You should dress business professional. If you have an interview suit, wear your interview suit. Make a serious impression."

The Off-Campus Study Fair will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 12-3 p.m. in Van Dusen Commons.

"[The fair is for] students to come in and check out the options to study off-campus," said Carla Jensen, assistant director of venture and off-

"Those experiences can be made feasible both financially and academically."

-Wesley Hoyle ('15)

campus study. "That includes study abroad programs, domestic internship programs in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., and travel Spring Term opportunities."

A variety of representatives will be present to talk at each

booth at the fair. "We're going to have faculty [who teach] Spring Terms, and visitors from [overseas] programs," said Jensen. Students who have studied off-campus will also be present to share their experiences.

"[This is a] great opportunity for students to explore the array of options [for study abroad]," Jensen said. "We have 36 programs in 15 different countries. Every program will have a table, and there will be a staff person, a student, or both there to talk about the programs."

"We're trying to let people know that not only [are] there a variety of experiences waiting," said CSO communications intern **Wesley Hoyle ('15)**, "but also that those experiences can be made feasible both financially and academically."

Students planning to travel internationally can take advantage of services offered at the Fair. Bitworks will be taking passport photos at the event.

In addition, there will be "a passport fair in early December where you can bring your... photo and materials and apply for your passport," Jensen said.

The Responsible Leadership Institute also has several events planned. In addition to co-sponsoring the upcoming Neil deGrasse Tyson speaker event, the Institute advises and coordinates the Alternative Break program.

"[Alternative Breaks give students] an opportunity to interact with students they wouldn't normally see," said Sallie Scheide, assistant director of the Responsible Leadership Institute. "It also gives them a chance to look at social issues at a different level outside the classroom."

Every Alternative Break is designed around a "social-justice issue," Scheide said. "Hopefully [students] can engage with a marginalized population."

Today is the deadline to apply for Alternative Breaks over fall break.

This Week at
Alma College
September 29-October 5

Monday

Movie Showing: Cesar Chavez
7 p.m. Dunning Memorial Chapel

Tuesday

Job/Internship Search Workshop
3 p.m. Center for Student Opportunity

Wednesday

Neil deGrasse Tyson-
Live!
8 p.m. Art Smith Arena, Hogan Center

Thursday

Voter Registration Booth
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tyler-Van Dusen, Rotunda

Friday

Be a True Scot: Wear Purple
Wear purple to raise awareness of domestic violence

Sunday

Fall Sorority Recruitment
8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tyler-Van Dusen, Rotunda

**Off -Campus Spring Terms:
England, Peru, and more**

By ALEXANDRA BOURNE
STAFF WRITER

You've seen the posters all over campus: "Study Shakespeare in England," "Adventure in the Andes," "Study Film in Italy," amongst other Spring Term opportunities. One of the best aspects of Alma College is the amount of opportunities for overseas studies, allowing students to travel with professors to learn about various subjects.

Spring Term begins approximately April 26 and ends May 21, 2015. Tuition for each class is \$1,100.

This year, some of the classes that are being offered include trips to Peru, China, Germany, and England, amongst others.

Andean Adventure: Exploring Language, Culture and History in Peru is a course that will be taught by Mark Seals, professor of education, Peggy Thelen, professor of education, and Robert Molina, professor of mathematics and computer science. This course highlights learning Spanish, service learning, travel/exploration, and cultural immersion.

During this trip students will learn Spanish, stay with host families, and participate in service opportunities such as working in elementary schools, orphanages, shelters, businesses, and hospitals. When asked why he believes students should take this class, Mark Seals, Ph.D., stated "the biggest thing is to explore a new culture, to learn about themselves in these settings, to appreciate the richness of the societies that they have."

The class will cost

approximately \$4,900 on top of the price of tuition, and will meet a total of nine times before leaving to learn about aspects such as food, currency and travel beforehand so students will feel more comfortable with the culture.

China: History and Culture, taught by Liping Bu, chair of the history department, is a class in which students will learn about the history and culture of China from 2000 years ago to now, visiting sites such as The Forbidden City in Beijing and Shang Hai.

Not including the cost of tuition, this class is estimated to cost \$4,500-\$4,700.. Students will spend the first week on campus studying the general history, culture, and basic language points before leaving for China.

"I encourage all students to participate, including first year students," said Bu. "The world is much larger than Alma College, and they pick up some interesting perspectives when they travel to this very different society and culture."

Professor Marcus Richter will be teaching Martin Luther and the Reformation, which is set to travel across Germany.

Richter will lead students to places of the Reformation, such as where Luther lived, died, and worked, as well as tourist sites including the highest mountain in Germany, Zugspitze, and cities such as Munich, Berlin, and Heidelberg.

The estimated cost for this trip on top of the cost of tuition is \$3,900. Students will spend the first week on campus to complete academic work before leaving for

Germany.

Taught by Edward Lorenz, professor of History, Leadership in the Law of War, Conflict Resolution and Human Rights is a class scheduled to travel to Spain, France, Switzerland, Poland, and Germany to learn about the development of international law and conflict resolution.

This class will be visiting various sites, including Nuremberg, Germany, Auschwitz, Madrid, Geneva, The Hogue in Holland, and Krakow Poland.

The class will cost about \$3,750 on top of the cost of tuition..

In Medieval and Renaissance Drama, taught by Dana Aspinall, associate professor of English, students will be spending most of their time in England where they will have apartments in the center of London.

The class will cost between \$4,500 and \$4,800 on top of tuition.

"It's exciting to see all of these things that you've heard about," said Aspinall. "Everybody knows something about England. You recognize the landmarks that are in London, and seeing them sort of fulfills the desire to see the sites students see on TV."

Students will travel to Stratford, England to see the Royal Shakespeare Company perform.

While in London, students will visit sites such as the Globe Theater and take day trips to Winchester, Canterbury, Oxford, Cambridge, and Lester.

The trip will end in York, where they will meet up with a school from Massachusetts and their professor, who is a specialist in the Medieval era.

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GREEK LIFE Spotlight: Alpha Gamma Delta
Zeta Nu chapter wins awards at International Convention



Courtesy Brittany Verran ('15)

Below, Brittany Verran ('15), president of the Zeta Nu chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta and Alora Adams ('15), vice president of membership pose for a picture after receiving the Activities Award and the Rose Bowl at its convention last July. Left, pictured are the two awards the chapter received.



Courtesy Brittany Verran ('15)

"The Activities Award is presented to the collegiate chapter whose members are highly involved in campus and community activities. Zeta Nu Chapter has demonstrated a commitment to well-rounded womanhood by creating an environment that encourages women to seek involvement and leadership opportunities outside of Alpha Gamma Delta.

The Rose Bowl Award was presented to Zeta Nu Chapter for demonstrating a commitment to learning by consistently achieving a high chapter GPA throughout the year. The Rose Bowl is the symbol of the highest academic achievement in Alpha Gamma Delta and represents the first line of our Purpose, "To gain understanding that wisdom may be vouchsafed to me."

Zeta Nu was very honored to have received these awards and continue to strive to reach our goals over the next two years until the next International Convention. The sisters of the Zeta Nu Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta have worked very hard to achieve this honor and be an active part of Alma College's campus in both Greek Life and all other aspects of the college."

-Brittany Verran ('15), President of Alpha Gamma Delta, Zeta Nu

Operation Streamline

Students learn about controversial deportation procedure

By SAM COYKENDALL
BUSINESS MANAGER

Last week continued the celebration of Hispanic Heritage month by raising awareness through a variety of presentations, films, simulations, and panel discussions.

In honor of Constitution Day, Amnesty International and HisCo partnered to present a simulation of Operation Streamline. Taking place in the Chapel, students and professors collaborated to bring light to the controversy of Operation Streamline.

Operation Streamline began back in 2005 as a systematic method for mass deportation and deterring repeated undocumented immigrant border crossing. On average, 70 undocumented immigrants are processed and sentenced in a short amount of time each day. The accused

are given little to no legal representation and offered a choice between a misdemeanor and a felony charge.

The goal of Operation Streamline is to increase the punishments associated with undocumented entry into the United States, creating a higher risk for those considering crossing the border. Operation Streamline includes prison time for all offenders in contrast to pre-2005, when undocumented immigrants were simply deported back across the border.

Students who participated in the simulation shared feelings of underrepresentation and unfair treatment. Groups of participants had their hands zip-tied together to simulate being handcuffed. In small groups, they were led to the front of the Chapel to stand trial before the judge. The entire process took just under 15 minutes to fully showcase an accurate representation of Operation

Streamline.

Jake Fox ('16) shared his personal experiences with Operation Streamline after the conclusion of the simulation.

"I first became aware of the streamline procedures last year

"Streamline trials don't only process 15 people in a day, they process 70 people each and every day..."

-Jake Fox ('16)

on an alternative break with Dr. Lorenz, who took our group to the U.S. Customs Border," he said. "Streamline trials don't only process 15 people in a day, they process 70 people each and every day," said Fox. "And they do it in

such a way that you feel like you are a part of the group when you go through it. You get appointed a lawyer, but you also share that lawyer with however many other groups are processed before you."

After the conclusion of the simulation, the panel discussion began. Speakers included Bill Gorton, assistant professor of political science, Ed Lorenz, professor of history and political science, Victor Argueta-Diaz, assistant professor of physics and **Samantha Kulhanek ('16)**.

Kulhanek also learned about Operation Streamline during a school-sponsored Alternative Break.

"Before going on Alternative Break, none of us were aware of Operation Streamline," said Kulhanek. "After sitting through a trial in Tucson, Arizona, we really felt it was a powerful message about our criminal justice system that needed to be talked about further."

As the discussion progressed, points were made about the effect on the government and tax payers. It was argued that a great amount of resources are currently being dispensed to facilitate Operation Streamline.

However, the result is not what has been expected. There has not been a decrease in undocumented immigrants and as a result, the cost to run the program has exponentially increased.

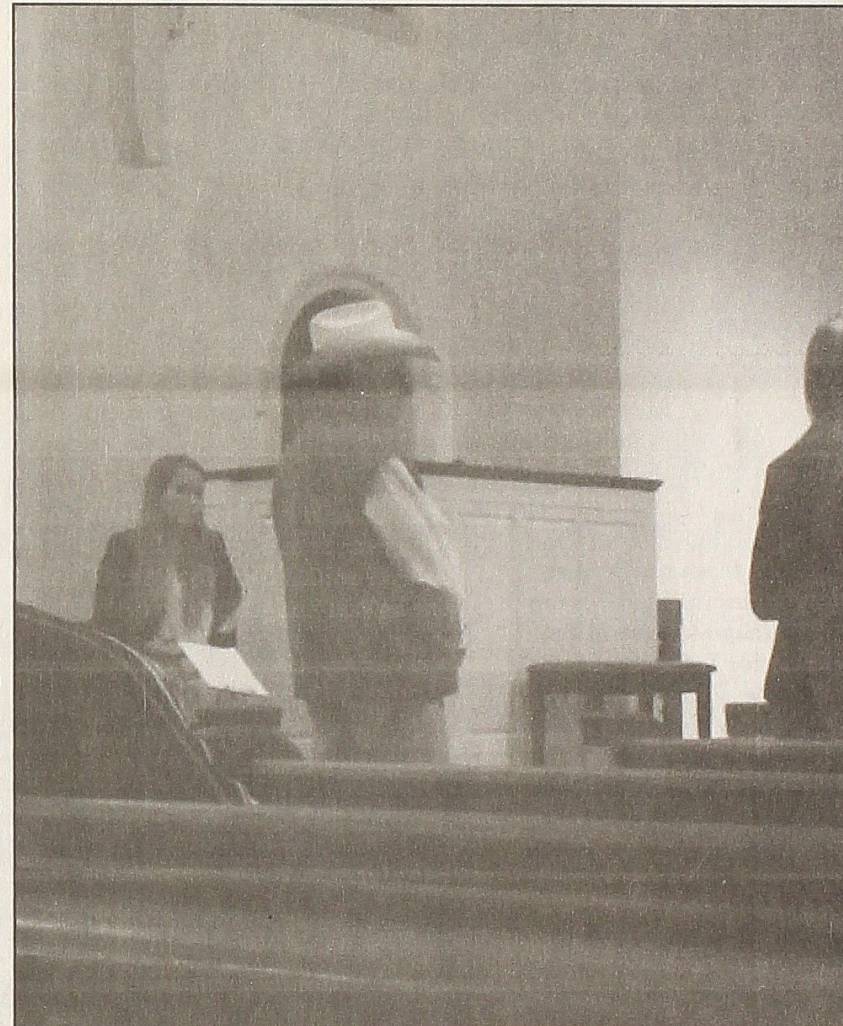
To tie in Operation Streamline with Constitution Day, the group discussed the legality and constitutional aspect of the government program.

"I hope Operation Streamline will be declared unconstitutional at the federal level and eradicated altogether," said Kulhanek. "I think fixing our immigration system to get it to a better place is going to be a long process, but it is something that needs to be addressed, and getting rid of this operation is a great first step."



Sam Coykendall: Business Manager

A panel discusses Operation Streamline after a simulation of what occurs daily in the deportation process.



Sam Coykendall: Business Manager

ACUB provides weekend entertainment

By CHELSEY COBB
STAFF WRITER

"We want to provide students with opportunities to do things at a price that is more convenient for them," said **Morgan Bauman ('13)**, Alma College Union Board (ACUB) advisor.

The events that ACUB hosts welcome everyone and are provided at little cost to the students. Last Saturday, ACUB sponsored a trip to the Detroit Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins game at Comerica Park in Detroit. The tickets were only \$15.

Similarly, ACUB will sponsor other excursions throughout the semester.

"ACUB can offer students reduced prices for tickets and

transportation to events like Tigers games, trips to Cedar Point, Red Wings games and others," said **Max Vanderpool ('15)**. The group is planning an excursion to Cedar Point on Oct. 26.

Events like this are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The number of tickets available is limited by the amounts of seats available for transportation. Tickets go on sale in the Student Life Office the week before the event.

Besides planning trips off campus, ACUB's new programming model plans to have different programs happening every weekend from Thursday to Saturday, ranging from movies to game nights and from sports to trivia.

"We are aiming to provide a wide variety of programs for a variety of students," said Bauman.

ACUB will host a Halloween Masquerade Dance to take

place in Hamilton Commons on Halloween night, Friday Oct. 31.

Not all of these events are put on solely by ACUB. Many events are partnered with other organizations on campus.

ACUB is working with Greek Life to provide \$3 movies at the Alma NCG Cinema. These will take place the first Thursday of every month, and the tickets will be available in the Student Life Office.

Thursday's movie will be "The Maze Runner." Tickets will be available Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as Thursday morning.

The overall goal of ACUB is to offer opportunities for people to have fun with friends safely and cheaply. These events give students another choice of weekend activities.

"Students can count on more activities and trips than previous years," said Vanderpool. "With a wide variety of events, ACUB will be able to appeal to all students."



Rebekah Irani: Staff Photographer

Back row, left to right: Heather McNett ('17), Alex Kling ('16), Rebekah Irani ('16) Front row, left to right: Hannah Austin ('15), Katie Ochs ('16), and Caliee Drzinski ('15) pause for a photo at the ACUB trip to the Tigers' last game of the season.

Detroit sports fans give the most support

By DANIEL MURAWSKE
STAFF WRITER

I have followed sports for a long time. It started when I played T-ball as a four-year-old, and it has not stopped since.

What started with T-ball led to my love of baseball. As I grew up, I came to love the Detroit Tigers (even in the early years of the 21st century as they struggled mightily). No matter what they did, win or lose, they were my team.

I was probably about 10 years old when I went to Comerica Park for the first time. The Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church altar servers and their families had the opportunity to buy tickets that the church had purchased for those who wanted to attend.

Let's just say, I had never been to a place where there were so many people.

I have been to three Detroit Tigers games since then, and each time Comerica Park has seemed



Rebekah Irani; Staff Photographer

to get fuller.

I went twice in the 2014 regular season, which officially ended yesterday. The first time was on April 6th against the Baltimore Orioles.

I remember thinking to myself about how cold it had been all year so far, and I wondered how many people would be willing to brave the cold to go see the Tigers play.

I was going with two friends from college, and I remember telling them that I thought we

would have the chance to move up in the stands and get better seats, thinking there would not be many fans there because of how the weather had been all year.

It was a sellout crowd.

The number of dedicated Detroit Tigers fans never ceases to amaze me.

Then there are times when I watch the Tigers on TV as they are on the road. Sometimes I will look at the stands, and the number of fans at opposing team's

ballparks is very small.

This is not just compared to the crowds at Comerica Park, but in general. I look at the seats when the Tigers are away, and sometimes there are entire sections completely empty.

Detroit Tigers fans are the best fans in baseball. And I will go one step further. Fans of any Detroit team are the most loyal fans in the world.

However, I might have to make an exception for the Pistons. There are a lot of Michiganders who give the Detroit Pistons an unnecessarily hard time when they struggle.

My late brother, Sean, was the biggest Pistons fan in the world. I would always read Facebook conversations between him and his friends where he would be forced to defend the Pistons as many others would lay into Detroit.

But other than that, Detroit sports fans are the best.

Take the Detroit Lions. They have struggled for years, but the fans are always there.

I have never gotten into the

NFL, but when I was at home on Sundays during football season, I never needed to watch the games to know exactly how they were doing.

All I needed to do was listen to the screaming and yelling that would emanate from the downstairs living room.

It is true; many people would get upset with the Lions. But that is because they love the Lions and want to see them be successful. I would never hear screams of hatred. All I would hear were screams of sadness (and of joy, once in a while).

I have not been to a Lions game or a Red Wings game yet. I am told that when The Red Wings score a goal in Joe Louis Arena, the sound is deafening. Why? Because Detroit Red Wings fans are the best hockey fans, and they get very excited when we score a goal.

When I see how much people love the Tigers, Red Wings and Lions (and for some, Pistons), I come to this easy conclusion: Detroit fans are the most loyal sports fans in the world.

Alma businesses should change hours to match students' schedules

By RAY VISSER
STAFF WRITER

The city of Alma has an interesting geographical quirk. The intersection of Wright and Superior is the border between two zones. Take Wright north and you'll see McDonald's, Arby's, a 24-hour Walmart, Pizza Hut, and every other sign of a North American settlement.

Walking down Superior Street, however, is a different experience altogether.

This past week, I took an informal survey of the storefronts on Superior. This involved glancing through a store window to see if anyone was suspiciously looking in my direction. If the coast was clear, I snapped a quick photo of the posted business hours. If I had worn a trench coat, I would have felt like a private eye.

Back in the safety of my room, a clear pattern emerged when I looked at the times all at once. Weekday times are some variation on 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nearly every business is closed on Sundays and has very limited hours on Saturdays. To me, this seems like a glaring oversight.

I'm not trying to be insensitive to the owners' need for a few days off (college students know this yearning well), or to their religious preferences. If they really need Sunday for personal reasons, there's no way anyone can persuade them otherwise.

But it just makes sense to me to stay open on the few days per week that hundreds of potential customers—Alma College students—have at least a little time to go downtown. If the campus community knew that businesses in Alma were open to them when they have some actual free time, the campus bubble might begin to break.

Another possible solution is to keep longer daytime hours. During the week, students are swamped with classes, homework, meetings, athletics, and a whole host of other activities.



Cassidy Shankleton; Staff Illustrator

However, after about 5 o'clock, most of these things are either less frequent, or they simply don't happen. This is especially true of homework.

Local businesses, especially restaurants, should consider staying open until at least 9 or 10. They could capitalize on the late-dinner college crowd and draw students worn out from studying in the library all day.

Even better would be to expand the usefulness of Munch Money outside of Joe's, Stucchi's, and Pizza One.

We see enough Pizza One delivery cars on any given night to know that if the food is good enough, students are clearly willing to spend one of their most precious resources. More restaurants—Main Café, Pizza Sam, Helman's, El Vaquero—should step up to try to accept Munch Money.

There are legions of Alma students who might collapse into full-scale mental breakdowns if they have to eat one more Joe's sub. And yet they will eat that Joe's sub, because hey, it's that slab of meat, dairy, and bread, or another \$25 order of Pizza One.

I know there are administrative and financial hurdles to accepting Munch Money as legal tender, but

it's worth looking into.

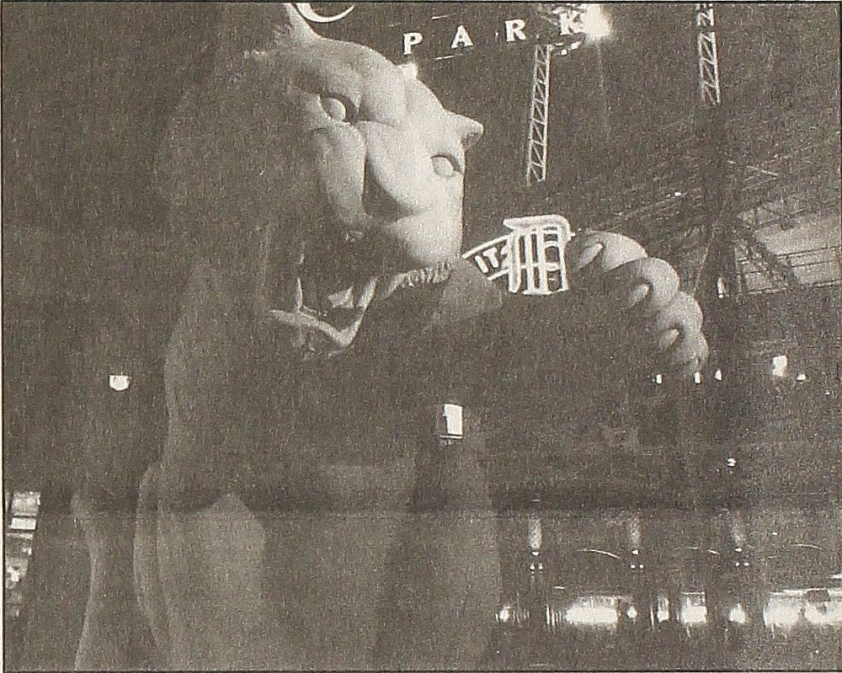
A possible objection to all of these crazy ideas is that the staff and management of these establishments just don't want to work more hours. They've put in their time from 9-5, or 9:30-4:30, and now they're going home.

Simple counterargument: hire college students to work those hours. As I said before, late evening and weekend schedules are generally less jam-packed for Alma students. If it takes paying a few students a few hours a night to bring in a sizable chunk of the population for the first time, I consider it a done deal.

What do you think? Would you spend time and a little money downtown if local businesses actually tried to adapt to your schedule?

If students make it known that they want to support local businesses, maybe we can shift the dynamic of the whole community—if you have any additional opinions to this, email visser11@alma.edu with your thoughts. It would take just a few small changes to eliminate the divide between the two zones of Alma business.

Maybe someday we will eat at Main Café for dinner. It's a dream worth working toward.



Rebekah Irani; Staff Photographer

Word Search Corner

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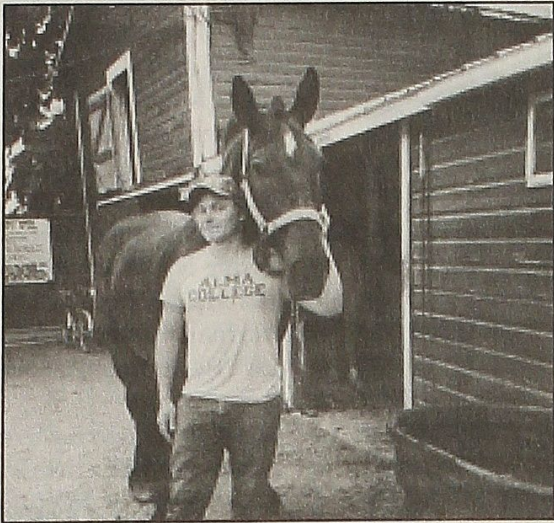
Campus Comment

By Alexandra Bourne
STAFF WRITER

We asked you: "What are the best jobs on campus?"



Miranda Kruse ('17)
Job: First Year Guide
Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI



Isaac Burrell ('15)
Job: Tour Guide
Hometown: McBain, MI



Kelsee Brinklow ('17)
Job: Resident Assistant
Hometown: Chelsea, MI



Kyle Barlas ('15)
Job: Resident Assistant
Hometown: Ada, MI

"First Year Guide was a really great way to get involved on campus. The training was really intense, but I absolutely loved working with my First Year Seminar instructor and class. The stipend is nice because it helped me pay for my sorority dues, and the work isn't extremely strenuous."

"As a tour guide for the admissions office, I gained a lot of practice talking to people, I learned a lot about Alma College, and I met many impressive high school students. It was great to give students a tour and then see them on campus the next fall! I really enjoyed that aspect of the job."

"It is so wonderful to help pique prospective students' interest in Alma and be there for my residents as they make Alma their new home! What could be better than getting paid to share my love for Alma with prospects and foster a community with a hallway of absolutely lovely individuals? It is cheesy, but completely true."

"Working as a Resident Assistant is an extremely rewarding job. This position has afforded me many amazing friendships and has taught me a great deal about myself, my abilities as a leader, and has satiated my passion for helping others in the turmoil of daily life."

Controversial Miss America still well deserving of title, prestige

By Rachel Kalinovik
STAFF WRITER

As many have heard, a new Miss America, Kira Kazantsev, has recently been crowned. Kazantsev was the reigning Miss New York until being crowned Miss America on September 14th, making this the third year in a row that Miss New York has won. Along with this title, however, came a lot of controversy.

Stories about Kazantsev began to arise about a week after the contest concluded, bringing up the fact that she was kicked out of her sorority, the Phi Mu chapter at Hofstra University, for apparent hazing. It has been rumored that during her reign as Recruitment Committee President for Phi Mu, Kazantsev was involved in aggressively hazing new members.

Kazantsev admitted to the hazing, saying that she was hazed herself as a pledge and that she took part in some hazing activities, but it was never aggressive. Anonymous sources

reported however that the hazing acts included some violence, leaving bruises on some of the new members involved. Kazantsev denied the report, saying it was untrue and hurtful.

Kazantsev spoke about the rumors, saying "Everyone wants to be a part of something. At that time, unfortunately, that was just the culture of the university. I was hazed. I was brought up through the organization thinking that was appropriate behavior."

As we all know, hazing in any form is inappropriate. From asking new members to clean the active members rooms, to anything as far-stretched as forcing new members to down a bottle of vodka, singling out a new member class and having them become the newest "slaves" of the chapter is not appropriate by any means.

With this being said, Kazantsev knew what she was doing was wrong, yet did it anyway, calling the tasks she made new members do "menial." Regardless of how she viewed these tasks, she was still forcing pledges to do things for the active members, which falls under the definition of hazing, no matter how severe the actions were.

Although this brought up a lot

of controversy as to whether or not Kazantsev was an appropriate pick to be the reigning Miss America, it's important to note that she is not the first, nor the last, to have hazed in Greek Life. Aside from her hazing, it is equally important to consider her many outstanding achievements while attending Hofstra.

Not only is Kazantsev trilingual, speaking Russian, English, and Spanish, but she also graduated with a triple major after 5 years at Hofstra University. Her majors include political science, global studies, and geography.

Although having already completed the amazing feat of graduating with triple majors, Kazantsev doesn't plan to cease her academic pursuits. Kazantsev states that she plans "to obtain a Juris Doctorate and a Master's degree in Business Administration." She is well on her way, already having been accepted to Fordham University's Law School.

The Miss America crowned each year has been specially selected for her poise, respect for everyone, social abilities, helpfulness, confidence and intelligence. Kira Kazantsev represents each of those categories exceptionally well. She has made



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mistakes, but has learned from them, alongside many idolized people in this country, and will make a great Miss America 2015.

The Miss America Organization defended Kira Kazantsev, insisting that she has been "fully transparent" about her situation with Alpha Phi and has been advising people to focus on her academic achievements

and commitment to serve her community instead.

The organization states that "Kira is an exceptional ambassador for the Miss America Organization, and we are excited to be a part of her journey as a force for good across our nation, promoting education and service and working to empower young women."

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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Women's soccer responds after tough loss to Hope, beats Adrian

BY BRENT LUPLOW
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The Lady Scots opened their week of games last Saturday, September 20th, taking on Olivet College at Scotland Yard. The game was in the host team's favor as it took 28 shots with 5 on goal.

However, after the many opportunities the Lady Scots couldn't find the back of the net for the majority of the game. That was until **Allysen Neumann ('16)** took matters into her own hands.

In the 86th minute Neumann took a shot that hit the top crossbar and ended up bouncing in for the goal. It was Neumann's first goal of the season and came in a much-needed time.

"I think we were relentless against Olivet," Neumann said. "There was no doubt we were going to find the back of the net and the late goal showed we were fighting until the end."

The Lady Scots held onto the lead for the next four minutes, winning their third conference game 1-0 and improving their MIAA record to 3-1 and their overall record to 5-2.

Jenna Fassbender ('18) collected the win in the net as she posted a shutout.

Next up for the Lady Scots was a much anticipated rivalry game against Hope College, last Wednesday.

The Scots were outmatched from the start and couldn't get their offense going as Hope scored early and often.

Hope goals just 9 and 14 minutes

into the game pushed their lead to 2-0 at halftime and they never looked back, adding three more goals in the second half.

Macayla Greiner ('17) and **Kelly Wilson ('16)** each had 3 shots for the Scots in the tough loss.

Trying to get revenge after the Hope loss, the Scots welcomed Adrian College to Scotland Yard last Saturday.

After falling behind early when Adrian scored in the 27th minute the Scots regrouped and continued their attack. **Amanda Mladenovski ('18)** collected her first career goal as she found the back of the net in the 43rd minute.

At halftime the Lady Scots and the Bulldogs were tied at one goal apiece.

The second half belonged to the Scots as **Jessica Burg ('17)** found the net in the 61st minute to increase the lead to 2-1.

Just a few minutes later a cross pass from **Kailey Vlug ('15)** to **Agatha Weddle ('16)** increased the lead to 3-1.

Rounding out the scoring was **Bryn Kittle ('16)** who scored her first goal of the season in the 73rd minute.

Fassbender collected the win in net as she recorded four saves.

Kenzie Smith ('15) said, "We knew we had to bounce back after the loss to Hope, we dominated the game and were able to get goals on the opportunities we had."

With the win the Lady Scots improved their record to 6-3 overall and 4-2 in the MIAA. They travel to Trine University Wednesday looking to add to the win column.



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Above: Bryn Kittle ('16) battles for position against an Adrian player. Below: Jenna Fassbender ('18) sends a goal kick into play against Adrian.



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Fifth-ranked Calvin easily whips Scots' volleyball; now 4-3 in MIAA

BY TONY KNOP
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The Lady Scots volleyball team knew they would have their hands full when the number-five ranked Calvin Knights (14-3, 6-1) came to visit Art Smith Arena last Wednesday. The Lady Scots (8-10, 4-3) dropped three straight sets to earn the loss.

"Calvin is a very good team, and you can easily see why they are ranked fifth in the country," said coach Sarah Dehring. "To be

competitive against them, you have to play a very solid game from start to finish."

After taking an early 7-6 lead in the first set, things quickly got out of hand. The Knights were able to go on a 14-5 run, winning the set 25-15.

The second set saw the Knights cruise to a 6-0 advantage, which the Lady Scots ended up cutting the lead to 11-7. The Knights finished the set with a 25-14 victory.

To begin the third set, the Lady Scots came out swinging. "When we used to drop two sets like that, we used to lose focus,"

said Dehring. "We have done a lot better staying composed and confident."

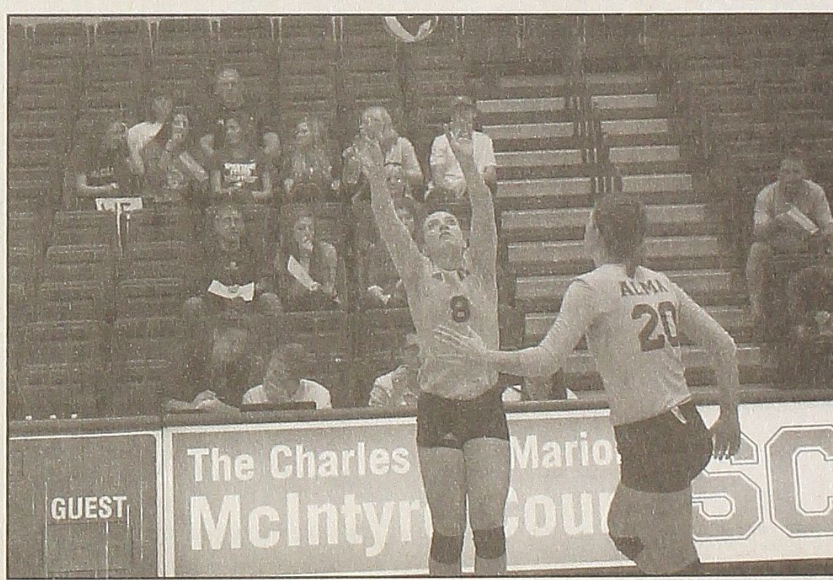
"We focused on one point at a time and tried to build momentum," said **Addie Loftus ('16)**. "We knew they were going to get some good plays, but we didn't let that affect our attitude."

The Lady Scots jumped out to an early 7-2 lead, only to watch the Knights ring up 11 straight points, to take a 13-7 lead. The Lady Scots were able to cut the lead to two twice, but the Knights closed it down the stretch, en route to a game-clinching 25-22 set victory.

Hannah Guilford ('16) led the Lady Scots with eight kills, while **Mary Dulzo ('17)** paced the team with 15 assists. Guilford and **Molly Lark ('17)** also had 11 digs in the contest. **Sasha Laykova ('17)** contributed a team-best two blocks to go along with her seven digs and four kills.

"Ball control has been our Achilles heel all year," said Dehring. "It's something we're really going to have to work on, if we want to keep improving."

"We struggled a little with our passing the first two sets, but once we fixed a couple of things we were able to relax and enjoy the game more on the third set," said **Maggie Miller ('16)**.



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Mary Dulzo ('17) sets up the ball for a Kayla Muxlow ('15) kill attempt.

The Lady Scots volleyball team looks to snap its three-game losing slide and continue improving its standing in the MIAA.

"We just need to not let the other team get so many runs on us. If we limit that, we will for sure win," said Miller.

"I think we can beat anybody," said Dehring. "We're still fourth in the MIAA, so I'm confident in competing in the league."

The Lady Scots had a few days to work out some kinks and get their game back on track before the next contest on Saturday.

Alma traveled to Ohio last Saturday to play a tri-match at Hiram College.

The squad lost in straight sets in the neutral court game to Denison College.

The Lady Scots rallied in the second matching defeating host Hiram 3-2.

"We need to get the ball to the floor more and find the holes in the defense," said Loftus.

"We play so much better when we're having fun," said Miller. "We just need to have fun and enjoy the game that we love."

"We focused on one point at a time and tried to build momentum. We knew they were going to get some good plays, but we didn't let that affect our attitude."

- Addie Loftus ('16)



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Women's golf takes eighth as host of second MIAA match

By DOMENIC BAIMA
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The Lady Scots travelled to the Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Ind. to open up their golf season in the first MIAA jamboree last Wednesday. The ladies finished eighth with a team score of 409. Kalamazoo College was the only team that scored higher than the Scots, with a team score of 412.

Alma College was led last Wednesday by **Katie Neiswender ('17)** and **Tara Padgett ('17)** who shot a 92 and a 93, respectively. Neiswender tied for 29th in the match and Padgett tied for 33rd.

Last Saturday the Lady Scots hosted a MIAA jamboree at Pine River Country Club.

Alma took eighth place and Neiswender was the low-shooter for the Lady Scots with an 88.

Neiswender and Padgett are part of a good core of underclassmen that also includes **Kelsey Stoll ('17)** and **Cecelia Brady ('18)**.

"Both Padgett and Neiswender have a lot of game" said Coach Charles Goffnett.

"Stoll will contribute and will be looked upon to give the Scots some consistency and depth. Brady is working hard on her game and making the adjustment from high school to college," Goffnett added.

The team is not made up entirely of underclassmen,



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Katie Neiswender ('17) paced the Lady Scots last Saturday with a team-low 88.

however.

"**Morgan Henry ('15)** and **Rebecca Olds ('15)** will be the veteran components on this year's squad," mentioned Goffnett. "These two have really improved their games this fall and have the leadership skills to help out the new girls."

"The new girls on the team love the game and are excited to learn," added Henry. "The transition from high school to college golf can be difficult, but

our new teammates have been working hard."

After losing good players to graduation and transfers before this season, the ladies will be fighting an uphill battle.

"You could say that we are in a combination of the rebuilding and survival stages," said Goffnett.

For now, the Lady Scots will just remain focused on playing the game and try not to worry about the score.

"Our goals are to get better



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Kelsey Stoll ('17) tees off with her competition watching.

every day and let the score take care of itself," said Goffnett. "I don't really have a goal as to where we would like to finish in the conference. You can only play to your potential, and if that is good enough to win then so be it."

"Individually, we would all like to see our scores drop throughout the season and, as a team, we would like to compete with the other schools in our conference," Henry said of her goals for the

season. "It's a long season, so we are going to take it day by day."

The MIAA will be extremely competitive this season, and winning may prove to be a difficult task for the Scots, but they remain optimistic.

"There are some very good golfers and very strong teams in the MIAA, but in the game of golf anything can happen on any given day, so we are just going to prepare for each match and play our best," said Henry.

Spotlight: Captain Hannah Guilford ('16) leads squad on and off court

By DOMENIC BAIMA
STAFF WRITER

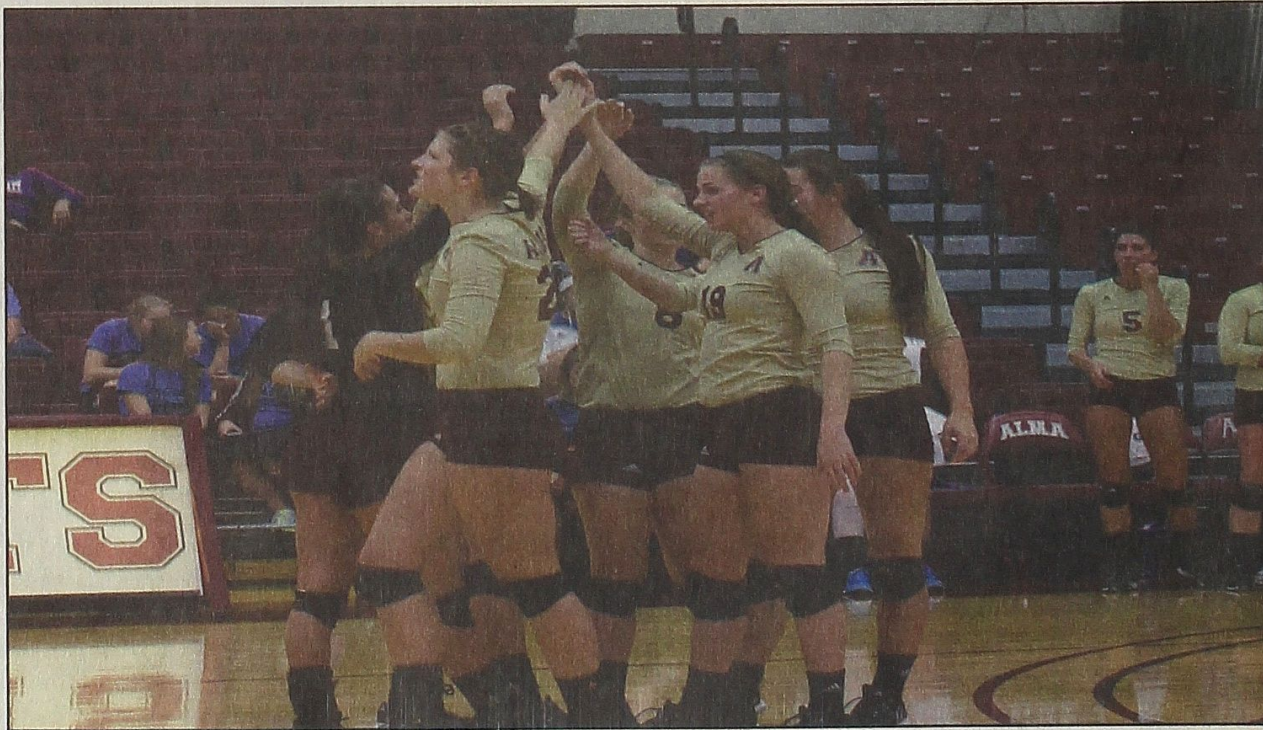
On a team that is loaded with talent at every position, it is often difficult to single out one player as having a larger impact than any other. However, **Hannah Guilford ('16)** has been making a name for herself as a stand-out on the women's volleyball team. The team captain has been putting up big numbers this year and is poised and determined.

"Her hard work in practice and in the weight room and her calm demeanor on the court has really earned her the respect of the

team," said Coach Sarah Dehring. "The other girls really seem to look up to her."

It would appear that Guilford's efforts in practice have paid off in the form of dominance on the court. This season, Guilford has been averaging three kills per set along with 3.09 digs per set.

"I feel like I put all of my effort into workouts and practice," said Guilford. "As a captain, that is important, to set the example and hold others to that higher standard. If I were to slack off at any moment, then others would think that it's acceptable. My efforts hold others accountable on and off of the court and that is



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Hannah Guilford ('16) and her teammates gather in the court to celebrate a point scored.

what I strive for, to help everyone push themselves to their limit in order to improve."

Guilford truly proves to be a team player that has concern for the players around her. "I want them to have fun and to play together as a team," she said. "Personally I want to keep a positive attitude, improve every day, and encourage my teammates."

Guilford has proven to be a multi-faceted player, able to excel in the game mentally, emotionally, and, of course, physically.

"She has grown a lot in the past three years. I no longer have to coach her in terms of mental

toughness," said Dehring. "But what makes her such a threat on the court is her athleticism. She's quick, explosive, dynamic, and has a great vertical."

Guilford comes from an athletic family as her father played goalie for Michigan State University's soccer team and her mother played volleyball at the University of Indiana.

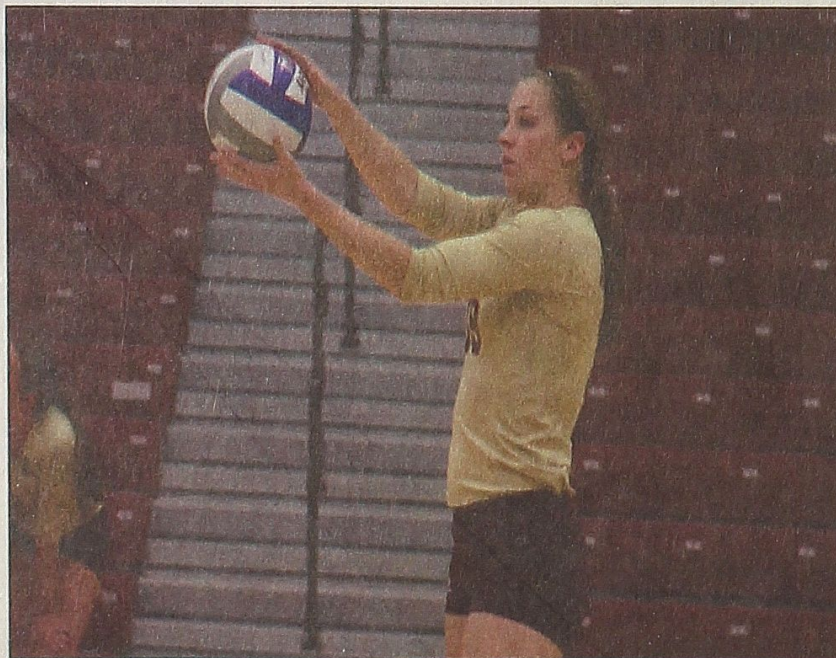
Guilford recorded the most career kills for the Eagles at Hartland High School. Last year in her sophomore season, Guilford finished with a total of 106 kills and 78 digs.

"I play mainly for God because

he gave me my talent, but my mom inspired me to get into the sport," said Guilford. "She passed away when I was young but she's still a huge inspiration to me."

Most recently, Guilford recorded a team high of eight kills and shared a team high of 11 digs with **Molly Lark ('17)** in the Lady Scots' loss to the Knights of Calvin.

After the tough loss hosting the Knights, Guilford said the keys to bouncing back were to "Just keep our heads high and keep our focus on the next opponent. We learn from our mistakes, fix them and play hard."



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Hannah Guilford ('16) prepares to serve.