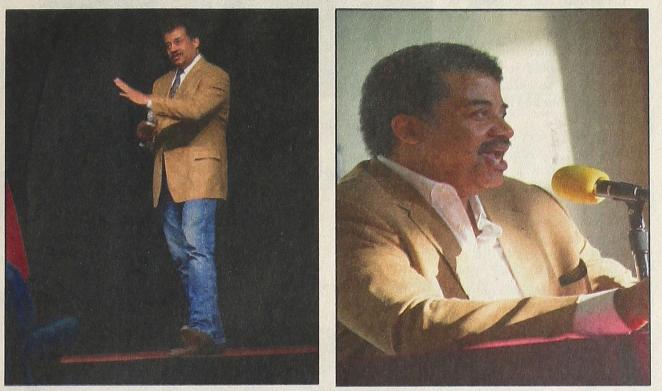


Legendary physicist Neil deGrasse Tyson visits Alma, delivers speech to sold-out crowd



Photos Courtesy of Aimee Brasseur, Communications and Marketing

During his talk (left) and at a press conference (right), Tyson engages the audience with his detailed explanations as to why society must strive to appreciate and understand science.

By JON CLARK CAMPUS EDITOR

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One of the most renowned scientists in the world spoke in the Art Smith arena, while a crowd of 3,000 people listened last Wenesday. Neil deGrasse Tyson delivered a lengthy presentation to students, faculty, community members, and visitors from across the state.

Tyson is arguably most known for hosting the primetime television show, "Cosmos: A Spacetime highest goal of any society," said Odyssey," which aired on Fox. Throughout the 13-part series, Tyson provided narration and commentary regarding the history and future of the universe. As an astrophysicist who was voted as one of the hundred most influential people in the world as a part of the 2007 Time Magazine 100 list, his expertise on cosmic phenomena and the overall study of space is unparalleled. Tyson has also written several books, including "Death by Black Hole: And Other Cosmic Quandaries," which was a New York Times best seller. He earned his

Ph.D. from Columbia University, and completed his undergraduate work at Harvard University.

The main goal of his presentation was to urge people to have a higher appreciation of science and look for it in everyday life. Thus the title of his talk, "An Astrophysicist Reads the News." He especially believes in emphasizing the importance of research and discovery.

"To study anything about which we know very little, or about which we know nothing at all, should be in my judgment, the Tyson. The famous astrophysicist also argues that science cannot and should not be ignored. "Science is not something you step around, step over, or dig under, just to avoid. You don't say that's science, but I was never good at science. Science is everywhere. We're bathed in the fruits of science and technology. To deny that is to be blind to modern life." Before his sold-out talk, Tyson took the time to meet with 20 eager students, who were selected from a campus wide competition. The students were chosen based

upon questions that each of them had thought to ask Tyson.

"He [Tyson] is a scientific idol around the world, and having a chance to meet him was a rare opportunity," said Hannah King ('17), a biology major who was one of the contest winners. "As someone who enjoys science and learning, I think it's really important to take advantage of that kind of opportunity."

Tyson took the time to answer each student's question, while also maintaining his informative nature.

"It was informal, but it was still kind of intimidating," said King "He was friendly, but he also made it a learning experience by teaching us how to properly conduct Q&A's." Tyson represented the second, in a long series of educational speakers that continues throughout the year and is sponsored by the Responsible Leadership Institute. "I think that given the positive turnout for this event, it just goes to show that these kind of presentations make a huge impact on Alma, both as a campus and a community," said King. "It gets students excited and makes them want to be a part of an educational event."

After receiving rounds of applause and laughter throughout his talk, it was evident that Tyson was a big hit to those in attendance.

"I think it was great for Alma to bring in someone of such high recognition," said Aaron Leonard ('17). "It was by far the most people I've ever seen gathered in one place in Alma. I thought he [Tyson] spoke very well, and I really enjoyed myself."

However, some students less familiar with Tyson felt a little underinformed for the night.

"I wish I would've watched 'Cosmos' before going," said Patrick Mallett ('17). "I feel like I didn't get the full experience."

Whether audience members had prior knowledge or not, Tyson's presence on campus led to one of the most popular events that the college has hosted in the last several years. After discussing aspects of his scientific career and reading through several news headlines with his own added commentary, Tyson ended the official presentation by reading a

passage from the work of his personal mentor, and 'Cosmos' predecessor, Carl Sagan.

Upon completion of his slideshow, he allowed multiple members of the audience to line up for questions. Tyson gave long and detailed responses to all, and even included a personal address to the brother of an audience member via a cellular video.

In addition to hosting television programs, conducting research, writing, and speaking, Tyson holds a highly respected title for his day job as director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York City.

Despite his impressive background and illustrious career, the humble physicist only cites two major highlights in his professional life.

"The highest achievements I can reflect on, are knowing since age 11, that I wanted to be an astrophysicist, and then the day I was granted my Ph.D," said Tyson. "I was asked by the Dean to give the convocation address of the graduation. That for me was the summit of my ambitions. Anything that happened afterwards was just icing on the cake."

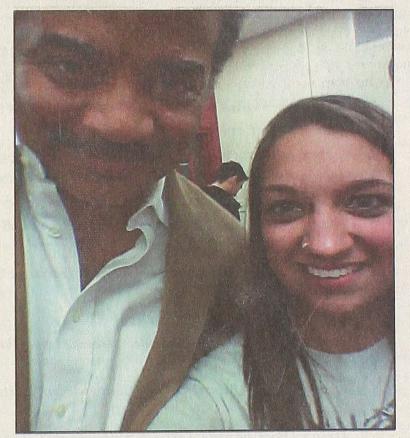


Photo Courtesy of Hannah King ('17)

A biology major, Hannah King ('17), snags a selfie with Tyson after his Q & A with a group of students.

Alumni prepare to return to alma mater; Homecoming weekend packed full

By ALEXANDRA BOURNE STAFF WRITER

From high school to college, homecoming is one of the biggest events of the year. Countless activities including football games and parades turn the city into a mecca of activity, bringing in people from across the country to re-visit their alma mater.

"The campus really comes to life during homecoming" said Hannah Austin ('15), President of SPARK. "I love seeing the alumni light up as they come back to a place they called home for

four years. I also enjoy the sense of pride and spirit that fills the campus and student body."

"I love seeing people that you haven't seen in years," said Mary Lou Ecken ('95). "I love when the 50 year class is here. Some haven't been back in 50 years, and they cry."

"Homecoming is enjoyable simply because of the traditions," said Mark Kraft ('08). "You are able to create and maintain your own and witness the traditions of others from various generations."

Months of planning go into preparing for Homecoming. "We start in November with save the date cards," said Ecken. "The last six weeks or so are about 20 to 30 hours per week, the last two about 50 hours per week."

"Homecoming is a way for us to give our alumni a warm welcome back and show them what we have accomplished since their time at Alma," said Austin. "Students can build relationships with alums from all over the state and country and experience the meaning of being a True Scot."

"Homecoming is important because it gives the college's community (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the general community) the opportunity to be together," said Kraft. "It's almost like a large family gathering on a

holiday. In this case it's AC's own holiday and a very large family."

"It's a chance for alumni to come back and reconnect with old friends, see campus again," said Ecken.

The theme for this year is "4Ever Alma."

"You come home, back to Alma. It's always a part of you, and we want you to come back," said Ecken. "It's developed who you are, it's a piece of you forever."

Ecken also stated that all the decade anniversaries this year end in 4's, hence the pun on "4Ever Alma."

"Once a Scot, always a Scot," said Kraft.

"If you're a current student, take a few minutes to introduce yourself to alumni you may not normally stop and talk to, and if you're a member of the alumni family stop and talk to a student or two. You would be amazed how much has changed and how little has changed."

emphasized that Austin King and Queen voting will be Tuesday through happening "Everyone should Thursday vote!" Monday night will be the Royal Questioning, a Q&A with the court to help decide who you want to vote for, at 6:30 in DOW L4. Faculty and staff will be acting as "celebrity judges."

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New downtown brewery has food, craft beer, and trivia

By SAMANTHA COYKENDALL **BUSINESS MANAGER**

Over the summer there were rumors swirling that Alma was going to be home to its first ever brewing company. Upon returning for fall semester, students were indeed surprised to find that one had opened its doors.

Alma Brewing Company, founded in 2014, features artisan craft beers and wines paired with a simple and fresh food menu. As the sister brewery to the Mountain Town Brewing Company in Mt. Pleasant, a similar atmosphere and menu can be found at both.

Visitors will find a unique and tasty variety of sandwiches and appetizers. All sandwiches are grilled panini style and served with peppered kettle chips and a pickle. Favorites include: the Brewhouse Brewben, Famous Cheese Steak Sandwich, and the Go Green or Just Drink for the vegetarian option. Lunch specials are served daily and feature the soup du jour and a half panini.

"I had a Railyard Raspberry Wheat Ale to drink and the Copper Kettle Turkey Stack sandwich," said Ashley Halm ('15). "The sandwich was served on a delicious bread, and was a huge portion. One half of the sandwich was the size of a normal sized sandwich!"

by and brewed in Mt. Pleasant that are served in Alma, until the local brewing company has the brewing equipment ready.

The Trainwreck Amber Ale is an American Amber Ale brewed with maple syrup and honey to give it a full body and smooth sweetness. However, approach this Amber Ale with caution. At an ABV of 8.2%, it is suggested to pair this drink with food or else the drinker might find out how this beer got its name.

For those who are still looking to grab a drink at the Alma Brewing Company but are worried about finding gluten-free options, the Sacred Gruit Ale is the solution. The Sacred Gruit Ale is brewed with yarrow, myrtle, and rosemary. Originally, herbs were the only thing used prior to the extensive use of hops. ABV for the Sacred Gruit Ale remains at a strong 5.8%. Also offered is the Peach Gruit. This is a twist on the Sacred Gruit herbal ale with added 100% pure peach and apricot juice.

"The hoppless gruit was the only gluten free beverage available besides pops and water," said Blair Secord ('15). "I feel that many of the dishes would be delicious without the bread or bun."

Seasonal brews include the Second Wind Wheat Ale. The brew is an authentic Bavarian Wheat Ale containing hints of banana and clove. Medium-In terms of drinks, there are a bodied, it starts out with a yeasty

variety of drafts currently created character and finished off with a delicate spicy flavor. Paired up with a pizza or a hearty Rueben, the Second Wind Wheat Ale is sure to please with an ABV of 5.6%.

> "I enjoyed the selection of craft beers the most," said Neil Youngdahl ('15). "There is a good variety of interesting flavors and tastes. I would recommend getting a "flight" so you can sample a number at a time and figure what you like the best."

> Along with great drinks and delicious food, the Alma Brewing Company also sells a variety of apparel for fans and regulars alike.

> This past Tuesday, the brewery hosted its first ever Trivia Tuesdays. Prizes were given away for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Trivia began at 7 p.m., and will continue in the coming weeks.

"The Brewing Company is a tremendous addition to Alma," said Youngdahl. "It adds a nice, relaxed dining establishment where you can get a good sandwich and beverage right in the heart of downtown Alma."

"I think a lot of students at the college will start going to the brewery," said Halm. "They have reasonable prices for beers and a delicious menu for lunch and dinner. The brewery may not be an exact fit for social night life, but a perfect setting for a great meal and to sample some great beers."



Rebekah Irani: Staff Photographer

A view of the Alma Brewing Company from Superior Street.

First show of the year for theater

By Mechon Carew STAFF WRITER

What happens to a family of eight when one child gets all of the attention? Find out this weekend with the theatre department's first performance of the year: "The Whiteheaded Boy" by Lennex Robinson.

"It's at its heart about a family that has put all its hopes and dreams into one son, the Whiteheaded Boy, who happens to turn out to be kind of a loser," Hannah Korell ('15) explained.

"It sort of ends up snowballing and creates a lot of issues down the road as they try and save their reputation in the town."

Korell has been involved in the theatre program since her freshman year and is feeling a difference within herself this year.

"I'm a lot more comfortable with myself and with the program as a whole, so I've definitely been able to give myself sort of the permission to just have a lot of fun," Korell said.

a person who looks down on me because I'm a first year or thinks he's above me because I'm a first year."

Joseph Jezewski, the director of theatre specially picked "The Whiteheaded Boy" because of all the new actors that he knew the department would get.

"I wanted a play that really was an ensemble kind of play, where every character, really, was important to the whole fabric," he said. "I felt [Whiteheaded Boy] was right because of the sense of all of these people that had to work together to make the play work."

Of course, a production is not entirely made up of actors. Brandon Newton ('13), an Alma College alumni and the current scene design intern, has a large set of duties related to making the set of "The Whiteheaded Boy." All the same, he appreciates the work other departments put in. "It's really cool and interesting in that all of the departments are separate, but we all have to work together," he said.

Homecoming Schedule

Friday, October 10

- 8 am-5 pm—Alumni Registration and Check In (Smith Alumni House)
- 3 pm-5 pm-Career Explo
- 6 pm-8 pm-50-year Class of 1964 Dinner (Hogan lobby)
- 6 pm-9 pm-Pizza night (Tyler-Van Dusen, Rotunda)

6:30 pm/9 pm—Alma College Men's Lacrosse Scrimmages vs. GVSU/MSU

8 pm—Percussion Ensemble Concert (Remick Heritage Center, Presbyterian Hall)

8 pm—Alma College Theater (Remick Heritage Center, Strosacker Theater) • Saturday, October 11:

9 am-Matt Reinke 5K Scot Trot

11 am-Homecoming Parade: 4Ever Alma (Parade Grand Marshal: Rose Peck)

• 11 am-1 pm—Alumni picnic (Chapel lawn; Kiltie Marching Band performs at 12:45)

11:30-(Post-parade) softball alumni game at the East end of the field

12 pm—Alma College Women's Soccer vs. Albion College (Scotland Yard)

12:15 pm—Cheer Team demonstration/reception

1 pm—Pregame show (Bahlke Field) and SPARK Alumni-Student tent

1:30 pm—Alma College Football vs. Adrian College (Bahlke Field)

4 pm—Department Receptions

4:30 pm-6 pm—Alumni tennis scrimmage and reception (tennis courts)

4:30 pm-7 pm—Post game BBQ (Stone Recreation Center)

5:30 pm-Alumni choir rehearsal (Remick Heritage Center, Presbyterian Hall)

7 pm-9 pm-Alumni Awards and choir concert (Remick Heritage Center

8 pm—Alma College Theatre (Remick Heritage Center, Strosacker Theatre) Sunday, October 12:

4 pm—Symphony concert (Presbyterian Hall, Remick Heritage Center) Greek Events are as follows:

SAE/DGT/STG-75th Anniversary reunion (all weekend; see www.603reunion.com)

In general, there is a lot of change happening in the theatre department this year with five actors who have been involved for all four years of their college experience recently graduating and the addition of seven new actors to the production.

Max Flagler ('18) is one of the new members, but he's certainly not getting any slack for it.

"They understand that I'm a first year, but they've all admitted that they throw first years into the deep end," he said. "I appreciate that. I don't like being treated like I don't know what's going on."

But just because theatre members don't "baby" newcomers doesn't mean that they don't support them at all.

"Everyone here is very open, very welcoming, they've all been great to me," Flagler stated. "They've really treated me like one of their own...I have not met

Jezewski is very appreciative of all the effort every member has put in.

"The students work extremely hard," he said. "They really bring themselves to the kinds of things I'm always asking them to do, which is not easy. It's really challenging, really difficult."

In the end, all that hard work will accumulate to four performances, starting on Thursday at 8 p.m. with Friday and Saturday night performances also at 8. There will also be a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. As such, it's only natural all members involved have been encouraging people to come see the play.

"Have fun with it, it's the best when you can really just watch it and get into it, because then you feel like you're there," Newton suggested.

Flagler echoes these thoughts. "Come in with an open mind; you will laugh and enjoy it," he said. "You will not regret giving up your time to see us perform."

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WQAC hosts a variety of shows featuring numerous musical styles

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BY ALEXANDRA BOURNE STAFF WRITER

Music is an essential part of the everyday lives of all human beings. College is a place where a conglomeration of musical tastes combine.

Alma College has a radio station (WQAC, 90.9), where students can volunteer to host their own show for an hour once or twice during the week. These shows can be run by either one or two students, and cover any topic of their choice.

"Pat and I play music and talk about current events about Alma, the world, and music," said Lucas Banks ('17).

"My show is an indie rock show that plays both well-known (for indie rock) music and music from aspiring artists that I have found," said Dylan Scott ('18). He added, "Support local music; you may like what you hear."

If you want to listen to a show that covers current issues more than music, Monica Kunovsky ('18) and Paige Daniel ('18) will have just the show for you.

"Our show is basically two girls having a grand time, trying to mix music and liberating ideas," said Kunovszky.

"Tuesday is a typical show with indie and alternative music, sometimes mixed with rock classics and any random genre under the sun. Our Friday show is special and has a theme. Paige and I call it Fallback Friday, which is basically our way of telling sexism and patriarchal ideals to fall back

and simmer down.

"We try to advocate for feminism by playing music by women performers and we occasionally have feminist rants and discussions, spreading ideas and trying to get that idea of feminism out there and celebrate women."

Each of these broadcasts has its own unique spin that makes it worth listening to.

"If a person wants to hear a good mix of music from talented artists they haven't heard of, I would recommend that they give my show a try," said Scott.

"I think people should listen because Pat and I are funny and play a great mix of current music," said Banks.

"Most people are in their rooms and winding down at night," said Kunovsky. "It's good to have a break from homework and listen

to good music. What's not to love music I listen to out there." about two feminists propelling a rad radio show with stellar jams?"

There is so much to do on campus that it is worth asking what made each of these DI's decide to host a radio show.

"Personally I wanted to get more involved with school," said Kunovsky.

"This experience makes me think of city life. It's something urban and 'cool' and relaxing. It's a peaceful place that makes me feel that, just for a moment, I'm not in the Alma bubble.

"This hour program is just a good way to take a break from my busy day, and it's exhilarating to think that we have this ability to broadcast and have so many people listen to us."

Banks said he wanted to do a radio show because of his "love for music and my want to get the

"What made me want to do my show was actually a concert I attended," said Scott. "It was a small venue (200 occupancy) that was not even full despite its size.

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"The band playing was Mike Mains and the Branches, an incredibly talented band (that was also from my hometown) that hadn't really made it yet.

"Right then I knew I wanted to play music from not only that band, but bands like it that were just starting or didn't have much recognition."

Each of these shows brings its unique style to the booth. There are many other offerings on WQAC that did not respond to an interview request. If one of the shows described above does not quite sound like your style, there is sure to be another that you can fall in love with.



Paige Daniel ('18) and Monica Kunovsky ('18) are about to host their first WQAC show.



Will Donahue: Staff Writer

The Counseling and Wellness Center hosted the Clothesline Project last Thursday to raise awareness of sexual misconduct and domestic violence. Shirts were decorated by the women, and families of women, who have survived violence.

Purple ties against domestic violence

BY WILL DONAHUE STAFF WRITER

Four hundred free purple ties were offered by the Counseling and Wellness Center last Thursday

Andrew Slater, Counselor at the center, started a new campaign in which students wear purple ties to raise awareness of sexual misconduct and domestic violence issues.

MacCurdy The House Women's Resource Center joined as partners in the campaign, but it is primarily sponsored and run through the Counseling and Wellness Center.

Slater said he hopes to organize the campaign yearly so everyone will have a tie. The plan includes giving free purple ties to all freshmen.

important issue on this campus, not just for women, but for all," said Jackie Velez ('16), member of MacCurdy House.

As a previous Central Michigan University student, Slater took part in similar projects, but he says this is the first time he has dealt with ties in the campaign. The tie idea is based off of work done by Women's Aid of Gratiot County.

"They actually do a full night event and it's more of a gala fundraising event where they ask everyone to wear purple ties," said Slater.

Staff at the Counseling and Wellness Center spun the idea around by giving out free ties to students.

"Student love free items, and there's information that goes

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not asking anyone to go educate or train on issues related to domestic violence."

In partnering with the Counseling and Wellness Center for the campaign, MacCurdy House members agree this project is an ideal way "to raise awareness and take a stand against sexual misconduct and violence," said member of MacCurdy House Emily Kirby ('16).

Slater said that some might see the campaign as a way to corner students and ask them questions like "Are you for sexual assault? Are you pro-rape?"

"No, no one is going to say that," Slater explained.

The campaign's purpose is to simply spread awareness and get "the people who don't necessarily have all that passion" about associated issues to understand more about the reality of them.

"All I'm asking people to do is take the tie and, if they see something, to do something about it. That is the number one way to fight sexual misconduct on this campus."

Among women, 20-25 percent of the population survives sexual misconduct or domestic violence at some point in their lifetime.

"If you see something shady where your stomach is starting to churn, do something about it. Listen to that thought. Do not

"Domestic violence is a very along with them," said Slater. "I'm walk away from it. Do not just ignore the incident because you don't know who is involved." said Slater.

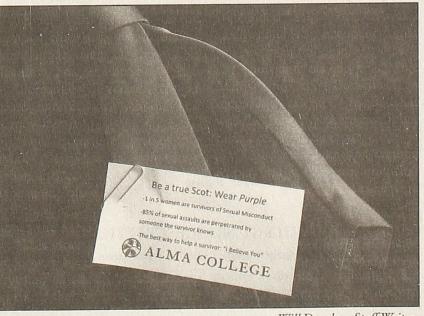
> "Wearing the purple tie is really important because it engages both men and women on issues such as sexual abuse and domestic violence," said Blythe Bugg ('16). "The ties put both women and men in the position to voice their concerns."

"That's the idea with the ties. It's a way to get men involved,' said Slater.

Bugg said she does hold one concern consistent with other students: they worry that campaign's purpose will be misinterpreted as an attempt to blame men for domestic violence or focus too much on domestic violence and rape as solely a women's issue.

Involved with an organization called Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates (SAPA) while studying at Central Michigan University, Slater worked over 250 hours with the Navy training and educating survivors in places such as Cuba, Hawaii, and Japan.

As part of the visual Purple Tie Campaign, also called True Scots Wear Purple, students and Alma College community members are encouraged to wear purple ties every Friday this month.



Will Donahue: Staff Writer

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Orchestra to perform Sunday

International Favorites concert includes music from France, Russia, Norway and Brazil

By CHELSEY COBB STAFF WRITER

Alma Symphony The Orchestra will perform Sunday at Presbyterian Hall in the Oscar E. Remick Heritage Center at 4pm. The theme for the concert is "International Favorites."

"No matter what kind of music people are interested in, they will find at least one piece that they enjoy," said cellist Allie Frost ('17).

Gross, assistant Murray professor and Alma Symphony

Orchestra director, conducts the performance that will include musical pieces from nine different countries, including France, Russia, Norway, and Brazil.

of the composers Some featured are Gabriel Faure, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Heitor Villa-Lobos, and Edvard Grieg. Victoria Walker, a member of the Alma College music faculty and also a soprano singer, will also be accompanying the orchestra on four of the pieces.

Some of the different selections the orchestra will be playing are "Una Voce Poco Fa" from "The Barber of Seville," by Gioachino Rossini; the "Song to the Moon" by Antonin Dvorak; as well as "In the Hall of the Mountain King," by Edvard Grieg.

The Symphony Alma Orchestra includes a variety instrumental of students, professors, community and hired professionals.

This is also the group's 55th season of performing.

"International songs introduce people to music from different

"No matter what kind of music people are interested in, they will find at least one piece that they enjoy."

-Allie Frost ('17)

cultures," said Mary Frances Eshleman ('16), a clarinet player. "There is an exciting selection of music and singing, offering people a variety of different styles."

Each song that comes from a different culture has a different musical feel to it. Two of the different musical pieces that the orchestra is playing are "Procession of the Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakov, a Russian composer, and "Danzon No. 2" by Arturo Márquez, a Mexican composer.

"Procession of the Nobles' has more of a marching style that is majestic, while 'Danzon No. 2' contrasts to that by being a flavorful piece," said Shanley Dorn ('17), who plays percussion.

These contrasting musical styles enhance experience and bring excitement to the show.

"The last song gradually speeds up and ends the performance on a high note," said Dorn.

Last year, the orchestra played an 'All American' opener which included songs like "Buckaroo Holiday" by Aaron Copland and Howard Hanson's Symphony No. 2. At this performance there was a good turnout, which continued for the rest of the orchestra's concerts, ending with the Masterworks performance of Mozart's Requiem.

The orchestra performance this Sunday is the first of the season. With a strong history, however, it should only be the start of great things to come.

Greek Life to host \$3 movie nights Students can vote on selections on Facebook page

By PAIGE EMERSON STAFF WRITER

This past Thursday was the first showing of the Alma College's Greek Life \$3 Movie Nights for the 2014-2015 academic year, which are held on the first Thursday of every month at NCG Alma Cinemas at 9 p.m.

The Facebook group titled "Alma College \$3 Movie Nights"

Brandreth, the head advisor of Alma College's Greek Life.

"Morgan Bauman ('13), the Gelston Hall director and Alma College Union Board advisor, initially came up with the '\$3 Movie Night' idea when she was researching programs that other colleges and universities hosted. Bauman reached out to me and asked if Greek Life would be willing to sponsor the movie nights."

"Greek Life had already been discussing ways to be more active on campus and provide nonalcohol related events for Alma College students so this decision was an easy one," she continued.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings."

"I'm really excited {that} Greek Life is sponsoring these movie nights this year because they're affordable and a great idea to get students doing things off campus," shared Sam Kulhanek ('17) .

"I look forward to going to the next movie night and I'm really happy that they're allowing

"I look forward to going to the next movie night and I'm really happy that they're allowing students to vote on the movies so we have a variety of choices." - Sam Kulhanek ('17)

the movie night," said Danielle with providing programming on students to vote on the movies so we have a variety of choices. I hope these movie nights will become popular on campus," she continued.

> In regards to Thursday's event, a total of 47 tickets were sold to the showing of "The Maze Runner," and though the event has just gotten off the ground, the turn-out still has not met par with the number of Facebook group members for the event.

"This is an event that has been popular on other campuses that I've worked on. I think since it's a new event, there is a good chance that students are just unaware of this opportunity," said Bauman.

"The movie actually ended up having 43 students in attendance and several students inquiring about tickets after the deadline. My advice to students would be to get your tickets early. It's such a unique opportunity that the college is providing."

the college's part.

"The movie at Alma's theater was a success," said Sammy Campbell ('16), one of the attendees of Thursday night's event. "It was nice to see people from all different groups on campus, and I think everyone who attended appreciated Greek Life for sponsoring the event."

"Maze Runner' was a great movie, and I recommend even more people come to the next \$3 Movie Night because it's a great price, and the movie choice was one that a lot of people would enjoy."

To purchase a ticket for the \$3 Movie Nights, a student may go to the Student Life Office between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the week of the movie's showing, and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the week of showing. Students must provide \$3 and their student I.D., with a limit of one ticket per person.

is joinable by any current Alma College student or staff member., and all are encouraged to join the group, seeing as it currently has only 373 members.

"The group will be used to vote for the upcoming movies, ticket sales information, specials and anything else pertaining to

"It came about through several conversations throughout campus. Last year during the Alcohol Policy Task Force meetings, the task force realized that there needed to be more non-alcohol related activities going on throughout the weekend, and the college then tasked all student organizations

All in all, the event was said to be quite an accomplishment on

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A tale on one's discovery of bacon

OPINION

By RAY VISSER STAFF WRITER

What follows is true, except for the parts that aren't. Or as Mark Twain said, there are some "stretchers."

Come, sit, and let me tell you a tale. This story has none of the usual stuff you'd expect: no dragons, princesses, swordfights, or heroic sacrifices will be found here.

There are, however, some not-so-common plot elements. Among them: a vegetarian village, a salmon that gave its life for the greater good, and bacon. Pound after pound of bacon.

Once there was a boy named Tino. He was born and raised in a small village in a valley. The villagers grew and ate all their own vegetables.

Not only that, but they only ever ate vegetables. To Tino, this was normal. He had eaten vegetables ever since he was born. He watched his parents eating vegetables and ate them every day, too.

For 20 years, life was simple in the village.

One day, however, Tino felt

a little funny. He thought that was no way to get protein. maybe eating all those leafy greens wasn't giving him the kind of nourishment he needed.

So he went on a quest. He set out from the village to find out how to be healthier.

Tino wandered for a day and found himself on the seashore. A small fishing town rose from the sand, and the smell of salmon wafted through the air.

One of the fishermen greeted Tino, who explained that he had only ever eaten vegetables but he felt like something was missing. The fisherman had heard this before.

He explained to Tino that the vegetables he had eaten all his life weren't quite enough to make Tino as healthy as he could be. Fish was an excellent source of protein, and protein was exactly what Tino seemed to be lacking.

Tino had always wondered if fish were good to eat. The fisherman explained that in the seaside village, everyone was a "pescetarian." They ate vegetables, just like in Tino's village, but they got a lot of protein from the salmon they ate, too.

He grilled Tino a salmon steak from that day's catch, but Tino didn't like the flavor at all. This

He thanked the fisherman for the meal and for trying to help, and went on his way.

The next day he came to another village, this one in the middle of a forest. Smoke rose from every house, good-smelling smoke that made Tino's mouth water.

Dozens of pigs and cows roamed the streets, and it seemed that every other building was a butcher shop or a smokehouse. There were no vegetables in sight.

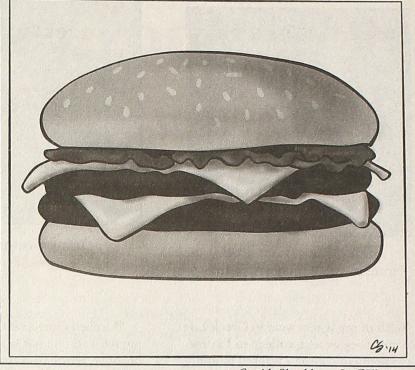
Tino followed his nose to the best-smelling of the buildings and knocked on the door.

A cook greeted him, apron covered in grease. After a glance up and down, Tino was beckoned inside without a word.

It was on that day that Tino discovered the magic he had been missing for 20 years of his life. He was introduced by the cook to what was called a "double bacon double cheeseburger."

Piled high on two slabs of beef were even more slices of crispy, smoky bacon and melted cheese. Tino had never tasted anything this wonderful before.

This mountain of life-giving protein was what made Tino



Cassidy Shankleton; Staff Illustrator

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finally give up the customs of his village. He stayed in the forest town for a week. Every few days he came back to the cook and ordered another burger, and each one tasted better than the last.

The day before he left to return home, Tino asked the cook if he could take this knowledge back with him. He wanted his village to discover the wonder of juicy grilled meats like he had.

And so, arms piled high with beef jerky, Tino triumphantly strode into his home town, a changed man. It may have taken 20 years to realize the glory of meat, he thought, but now he would make up for the time he wasted.

If you ask Santino Dalla Vecchia ('16) how much of this tale is true, he'll most likely say "all of it."

Writer analyzes recent changes at SAGA

By MECHON CAREW

STAFF WRITER

Since the Hamilton Commons expansion finished at the start of the 2013 school year, Sodexo has been continually working on improving the Alma College dining experience. Lately, SAGA has been under a spotlight of sorts as it tries to meet the varied desires of students. A lot has changed in the past month alone.

other changes that have escaped attention, perhaps because student feedback isn't completely positive about it.

I realized this unassuming difference one day when a friend had left to get stir fry only to take two steps away, turn around, and sit back down with a sigh. "Ugh, they don't have the regular person today," he said, exasperated. Sure enough, when I looked up, the worker I usually saw at the pizza station was standing behind the Mongolian grill.

the usual stir fry and pizza cooks were present at a meal time, but neither of them would be at their regular station; instead they might be at the "Lean and Clean" or grill areas.

Every day, sometimes multiple times a day, it seemed that the workers were swapping their typical jobs. Personally I found this rather exciting. After all, we go to a liberal arts college, where we take a bunch of "unnecessary" courses not in our major so we learn a little bit about every subject. Isn't that essentially what's happening here? However, some of the other people that have detected this exchanging of specialized work have complained, sometimes rather loudly. They have argued

suffering.

From what? Apparently from poorly cooked food, especially in the case of the stir fry and omelet station, where everything is made to order.

Someone who's not experienced in the art of working such a delicate object may not realize that while he's making sure that his first order isn't burning, the third order has some very quickly wilting spinach in danger of blackening.

I know from experience that

that we, the students, are hits a hitch whenever one of the consistent workers in a particular area is gone for whatever reason. Workers are human like us, they get sick, need a weekend or vacation, and might quit or be fired.

> Yes, I'll admit that I haven't gotten stir fry in a while because I'm very particular about burnt food, but honestly, there's plenty of other options to choose from. Maybe I should try out that "Lean and Clean" station once in a while, it couldn't kill me.

Finally, it's not like different workers at different stations are never going to get better, in fact, they're just going to keep getting better. I don't mind having so-so omelets for a while if that means that by next year every cook will be able to whip up a fantastic one.

Students seem to be very happy about some of the developments, such as the increase of fresh fruit during meals and the reestablishment of the much-loved round tables. Yet, there have been

At first I had simply brushed it off, rationalizing that perhaps today was the regular operative's day off, but as I paid attention for the next few meals, I noticed that this was not the case.

I observed cases where both

pizza making is also an art, making sure that the dough gets baked all the way to the middle without turning the edges into cardboard.

At the same time, I find the concern rather minor considering that the quality of the food already

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Letter to the Editor

On January 12, 2014, we faced a family's worst nightmare – the disappearance and death of our dearly loved son and brother, Alma College freshman Sean Murawske.

We are so grateful for all of the support we have received since that time. Sean was a wonderful young man with a very bright future. His death has deeply affected many people, especially his family and friends.

We still have many questions about what happened that night and continue searching for answers. We are especially interested in finding Sean's cell phone and tennis shoe. If you think you may have found one of these items, or if anyone has any information regarding the events of that night and Sean's tragic death, we ask that you please contact Detective Sgt. Williams at the Alma Police Department at 989-463-8317

Thank you,

The family of Sean Murawske

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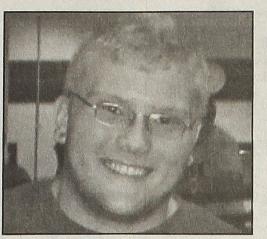
By RACHEL KALINOVIK STAFF WRITER

We asked Greeks: "Why did you go Greek?"



Skylar Haeussler ('15) Hometown: Manchester, Mich.

"Both of my sisters were in Greek Life when they were in college so I knew coming to college I wanted to join Greek Life. I joined AGD specifically because that is where I felt the most at home."



Jerry Cupples ('16) Hometown: St. Johns, Mich.

"I joined Greek Life in order to better myself and find out who I really wanted to become. Through getting to know different brothers and learning the deeper meaning of our ritual, I have found that I have made one of the best choices I can, especially in this time of my life."



Earl Carr ('17) Hometown: Plymouth, Mich.

"I joined Greek Life to find another home on campus. The most important thing about finding my home was to find a group of guys with varied interests who would be able to expand my interests. I joined the group of men where I felt very supported and where I could learn more things and greater the aspects of my life, making myself a better person."



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Elizabeth "Liz" Taylor ('17) Hometown: Fruitport, Mich.

"I joined Greek Life because I had heard so many wonderful things about the friends you make that become your family. Joining Greek Life gives you an almost instant security blanket, and I am who I am now because of the love and support of my sisters."

Check out this list of top haunted house attractions in Michigan

By RACHEL KALINOVIK STAFF WRITER

Many people within the state of Michigan swarm to haunted houses to be frightened. Michigan haunted houses have grown over the years and now include some spectacularly scary attractions. Some of these attractions have even been featured on the Travel Channel. As we roll into the month of October, we would like to recognize some of the best of the best haunted houses in Michigan.

•Erebus-Pontiac

World Records as the World's Largest Walk-Through Haunted Attraction from Aug. 2005 -Sept. 2009. As the legend goes, a mad scientist, Dr. J. Colbert, built the world's first functional time machine and humans are his fuel. The attraction includes ledges, swamps, and a multitude of flying creatures to scare the heck out of you. As many reviews state, Erebus does not disappoint, and will lead thousands through their doors until they close on November 3rd.

Co-owner Ed Terebus and his brother Jim have created an intense world of special effects, great acting, meticulous sets and props, and with over 60 years of recommended for children.

•The Haunt-Grand Rapids

Price of admission: \$20

This attraction off of Walker Avenue in northwest Grand Rapids features a superior use of clowns in "Terror Town 3-D," great acting, mesmerizing dancers, and the fear of the unexpected. A maze that includes creepy characters and strobe lights, and a paintball area where you can gun down zombies waits outsides of the main attraction. Not recommended for kids.

St. Charles' Village of the Living Dead-Saginaw

Price of admission: \$8 The proceeds from the Village

into the Guinness Book of Michigan, sure to impress. Not ranked the houses based on the total experience: scare factor, set design, quality of actors and originality. It was ranked the third best in the state of Michigan and was commended on its actors' makeup and sets.

•Niles Haunted House-Niles

Price of admission: \$30 (all attractions)

For the second year running, the Haunted Attraction Magazine named the Niles Haunted House Scream Park a Must See Attraction for 2014. The House Scream Park features many attractions including the Misfit Monster Mansion, the Curse of the Dark Walker, The Tomb of the Undead 3D, the Field of Screams, and The

Swartz Creek

Rated five stars on Google, The Spooky Trails Farm features a pumpkin farm that offers 130 acres of family fun with pumpkins, hayrides, a haunted house & a corn maze. Family friendly.

•Haunted Temple in Bay City

The Haunted Masonic Temple is an event the The Bay Arts Council of Bay City, Mich., put on in the Historic Masonic Temple on the corner of 6th & Madison. Over 100 local youths stay busy from July - October to bring you a haunted house like no other, stepping away from the traditional format and bringing you an experience and a show. The haunted house gives these

Price of admission: \$28

Erebus is a whopping four stories tall, and was entered

haunting experience, the Terebus of the Living Dead are given back brothers have made Erebus one to the community in grants. Gonzo of the top haunted attractions in (John Gonzalez: MLive Reporter)

Museum of the Macabre. Not recommended for children. Spooky Trails Farm--

youth the opportunity to develop their creative talents in a fun and safe environment.

Writer laments Tigers' bullpen

By DAN MURAWSKE STAFF WRITER

Last Friday, shortly after 3:30 p.m., I received a text from my mom. It read: "?????!!!!!"

She was referring to the happenings in the second game of the American League Division Series between our Detroit Tigers and the Baltimore Orioles.

For the second time in the row, the Tigers bullpen gave up a plethora of runs in the bottom of the 8th inning. Last Friday, the Tigers took a 6-3 lead into the bottom of the 8th, but they blew it when Joba Chamberlain and Joakim Soria gave up a combined four runs, leading to an Orioles 7-6 win over the Tigers.

Picture it: with one out and the bases loaded, Baltimore's Delmon Young steps up to the plate as a pinch hitter. He rips the first pitch down the left field line, scoring what should only have been the two tying runs. But left fielder J.D. Martinez bobbled

the ground, which allowed the go ahead run to score.

So the bullpen might not have completely been to blame. I do believe that if Martinez had not bobbled the ball, Orioles shortstop J.J. Hardy would have been out at the plate, and the game would have been tied.

But I blame the Chamberlain and Soria much more than Martinez. They are the ones who allowed the bases to become loaded. I cannot imagine how nervous Martinez must have been as he hustled to get the ball in.

If it were me, my mind would be racing at 100 miles per hour. I would probably be thinking something like: "Oh man, the ball is coming to me. I cannot get to it. It dropped. Now it is at the wall. This will at least tie the game. I have to get the ball in quickly. I do not want the go ahead run to score."

Anybody could have made a mistake during that situation.

I suppose one could say that Chamberlain and Soria must have been nervous, too. But for both of them to have two bad outings

the ball as he picked it up off of in a row, let alone on back to back nights during the playoffs, that is inexcusable.

> The first bad outing that I am referring to occurred last Thursday, when Chamberlain and Soria, in addition to other members of the bullpen, gave up eight runs in the bottom of the 8th inning, giving the Orioles a 12-3 lead and eventual victory.

> The loss Friday caused two things: it gave the Orioles a 2-0 lead in the best of five game series, and the led to the rough, enraged handling of various items in my dorm room.

> Even though I may have done things differently, I am not going to blame manager Brad Ausmus. I do not agree with him putting in Chamberlain and Soria when they had bad outings the previous night. However, hindsight is 20/20 and it is much easier to be an armchair manager.

> But when Anibal Sanchez replaced starting pitcher Justin Verlander in the top of the 6th and had two scoreless innings, I had to wonder why he was not left in a little longer.

Maybe it was because he

was hurt for a large part of the season and management was being cautious because they did not want to aggravate the injury. That is the only good reason I can think of.

But Sanchez was the one bright light in the Tigers bullpen last Friday, and I think he should have stayed in at least one more inning.

I cannot believe how bad the

Tigers bullpen looked at various times throughout the regular season. It bothers me that it has carried over to the postseason, especially after it shaped up a bit in September.

The bullpen has hurt the Tigers the most all year.

When your team scores six runs, you should win every single time. In that situation, there is virtually no excuse for a loss.



Rebekah Irani; Staff Photographer

SPORTS OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2014 Michael Kinney looks to build strong Scots' lacrosse program

BY TONY KNOP STAFF WRITER

Alma College hired Coach Michael Kinney in early September to continue building the men's lacrosse program into an MIAA powerhouse. His resume definitely doesn't disappoint.

Kinney attended Northwood University in Midland and began coaching lacrosse right after graduation in 1993. His list of accomplishments includes coaching three Ohio state championship teams, having more than 150 former players play college lacrosse, coaching 16 All-Americans, and seeing four of his former athletes play professionally.

After creating an inner-city team for minority students, Kinney was awarded the 2010 U.S. Lacrosse Man of the Year Award.

"Watching kids grow and claim they are."

mature into young men, men and eventually husbands and fathers is the real reward of my coaching career," said Kinney.

In 2012, he accepted the job of assistant coach at Hiram College in Ohio. The next year he became top assistant coach at Capital University and the team went 8-6.

When he came to Alma to visit the campus and was offered the job, Kinney was awestruck.

"Look around, this place is beautiful! Who wouldn't want to coach here?" Kinney said. "Aside from the facilities, which are very impressive, I was really drawn to the strong academics of Alma.

"A lot of schools claim they are a top tier academic destination for students, but when you start peeling back the onion, you find some aren't really what they

style with him this season and is hoping to see the same type of success he has been accustomed to since he first began coaching.

"I believe in two styles of lacrosse," he said. "Fast and faster. We're going up-tempo all the way."

"He brings a lot more wisdom and experience to our program," said Daric Mueller ('15). "He is very passionate about Alma and making the lacrosse team a group of role models on campus, who are active in the community in addition to our commitment to excellence in athletics and academics."

Kinney realizes this philosophical change won't happen overnight, but he sees the team improve every time it steps on the field.

"We are adjusting to a new system, so at each practice, we

Kinney brings a new playing have gotten better and better every day," said David Foster ('16)

> "Coach Kinney pushes our team to perform our best every time we step on the field," said Mueller. "Our team continues to set the bar higher each and every practice through hard work and determination."

> Kinney sees the Scots' lacrosse team making noise in the MIAA and making an appearance in the Division III NCAA tournament.

"Our ultimate goal as a program is to win the MIAA championship every year," he explained. "We want the automatic qualifier that our conference has for the NCAA tournament."

Not only athletic excellence is on Kinney's mind. He also looks for the team to achieve academic success and be a service to the community.

"My main goal this year is our club lacrosse teams.

"Coach Kinney pushes our team to perform our best every time we step on the field," -Daric Mueller ('15)

team's academics. I want lacrosse to have the highest team GPA on campus, always," said Kinney. "We've established goals for how we conduct ourselves in our local community. We want to be of service to others."

The future looks bright for the Scots' lacrosse team, with new leadership and a new attitude on and off the field.

The Scots will host a fall scrimmage Friday against Michigan State University and Grand Valley State University

Football loses 26-23 heartbreaker to Trine to start o-1 in MIAA

BY DOMENIC BAIMA STAFF WRITER

After a bye week, the Alma College football team traveled to Angola, Ind. last weekend to face the Trine University Thunder. Before this game, the Scots had won their two previous matchups against Northpark University and Concordia University.

The game, which was Trine University's homecoming, officially kicked off conference play for the

Scots.

Alma dropped the game in double overtime, 26-23. The Scots are now o-1 in the MIAA and 2-2 overall.

"It feels good getting a couple of wins in the preseason," said Coach Greg Pscodna, "but now we're going into the tougher games. Our goal every year is to win the MIAA."

Trine University won three consecutive MIAA championships for football between 2008 and 2010.

However, the Alma College Scots got their only win last year against the Thunder.

"We feel confident against this team, we just need to go out there and make plays," said Pscodna.

"We just need to stop their quarterback, and our offense needs to keep doing what it has been doing," added Nick Goodman ('15). "We know we can win, but Alma have very similar teams we have to execute."

The Scots went into the game without the help of defensive Goodman. "Every yard counts,

standout receiver Tyler Watters ('15), as they were both out with injuries. Thelen will be out for the rest of the season.

"You're taking two experienced playmakers out of the game," commented Goodman, "so there is an opportunity for the next guys to step up."

Pscodna noted that Trine and when it comes to play style.

"We can't make mistakes," said back Justin Thelen ('16) and and we will have to take every advantage we can. This past week during the bye, we went back to the basics: effort and focus."

With Watters out, the team will be looking to seniors Sam Young ('15) and Blake Padget ('15) for their leadership.

"Blake shows the other guys what they can do and is someone for the younger guys to watch and learn from," Goodman added.

Trine University also went into the contest with a two-game winning streak after beating both Millikin and Rockford.

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Women's soccer posts consecutive shutouts to remain in second place

BY BRENT LUPLOW STAFF WRITER

After a tough loss to Hope College two weeks ago, the women's soccer team has been on a roll. It started with a 4-1 win against Adrian and continued into this week with two shutout conference victories.

The Scots traveled to Angola, Ind. last Wednesday to compete against the Trine Thunder.

The first half was a back and forth battle and evenly matched as no one could find the back of the net.

Alma had 11 shots in the first half, with three on goal while Trine had 10 and three on goal.

The second half proved to be a different story as a goal in the top corner by Amanda Mladenovski ('18), five minutes into the second half, put the Scots up 1-0.

Mladenovski found the back of the net once again, just two minutes later, when she rebounded a shot by Olivia Whalls ('18) to put Alma up 2-0.

Macayla Greiner ('17) finished out the scoring at the 67-minute mark to extend the lead to 3-0 and put the game out of reach for the Thunder.

Alma finished with 22 total shots on the game and nine on goal.

Jenna Fassbender ('18) collected five saves from her goalie position to record the victory.

With the win, Alma improved to 5-2 in the MIAA and 7-3 overall.

A big conference matchup took place on Saturday against the Kalamazoo Hornets who came in one spot behind Alma, third place in the conference.

Like the last couple of games, the Lady Scots played a tough defensive game in the first half as they allowed no goals and couldn't get past the Hornet defensive unit to head into halftime deadlocked at 0-0.

The chances were slim throughout the game and Megan Kalanik ('17) took full advantage of her opportunity as she scored an unassisted goal in the 54th minute to give Alma the lead.

Kalamazoo outshot the Scots 14-5 and won the shots on goal

category 6-2.

Ana Saucedo ('16) said, "We knew Kalamazoo was going to be a tough match going into the game. We were very prepared to play physical, and we played very hard throughout the whole game."

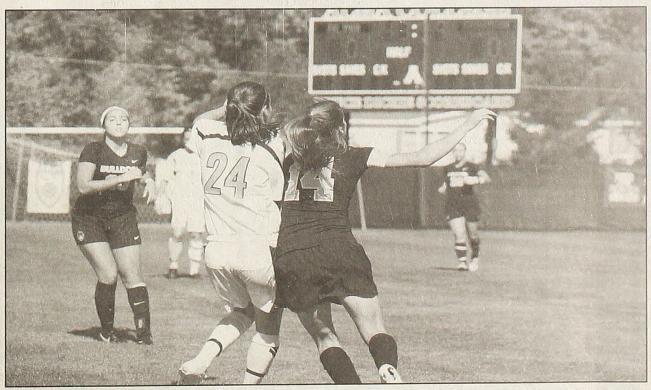
Kenzie Smith ('15) echoed Saucedo's comments, saying, "Saturday was a big win for us. Kalahind us, so we knew we had to get the win to hold our spot at second (place)."

Fassbender once again blocked all six shots and posted her fourth shutout for the Lady Scots.

With the win, Alma stands at 6-2 in the MIAA and 8-3 overall. Kailey Vlug ('15) said, "It was

mazoo is in third (place) right be- nice to get two conference wins this week. We have been playing very good defensively with two straight shutouts, and hopefully that continues into the second half of conference play."

> The Scots start the second half of MIAA action Wednesday, as they play host to Calvin College. Game time is 4 p.m.



Marcella Flury: Staff Photographer

Brooke Steed ('18) boxes out for position on a header. The Scots are 5-2 in league play.

SPORTS OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2014 Scots' soccer drops match to Kalamazoo; 2-3 in MIAA

BY TONY KNOP STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team suffered a tough 1-0 loss last Wednesday at Scotland Yard to the visiting Kalamazoo College Hornets (4-4-2, 2-2-1). With the loss, the Scots drop to 3-4-2 overall and 2-3 in MIAA league play.

"The team as a whole played a solid game," said Zach Vandeveer ('16). "The game could have gone either way with the chances we had compared to Kalamazoo's."

The match pitted two of the league's toughest defenses and the game surely did not disappoint. In the first half, both teams played very solid defense and the game was knotted 0-0 after 45 minutes.

The Scots had a few solid opportunities to score in that first half. They nearly got on the board early at 5:05, when Chad Buitenhuis ('16) had a shot saved by Kalamazoo's goalie.

The Scots' next opportunity came at 11:02, when Spencer Sandow ('16) rifled a shot but was rejected by the Kalamazoo goalie.

The Kalamazoo offense picked up after halftime, and found the back of the net for the only goal of the game at 55:26.

"We deviated from our style a bit trying to force the issue at some points during the game and did not capitalize on some of our opportunities," Vandeveer added. "We, as a unit, need to improve on playing our style and making the most of our opportunities."

The Scots recorded 14 shots as a team, paced by Austin Gabris ('17) and Vandeveer, who had three apiece. Goalkeeper Nick Strait ('17) allowed only one goal on five shots, dropping his record to 3-2.

The Scots will face Hope College Saturday at Scotland Yard at 2:30 for another tough MIAA matchup.

"The MIAA is always so close and so tight," said Coach Josh Oakley. "Hope is usually at the top of the heap in the league. If we believe in ourselves and have positive energy, we are good enough to beat anybody."

The Hope Flying Dutchmen come rolling into Alma with a 9-2 overall record, and 4-1 in MIAA play. The Scots look to slow down a very explosive Hope offense with their stingy defense.

"We are not far from being a great team," said Oakley. "We've played great defense, only allowing



Evan Shirkey ('18) battles for position against a Kalamazoo defender.

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two goals in four games."

"We are a very good team this year and when we play our game, we are a very difficult team to in the conference." break down," said Strait.

Hope we need to defend and attack as a team," said Vandeveer.

game and play Alma College soccer. When we do that we are good enough to hang with anyone

The Scots look to refocus "To get a good result against and regain their edge for their matchup with Hope College.

"We know we have to take "We also need to just play our on Hope focused from the first whistle to the last, leaving everything on the field," said Gabris.

"Focus after a tough loss is hard, but the whole team has done an amazing job with it," said Strait. "We are a tight family, as we like to say, and one tough loss won't break us down."

Scotlight: Blake Padget ('15) nominated to Football **Coaches Association Good Works Team for 2015**

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Padget has been recognized for what he has given back to his community. He has worked at the local soup kitchen, is an active sports like football. participant in Big Brothers/Big

children in Gratiot County that would be otherwise unable to afford to participate in expensive

Sisters events, and has also taken the Alma community, but he is

"Blake is not the most vocal of our leaders but is still one of the most prominent," added teammate Nick Goodman ('15). "He leads Padget is not only a leader in by action, always working hard and doing the right thing. Even I think that this is reflected in though he is not our most vocal leader, he knows when something needs to be said and the right way to say it."

leads by example," explained Padget. "Showing young kids the way things should be done. I am just part of the great senior leadership we have on this team, and

In the world of sports, most of the accolades that are given out are geared towards recognizing a player's accomplishments on the field or court. However, there are a select few athletes who are recognized for their achievements and hard work outside of the sporting arena. Alma College's Blake Padget ('15) recently became one of the few distinguished athletes when he was selected to become a member of this year's Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team.

"It's a great honor," Padget said. "I'm excited for the opportunity to represent Alma College."

alternative breaks to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity or United Cerebral Palsy, just to name a few. Now, with his selection to the Good Works Team, he will be invited to participate in a community service project in New Orleans during the week that leads up to the Sugar Bowl.

Outside of volunteering, Padget also founded, along with teammate Bryan Wonski ('15) and fraternity brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon David Slusser ('15), the organization Together All Can Keep Limits Exhausted (TACKLE). TACKLE is a nonprofit organization that helps secure sports equipment for

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also a leader on the football field. He is a veteran senior on the offensive line for the Scots.

"He's a tremendous leader," said coach Greg Pscodna. "He's one of those guys who will put in a 25-hour day. He's always ready to work, and he gets the rest of the team ready, too. He always approaches the game with high spirits."

Padget has a vast amount of respect for the game according ot his coach.

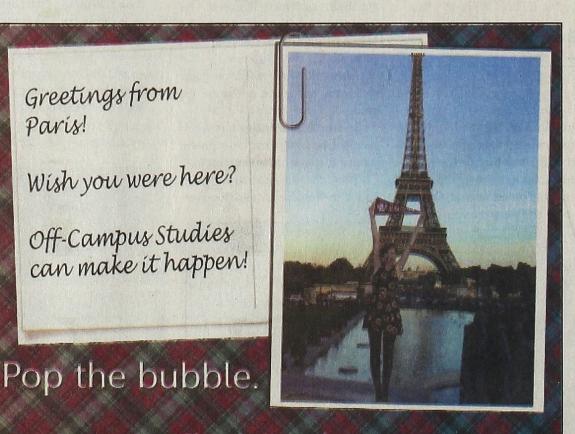
"He loves the game of football, and he lets his play do the talking," said Pscodna.

"I try to be somebody who

our early success this season."

Padget, along with his friends and roommates Tyler Watters ('15) and Sam Young ('15), represents the core of senior leadership on the team.

"We are all best friends," said Padget, "and I think that helps us lead. We have a great bond and I think that has helped the team come closer than in years past."



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