

Alternate housing with the elderly

By MICHELLE MEOW
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This coming fall semester, Almost College will buy the Masonic Home in downtown Alma for additional housing for students.

President Abernathy explained that in order for students to live at the Masonic Home, they must agree to room with the elderly.

"The Masonic Home is losing volunteers and staff to help out with the elderly, so in addition to living with the elderly, students must help take care of them as part of the gerontology program," said Abernathy.

Students will be matched with an elderly person based on their answers to a questionnaire about their habits and lifestyle, among many other things.

If students agree to live with the elderly, Abernathy explained, their room and board fee will be waived.

"We are able to waive students' room and board for those living here because of the compensation from the Masonic Home," said Abernathy.

The college will only accept 90 students to live with the elderly, and there is a long application process.

"The application process requires many personal and professional references, an interview, and a test run of sorts at the Masonic Home for a weekend for students interested to live with the elderly," said Abernathy.

Abernathy said that in order for students to receive this prestigious honor of living with the elderly,

they must have a 3.75 GPA and pass multiple medical screenings.

Students must be rather friendly and social, as well.

"Unfortunately, once students agree to live at the Masonic Home with the elderly, they also agree to be on call at all times of the day for their elder roommate," said Abernathy. "This may increase stress levels for students, especially those who are involved in many other extracurricular activities on campus."

Despite the predicted stresses of living in the Masonic Home, multiple students seem to think that it would be a great opportunity.

"I'm floored that Almost College made the decision for students to live with the elderly," said **Emily Adler ('12)**. "I would be thrilled, though, to call the Masonic Home my home."

"This program is an especially great opportunity for those who hope to work in nursing care," said **Erin Blackwell ('11)**.

Blackwell also added that living with the elderly may give students a new perspective on life and different culture experiences.

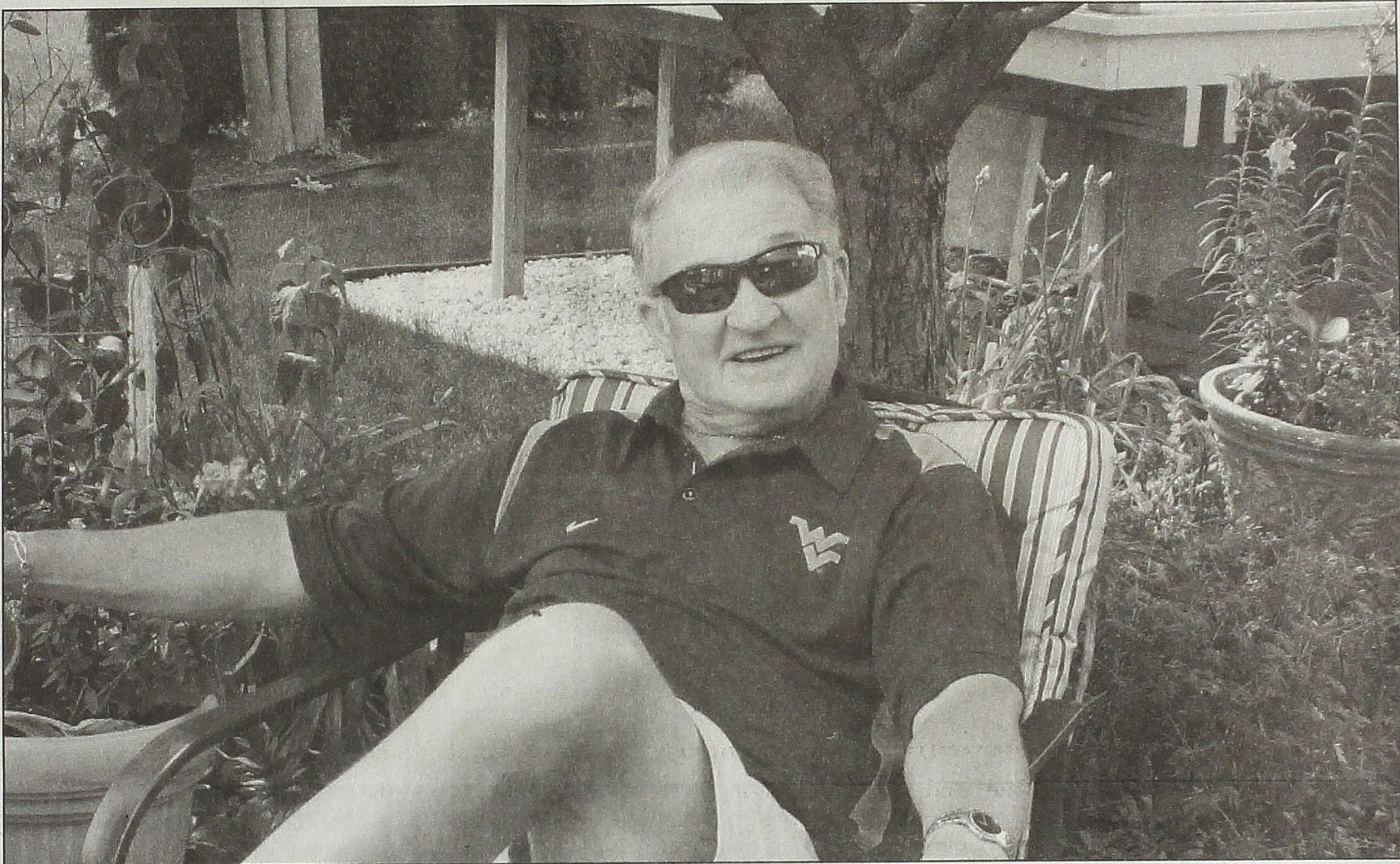
"I'd be more than thrilled to be a friend to the elderly," said Blackwell.

Abernathy added that one rather large aspect of Almost campus is the service learning component.

"This program will hopefully open many doors for those who wish to pursue service learning," said Abernathy. Abernathy explained that

this program also helps Almost College show to the entire Alma community that the college hopes to extend a lending hand to those who are in need.

"This program overall really speaks to the heart of the mission of the liberal arts education, with wide-ranging experiences for students," said Abernathy. "We hope this program will be very rewarding and educational for the students who live at the Masonic Home."



Princess Snowploofoo: Staff Photographer

Almost students will soon be able to share their time with the elderly as part of the new housing option offered by the college.

FBI charges attack psychology department

By CLEMENTINE TUCKER
STAFF WRITER

Students will no longer be able to major in psychology at Almost College due to recent charges brought against the school by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

After a laboratory rat escaped the basement of SAC and found his way into Newberry dormitories, biting three students, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) was brought in.

A student here at Almost College, who wishes to remain anonymous, told the organization that "human testing and torture" was going on behind closed doors.

"When I took introduction to psychology, I knew there would be a laboratory component where we worked with rats," said Anonymous. "What I did not know was that we would be required to shock, cage, and lobotomize fellow students."

Chair of the department of psychology, Gwyneth Beagley, says that what was being done was "in the name of science."

"All student participants were briefed and signed contracts before we began any testing," said Beagley. "By testing on humans, we can be sure that our research will be beneficial to people."

Beagley said the experiments conducted have already had many implications that could be used by medical professionals and psychiatrists.

"Through a series of 10 lobotomies, where we went in through the eye socket with an

ice pick and addled the brains, we found that those students suffering from text anxiety were greatly calmed," said Beagley. "A few of the less successful surgeries were worrisome, but with some innovation from students, we were able to fit patients with prosthetic frontal lobes."

Regardless of the research implications, the legal repercussions will involve a dozen lawsuits and potential jail time for all professors involved.

"This is not the first time and it won't be the last that we will have to make sacrifices for science," said Beagley. "It is one I am proud to make."

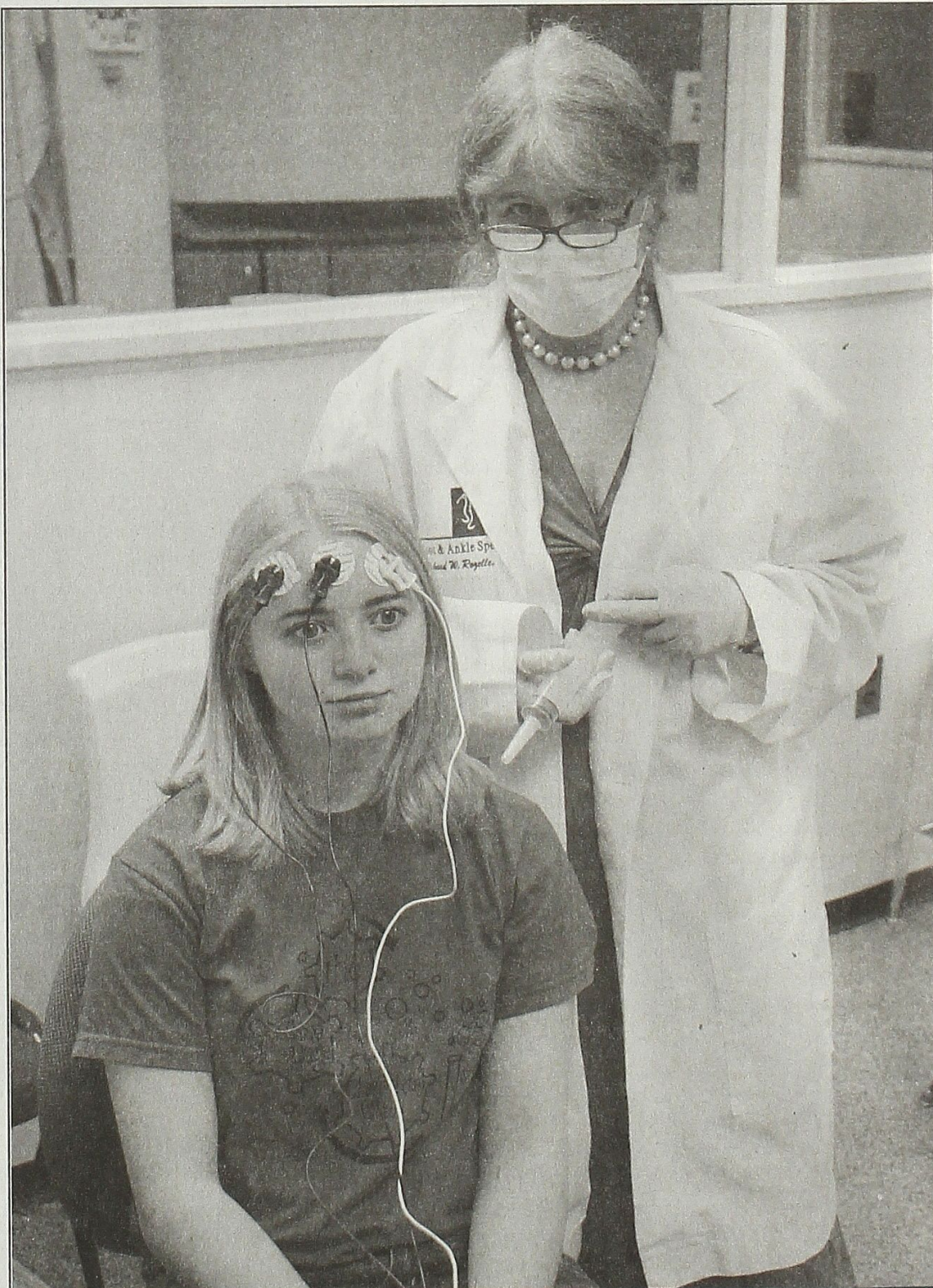
Psychology is a popular discipline at Almost College, with over 60 percent of the graduating class holding a major in the field.

For those who are pursuing a major in psychology as of 2011, they will either be forced to finish their studies at an alternate university or select a new academic plan, according to college officials.

As for those who will be graduating this year, the state might have their bachelor's revoked if they are determined to be null and void because of the unethical human experimentation, according to a representative for the Higher Learning Commission and North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Currently, Beagley is out on bail.

When asked about her emotions toward the impending trial she said, "I don't care what the sentence is, as long as I can share my cell with my pet rat, Jim Bob."



Princess Snowploofoo: Staff Photographer

Gwyneth Beagley, chair of the department of psychology, is currently out on bail after various legal battles involving the department's testing on humans.

Sodexho to no longer feature daily cookies to avoid line, injuries

By KITTY SWANK
STAFF WRITER

Students will soon say goodbye to one of mealtime's sweetest treats.

After serious deliberation, Sodexho has decided that cookies will no longer be regularly served in Hamilton Commons.

Steve Watkins, general manager of Almost College campus dining services, said the cookies will be served only once a week starting next fall.

"Last week I took the last cookie. Just as I put it up to my mouth to take the first bite, a big football player tackled me near the cereal counter and grabbed it from my hand. He ate the whole thing right in front of me."

-Sylvia Turner ('12)

Watkins added, "We are no longer serving cookies everyday due to the excessive line that forms when cookies are brought out from the kitchen."

This line often spreads from the cookie counter through the dining area and students are often blocked in at tables until the line lessens, he said.

In addition to blocking students from leaving tables,



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Due to numerous reports, hostility among students has escalated during the times of Hamilton Commons' daily cookie deliveries. For the safety of its student patrons, Sodexho has decided to restrict its daily cookie deliveries to a handful of random times throughout the week.

Watkins said that students in line are getting injured in the race to get to the warm cookies.

"That's just how the cookie crumbles; too many people are getting hurt," said Watkins.

"Last week I took the last cookie," said **Sylvia Turner ('12)**. "Just as I put it up to my mouth to take the first bite, a big football player tackled me near the cereal counter and grabbed

it from my hand. He ate the whole thing right in front of me."

Turner added, "I'm glad the cookies will no longer be regularly served. My fellow students are ruthless."

Connor Leva ('13) said, "Two months ago I broke my nose while waiting in line after the girl behind me elbowed her way to the front and I had to have three surgeries to fix it."

Other students are saddened by the loss of the Hamilton Commons cookies.

"The upperclassmen have been warning us this day would come," said **Tyler Brown ('14)**. "That's why I've been saving up. I have over 300 Hamilton Commons cookies frozen in my room."

"My favorite kind of cookie served is chocolate chip," added **Charlotte Pallow ('12)**. "Eating

a few for dessert after lunch helps me get through the day. I don't know what I'm going to do now that they won't be served regularly. I'm considering transferring to a new school in the fall."

Watkins indicated that Sodexho spent a great deal of time brainstorming other ways to remedy the dilemma of the excessive cookie line.

"We tried to develop an alternate plan," said Watkins. "One idea was to create a passing lane and hand out turn

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signals upon entering Hamilton Commons. Unfortunately, we could not fit that into the budget."

Watkins said that cookies will be served once a week at an unknown time.

"We are really trying to downplay the cookies as much as possible," he added. "By serving cookies at random times, we're hoping to keep the line to three or four students at the most."

Watkins assured that the other desserts in Hamilton Commons will continue to be served on a regular basis.

Professor returns from 124-year sabbatical in search of Fountain of Youth

By HARRY SPANKADOCIOUS
STAFF WRITER

Next fall marks the long-anticipated return of Dr. Leon Ponce, who left Almost College on sabbatical in 1887 to search for the famed Fountain of Youth.

Mobilized by the uneventful passing of his 40th birthday, Ponce was approved for an indefinite sabbatical when his performance as a professor of history was found to have been substandard in comparison to his performance in the previous semester due to a lack of focus and growing obsession with gray hairs and diminishing virility.

"Back in the day, we couldn't just solve our midlife crises by splurging on a bright red sports car or a weekend in Vegas," said Ponce.

"We actually had to validate our existence by making something of ourselves. It was a very different time."

Ponce has next to no substantive results to show for his 124-year midlife crisis, however, having failed to find the slightest hint of the mystic fountain's location.

"Much of my time was spent exploring an uncharted isle in the Pacific," said Ponce. "The natives there were all very immature children. The younger generation just has no wisdom to offer."

While the position of this

isle has not been confirmed, it is widely assumed that the professor must have disappeared.

Though the Almost College administration and faculty are excited to welcome back an important part of the school's history, significant concerns have been raised about the professor's ability to adapt to the radically different time.

"He's spent a good deal of time outside of normal civilization and has likely lost most of the social skills he originally possessed," said Dr. Fred Fraud, chair of the psychology department.

"There's this phenomenon called the Flynn Effect, where the general population has been gradually increasing in intelligence over time, so, if you'll forgive my bluntness, the man's an idiot."

In the student body, however, there has been a rising demand to register for Ponce's introductory courses and their unique portrayal of past events.

"I mean, who wouldn't prefer to nod off while some old fogie rambles on about the good old days instead of actually learning something?" said **Nick Blunt ('14)**.

"It's just history after all. The liberal media has control of the textbooks and uses it to push their agenda, so I don't see how they're any more relevant."



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This is one of the few photographs Dr. Ponce had of his 124-year-long excursion on an uncharted Pacific island. Ponce was searching for the fabled Fountain of Youth.

If one factor determines the remaining length of Ponce's career, it will be his adjustment to modern technology.

"He refuses to utilize the overhead projectors for his lectures because he claims they are 'demon-possessed'," said Fraud.

Ponce has expressed a similar

contempt for computers, televisions, and even telephones.

"I'm just not quite sure he will be able to stay on top of his duties as an instructor without the everyday essentials of e-mail and phone-calling," said Fraud.

Plans are in place to put Ponce through technological training,

but most are dubious of the success of this course of action.

Fraud is also skeptical of Ponce's means of daily commute, stating that the professor has only recently been convinced to enter a car.

"The man's just so extremely thick," said Fraud. "It'll be a miracle if he makes it through a whole year."

Almost College to pioneer new major in political oppression

By HARRY SPANKADOCIOUS
STAFF WRITER

In response to recent turmoil in northern Africa and the Middle East, the Almost College political science department has been pushing for the introduction of a new major that delves into the theory and methods behind the repression and subjugation of large populations.

While oppression is far from eliminated, the recent move toward overthrowing oppressive regimes and liberating vulnerable populations has increased the need for a new generation prepared to maintain the need for inspiring political causes.

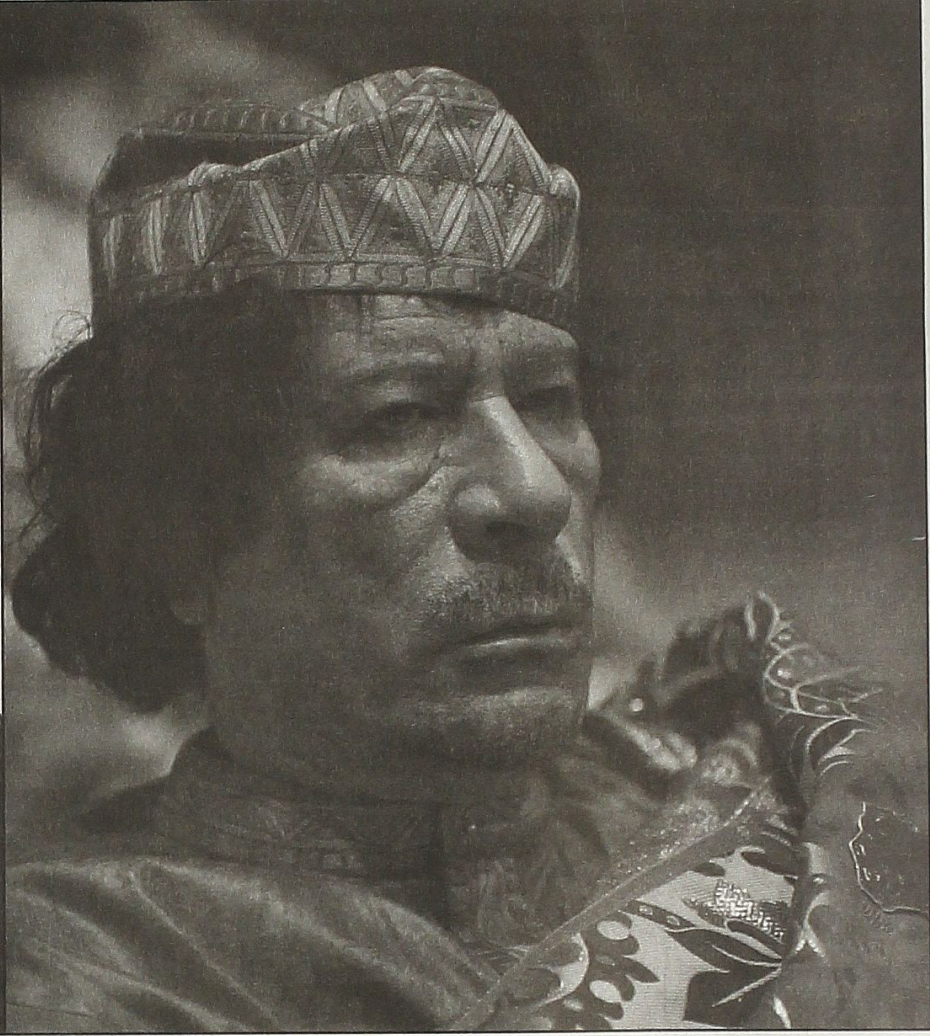
"In this day and age, so many people are focused on solutions that they forget that, in order for people to be able solve problems, somebody has to create them," said Associate Professor Eric Holmes.

Holmes' plan for the major will draw greatly from existing programs, with the addition of courses that more directly approach the issue of oppression from the nontraditional side of the oppressor.

In the fall semester, three introductory courses will be added to the college catalogue, the most popular of which is a 121 course on Human Rights Violations, which has over 20 students waitlisted.

"I think it's everyone's dream to become a household name like Hitler or Stalin," said **Jessica Bush ('12)**. "The people you step all over get to become emotionally moving statistics and you get to have your name remembered for all of history - everybody wins."

"People are always saying that they don't want another world war, but the truth is, without conflict,



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Due to recent developments concerning tyrants such as Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak [left] and Libyan Colonel Muammar Qaddafi [right], Almost College is focusing on a new major in political oppression.

the entire military, historical and humanitarian professions would be moot," said Holmes. "We've just developed a more subtle approach to the issue in the past decades."

It may soon be time for a more extreme situation, Holmes said.

Furthermore, rumors have been circulating that Muammar Qaddafi may soon seek sanctuary as a valued member of the college faculty.

"He can't stay in Libya much longer, unfortunately," said Holmes. "I have it on good authority that a deal is being worked out to grant immunity in

exchange for services in education."

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my classes, I noticed that the course professor for Human

Rights Violations was listed as 'to be announced,'" said Bush. "It would just be so amazing to learn from a modern and fascist leader in the real-life field."

The movement for the new major is not without its share of opposition and criticism, however. "It's just plain awful!" said **Jane Benson ('13)**. "People have rights for a reason, and we shouldn't encourage their violation!"

"It just goes to show that our efforts will, in fact, preserve jobs on both ends of the political spectrum, which is just what we

need right now," said Holmes. "With the economy doing so poorly, we have to stop thinking about preserving feelings and focus on the greater good."

The college anticipates an average of 10 new students for each year at first, but as word gets out about the unique opportunity, this number is expected to grow along with general attendance.

"We cannot get cold feet here—we have to stay strong and stick with it for our college, our nation and the well-being of future generations," said Holmes.

Abernathy yodeling debut postponed?

By KITTY SWANK
STAFF WRITER

Amidst performances by the choirs and bands at last Friday's presidential inauguration, there was also supposed to be a special unveiling from the president himself.

President Jeff Abernathy planned on making his Alma College yodeling debut.

Abernathy was forced to cancel at the last minute after developing a sudden case of laryngitis.

He stuck it out through the inauguration, but an inside source close to the president said that yodeling was "out of the question."

The 13th president had been tirelessly preparing for his yodeling performance in the last few weeks, spending hours at a time practicing.

Frank Thompson ('11) said, "I walked past the president's house last week and swore I heard yodeling coming from an open living room window."

Students were disappointed after learning that the president was supposed to perform and share his one-of-a-kind talent at the inauguration.

"I think it would have been really

cool to see President Abernathy yodel," said **Shelby Walker ('14)**. "It's such a unique talent to have."

"I've never heard anyone yodel before," said **Sarah Boons ('13)**. "I think the fact that President Abernathy has this talent really speaks to the well-rounded aspect

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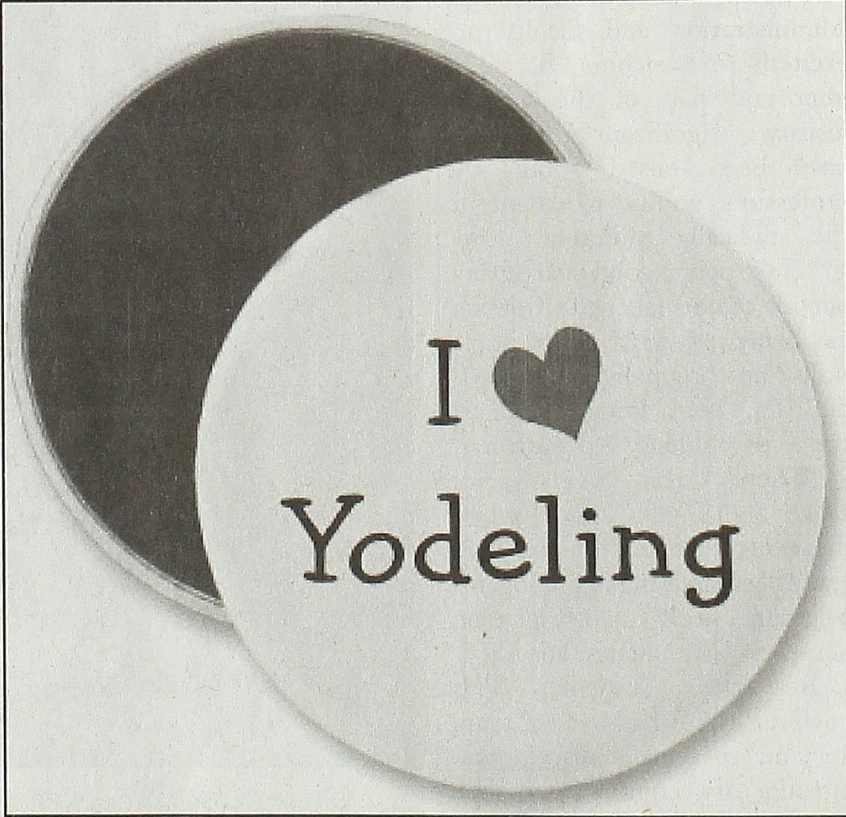


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A source close to President Abernathy claims that he occasionally wears a pin very similar to the one in this photo. Plans were arranged to set up a booth selling similar pins after the inauguration ceremony; proceeds would have gone to benefit the group Yodelers United.

start offering yodeling lessons to students," said **Blake Remes ('11)**. "It could even be a music

class that we get credits for!" However, students should not lose hope.

A college official said there is a possibility that Abernathy will make his yodeling debut in just a few short weeks at graduation.

A family friend of the president said that Abernathy has been yodeling since he was a young boy, and that he was eager to learn

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after his family vacationed in the Swiss Alps during a summer.

Abernathy is inspired by many famous yodelers, including Montana Slim, Yodelin' Slim Clark, Slim Whitman, and most notably the singer-songwriter Jewel.

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Protesters outraged at inauguration

By LEX KUNG-FU GRIP
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Protesters expressed concern last Friday at the inauguration of Alma College's 13th president, Jeff Abernathy.

The protest's participants, seen chanting and picketing outside the Hogan Center, were outraged that the inauguration had been allowed to proceed before the details of President Abernathy's birth had not been revealed.

Concerns were raised about both Abernathy's clan and the purity of his Scottish heritage.

Ryan Horton ('11) was among the protesters. He had this to shout:

"Where's the birth certificate, Abernathy? Is he even Scottish? If Abernathy is allowed to hold the office of president without publicizing his birth certificate to prove he's a true Scot, I'm moving to Albion."

The protest, well-attended by a diverse mob of students, marched and chanted around the Hogan Center all throughout the inauguration ceremony in a fit of incoherent rage.

The movement, whose members referred to themselves as "birthers," claim they will continue the protests until Abernathy abdicates his office or produces an original birth certificate confirming

that he was born in Scotland.

The rally came as a complete surprise to administrators, security, and President Abernathy himself.

The students could be heard shouting outside the Hogan Center from as far away as the library.

The protesters became a minor problem for security as they attempted to bar faculty from entering the center, demanding they boycott "the inauguration of an ineligible president."

Security restricted the protesters from blocking entrances and exits, by force when necessary, in the case of a few belligerents who

resisted relocation, urging the security offices to join the chant and resist the inauguration.

The protest, loud as it was, was drowned out from within the Art Smith Arena by a few sets of doors and the rousing music of pro-Abernathy students inside the inaugural ceremony, which proceeded without a hitch.

The "birthers," oddly enough, abandoned their signs and picket lines afterward to line up at the Stucchi's table inside and ate Scottish Pride before returning to the protest, quickly denouncing Stucchi's as "shamelessly pandering to the pro-Abernathy demographic."

Security managed to keep

the protest confined to the area behind Hogan so as to keep them out of sight of the audience of the inauguration.

The protesters did not seem to be aware of the trickery until the audience had all safely exited the building without being accosted.

Alex Lundquist ('13), spokesperson for the protesters, said "This is an outrageous repression of our right to freedom of assembly wherever we want! Abernathy, I swear on behalf of the student body, we will uncover the unseemly truth about you and your Illinoisan parentage!"

President Abernathy was unavailable for comment because his mouth was full of ice cream.

Petite lap giraffes: The perfect pet

By LANA CUCUMBER
STAFF WRITER

Until the airing of the latest DirecTV commercials, the world remained ignorant to the adorable wonder of petite lap giraffes.

These animals were previously kept a secret among Russian socialite circles and royalty.

Prince Nicholas Romanovich Romanov has recently received one for his 89th birthday and the family was intent on making sure that pictures with the new pet were not leaked into the hands of the media.

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-Lana Cucumber ('12)

were the most fitting pet for me but now it's all changed.

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Unpopular eatery plans to move off campus

By LEX KUNG-FU GRIP
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The unpopular campus eatery, Joe's Place, plans to relocate to the downtown area to increase traffic and revenues. The change comes at a time when sales at Joe's Place, or Joe's for short, are at an all-time low. Said the eponymous Joe, "Kids just aren't eating as much as they used to, and foot traffic has been terrible this year. We've had to stop selling jelly beans altogether." We're planning to vacate our current Van Dusen location and move into a higher-traffic spot. I have my eye on a back alley behind

Pizza One," Joe continued. "It has been better through-traffic than our current location, is my hope," Joe continued. In a random study of 250 Almost College students, when asked how often they visited Joe's, 74 percent replied with "Joe's? Where's that?" Nearly 15 percent replied, "No." The study concludes that student awareness of Joe's is incredibly low, a likely reason for Joe's pitiful sales. "We thought that by accepting Munch Money, we would pull in a lot of student interest. So far, that hasn't happened. Hopefully, by moving into town, we can attract some new customers who don't need to worry about Munch Money or Meal Advantage," said Joe. The move to a new downtown

location is widely being seen as a good move by those studied who did happen to frequent Joe's, which were few. "It was always such a bother to have Joe's connected to my residence hall. It'll be way more convenient to walk three blocks into town if I want a Snickers," said Gelston resident Christopher Bilski ('13). Another cause blamed for poor Joe's performance has been the addition of Pizza One to the Munch Money plan. "Ever since the kids figured out they could order food through the phone, what do they need old Joe's for anymore? We can't go on operating with this business model in this space," said Joe. The removal of Joe's from Van Dusen is expected

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to free up a lot of space. When queried on what will be filling that space, an e-mail from the office of the President read: "We don't know. Maybe a pharmacy or something. We honestly don't have any

idea what sort of business would want to be that close to a large college residence hall, since food seems to be failing in that venue." Joe's removal is widely seen as a victory for its bitter long-term rival, Saga. "What leettle patronage zat pitiful Joe's 'ad weell be funneled into glorious Saga from now on. Zis is absolutely excellent," said Sodexo founder and pompous Frenchman Pierre Bellon, from his lavish headquarters in France. "We weell crush ze competition weeth extreme prejudice, even if I also own and operate zat competition!" At time of writing, the manager of the Kiltie Korner could be seen eyeing the seating space in front of Joe's.

Elopement best possible option of revenge on rude in-laws

By LANA CUCUMBER
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I knew from the moment that my future mother-in-law snidely remarked that the dress I had chosen looked like "one of those casual beach wedding dresses," that this wedding would not end up being a pleasant event. Years ago, I explained to my fiance, Doctor Kielbasa, that I just wanted to elope. To me, it seemed like the most romantic idea to adventurously travel somewhere and have an intimate wedding ceremony. Contrastingly, he wanted to have a traditional Catholic wedding with all of our family members and friends there as witnesses. He insisted that this was "the right thing to do" and, because he felt this so strongly, we decided to go down the formal path. However, elopement is

"It wasn't until [Doctor Kielbasa's] parents demanded that we have a keg at the reception that Doctor Kielbasa and I started to see things my way."
-Lana Cucumber ('12)

now more of a necessity for our sanity rather than some whimsical thought. It wasn't until his parents demanded that we have a keg at the reception that Doctor Kielbasa started to see things my way. They insisted that their side of that family would have absolutely nothing to drink despite there being the options of white wine, red wine, lemonade, coffee, tea, soda, and water. Seriously? I was absolutely horrified while being utterly confused. Since then, situations such as these have continuously

occurred and I can't handle them any longer. I kid you not, for the past three months my right eye has had a tendency to go into twitching spasms. This has to be a sign. You see, I've never been the type of girl who has dreamed of having that special day where she can play the role of a princess. In fact, this makes me feel rather nauseous. After wanting for so long to get married to each other, it's funny how difficult it actually is to have a wedding.

"Will you wear a white or ivory dress?"
"Either one?"
"You know what ivory symbolizes, right?"
"Excuse me?"
-A real conversation between Lana Cucumber and her rude future in-laws

The multitude of petty decisions is the worst part. What envelopes will you use for the invitations? Does it matter? What are you going to hang from the ends of the pews? Nothing? Will you wear a white or ivory dress? Either one? You know what ivory symbolizes, right? Excuse me? I'm so glad that we can finally stop worrying about this silliness and enjoy getting married. Besides, there are major benefits that justify our decision. Primarily, the financial stance is intriguing. The money that we would have spent on the wedding will be redistributed to fund our honeymoon. No longer will we have to backpack across Europe like poor college students. We will undoubtedly still be poor college students, but at least we won't have to look like it during our

honeymoon. Even our pre-marriage counselor supports our choice. "I've been counseling Lana and Doctor Kielbasa on this situation for months now and I have to say that they've come to a sound decision," said Joyce Eisbergler, pre-marriage counselor. "In fact, this could start a revolution for engaged couples." "Who wants to handle all the stress of planning a wedding? No one," Eisbergler continued. "Their families and friends will get over it within a short period of time. A little element of surprise never hurt anyone. Well, never mind but, really, it will all be OK in the end," she continued. We don't intend to let anyone know until the day before the wedding is set to take place. I think that they'll understand pretty quickly that there will be no big wedding after we suddenly up and leave. The situation will speak for itself.

Following the Beat with Sir Pantsmaster, Esq.: New campy campus housing option includes tents, eating squirrels

By SIR PANTSMASTER, ESQ.
GUEST WRITER

On March 21, C. V. Hokans made a considerable donation to the Almost College campus. After serving with the United States Forestry Service since 1943, this Almost College alum hung up his ranger's hat in 1987. Unlike most generous alumni who donate money to their alma mater, Hokans donated a better and more awesome gift. Hokans stated, "I joined the Forestry Service at about 16, when the army turned me away." Not being old enough to join the army and serve in World War II, Hokans signed on to work as a

"... Hokans donated 50 canvas pup tents and other supplies to Almost College."
-Sir Pantsmaster, Esq.

linemen fighting forest fires in the Beaverhead district of Montana. "Reckon I learned more out in the wilderness than I ever learned in a classroom," said Hokans. For this reason, Hokans donated 50 canvas pup tents and other supplies to Almost College. Starting next fall interested students may be offered a new housing option. Students with an outdoorsy inclination can sign up to partake in a wilderness living experience. Students who partake in

the new housing option will be given one simple military surplus pup tent, a Dutch oven, two simple cots, a chamber pot and one small wood stove. These tents will be erected throughout the campus. As with the dormitory rooms, there will be two students living in each tent. Students will be expected to survive off the land and what is offered to them naturally. "The Almost College squirrel population is growing too aggressively," stated Squirrel Club president Kathryn Rice ('11). "For this reason, we are advocating that these wilderness students set up snares and traps to capture squirrels and prepare them for simple, yet nutritious meals. "This will keep the squirrel

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population from becoming too large," continued Rice. Students will be issued simple snares and spring traps. A smoke house will be constructed in the

center of McIntyre Mall. In this smoke house, students will be able to tan the pelts of animals they trap and make them into clothing. The smoke house will also be utilized in the cooking and preparation of making squirrel jerky, so that students will have provisions for the winter months. This will be a great opportunity for students to understand the natural world around them. The experience will give students new skills and allow them to learn to live off the fat of the land. Most importantly, this will give Almost College students an appreciation for the earth and the many things it has to offer all of us.

Jeff Hosler leaves Almost women's soccer

Hosler will join FC Gold Pride based in Santa Clara, Calif., starting next fall

By AL BINO
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Hosler joined the Almost College athletics staff in 2006 when he was named the Scots' women's soccer coach.

Before coaching at Almost, Hosler spent four years coaching at the high school and club levels and was also a sales associate at Wal-Mart for 10 years.

Hosler was the head coach of the East Lansing high school's freshmen boys and girls soccer teams and was also the varsity assistant in boys basketball, as well as an assistant coach for the gymnastics team.

Coach Hosler led his Alma women's soccer team to an MIAA championship this year and also took them to the NCAA tournament after defeating Calvin College in the last round of the league tournament.

"These girls are so talented and never cease to make me proud," said Hosler. "Their hard work and determination led them to a great season this year."

After the much accomplished season with the girls, Coach Hosler had to make a tough decision. FC Gold Pride, a women's professional soccer team based in Santa Clara, California, asked Hosler to join its staff and become the head coach.

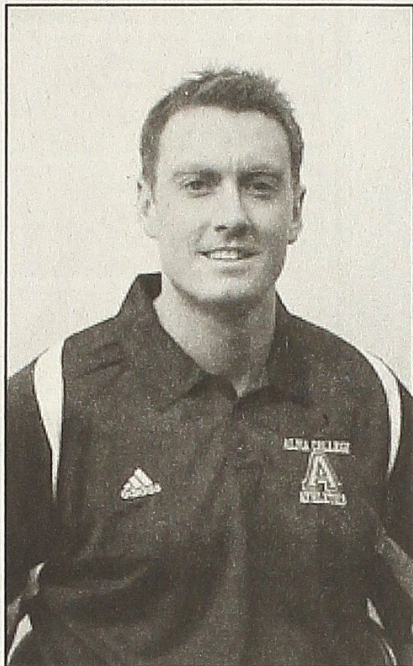


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Coach Hosler announced last Thursday that he will be

taking the position as the head coach for FC Gold Pride.

"I am very grateful for this opportunity to be the head coach of the girls. This is a dream come true for me."
-Jaclyn Barrett

"I am very excited about this opportunity to coach a professional women's team," said Hosler. "I have watched them play many times and their level of play is much like that of the Almost women's team, so it won't be much of a change."

Coach Hosler will be starting practice with his new team in May and will also be joining his brother who lives in California already.

Although the women's soccer team is excited for Hosler, members will greatly miss him.

"We're going to miss coach a lot because he is an amazing

coach and an all-around nice guy," **Carly Rising ('12)** said.

Along with coaching, Hosler said that he enjoys being with his wife and new baby, Charlie. He also enjoys competing on his men's gymnastics league, pursuing photography and competing in chess club tournaments.

The Almost women's soccer team is excited about Hosler moving to California because he has agreed for the team to visit each year that they are a part of the program.

"We are definitely excited to visit California," said **Monica Witt ('12)**. "We will get an opportunity to play Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, which is a team from California that we played in our 2010 season. Although we defeated Mudd-Scripps 5-2, they are improving and will be great competition for us."

FC Gold Pride won the WPS Championship this year and also came out of its regular season with a 16-3-5 record. The team also allowed a league-low of 19 goals.

The players of FC Gold Pride

said that they are excited for Hosler to take reign on the team because they have seen the Almost Scots play numerous times and were impressed with the girls and Hosler's coaching strategies.

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-Monica Witt ('12)

As for a new head coach for the women's team, Jaclyn Barrett will be taking over.

"I am very grateful for this opportunity to be the head coach of the girls. This is a dream come true for me," she said.

While Coach Hosler will be missed by the Alma college faculty and athletes, he is bound to do great things in California with his new team.

Scotlight: Anna Dysinger leaves dance to wrestle

By MADMAN BUNCY
STAFF WRITER

Even as a child **Anna Dysinger ('11)** knew that she was special.

With the new addition of wrestling to the Almost College varsity athletic department, Dysinger has decided to postpone New York University and come back to lead the Scots' wrestling program.

"I'm very honored and thankful to have this opportunity to come back and wrestle one year for the Scots," said Dysinger. "Not only am I able to continue something that has been such an important aspect of my life, but being selected as team captain means the world to me."

Dysinger came to Almost College from New Lothrop High School. As a Hornet, Dysinger wrestled four years on the varsity team and in that time she accumulated three Michigan High School Athletic Association all-state honors and took first place both her junior and senior year.



Sweetie Astronaut: Staff Photographer

Anna Dysinger ('11) will be the first female on the wrestling team. She says that the many years of dance experience allow her more agility.

"It has been several years since I have wrestled competitively but I'm really looking forward to the season."
-Anna Dysinger ('11)

"It was very difficult entering the wrestling scene as a girl in a male-dominated sport," said Dysinger.

"At times I found myself questioning if it was worth it, putting up with all the negativity and people constantly telling me I couldn't do it. I stuck with it and was very successful; there wasn't a better feeling than the look on the boys' faces that I beat."

Dysinger began wrestling in

fourth grade after a stint with dance didn't quite work out for her. Her mom pushed for her to dance and wear the tutu but Dysinger only had wrestling and the one-piece on her mind.

"After dancing didn't work out I knew I had to try wrestling," said Dysinger. "My dad and I used to watch professional wrestling on television growing up. I know that it's not real, or even close to the style of wrestling I am now so passionate about, but it sparked me. The Macho Man Randy Savage was my hero, he was the reason I love Slim Jims."

Over the years Dysinger

accumulated a great deal of wins and created a reputation for herself, she was known as "Slim Jim." Dysinger looks to keep that reputation at Almost College.

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"It has been several years since I have wrestled competitively but I'm really looking forward

to the season," said Dysinger. "The biggest hurdle is going to be getting used to the difficulties involved with the intense workouts and just getting back into my prime wrestling form."

Dysinger is pursuing a double major in English and women's studies at Almost College and will be heading to graduate school New York University in the fall of 2012 where she will be studying journalism.

"I really enjoy Almost College, I have had many great experiences within the campus and community at large," said Dysinger. "I hope that the addition of the

wrestling team sparks an interest to prospective students that had previously passed on Almost.

In her free time Dysinger is an avid cyclist and enjoys underwater basket weaving. She is involved with many organizations and promotes charity work and service outreach to the students. Dysinger's baskets are currently being sold with all the profits going to the local Boys and Girls Club of Gratiot County. Baskets can be made to preference and in any size desired.

If you are interested you can contact Dysinger at dysingerram@alma.edu.

Turf finalized after much controversy

By AL BINO
STAFF WRITER

The Almost College athletic department has finally decided on the new plan for Bahlke Field that will be renovated this summer and ready for use in the fall of 2011.

The choices of the field ranged from a typical green turf with maroon end-zones, to an all-maroon field. Last Friday, the athletic department took action and dug in to Alma's Scottish roots. The department decided that the field will be tartan with maroon end-zones.

"The staff and students just cannot wait to see what it will look like. We hope that it will bring in many fans to watch the games played on the turf."
-Cameron Alman ('12)

In addition to the tartan turf, new lights will be added to the sides of the field, a new stadium built and a new maroon track will be installed. "The tartan turf really represents Almost's Scottish heritage and it will definitely separate Almost from all of the other colleges out there," Shay Abbey ('13) said. "It will be exciting to watch the first ever varsity lacrosse team

next year and I know that they are excited to play on the new turf. I think it would be great if the football and lacrosse players wore kilts as well, so that they could match their very own field," he said.

This new renovation will cost Almost College about \$10 million dollars, to which President Abernathy has generously agreed to donate \$5 million in order to help improve the athletic facility.

The remaining funds will be raised by athletes from Almost College. The football team is already planning a car wash with the volleyball team, in which the girls will be sporting their tight spandex and bikini tops to earn some extra cash for the cause.

The lacrosse players are planning a kissing-booth with the girls from Alpha Xi Delta, while the men and women soccer players are putting on a lemonade stand at the corner of Superior Street and Wright Avenue.

The softball and baseball teams will be holding a hoe-down dance in Van Dusen sometime in late April, where everyone is encouraged to wear their cowboy hats and boots.

The football players all say that they are very excited about the athletic department's decision.

"The new turf will definitely help bring in recruits because the field will be one of a kind," said Dave Rafferty ('12) "Also, the lights will make it possible for teams to play night games, which is always fun."

Rafferty will be trying out for the football team next year for his first time while being at Almost college, although he was the leading offensive lineman for his high school team.

As the plans are being

finalized, they are definitely the talk of the campus.

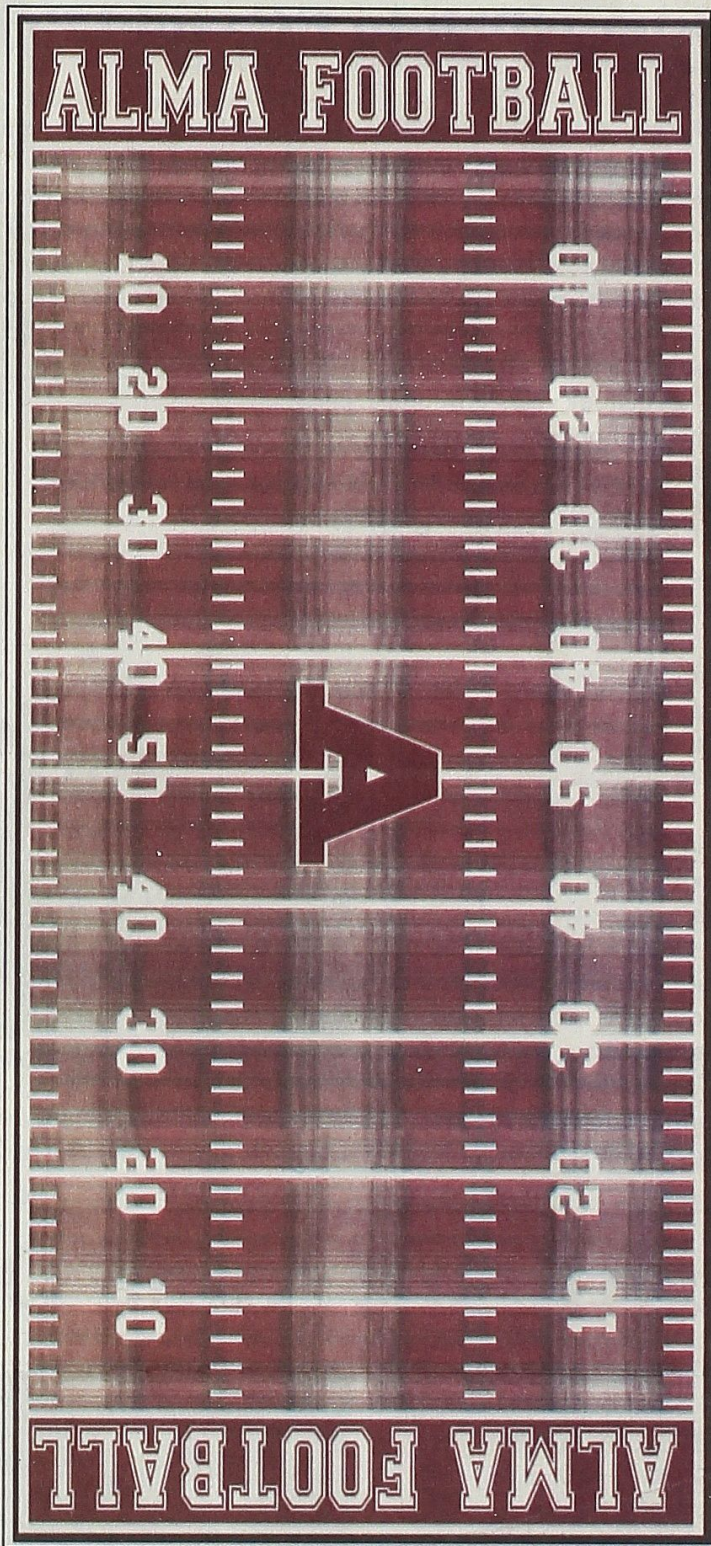
"I think that it's a great idea," said Cameron Alman ('12) "The staff and students just cannot wait to see what it will look like. We hope that it will bring in many fans to watch the games played on the turf."

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The community will be able to enjoy the new facility in August of 2011. Everyone is welcome for a field day on the turf on Aug. 29, and the first 100 people will receive free kilts. There will be ultimate Frisbee, flag football and capture the flag.

Plaid turf will definitely bring a new image to Alma. The turf will be the one and only plaid turf in the world, and after all, there is only one Alma.

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Sweetie Astronaut: Staff Photographer

Construction of the new football field will begin in the summer of 2011 and will be completed within a year.

LFL to play and have open tryouts in the next few days

By MADMAN BUNCY
STAFF WRITER

The official date is set, on April 17 at 6 p.m. Almost College will be hosting the Lingerie Football League (LFL). The Dallas Desire and Los Angeles Temptation will face off in a head to head battle at Bahlke Field.

"I'm really excited to see Almost College bring a show of this nature," said Jamie Coy ('12). This event will not only provide fun entertainment for the student body, but will also provide an event for the community at large to enjoy."

For those of you who are unaware of the LFL, the league carries different rules than traditional American football. The playing field is 50 by 30 yards with eight-yard end zones. Scoring is similar in that touchdowns are each worth six points, with the traditional one and two point conversion possibilities and of course, a safety is two points.

Two of the drastic changes are that there are no field goals and or punting allowed. During game play, teams must have at least two passing and two rushing plays every four downs. Each team is also only allotted seven players on the field at any given time. The

contest consists of two 17-minute halves with a 15-minute half time. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, an eight-minute sudden-death overtime will ensue.

The LFL is comprised of an eastern and a western conference with each conference having five teams. In the 2010-2011 season the Los Angeles Temptation went 5-0 on their way to winning the LFL championship, while the Dallas Desire went 0-3 on the season.

"I have been a fan of the Los Angeles Temptation since the league began and I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to be on the same field with the team."

-Janie Elsworth ('14)

"I'm really looking forward to watching the game," said Thomas Solami ('12). "As their mission statement says, 'The Lingerie Football League has become the ultimate fan-driven live sports phenomenon - blending action, impact and beauty' and I couldn't agree more."

While the main event will be the head to head battle between the Desire and Temptation, the LFL teams are taking this opportunity to carry out an open tryout on Sept. 15. The try out will last from 1 p.m. through 5 p.m. All females are welcomed and encouraged to tryout. The try out consists of a grueling and rigorous physical fitness test.

"The game itself should be a lot of fun, but I'm really looking forward to the tryout," said Janie Elsworth ('14). "I have been a fan of the Los Angeles Temptation since the league began and I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to be on the same field with the team. Even if I don't make the cut at least I can say I tried."

There will be several LFL events around Michigan. If they prove to be successful, the LFL will consider an expansion team for the state, adding another team to the eastern conference. The LFL has created vast controversy of the nature of the entertainment and this will help determine how the state feels about such concerns.

"I just can't believe the college would promote such an event," said Sally Quesba ('11). "It clearly objectifies women and only sets the progress of women's rights back."

This week in sports

Monday

- Beg friends to come to games

Tuesday

- Practice pep talks in dorm room mirror

Wednesday

-Take a nap? Study for finals? Practice?

Thursday

- Get interviewed by Almaniac Staff

Friday

-Ride on bus for 10 hours

Saturday

-Mock No Hope College mercilessly after losing
-Ride bus for another 10 hours