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## Homecoming weekend 2014

Alma hosted returning alumni and many community members for this year's homecoming festivities last weekend. Included was the parade through downtown Alma and campus; student organizations, Alma businesses, and local political candidates took part in the parade as alumni, family, and friends gathered for the event.

Events included the annual Matt Reinke 5k run, the Alma College football game against Adrian College, and the crowning of this year's homecoming royalty, Morgan Waier ('15) and Cody Nevins ('15).

Throughout the weekend the campus held a number of music and theatre performances which included an alumni awards ceremony.

Right: Justin Closs ('15), Vernon Moeggenborg Jr. ('15), Morgan Waier ('15), Cody Nevins ('15), and Karol Chubb ('15), members of the homecoming court, during the parade. Second: Professor Will Nichols competes in the color run Saturday. Below: The Kiltie Marching Band and Pipe Band perform at the parade.



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## This Week at Alma College October 13 -October 19

### Monday

Phi Beta Kappa Speaker - Caroline Bruzelius  
"The Medieval Cathedral and The City"  
7:30 p.m. Dow L-4

### Tuesday

LinkedIn Lunch  
12 p.m. Center for Student Opportunity

Phi Beta Kappa Presentation  
"Art History and Digital Visualization"  
2 p.m. Swanson Academic Center

### Wednesday

Responsible Leadership Institute's  
Fall Alternative Service Breaks in Alma, Howell, & Detroit

### Thursday

Fall Break - You should be home at this point!

### Friday

Still on campus? You may have a problematic situation on your hands.

Wear Purple - Stand up for domestic violence awareness  
(Post your purple on social media!)

Women's Volleyball vs. Olivet College  
6:30 p.m. Hogan Center

### Sunday

Heading back to campus would probably be in your best interest.

## Students attend statewide leadership conference

Alma students receive awards for Outstanding Community Impact

BY ALEXANDRA BOURNE  
STAFF WRITER

Four Alma College students received Outstanding Community Impact Awards at a Michigan Leadership Conference for colleges and universities.

The Campus Compact Active Leadership Conference, put on by Michigan Campus Compact, was held in Mt. Pleasant on October 3.

"The goal of Michigan Campus Compact is to provide students the tools they need to encompass public and community service into their lives," said **Karol Chubb ('15)**. "Campus Compact holds conferences to develop these skills, as well as provide grants for student projects."

Alma College became a member of Michigan Campus Compact 25 years ago at the organization's 1989 founding.

"There were about 20 different colleges around Michigan represented at this conference and we were all able to interact and learn about what kinds of

programs the different campuses had and what did and didn't work for them," said **Tia Wilson ('16)**. "We were also able to bounce ideas off of each other."

"We also learned how important and beneficial service learning projects are to a community," said Wilson. "Overall it was a good experience and it gave a different perspective to service learning and a great way to make new connections."

"I think it was important for Alma students to attend the conference because it allowed them the opportunity to express ideas with other students" said Chubb. "Having a place to brainstorm service projects is where the planning stage truly begins."

Campus Compact also has a Venture Grant opportunity that provides funding for students to develop service projects. Alma has been awarded 31 Venture grants written by faculty, staff, and students totaling \$77,304.40.

"More students from Alma should go because leadership is an important part of growing and succeeding in life after college," added **Jade Paquin ('16)**. "There was a focus of service, and so many Alma students are very passionate about serving others that it would be beneficial for more to attend

this conference."

"A benefit of being a member of Campus Compact is that Alma College may have students recognized for the service," said Chubb.

"In this conference we all had to be leaders for the ending event because we had to create a service project that would help the community and be sustainable," added Paquin. "These projects were judged and money was awarded to the winners to help them follow through with their projects."

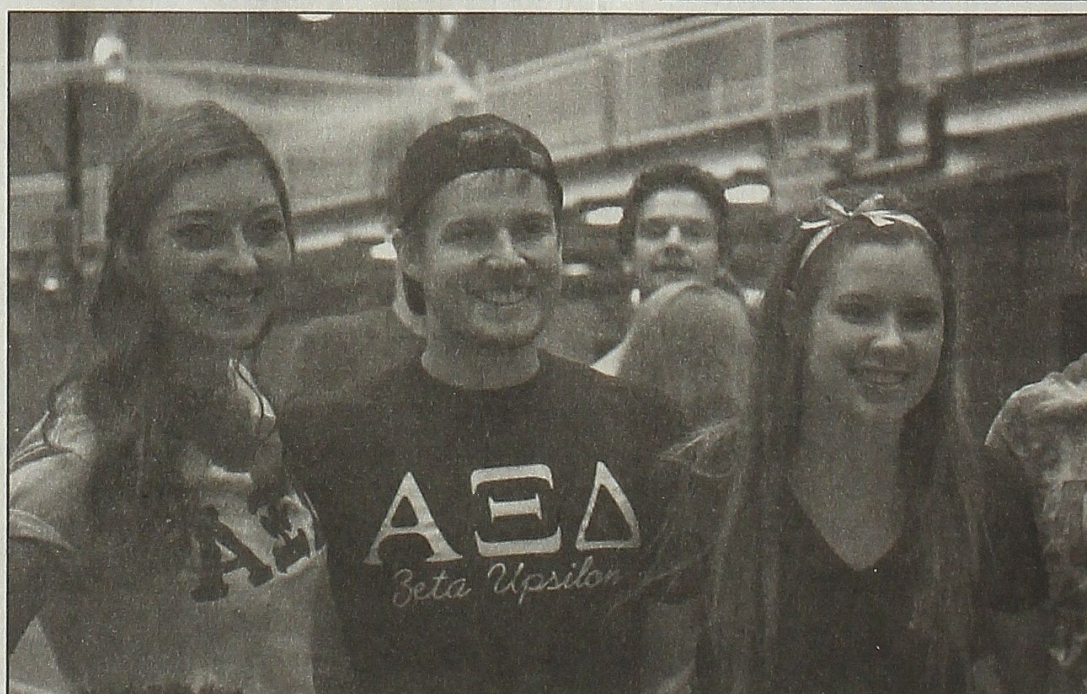
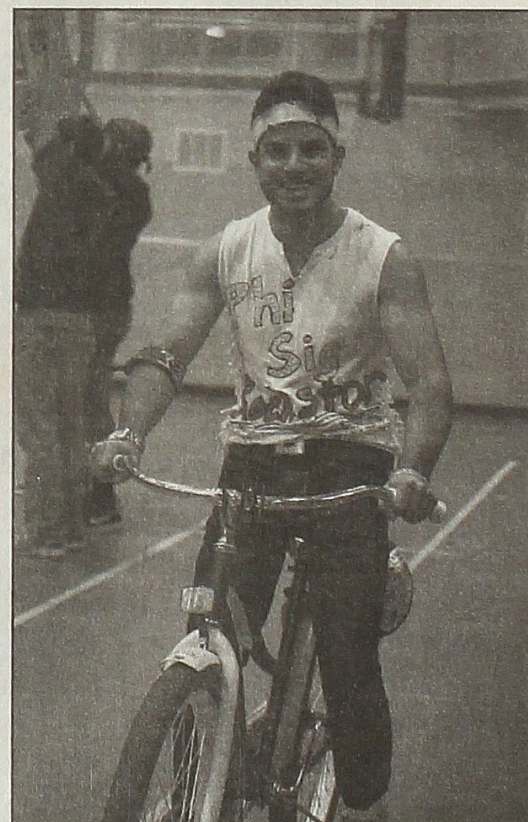
"It's a conference to help students learn more about leadership and give them resources to help them continue to be leaders," said Paquin.

"I looked forward to it because I was hoping I could learn and get some ideas that I could implement as a KCP mentor and for the KCP program," said Wilson.

"I was personally looking forward to attending this event because leadership conferences are very influential," said Chubb. "Being in a room with students my own age who have an incredible passion for service to others is awe inspiring. Listening to the ideas of how college students want to make the world a better place by giving back to others gives me hope in my generation."

## Sororities & supporters celebrate new members

Last Tuesday, the five sororities on campus each received new members after the conclusion of informal recruitment. Top left: Allyson Hubbell ('17) is embraced by her new Alpha Gamma Delta sisters. Top right: Waris Hussein ('15), Phi Sigma Sigma's Sweetheart, supports the sisters at walkouts. Bottom: Hannah Schroeder ('16), Kurtis Smith ('16) and Erin Moore ('18) celebrate Tuesday at walkouts.



Rebekah Irani: Staff Photographer

## Corrections

Last week's edition incorrectly noted parts of the Alma Brewing Company's menu. The following are the revisions to those errors.

The Brewery does not currently serve wine at the Alma location.

The establishment also has no gluten-free brews available at this time, but offers a hopless brew, Sacred Gruit.

We also noted that the vegetarian option on the menu was named "Go Green or Just Drink" when it has been changed to the "Famous Veggie Sandwich"

The Brewery also invites all students to come check out its trivia night every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Almanian apologizes for the errors.

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# Artist gives viewers new understanding

## Clack Art Center hosts a gallery of Wayne C. Newton's photography

By PAIGE EMERSON  
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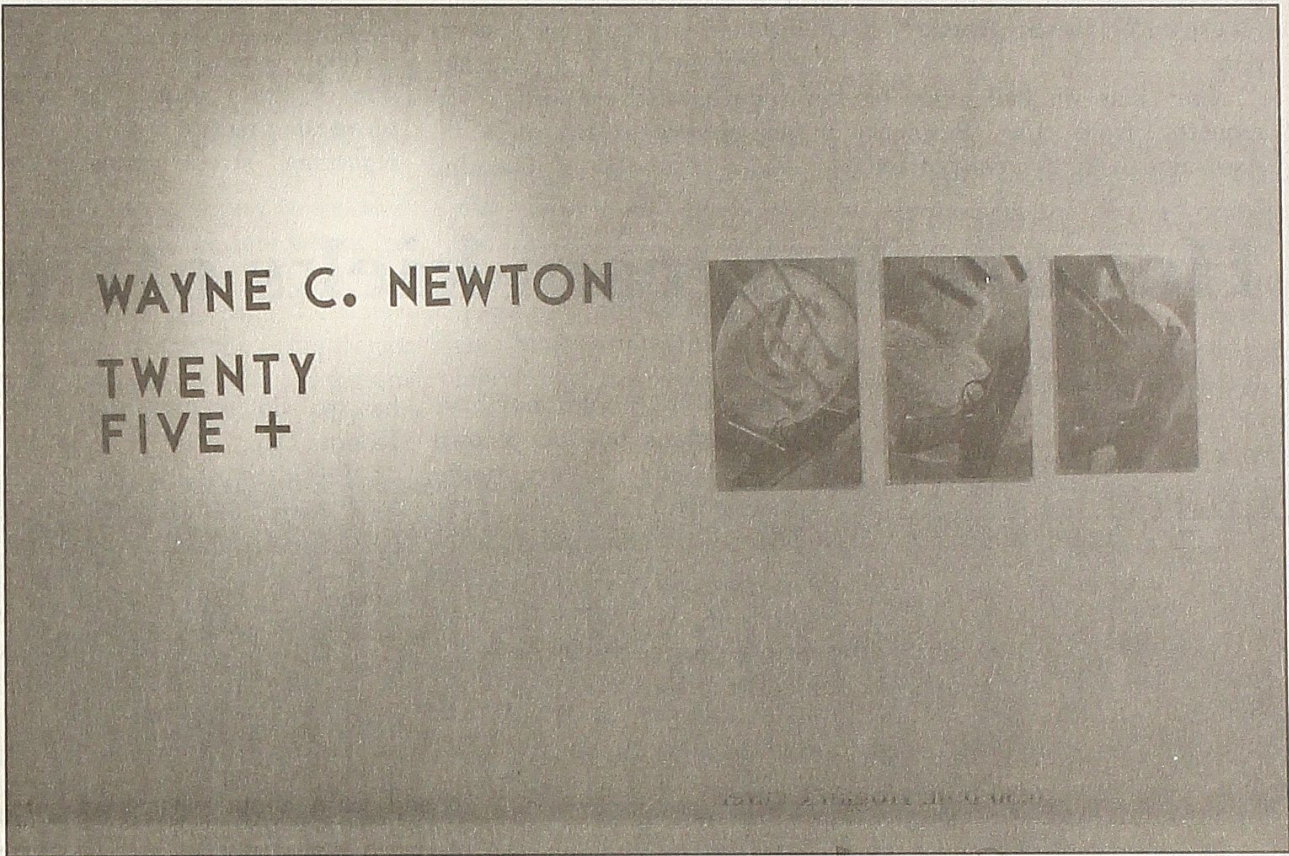
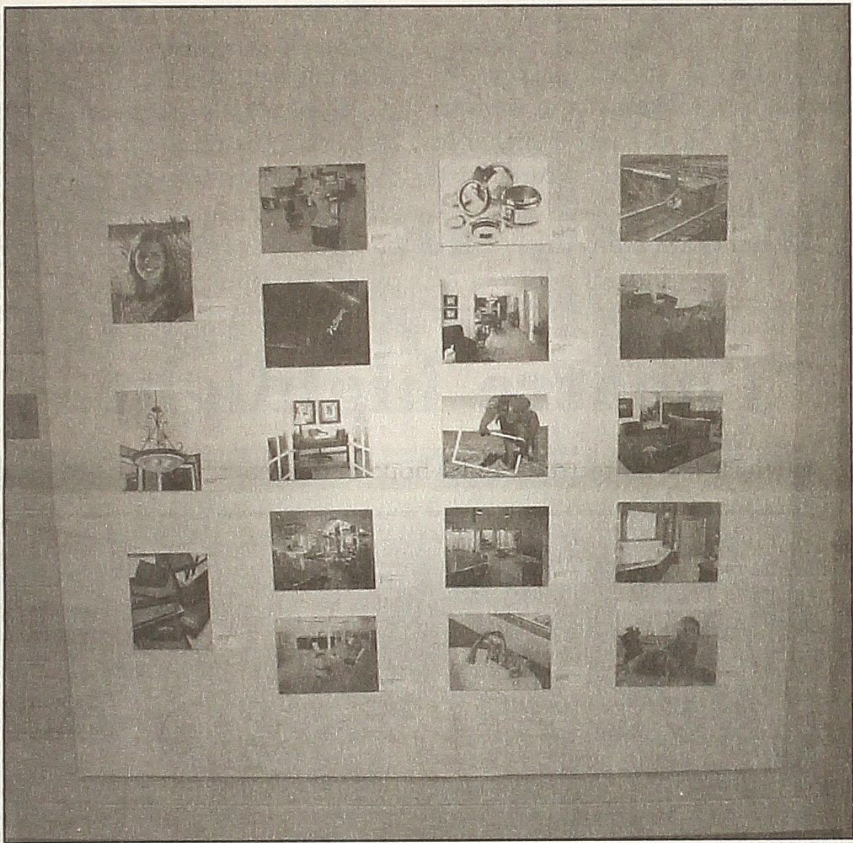
The Flora Kirsch Beck Art Building opened its new gallery show on Monday, Sept. 29. It consisted solely of fine arts and commercial digital inkjet photography prints taken by Wayne C. Newton during the decade between 2001 and 2011. Newton received his M.F.A. in photography and B.F.A. in visual communications from Kendall College of Art & Design and has studied fine art photography with a visiting photographer and educator, David Plowden at Grand Valley State University. Newton has worked in the

Department of Visual Art at Chowan University, Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University, ITT Technical Institute in Grand Rapids, and Grand Rapids Community College. He also co-taught beginning photography at Creston High School in Grand Rapids, and he was a drawing instructor at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. In his artist statement, Newton speaks of art's true ability to captivate and influence its viewers. "I conceptualize my artwork from the aspect of how the viewer is going to interact with the final execution of the design," he explained. "Being a viewer-centered artist, it is my goal to have the viewer walk away with a new understanding. This approach allows me to successfully explore new themes and commentaries in my photography work and the delivery devices to communicate

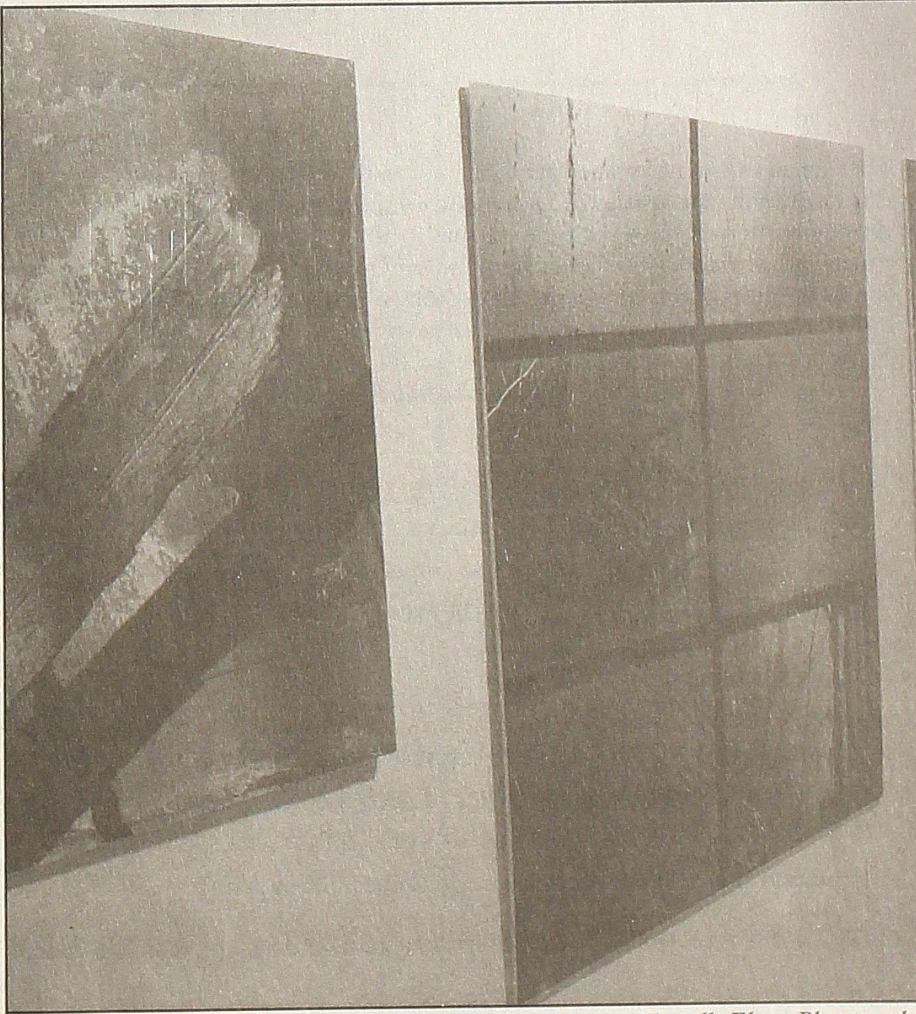
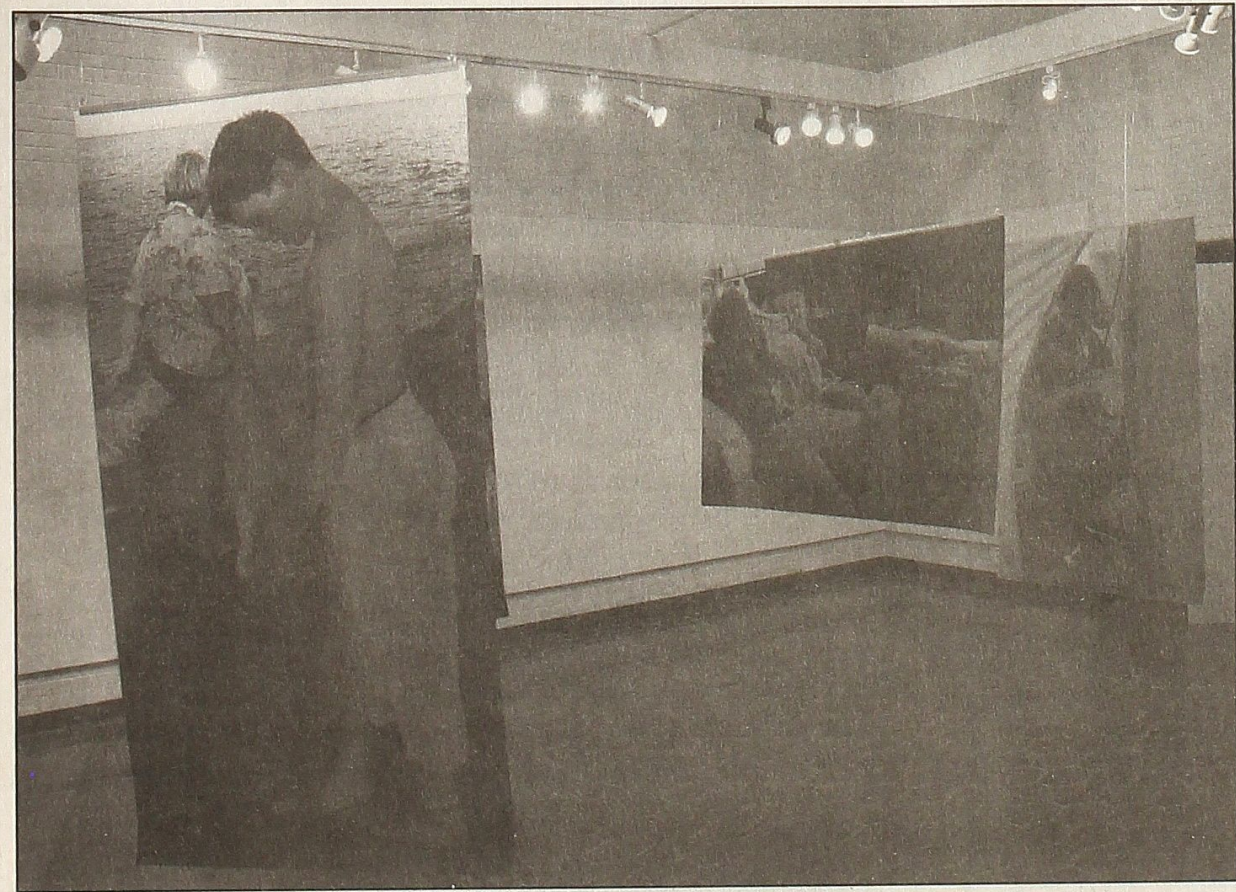
those themes." Newton considers himself to be a "post-modern constructivist," and says that his "final goal is always the same: inspire the viewer." "I feel his work to be a compelling mixture of portraiture and abstract ideas and images," said **Blair Secord '15**. "They are clear and interesting pieces that evoke insight and emotions." Daniel Connolly, director of the gallery, recalled Sandy Lopez-Isnardi filling the request to have Newton's pieces on display. "Sandy really likes the combination of both fine arts and

commercial pieces that he has. Since we've been doing more solo shows, I looked at his work and agreed. So we booked him, and I am very pleased with the show." Connolly also mentioned his appreciation for the fact that Newton touches on classics, but also brings up interesting social issues. "The full-length portraits have a nice presence and authenticity, and he has a quirky method of commenting. I really like the rusty tractor series — we put things like that in a junkyard and put them away, but they bring up such beautiful nostalgia."

Newton and his son, Brandon, an Alma College alumnus who is now a theater intern, came to Alma College on Sept. 26 to meet with Connolly, and spent about six hours placing the photography pieces and hanging the installation in the final room to suit what he thought best — to place his pieces in the order he felt was most effective for capturing the show's viewers. The Flora Kirsch Beck Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. The Wayne C. Newton show will be on display until Thursday, Oct. 30.



Examples of Wayne C. Newton's art, which is on display in the Clack Art Center until Oct. 30. Newton's photography, taken between 2001 and 2011, aims to give viewers a new understanding





## Art, cartoons, snacks, meditation, aromatherapy, massages and a dog help students unwind

"I don't think we've ever had this many people in the center before," Lambrecht mentioned.

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Writer defends small campus life

By RAY VISSER  
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever wondered why it feels like you've been in school for an eternity, I think I have an explanation for you. After your four or five years of high school, you decided to attend Alma College.

For better or for worse, our college sometimes resembles nothing so much as a high school offering college degrees.

The most obvious comparison is in size. Many students here went to high schools bigger than Alma, which only amplifies the impression here that everyone knows everyone else.

In high school, we saw the same people every day, both in and out of class. At a bigger college, the chances of a meeting with an acquaintance in an instance that doesn't involve studying are far lower. The required travel distance to see a friend is just too far.

At Alma, we can't walk 10 feet without seeing a friend and asking how they are, even though we probably know fairly well the exact answer to that question.

After all, word gets around. Or they told you yesterday when you had a late-night heart-to-heart.

One downside of the compressed nature of the Alma campus is that those old demons of our high-school days—cliques—are alive and thriving. Think about the people you see on a regular basis. They're likely involved in some, if not most, of the same activities as you.

But then there's another large chunk (relatively speaking) of students on campus whose names you don't know and whom you've never exchanged a word. In the immortal words of Darth Vader: search your heart. You know it to be true.

Alma cliques are slightly different from high school in that I haven't heard of many incidents where a football player stuffed a political science major headfirst into a SAC trash bin. Nonetheless, we have our social divisions now just like the 15-to-18-year-old high schoolers we think we aren't anymore.

But this shouldn't be an extremely difficult social problem to correct, because hey, guess what? As soon as you become acquainted with another group, you'll start seeing them every day

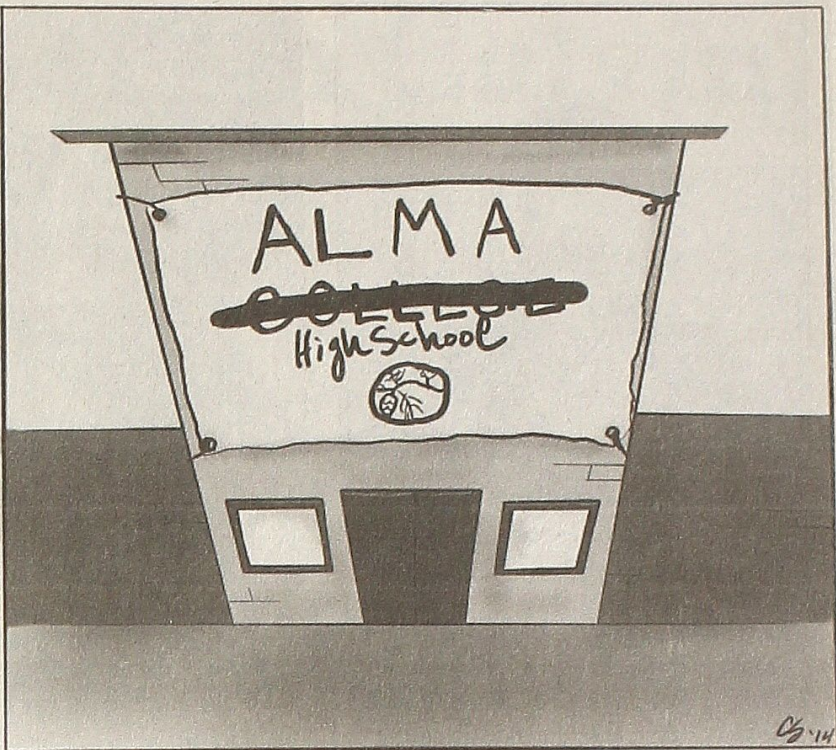
too. We live in a strange world here.

More comparisons: Alma students seem to be in class all day, every day. High school was essentially an 8-to-3:30 affair, not counting extracurricular activities. At Alma, most days span that time range and usually go even later.

But nobody, as far as I know, had 500-person, lecture-hall-filling high school classes like you'd find at larger universities. And the same applies here. Every professor teaches to maybe 60 people at once, tops.

This is something for the Alma administration to be exorbitantly proud of. A small student-teacher ratio is a great selling point to list in brochures. But if prospective students are looking for a different classroom experience than the kind they just had for 12 years, fair warning: this is not the place to fulfill that wish.

All these factors combine to give some interesting advantages to Alma students. If someone misses a class, they don't have to rely on the one other person they know in the Coliseum-sized lecture hall to get them the notes.



Cassidy Shankleton; Staff Illustrator

They can realistically ask 80 percent of their classmates for that favor—and meet later in the library to seal the deal (they were all going there anyway). And speaking of the library, if that isn't the Alma equivalent of a study hall, I don't know what is.

So before you complain too much that you feel like high

school has been going on for seven or eight years, step back and look at the situation. Yes, it's probably true that we aren't getting a "normal" college experience here.

But we can choose to focus on the positive side, on the advantages Alma has to offer. Now go walk to class. I guarantee you'll see a friend or a dozen.

Top 25 activities to do this fall

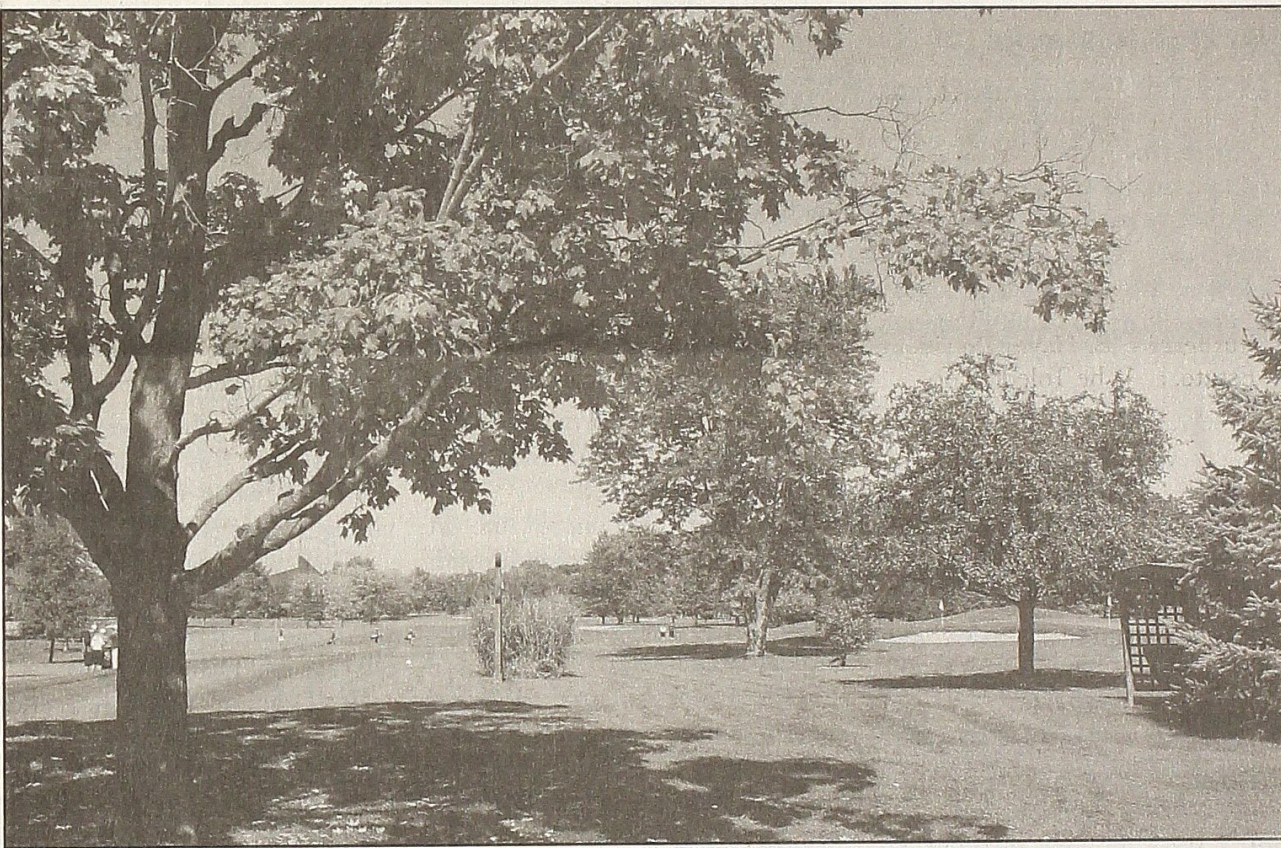
By RACHEL KALINOVIK  
STAFF WRITER

- We always begin to realize what we are about to miss toward the end of summer. We are no longer able to enjoy the warm, summer air. The sounds of kids running around playing games in the streets fades, and pools are covered up. We return to school, and the work immediately begins.
- Fall is a time to slow down after the craziness of summer, enjoy the brisk autumn air, the smell of the leaves, the coolness of evening, and savor each moment before the frigid winter begins. That being said, here are fun fall activities for you to enjoy:
1. Take a trip to the cider mill
  2. Collect and press brightly colored leaves
  3. Create a new door wreath with fall flowers and ribbons
  4. Carve/decorate a pumpkin
  5. Go on a hayride
  6. Go on a nature walk
  7. Bake an apple pie or pumpkin pie
  8. Tailgate before a football game with friends
  9. Visit the pumpkin patch
  10. Prepare a nature scavenger hunt
  11. Roast pumpkin seeds
  12. Visit a corn maze
  13. Go on a picnic
  14. Make caramel apples
  15. Attend a fall festival
  16. Jump in leaf piles and take lots of photos

17. Enjoy a bonfire with friends and family
18. Fly a kite
19. Pull out the sweaters, wrap yourself up, and get cozy.
20. Make caramel corn
21. Watch fun fall movies, like "Hocus Pocus" or "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!"
22. Spend a week visiting the different haunted houses in Michigan
23. Go on a "day trip" with your family
24. Make a huge pot of homemade soup or chili and curl up at home
25. Bring out the pumpkin or apple-scented candles

- And just in case those aren't enough for you. Here are five bonus activities:
1. Take a photo of your yard or home in the same place every day/week and make a time lapse
  2. Stay up late and watch the harvest moon
  3. Decorate your front porch for fall
  4. Plan a Halloween party
  5. Dress up and go out on Halloween with friends

Whichever activities you may choose, the fall fun awaits you. Whether it is something as simple as carving a pumpkin, or something as complex as taking a "day trip" to Mackinac Island to experience the area's autumn colors, the fall season has much to offer. This year, try to make an "Autumn Bucket List" and check off everything on it before the winter hits. Ready, set, go.



Crystal Snow; Editor in Chief

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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Campus Comment

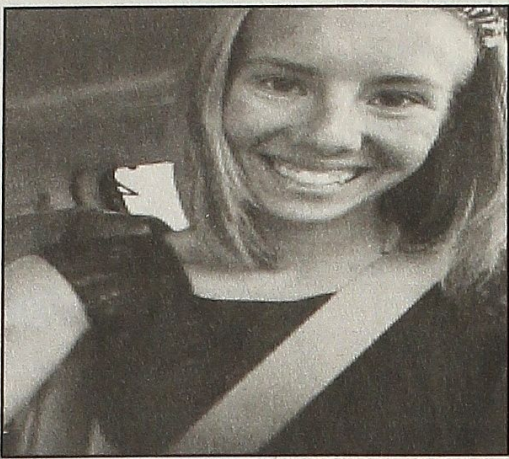
By ALEXANDRA BOURNE

We asked: “What’s the best part of homecoming?”



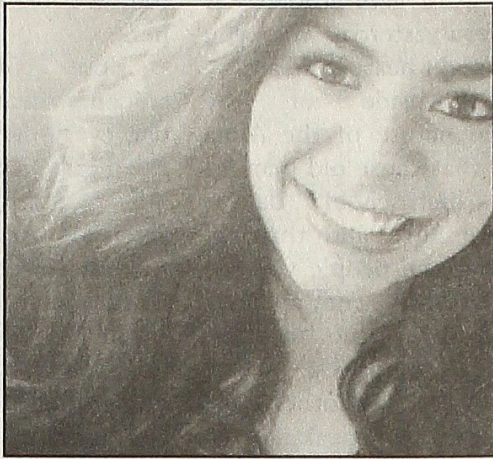
**Meghan Zoerhoff ('17)**  
Hometown: Holland, MI  
Major(s): Secondary Education

“My favorite part about homecoming is the parade. I love watching the floats, especially the Alpha Xi Delta float because they have kids riding on their float, and all of the kids are having a blast!”



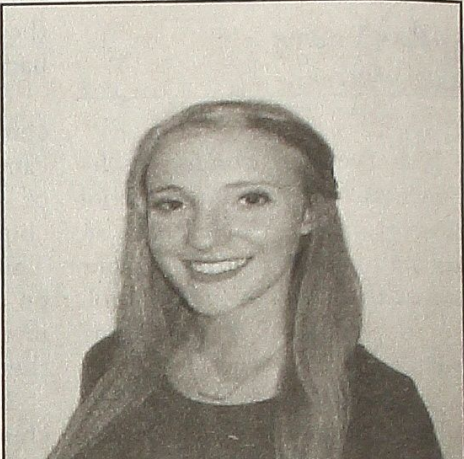
**Kelsey Spencer ('17)**  
Hometown: Eaton Rapids, MI  
Major(s): IPHS

“I would say the best part of homecoming is going to the football game with my friends.”



**Corinne Witham ('15)**  
Hometown: North Muskegon, MI  
Major(s): Psychology and French

“The best part of homecoming is being able to reconnect with your best friends and former teammates who are alumni. It’s great seeing everyone and feeling like no time has passed!”



**Paige Ross ('17)**  
Hometown: Canton, MI  
Major(s): Psychology

“I love so many things about homecoming, but one of my favorites is seeing all the alumni come back and reminisce on their time here at Alma. I always get to hear amazing stories and meet great men and women.”

Family ties prevail in “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”

By DAN MURAWSKE  
STAFF WRITER

It is that time of year when horror movies become prevalent. Advertisements for scare flicks raid the television, theaters become infested with fright films, and people go to Family Video to rent that horror movie they have not had a chance to see yet.

I was one of the latter. And after watching a horror film last Thursday and genuinely getting freaked out, I decided I needed a change of pace.

As a remedy, I went to the local cinema to watch “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.”

Ever have one of those days where nothing goes your way?

Alexander Cooper has. The day before his 12th birthday, he wakes up with gum in his hair, becomes the laughing stock of the school because of a prank, and learns that no one will be coming to his birthday party the next day because another kid is having his birthday party on the same day.

Alex thinks his family does not understand. After all, things are going well for all of them.

His mom, Kelly (Jennifer Garner) could become vice president at the publishing

company where she works. His dad, Ben (Steve Carell) has an upcoming interview for doing work with video games.

His sister, Emily (Kerris Dorsey), gets to play Peter Pan in the school play. And his brother Anthony (Dylan Minnette) is going to prom with his girlfriend and just needs to pass his road test to get his driver’s license.

As Anthony puts it: “Once I get my license tomorrow, I kind of have everything I ever wanted. I mean, hashtag blessed.”

The next day, more like at midnight. Alexander makes himself a sundae and wishes that his family would know what it’s like to have bad days like he has.

This is not because he wants them to suffer, though. Not really even because he is mad at them. He just wants his family to understand how he feels.

Long story short, the family ends up, for the most part, having a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

In a refreshing change of pace, the Cooper clan is portrayed as normal, as opposed to dysfunctional, the way we see families in many comedies.

And the parents are not characterized as dumb or distant, (also seen in too many films). They know what they are doing, always try their best, and take an active

interest in the kids’ lives.

And laughs are to be had. I was wondering if this would be a kids movie or a family film (one where the adults will be in for some laughs as well as the children), and I was glad to see it was the latter.

I was a little surprised at some of blatant innuendo in this PG film. When I was little, some of the kids’/family movies (“Shrek” comes to mind) had suggestive remarks, but they were always disguised in a way to make sure the references went over the heads of younger viewers.

That was not the case with this film. Two instances made me think “I cannot believe they could say that in a Disney film.”

In light of these references and some bathroom humor, the film is acceptable for adults and adolescents. It is rated PG for rude humor including some reckless behavior and language.

There are enough laughs for people of all ages, and I am certain that this is a film that will be enjoyed not only by kids. It has a positive message about families sticking together to overcome any hardships that are thrown their way.

It is not without faults, but overall: thumbs up.

I give “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” a “B.”

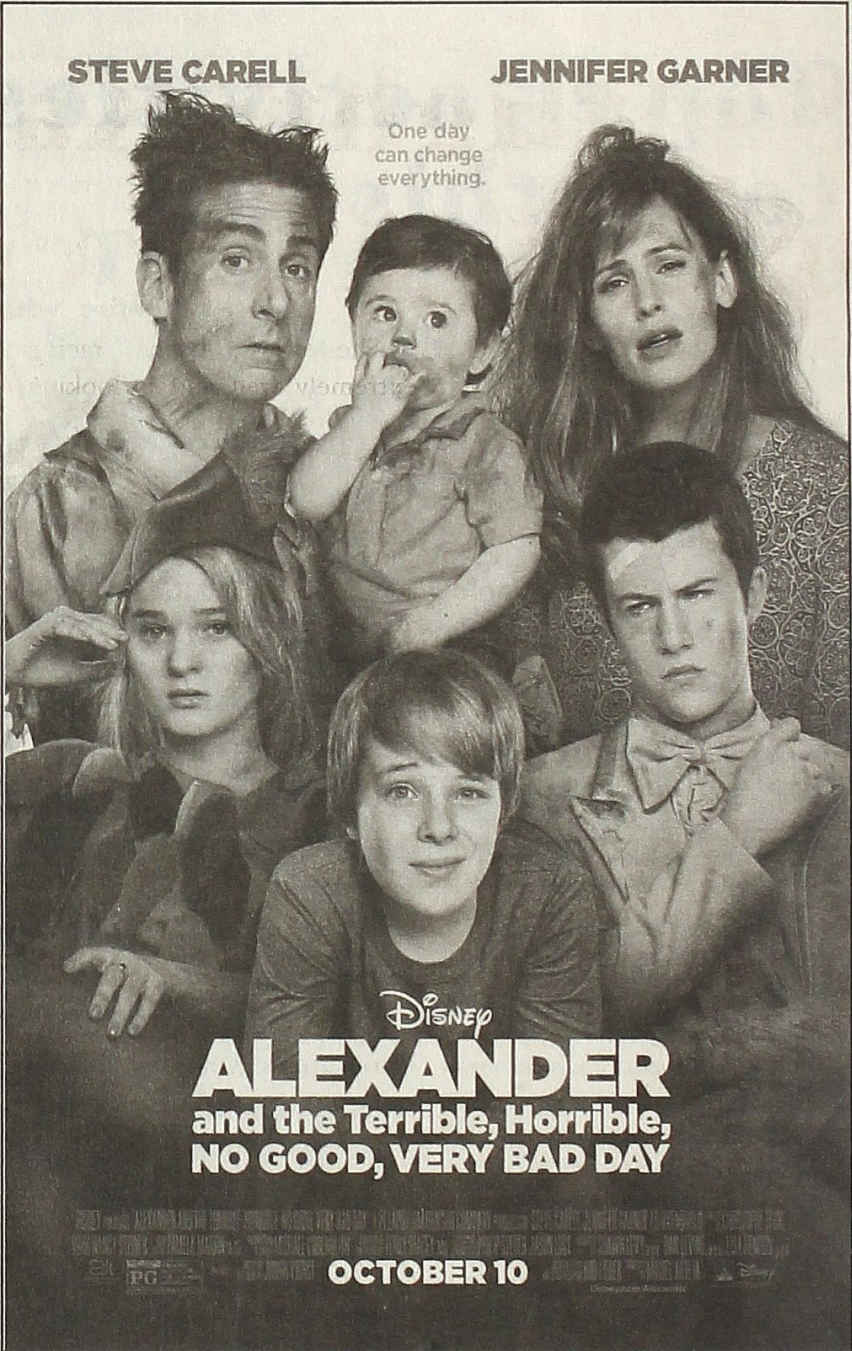


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Word Search

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

- DESTRESS
- FOOD
- MOVIES
- RELAXING
- SLEEP
- VOLUNTEER
- BREAK
- FAMILY
- SHOPPING
- HOME
- READING
- TRIPS
- ALTERNATIVE
- FALL
- FRIENDS
- PETS
- TRAVEL

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# Women’s soccer forces draw after double OT game with Calvin

By **TONY KNOP**  
STAFF WRITER

The Scots’ women’s soccer team took the field last Wednesday at Scotland Yard to face the tough Calvin Knights (5-6-1 overall, 4-4-1 MIAA) squad. Each team scored a goal apiece in the final six minutes of regulation but failed to score in either overtimes, resulting in the 1-1 draw.

“We knew that they were going to come to Scotland Yard seeking revenge after we beat them in overtime at their place,” said **Kelly Wilson (‘16)**.

The Lady Scots’ record now stands at 8-3-1 overall and 6-2-1 in MIAA play.

The first half was a very defensive effort, as neither team was able to get much offense going. At the end of the first half, Alma had three shots and one on goal- all by Wilson.

The second half was much the

same, as neither team was able to get much offense going until late in the second half.

“We played great defensively all game, but we need to take our scoring opportunities better and finish opportunities,” said Coach Matthew Saul.

“They sat in so much defensively, we had to go around them,” said Wilson. “It’s difficult to score when their whole team is sitting in their defensive third.”

Calvin started to gain some momentum toward the end of the game and was able to get a shot in the net in the 84th minute.

The Lady Scots tied up the game at 86:50, when **Brianna Russell (‘17)** miraculously headed the ball in traffic for the goal.

“I didn’t go into the entire game until the last six minutes!” said Russell. “Coach told me to prove him wrong about my playing time, so I did.”

With the clock winding down at the end of the game, **Kailey Vlug (‘15)** got a kick off from

40 yards out that got past the goalie. The players erupted in celebration, but the referees waved it off, saying that time had expired.

“We were all pretty upset but we just knew we had to go in and do it again,” said Wilson. “It’s frustrating to get that hyped over such a big goal and have it taken away just like that.”

The Lady Scots controlled the ball for much of the first overtime but could not quite get a shot in the net. Both teams played very conservatively in the second overtime, allowing the draw to stand.

“In that first overtime, I thought that was the best soccer we’d played all season,” said Saul. “The second overtime was a bit more balanced, but we still played very well.”

The team was able to get off 17 shots and six on goal, led by **Jessica Burg (‘17)** and Wilson with two shots on goal apiece. The Lady Scots goalkeeper, **Jessica Fassbender (‘18)**, made five saves to secure the tie.



Marcella Flury: Staff Photographer

**Agatha Weddle (‘16)** fights off a defender to get a pass to **Jessica Burg (‘17)**.

The women’s soccer team fell to Albion, 1-0, last Saturday. The Scots are 8-4-1 overall and 6-3-1 in MIAA play.

“Last time we played Albion, we had the wrong mentality,” said Saul. “This time we need to play focused and disciplined. We need to play at our level, and the game will take care of itself.”

“We’re definitely ready to take on Albion,” said Wilson. “We lost

to them at their place earlier in the season and we’re definitely going into the game with a huge chip on our shoulder. We just have to play to the best of our ability and we’ll get the result that we want.”

“We need to play the whole 90 minutes and not wait until the last few minutes to make something happen,” said Russell. “We need to play feet, play quickly, and play with intensity.”

# Spotlight: Kaitlyn Arnold (‘17) outrunning cross country foes

By **TONY KNOP**  
STAFF WRITER

Alma College’s women’s cross country runner **Kaitlyn Arnold (‘17)** has had a successful season so far and has proven to be a top runner not only on the team, but also in the MIAA.

On October 3, Arnold ran the 5k at the LCC Invitational. Even with windy and poor conditions, she finished third overall with a time of 18:59.

Arnold has already broken her personal best 5k time from last year by 15 seconds, and she looks forward to breaking her 6k personal best in the coming weeks.

She has been racing extremely well and is looking to continue the success as the season progresses.

“Kaitlyn is even more determined than last year to get outside and run every day at practice,” said **Rose Deren (‘15)**.

Arnold has been working hard all summer long to be in a position to really race well and make some noise at the MIAA Championship at Calvin in November.

“She did an awesome job with her training over this past summer,” said Coach Matt Chovanec. “Also, having a year in the program under her belt helps immensely as well.”

“Coming into this season,

I knew what to expect from last year as far as how workouts go and how college life goes in general,” said Arnold. “I stuck to the training program and made sure to take care of myself.”

Not only does Arnold bring a lot of speed to the cross country team, she also brings a great leadership presence and is a positive influence on and off the course.

“Kaitlyn works really hard to be the fastest girl on the team,” said Deren. “Her work ethic shows by how seriously she takes her training, which is something other runners can look up to.”

“Kaitlyn brings a lot to the team,” said Chovanec. “She has great leadership ability, she’s very involved on campus, very

concerned with academics, extremely coachable, and open to suggestions.”

With being such a young leader on a very successful team, Arnold takes the pressure in stride.

“I try not to think too much about the pressure and just act how I normally would. Pressure is just a side effect of my motivation to be the best I can be,” said Arnold.

“She has dealt great with the pressure,” said Chovanec. “Kaitlyn knows that she can’t always expect a perfect race. She is always learning about what went well and what could be better at each race.”

“Kaitlyn provides a lot of motivation for the other athletes to seek to reach their best potential,

too,” said Deren. “It’s good for the team because it means the program will be successful with her for a few more years.”

The women’s team has run very well this year, and with Arnold taking the lead, the squad looks to do some great things in the near future.

“My personal goals include being first team MIAA and all-region,” said Arnold. “I would really like to get close to the 6k record for the girls’ team. For team goals, we are on track to improve our MIAA standing to third in the league.”

The Scots’ cross country teams will be back in action Saturday, where they will compete in the Inter-Region Rumble at Oberlin College.

# Men’s soccer splits games last week defeating Adrian, losing to Calvin

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The men’s soccer team took to the pitch twice this week. A dramatic win last Tuesday started the week as the Scots traveled to Adrian College for a MIAA conference matchup.

The Scots looked to continue their good play on the road as they came into the matchup with a 2-1-1 road record on the year, and rebound from consecutive tough shutout losses.

After one half of play, Alma was outshooting Adrian 8-3 in a very physical first half that offered few opportunities for goals.

**Evan Shirkey (‘18)** decided it was his time to shine when he took a cross from **Zach Vanderveer (‘16)** to score his first goal of his collegiate career and put Alma up 1-0.

Alma tried to hold the lead for themselves but a header off of a

corner kick in the 78th minute by Adrian just got by keeper **Brett Galloway (‘15)** to make it a 1-1 tie.

The score would remain deadlocked throughout the next 12 minutes which forced overtime.

Alma had played in two overtime games earlier this year but both ended in ties after being deadlocked after an extra 20 minutes.

The game was back and forth in the first overtime but no one could find the back of the net, which forced overtime number two.

**Matt Sovis (‘16)** played hero for the Scots when Shirkey hit him on a cross and he found the back of the net to notch his first goal of the season and the victory for Alma.

Shirkey said, “I feel like we played some great soccer today, we just need to take advantage

of and finish the chances that are given to us. If we can do that, I feel there are no limits to what this team can achieve.”

Sovis led the team with two shots on goal and Galloway collected two saves in the victory. With the win, their record improved to 4-4-2 overall and 3-4 in the MIAA.

Coming off the dramatic overtime win versus Adrian, the Scots were ready and excited for their showdown last Saturday versus league leading Calvin College.

Forward **Spencer Sandow (‘16)** said, “We have been doing a great job of defending as a unit, as we start to wind down the conference season we need everyone to be hungry in front of the net and look to score more goals.”

The score was deadlocked into the half at 0-0 and the momentum from the win over Adrian seemed to have carried over.

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However, it was all Calvin in the second half as the Knights netted four goals to take home the 4-0 victory.

Alma had a hard time getting many chances as they were outshot 21-5 and 8-3 on shots on goal.

Galloway took the loss in net

as he collected four saves on eight chances.

With the loss Alma falls to 4-5-2 overall and 3-5 in the MIAA. Alma will travel to Albion College on Wednesday to take on the Britons at 4 p.m. to try and take a split in the series after a 1-0 loss earlier this season.



# Football drops homecoming to Adrian, 31-0; 0-2 in MIAA

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The campus enjoyed one of its largest events of the year last weekend: homecoming, a time when alumni of Alma College come back to campus, see old friends, and enjoy a parade. However, the main event every year is the traditional football game played on Bahlke Field.

"The Homecoming game always fires up the guys," said Coach Greg Pscodna. "It's a chance to impress the alumni and for the former football players to come back and see where the program has come."

Alma lost to Adrian, 31-0. The Scots are now 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the MIAA.

"It's pretty crazy knowing that after this game I only have five games left in my football career," said **Sam Young ('15)**. "I think all of the seniors have been taking everything in and enjoying the

moment."

"It's bittersweet," added **Eric Strickler ('15)**. "I have put in a lot of time and hard work, and I hope that it pays off."

"After the double overtime loss last week, practice was a bit flat," said Pscodna, "but we need to continue to get better. We can't turn the ball over, and we need to continue to play good defense and special teams."

A week of practice is a lot harder after a loss, but last week the Scots plugged along, Young noted.

"We have made an effort to increase the quality of work done in our practices. Also, we've made use of the full practice time. Sometimes it's easy to get complacent, knowing that practice is almost over, but having that kind of attitude hurts the team," he added.

"Losses are always tough on a team," added Strickler. "We know that this league is up for grabs so we came into practice with



Above: **Andrew Kenger ('16)** and **Blake Padgett ('15)** get ready to face Adrian's defensive line. Below: **Brandon Harper ('18)** runs the ball as **Sam Young ('15)** gets ready to block. *Marcella Flury: Staff Photographer*



a mentality to get better and to do nothing less but hunt for an MIAA ring."

Despite the tough loss at Trine, the confidence of the team had not wavered coming into this last game. "Confidence is never a problem with this team," said Strickler. "We just have to go out and execute."

"With the way that the replacements for the injured guys, **Justin Thelen ('16)** and **Tyler Watters ('15)**, stepped up and made plays, that makes us confident in our ability to play," added Pscodna.

Pscodna stressed the importance of winning the next game and getting back to an even

record in conference play.

"It's a big game for us to stay in contention for an MIAA championship," commented Young. "I know that, and the whole team knows that."

"Every win in conference from here on out is huge if we are to reach our goal of a ring," added Strickler.



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**Dylan Zaborowski ('18)** drops back to pass.

# Men's and women's golf wraps up season with high hopes for next year

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The ladies of the Alma College golf team traveled to Battle Creek last weekend to compete in the MIAA season-ending tournament. This marked the end of the Scots' golf season as the men wrapped up their season on October 7 after the MIAA jamboree at Olivet College.

The men earned an eighth place finish in each of the tournaments they competed in this season. The women fared slightly better this season earning one seventh place

finish at Hope.

"We had a very inexperienced team this year," said **Weston Kartes ('16)**. "It was all about improvement for us, and we did just that."

"The season went as expected," added **Alec Genter ('17)**. "A great amount of improvement for us as a whole, but still room for more improvement to prepare for next season. There were a lot of positives to take away, but we know that, as a team, we need to continue to put in more offseason work and become stronger and mentally competitive."

It is clear that the teams have

a lot of work ahead of them if they want to be competitive in the MIAA. "We need to work on our consistency the most for next year, especially myself," said Kartes. "Our biggest challenge is learning how to mentally prepare and compete each and every event. Knowing that golf is mainly a mental game for our level, we need to stay in the right frame of mind and be patient," added Genter.

Luckily, golf is a sport that is easy to practice in the offseason without the coach being there.

Kartes noted that "working on a golf course during the summer

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**Rebecca Olds ('15)** gets ready to tee off with her opponent looking on.

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gives me a lot of time to work on my game and to become a more consistent golfer."

"After being taken under the wing of **Marty Predmesky ('14)** last year, he taught me how to improve and develop in more efficient ways," said Genter.

The teams will say goodbye to a few talented senior players as **Rebecca Olds ('15)**, **Morgan Henry ('15)**, **Will Germain**

**('15)**, and **Brenden Kudla ('15)** will be graduating. However, the teams also have young talent that will be prepared to step up in the coming seasons including Genter, **Tara Padgett ('17)**, and **Katie Neiswender ('18)**.

"Being a sophomore only means that I need to strive more and more to improve on my own time and not to wait for someone else to help me," Genter said.