

WQAC to make positive changes



Renee Willoughby ('11), general manager of WQAC, has worked with the radio station since her freshman year at Alma.

Photo by Kayla Roy

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WQAC, the Alma College radio station, aims to help facilitate open communication on campus. “The radio station is a great way for students to interact and connect with each other and have access to music and news. WQAC is an effort to preserve that community dialog and engage each other in new ideas, music, and resources,” said Renee Willoughby ('11), WQAC's general manager. She has been involved with the radio station since her freshmen year at Alma College. “I really enjoy it. I was the music director my junior year, and I was promoted to general manager this year,” Willoughby said. Currently, WQAC is preparing for a few changes and events, according to Willoughby. First, the radio station is trying to make WQAC more accessible to faculty and students by putting it on the new Alma Portal. “We are also starting to set up streaming worldwide as a way to reconnect with alumni and past WQACSTERS!” said Willoughby. She hopes this will be done as soon as next semester. “Once we are compliant with all FCC regulations we can take our live stream

worldwide,” said Ted Webb ('14), WQAC's technical director. “A long term goal is to continually make the radio station a relevant resource within the Alma College community, and to build strong relationships to help strengthen the college and the radio station,” Willoughby said. According to Willoughby, WQAC also hopes to host a battle of the bands next semester. “We hope to involve students and maybe bring in local acts for a big event,” said Willoughby. Anyone interested with a local band can email Webb at 14eswebb@alma.edu for more information. Willoughby added that the radio station plans to have an additional show next semester potentially featuring Via Audio, Ra Ra Riot, and other bands. Willoughby also noted there are shows being podcasted this semester. Webb cohosts one with Steven Schlaack ('12), WQAC programming director. Their show plays live on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and it replays on Friday nights from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. Podcasts are available through iTunes’ “Euphoria,” said Willoughby. “On average we get about 150 hits per week on the podcast,” said Webb.

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-Renee Willoughby ('11)

WQAC's Campus Affairs Director, Jake Castillo ('12) is currently recording sessions of percussion and Kiltie Marching Band to put on the radio station, added Willoughby. Webb and Schlaack are also trying to start a non-Greek life sponsored “club night.” This would include everyone's favorite club music, but would be alcohol free. While there are some current freshmen students involved, Willoughby would like for more new people to participate. “We genuinely want the radio station to be a community resource for students. The more involvement, the better our resource is,” she said. Interested students can email Schlaack at 12srschl@alma.edu or the WQAC email at wqaccharts@gmail.com.

Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. gives Alma Presidential Plaque

By LAUREN ANDALORA
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This month Alma College found itself the recipient of the Presidential Plaque from the governor's office and Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc., a non-profit organization that promotes the overall beautification of the state, for the landscaping done on campus and especially on the quad. “Out of the many entrants considered we were honored and humbled to be the awardee,” said Doug Dice, director of facilities and service management. “Dave Buhl saw the need, Bob Eldridge did the design work, and we provided the tools and labor.” Over the last two years Eldridge, a retired Alma College administrator, alumni director, and master gardener, coordinated the landscaping efforts which the award recognized. Buhl, vice president of business affairs, hired Eldridge to develop a master design that would include McIntyre Mall, the Reid-Knox Administration Building, library complex, Tyler-VanDusen Campus Center, president's house perimeter and residence hall areas. “Despite the fact that Alma is a registered arboretum, the landscape was getting tired,” said Eldridge. “The basic concept was to give a park-like feel to the campus by removing old overgrown shrubbery and adding a diverse number of plants with lots of color — a combination of small trees, flowering shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses

and annuals to dot the landscape.” Plants were purchased from local arboretums, such as Twin City Landscape, Inc. and Harrier Farms. “We pulled out several dump-truck-loads of overgrown, woody-looking shrubbery, most of which had been planted more than 40 years ago, and replaced them with colorful flowers,” said Dice. “It was amazing what a facelift it gave the campus.”

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-Doug Dice

Assisting Eldridge was a team of more than 10 student workers who were hired for summer work and helped with the labor of planting and watering. “The guys did the heavy work and the girls did things that required a green thumb,” said Dice. “We tilled the dirt and in the end it was really all about team work,” said Andrew Monroe ('12). “I watered with [another student] every day during a critical time where the plants are very delicate,” said Janelle Dickman ('14). Dice organized the student work force while Eldridge and Dave Hemmington, grounds supervisor, oversaw



File photo

Alma has been renovating the campus with the help of master gardner Bob Eldridge.

the day-to-day operations.

“It was hectic, but fun,” said Dice. “It took a beautiful campus to the next level. We have been recognized for years for our beautiful campus, but now it is truly stunning.”

Well after the project was finished, Eldridge suggested they enter in the contest down in Kalamazoo. “There were a great number of people there and I didn't know how big of a deal it was until I saw all the entrants,” said Dice. “That made the award even more special.”

Over the summer, visitors to the campus paid compliment to the beautiful gardens and new life. “Next year things should be even better as they fill in and take root,” said Dice.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
A.M. Showers	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Rain/Snow Showers / Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
63°	42°	38°	Wind 35°	35°	37°	41°

Students of MacCurdy House attend conference

By MOLLY HENNING
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Alma College students **Jessica Gauthier ('12)**, **Meredith Brown ('12)**, and **Elisabeth Bletsch ('12)** attended a women's studies conference in Denver, Colorado.

The conference took place from November 12 to November 14.

Gauthier said there were over 300 different sessions taking place that weekend, with about 10 to 12 different sessions going on at once.

Gauthier said that her, Brown, and Bletsch often separated and went to different sessions in order to cover as much as possible.

"It was mostly academic based—a majority of the sessions were different scholars, either graduate students or Ph.D. students or existing doctorates presenting papers they've published or are working on," said Gauthier. "Some sessions were discussion panels, discussing current issues within women's studies and within the feminist movement. They discussed where we're at now, the issues we need to focus on, and where we need to go from here."

Gauthier explained that a large

part of why she wanted people of the MacCurdy House to attend the conference was because there were sessions and panels specifically addressing women's issues on college campuses and the different strategies and tactics that other activists and student leaders are using on their own campuses.

"I decided that it was something that we at MacCurdy needed to go to, especially as we're trying to revamp our programming and extend our services available on campus," said Gauthier.

Gauthier said that through the conference, the most glaring thing to her was how other campuses have some sort of director whose sole job is overseeing programming for women's issues.

"All of that is done on our campus through MacCurdy and through us as students and there's only so much we can devote to it, as we have other classes, we're involved in other organizations," said Gauthier. "So we're realizing how behind Alma College is in regards to women's resources and the types of programming that happen on colleges that are similar to Alma."

Because of this, Gauthier said that currently, they are in the process of having conversations internally

within MacCurdy and also with other individuals on campus to see if they can create a formal position of a director to spearhead the women's issues on campus.

Gauthier said she is also now seeing there are still a lot of steps to take in order to create a more supportive and tolerant campus in terms of gender, race, class and sexual orientation—all issues emphasized within the feminist movement.

"The majority of our focus is on sexual assault, domestic violence and healthy relationships, but I'm seeing that there's also a need for programming about women's access to reproductive health service, as well as addressing overall sexism and gender based bias on campus," said Gauthier.

Gauthier added overall, the conference was very rejuvenating.

"Sometimes working as an activist, no matter where you are, can be pretty exhausting, especially when there are a lot of people fighting whatever someone is working for," said Gauthier. "It was really refreshing to go to a conference and be in one space with 1,500 other activists and scholars who are passionate about the same issues."

This week at Alma College

Monday, November 22:

Author Burtom Folsom speaking at 7 p.m. in DOW L1

Tuesday, November 23:

ACUB Movie Night at 7 p.m. in Jones Auditorium
Alma College Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. in Heritage Center

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Break!

Doyle considers Alma a 'perfect opportunity'

By ELISABETH BLETSCH
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For Brian Doyle, assistant professor of biology and biochemistry, Alma College is a perfect fit.

"The college has exceeded my expectations," Doyle said, "I didn't know what to expect, but I like that I can interact with faculty from different departments. It makes for a better work environment."

Doyle added, "My wife and I moved here in August. We've only been here for a few months, but we both like it. We think it will be a good place to raise a family. We haven't gotten homesick yet."

Doyle, who was added to the Alma College faculty this fall, will teach biology, biochemistry, and biotechnology courses.

With a bachelor's degree in biology and a graduate degree in pharmacognosy from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Doyle says he has a unique background to help him at Alma.

Pharmacognosy is the study of drugs of natural origin. The chemicals in plants are separated and analyzed, and the function of the chemicals are identified, said Doyle.

This field is interdisciplinary, including components of biology, chemistry, and botany.

Anthropology is also part of the discipline, said Doyle, because pharmacognosists often spend years with indigenous groups learning about their cultures and which plants they use in traditional medicine.

Alma College is starting a biotechnology major, and Doyle said his position was created to contribute to this program.

"They were looking for someone with something

different to offer," said Doyle.

With a background in biology and pharmacognosy, Doyle has that something different.

The need for a biotechnology major grew out of the evolution of traditional sciences, like biology and chemistry, said Doyle.

"Eventually you reach a point where the traditional sciences have evolved. It's important that the biology and biochemistry programs are not thrown out the window for something new," said Doyle.

"At the same time, the biotechnology major will address aspects of this evolution. It will be an opportunity for students to be involved in areas that did not exist 30 or 40 years ago," Doyle added.

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While it is unusual for an undergraduate institution to have a pharmacognosy program, there are other schools with programs in biotechnology.

"But even biotechnology is a relatively new field," said Doyle.

Pharmacognosists often find themselves in job pertaining to biotechnology, Doyle added.

Despite that this is a small field, individuals are able to go in many different directions because of the multitude of skills and disciplines involved, said Doyle.

This semester Doyle is teaching a first year seminar that focuses on biotechnology industries.

The course is an overview of different areas of biotechnology.

"We talk about natural product drugs, bio-therapeutics, and alternative fuel," said Doyle.

He is also teaching multiple sections of biochemistry and organic chemistry labs.

In the winter semester of 2011 Doyle will teach a four credit medical botany course that focuses on the contribution of modern plants to medicine, and methods in natural product drug discovery will also be discussed.

Doyle will also teach a two credit seminar in the winter semester called "Traditional Medicines of the Amazon."

The focus of this seminar will be how indigenous people of the Amazon use plants for medicine.

"It will be a student-led learning experience," said Doyle, adding that readings will be assigned and students will be expected to read, investigate topics on their own, and present them to class.

He will also be teaching a class during spring term 2011, which will focus on medicinal plants in the region and will use the bog located in Vestaburg, approximately 15 miles west of Alma.

"The spring term course will utilize the bog as a setting to study the medicinal plants of our region. Students will have the opportunity to practice field techniques related to medicinal plant research such as plant identification, preparation of herbarium specimens, and collection and processing of plant materials," Doyle added.

Doyle, who did field work in Costa Rica during graduate school, will also contribute to the Ecuadorian relationship that Alma College has developed.

"Alma wanted someone with background working in Central America," Doyle said,

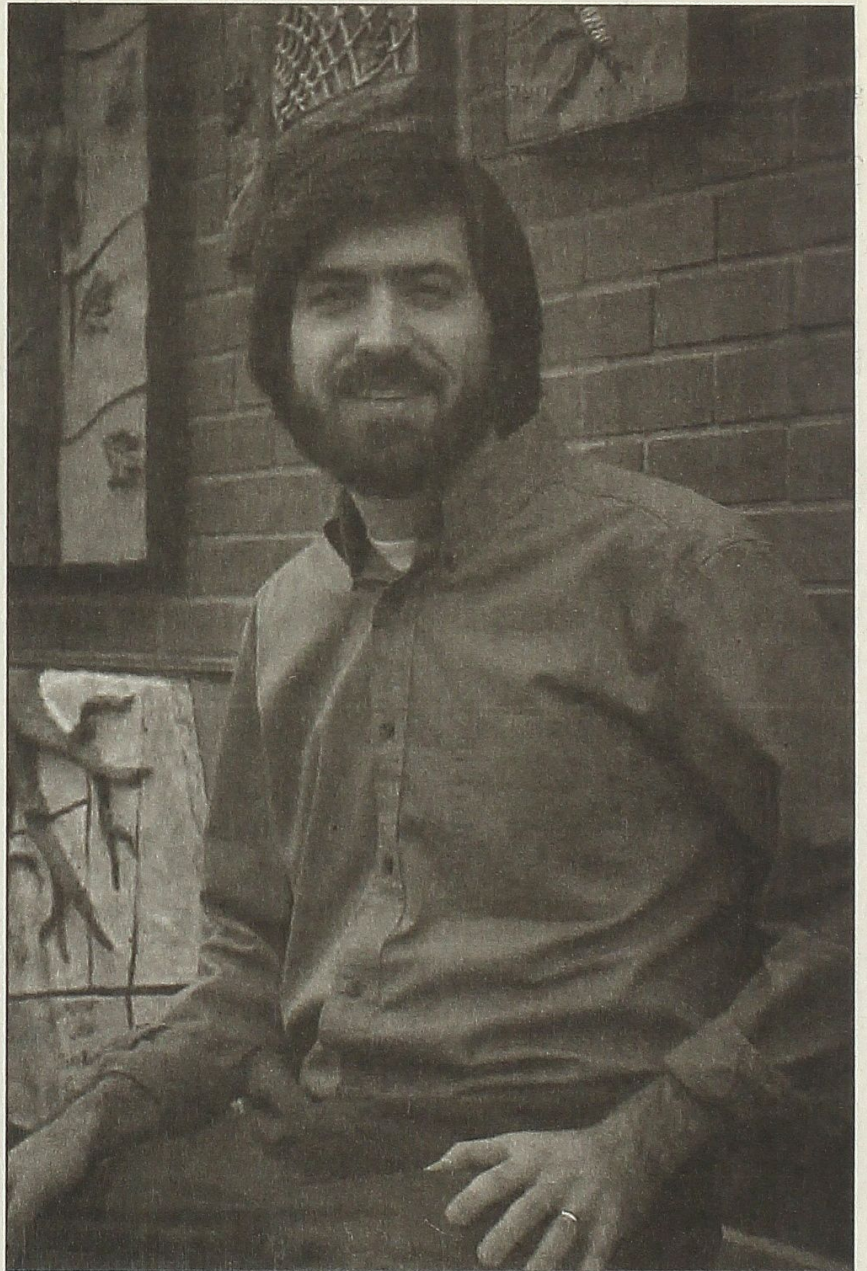


Photo by Simone Boos

New professor Brian Doyle has a graduate degree in pharmacognosy, which is 'the study of drugs of natural origin.'

"I will go down this summer to start making plans for a 2012 spring term in Ecuador."

This future spring term course will focus on medicinal plants in Ecuador.

When looking for positions, Doyle said he gave consideration to small liberal arts colleges.

"I wanted to find an institution that values work and scholarship as well as giving me the opportunity to teach subjects I am interested in," said Doyle.

"This has turned out to be a perfect opportunity for me because since biotechnology

program is just starting, I can develop courses that are suited to my interests," he added. This is Doyle's first faculty position.

He was a guest lecturer at the University of Illinois at Chicago while in graduate school.

Doyle first heard of Alma College when he saw an advertisement for the position he currently holds.

"The advertisement I saw said pharmacognosy on it. The fact that the college was looking for someone with that specific background really impressed me. I couldn't ignore the opportunity," he said.

Biennial faculty art display exhibited at campus gallery

By JOSHUA ZEITLER
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The faculty of the Alma College art department was granted a chance to display their own professional projects in the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery this fall.

Biennially, the department traditionally showcases their most recent works in the gallery on the first floor of the Clack Art Center, where student artwork is typically displayed.

"The work we do is very much like the performing arts, but the way we perform our work is to exhibit it," said Carrie Ann Parks-Kirby, chair and professor of art and design.

The exhibit opened on Monday, November 15, with a public reception on Friday, November 19, in which the artists presented their projects to students and members of the community.

"It was actually a bit of a surprise to see what my colleagues were putting up," said Sandra Lopez-Isnardi, associate professor of art and design. "We all work on our projects individually and don't usually get to see each others' progress."

"There's no lack of breadth in our work, either," said Robert Rozier, associate professor of art and design. "The one thing

our work has in common is that it tends to be figurative, but we use a wide variety of approaches in conveying the message."

Rozier's work, displayed in the gallery's first room, consisted of a number of watercolor and alkylid paintings in a style of gestural directness and intuition.

"People from Michigan usually appreciate more tonal paintings that demonstrate the sort of glow one sees with a sunrise or sunset," said Rozier. "Being from Missouri, I've always been more inspired by landscapes."

"I tend to use hotter colors, and like to explore the relationships between color, form, composition, and all the elements of art," Rozier said.

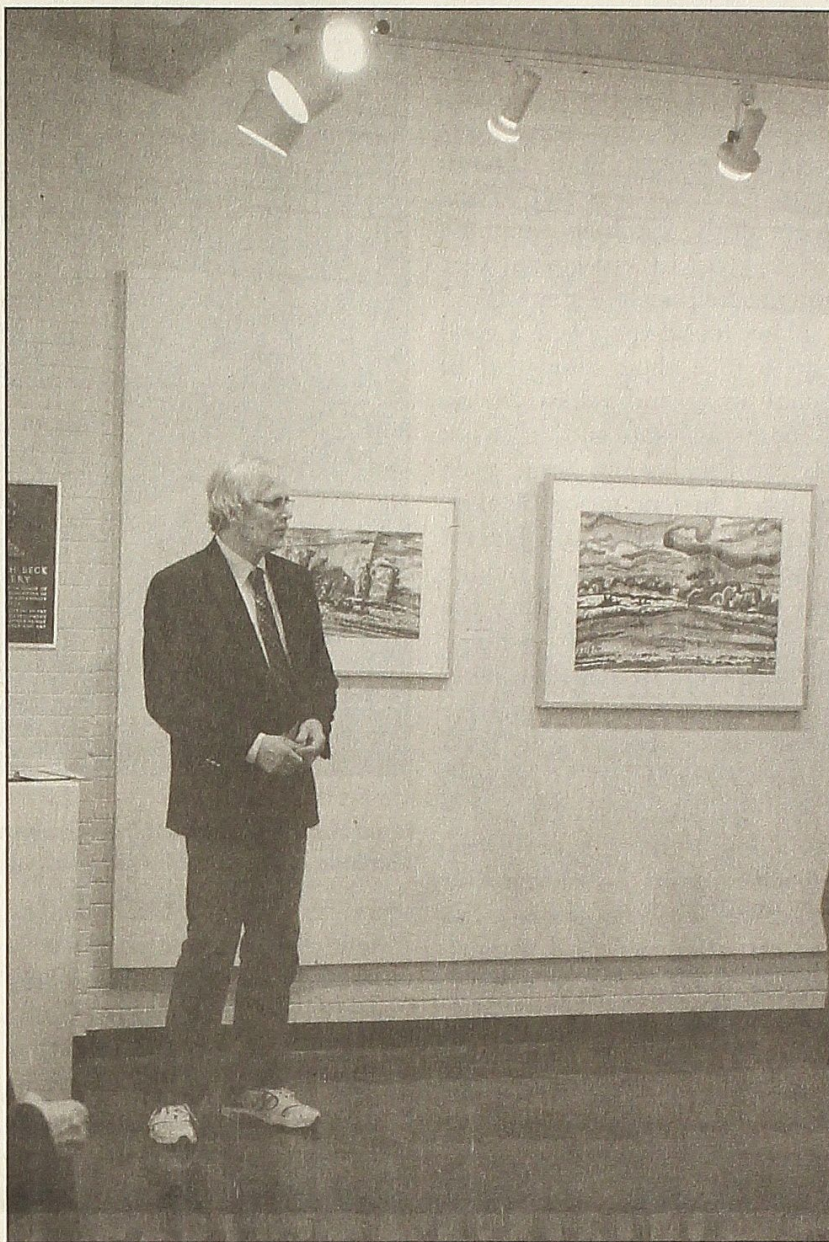
Lopez-Isnardi's photographs in the gallery's center room were taken from several different series.

"It takes a long time to finish a series, so I'm usually working on several at the same time," said Lopez-Isnardi.

One series entitled "Spoils of an Era" demonstrated the transition from the industrial era to the age of information and technology.

Another display exemplified her learning experience with documentary photography in Santa Fe.

Finally, her "Tunisian Series" used photographs that she had taken at the age of 19 and never printed.



Robert Rozier, associate professor of art and design, speaks at the opening reception of the faculty art show.

With these, she experimented with platinum/palladium printing.

"I remember that I immediately discarded them as 'not exciting enough,'" said Lopez-Isnardi. "I was a bratty freshman so intent on finding sensationalism that I couldn't see the poetry in what I had."

In the back room of the gallery, Parks-Kirby's sculptures and drawings were exhibited.

Much of her work was inspired by Chinese "doctor dolls," which were used to indicate the site of pain in a lady's body during a time when it was forbidden for any man outside of her family, even a physician, to touch her.

"In my earlier bodies of work, figures occupied kinds of architectural spaces—theaters, dwellings, boats, or bowls," said Parks-Kirby. "However, these doll-like figures have become the architecture for the systems and anatomical structures enclosed by their bodies."

She also included in her display a group of ceramic teapots, which is her favorite type of project to create.

"Making teapots is a fun way to relax after I've finished a long and stressful project," said Parks-Kirby.

The Faculty Art Show is scheduled to close on December 16 and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends.

SIFE students to practice free enterprise principles in Uganda

By JOSHUA ZEITLER
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William McHenry ('11) and Holly Oemke ('12) will travel to the Muko region of rural Uganda over winter break to work with local leaders in establishing a self-sustaining and global business.

The trip is part of the First Memorial Presbyterian Church of Midland's Agape Community Transformation project, to which SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) has volunteered to contribute.

Beginning Dec. 28, these two students will spend 10 days across the Atlantic formulating sustainable solutions for the rampant poverty.

Among the goals of SIFE and the Church of Midland are the care of AIDS orphans, improvement of the average standard of living, diversification of agriculture and sale of products such as baskets and beaded jewelry in international markets.

"We want to accomplish a lot of things while in Muko but above all we want to leave no doubt in their minds that they can trust us," said McHenry, president of SIFE.

"Ideally, our efforts will develop into a stable, self-sustaining business for which SIFE and the Church of Midland are only vendors."

"We're also trying to get the whole village involved, including the men," said Oemke, SIFE's

vice president of projects.

Although the Agape Community Transformation project (ACT) has been in improving the village's situation for years, their work is far from done.

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"Last year someone went to Uganda for the same purpose and next year others may go again," said Oemke. "However, we're hoping to have less contact in the future as the business becomes more sustainable."

The trip will also be a culturally educational experience for the students.

"We won't be going from meeting to meeting in our 10 days there," said McHenry.

"In Uganda a meeting may be scheduled for 10:00 and



Photo Courtesy of Israel Pacheco Santos

A group of children stand outside of a village in the Ugandan region of Muko, where SIFE students will be traveling this winter break to establish a self-sustaining business with locals.

people may start arriving around 11:00, but you probably won't actually start talking business until around 12:00."

The Uganda project is only one of many varied projects that SIFE has taken on in its 10 years on Alma's campus.

"It's a common misconception that SIFE is purely a business organization for business majors,"

said Oemke. "Our projects are usually business oriented, but primarily oriented toward promoting business ethics and service in the community."

Some of SIFE's previous projects include the establishment and management of the Highland Java Café in the library, a "fashion show" to teach students proper business dress and visits to a

juvenile correction center to teach its occupants everyday ethics.

"I want to encourage students to get involved as fast as possible in a project that interests them," said SIFE Advisor Ronald Lemmon.

"Whether it's the Saginaw Juvenile Center, a local prison, our campus, the café or in Uganda, students should find something that interests them and pursue it."

Students unite to make blankets for dialysis patients, migrant youth

By LAUREN ANDALORA
STAFF WRITER

Alma College students came together for the second year in a row to make blankets for children of migrant workers and those in the dialysis unit at the local hospital.

"I live in the service house and wanted to plan a project that would aid the children I worked with during the summer," said **Emma Kornelis ('11)**. "I volunteered at Buen Pastor Migrant Ministries, which is a head start program for migrant children, but the poor-quality blankets we had were unable to keep the children warm during nap time in the chilly basement of the church."

Blankets are also given to dialysis patients as a welcome gift at the hospital because the procedure can be a cold and uncomfortable process.

"I am doing an internship with a social work at the dialysis unit in Mid-Michigan Gratiot county hospital in relation to my sociology major and I knew Emma had a quite successful blanket making event last year so I thought we could collaborate," said **Jennifer Nigro ('11)**. "When you get dialysis done you have to sit in a chair for four hours

every other day and you get cold," said Nigro. "That's why we thought the blankets would be a good idea." Last Tuesday, more than 50 students came to the event to cut, tie, and sew blankets for those in need.

"I thought this was a great service event," said **Susan Tapp ('11)**. "It was fun, trying to get all the stitching right, and it felt good to know you were going to help a child stay warm."

Many found the event a good way to take their minds off of school work and relieve stress.

"The manual labor and busy work was a break for my brain, even though I had no prior blanket-making experience," said **Jarrod Lynch ('13)**. "I knew I couldn't sew, but I had fun cutting the edges of the blanket into strips and knotting them to make a fringe."

"I love finding service opportunities such as this," said **Kelsey Allen ('13)**. "I decided to try my hand at sewing and it was a fun learning experience."

For the migrant children who are often on the move, the blankets offer not just warmth but a permanent fixture in their frequently changing environment.

"Not only will this warm those facing the chilly months ahead but the children will have something to take them with them when they travel from



Photo by Catherine Finley

Rose Holland ('12) and Chris Graham ('11) assisted at last Tuesday's blanket-making event, which resulted in 60 blankets being made for dialysis patients and the children of migrant workers.

state to state," said Kornelis.

Service points and snacks were some of the rewards for this charity event, as well as a sense of thanks.

"This is a good event to host around Thanksgiving because it helps me appreciate all that I have," said Allen.

"I came last year because

Emma is my good friend and this year I decided I really want to support this great cause by sewing blankets to help kids stay warm," said **Katie Arnold ('11)**.

In total, participants made 60 blankets, 10 of which will go to the dialysis center by Thanksgiving. The migrant children will receive

their blankets when they come in the summer for the harvest season.

"We had a great turn out and were very pleased," said Kornelis. "We are planning to have a blanket drive after Thanksgiving where students can donate blankets from home to needy families in Gratiot County."

Kiltie Marching Band joins pipe band, Highland Dancers in annual indoor show

By MOLLY HENNING
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The annual Kiltie Marching Band Indoor Show took place this past weekend in the Remick Heritage Center.

The band performed two shows, one on Saturday at 8 p.m. and one on Sunday at 3 p.m.

The marching band played the typical pregame music, as well as music from the halftime show from American composer Aaron Copland. The band also played a set of music by the rock group Chicago, a famous band from the

late '60s through the early '90s.

"[Chicago] had a horn section, a trombonist, a tenor sax player and a trumpeter, which made their sound really unique," said David Zerbe, assistant professor of music.

In addition to the Kiltie Marching Band, the concert featured both the Alma College Pipe Band and the Alma College Highland Dancers. The Pipe Band joined in and played the pregame show music and also played on their own with the Highland Dancers.

"The Highland Dancers are a new addition to the indoor show this year," said Zerbe. "They're a really outstanding group—they're very successful and very dedicated to what they do. We're very pleased to have them join us in the show."

The Color Guard also did a guard-only routine entitled "The Relationship."

Additionally, the sousaphone section from the band preformed a medley of pieces by Led Zeppelin.

"This is the second year that the sousaphones have had their own feature in the fall show," said Zerbe. "It was a big hit last year, so we kept it on."

To further add to the variety of the show, drum line played street cadences and Visiting Professor of Music Andrew Duncan played a solo on the bagpipes.

Trevor Kline ('12), a member of the Kiltie Marching Band, said that the indoor show was an upbeat and high energy show.

"It's very loud and in your face, but it's a lot of fun and there's a lot of energy in the room," said Kline. "There's also a lot more detail in the music that we were able to



Photo by Simone Boos

The Kiltie Marching Band performed at the Heritage Center last weekend alongside the college's pipe band and the Highland Dancers.

convey, whether that be emotional energy or actual instrumentation." Zerbe said that although this show is always a great one, the level of time commitment required to put it on is a challenge for students.

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hours everyday for me and for the show and for everyone coming to see it," said Zerbe. "It's definitely a labor of love."

Zerbe explained that all of the students are extremely dedicated and have worked very hard. "Everybody's desire is to play

music at the highest possible level and to the best of their ability," said Zerbe. "It's a lot of hours, but the result of it is that they can actually take marching band music and make it artful."

Zerbe said that this season the band decided to dedicate all their performances to the community of Alma.

"Alma had a tragic summer... there was a lot of concern in the band for the folks in Alma and when we met at camp in August, we decided as a group that it was appropriate to dedicate our show to the community," said Zerbe.

Kline said that the band has rung the bell six times at the end of each half-time show in memorial of the six individuals of the Alma community who were lost this past summer.

This weekend will be the last two performances of this season for the Kiltie Marching Band.



The indoor show featured music from the famous rock group Chicago, as well as music by American composer Aaron Copland.

No Shave November just plain silly

By MASON WARLING
STAFF WRITER

Ah, November, a month of worthy things. Native American History Month. National Novel Writing Month. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Thanksgiving, Daylight Savings... Oh, and No Shave November. No Shave November, if you didn't already know, is a month long challenge, originally undertaken just by males, though females have begun to participate as well. The challenge is simple: Don't shave. According to no-shave-november.com, the official rules are as follows:

1. You do not shave in November.
2. You DO NOT shave in November.
3. If you shave, you are out.
4. No trimming, no waxing.
5. No shaving can go on as long as you want it to.

I first remember hearing of it my sophomore year of high school, but I was late to the game and also knew that moustaches are really gross if you're not at least 30. "Noshember," as some call it, has an uncertain past. Some say it's meant to promote water conservation by not using water to shave every day. Some say that it is an unadulterated contest of manly manliness. Some (the ones who are correct) say it is just silly, and that real men do not need

a month to have facial hair. However, if you are participating, know that at least some participants have taken up with a very worthy cause: prostate cancer awareness. Possibly in retaliation to their significant others not shaving, No Shave November has caught on with girls, who opt not to shave their legs for the whole month. I thank the stars that my significant other does not,

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-Mason Warling ('14)

though I do her the courtesy of not participating, either. Of course, No Shave November inevitably turns into ironic, terrible facial hair December, which is my favorite part. Guys walk around with handlebar moustaches, creepy pencil-thin 'staches and Wolverine-esque facial hair. It's due to this phenomenon that I received my first beard-trimming kit, which still serves me well. Really, we should keep this up. Let's see some more beard-related month-long events. Just Don't Shave January, Forget Shaving February, Mustn't Shave March, Avoid Shaving April? In the future, I'd like to see more alliterative holidays. My high school friends were rather fond of Waffle

Wednesdays, on which we would all wear thermal waffle-print shirt, which had the side effect of being extremely comfortable. March Madness has had success with the idea, so this is obviously rich soil. Try inventing your own holidays to celebrate with your friends. Who knows, it might become a nationally-recognized occasion. Anyway, just man up and realize you don't need a month to have facial hair. Either have it for a long time, or don't. It's not supposed some cute little holiday you can "opt in" to; it's serious business and you need to make up your mind and pick a side. But most of you should just shave. If you can't do facial hair well, you shouldn't be doing it at all.

What is there to be thankful for? Plenty

By ELIZABETH CORBIN
STAFF WRITER

With the weather getting colder and colder outside, a million assignments due tomorrow, and everyday weariness turning you into a zombie, what is all of this about Thanksgiving being this week? And what is there to even be thankful for? Well, it may not feel like much at the moment but if we look around ourselves we'll be sure to find a plethora of gratitude to celebrate on this upcoming holiday. Thanksgiving is not simply a time to gorge ourselves on delicious food; it is a time to recognize and give thanks for the pleasures in our lives. How fitting it is that Thanksgiving takes place when the weather turns frigid. The cold makes us grateful for being warm and forces us to bundle up before venturing outside, as though we are preparing for something special. Wintry weather also makes

me glad to have a warm place in which to seek shelter. It also has a way of compelling us to stay in for the night with a warm drink, cuddled up with a significant other or in the company of close friends. Life requires experiences of discomfort in order to appreciate what is good. College life can be hard and ridiculously busy but we should be grateful that we even have the opportunity to go to college in order to pursue a career in a field that we actually like. Although we so often complain about life at Alma, all of our basic needs are already accounted for and a few students wanted to state their thanks. **Kristen Gaffney ('12)** is thankful for her sorority sisters. "I'm thankful for my beautiful sisters of Gamma Phi Beta for making every day here at Alma worthwhile," said Gaffney. Similarly, **Caitlin Gordon ('12)** is also grateful for those in her life. "I am most thankful for having found true friends in life and for my supportive family," she said. **Nathan Werner ('13)** finds thanks for most all things in life. "I am thankful for everything the world has to offer to me,"

"I'm thankful for my beautiful sisters of Gamma Phi Beta for making every day here worthwhile."
-Kristen Gaffney ('12)

said Werner. "I am also thankful for my loving family and friends and the opportunity to become whatever it is I want to be in life! Go Scots!" Wisely, all three of these students chose to be thankful for the people in their lives rather than focusing on material objects. While accumulation of things may be nice and can aid in improving self-esteem, it will not fulfill your life and can ultimately leave you, and your life, feeling cluttered. People, on the other hand, do have the ability to bring a sense of fulfillment to our lives as we all need a support group and to be cared for. We should all be thankful that we do not have to spend Thanksgiving alone, which is the sad reality for too many people without networks

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Have you been a part of something fun this week? Take a picture and share it with the rest of campus! Send wild art pictures and a brief description of the picture and event to 11amlabb@alma.edu

"I am thankful for everything the world has to offer me."
-Caitlin Gordon ('12)

of friends and family. Recognizing and appreciating what you do have will keep you from focusing on negative aspects in your life and

will bring you peace even though life may seem to be full of chaos. If your family doesn't already practice this, one great tradition of Thanksgiving is to go around the table and have each person say at least one thing in which he or she finds gratitude. Also, be sure to thank those who prepare your Thanksgiving feast this Thursday!

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Indulging in a good turkey-free Thanksgiving is not an oxymoron

By ELIZABETH CORBIN
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving feasts center around the turkey, typically leaving you without an entrée if you happen to be a vegetarian.

With Thanksgiving being the holiday most notable for its food, you should have a special vegetarian entrée of your own instead of having to resort to a plateful of green bean casserole and mashed potatoes sans gravy, no matter how tasty they may be.

Instead, you should bring a vegetarian dish to Thanksgiving dinners which will also save yourself from looking smug when you otherwise would repeatedly have to say, "No thanks, I don't eat meat."

It may be stereotypical, but the infamous Tofurky is my favorite high-protein holiday option.

I have to admit that I look forward to this so much every year that I usually end up making it—and partially eating it—the day before Thanksgiving.

Tofurky looks similar in shape and size to a small ham and, when cooked for the recommended hour, has a golden-brown outer coating.

While it may be small, it is very compact, and the center is filled with a delicious stuffing made of wild rice and whole wheat bread crumbs.

To make it a bit more festive, you can add some vegetarian gravy and cut up some vegetables to roast around it.

The Tofurky roast tends to cost around \$16 but if you've never tried it before it's worth the splurge, even if just for the experience.

Also offered by the same company is the Tofurky Vegetarian Feast which is a complete Thanksgiving dinner in a box.

The feast is comprised of a 20 percent larger Tofurky roast, vegetarian gravy, organic chocolate cake, a cute Happy Tofurky Day card, and coupons.

Another added bonus is an edible wishbone made of a vegetarian jerky so that you can make a wish and then eat it, too.

The company website states that there are six servings but, along the lines of the typical Thanksgiving indulgence,

there are realistically probably just around four servings.

The boxed feast is not very easy to find in health food stores and it's around \$30 per box.

I look forward to having this as my holiday meal if I can happen to get my hands on it.

If you want to go the ultimate cheap and easy route, you can take a walk downtown to Alma's natural foods store, The Pantry, and get a can of Loma Linda Tender Bits.

It is described as vegetarian chicken and/or turkey cutlets and comes in slices sitting in a thin gravy and doesn't even need to be cooked but I think you would want to anyway.

However, it has the unappealing appearance

of dark meat and is plainly inferior to Tofurky.

Though it may be lacking in aesthetic qualities, it tastes fine and is only around \$2 per can.

One wonderful thing about Thanksgiving is that the abundance of good food ultimately leads to leftovers.

If you are the only vegetarian in your family and friends you will be sure to have plenty to last for more meals.

My favorite thing to do with the holiday's leftovers is make a sandwich consisting of bread, a slice of Tofurky, and mashed potatoes. Yum!

This year, don't make Thanksgiving into a day of "thanks but no thanks" and bring a real entrée to have in place of turkey.

New airport body scanners cause unease

By MASON WARLING
STAFF WRITER

New airport scanners that accurately model your body without clothes are causing quite a stir at airports across the country.

Passengers selected for additional scanning by TSA spend a moment in a new full-body scanner that is meant to locate foreign objects on the body referred to as AIT, or Advanced Imaging Technology.

The problem is that these scanners are brand new and fraught with issues.

Initially, the Department of Transportation and TSA claimed that these images, which are shockingly accurate

and detailed renderings of your body sans clothing (practically identical to a nude photograph in black and white,) could not be saved to the computer's memory and distributed.

Unfortunately, that turned out not to be true, as a series of over 100 images were released on the internet by the operator of a Florida scanner (though these particular images were taken in a courthouse.)

These constitute a massive breach of privacy, as these images are basically nude photographs of you.

The sleazy, underpaid (or, more commonly, overpaid, as they are oftentimes incompetent) TSA agent in the computer room could be saving these scans for whatever he likes, and there are reports of groups of agents

actually laughing openly at some, er, poorly endowed victims of the scanner.

Further, they've actually required children, including some as young as preschoolers, to go into these scanners and have their bodies imaged.

Kind of scary, isn't it?

And here's something scary for you if you don't mind the TSA seeing you naked: the scanners use X-ray technology that some experts in the scientific community say is not safe to be exposed to repeatedly.

Though no tests of note have been published yet, the type of X-rays used are thought to be particularly likely to foster testicular cancer and breast cancer.

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-Mason Warling ('14)

United States wants you to step into their death chamber so they can take naked pictures of you next time you try to fly.

Sound good to you?

A group of concerned citizens have created a day of dissent against the new TSA policy: National Opt-Out Day, which will be November 24, this Wednesday.

Of course, you can opt out any day, but the people

behind the campaign want to make a statement to the TSA.

You have the absolute right to opt-out of the naked body scanner machines.

All you have to do is say "I opt out" when they tell you to go through one of the machines.

You will then be given an "enhanced" pat down, which basically means that you will be groped.

This is a right given to you by the TSA. Sounds like fun.

To all you flyers, be warned there has been at least one report of a long delay for people who take the TSA up on their offer to opt out of the naked cancer scanners, so keep that in mind when planning your airport arrival time.

Me, I don't think I'll be flying any time soon.

Following the Beat with Ben King: French Club offers food, music, way to experience culture

By BEN KING
GUEST WRITER

Mankind communicates through language; language allows us to express ourselves and ideas to one another.

Language has grown an evolved into a massively intricate labyrinth of ideas and thoughts.

Language has grown into so much more than a mode of communication; language has become an aspect of culture and identity.

Last week the Alma College French Club held a small get together in the Swanson Academic Center.

After spotting several posters around campus advertising

the event, I decided to attend a see what was going on.

As I entered SAC, I could smell something sweet wafting through the halls.

With my mouth watering, I anxiously entered the room.

There were crepes being made and other delicious items of French cuisine being offered.

French Club member Madeline Randolet ('13) skillfully made crepes at the crepe iron.

The crepe, as I learned, is a like a very thin pancake made from wheat flour.

Crepes originated in the province of Brittany which is located in the northwestern part of France.

The crepes I enjoyed were most delicious; they were smattered with a chocolate spread or with a tangy marmalade jam.

After devouring about half a dozen crepes I made

another delicious discovery.

The madeleine, or le petit madeleine, is a traditional sweet that hails from the Lorraine region of France in northeast France.

The madeleine is very comparable to a heavy sponge cake with a slight lemon zest, which

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-Ben King ('14)

is also a most enjoyable treat.

Traditionally, madeleines are baked in a pan with shell-like depressions.

By baking the madeleines in this type of pan it gives them the shape of small sea shells.

The madeleines were pretty good. Sadly, however, they were very filling.

Finally, in order to satisfy my appetite for French cuisine, I had some baguette and brie.

Brie is a scrumptious cheese that consequently comes from the province of Brie.

Besides eating a voluminous amount of delicious French cuisine, I enjoyed both good company and even some interesting French music, or la musique, in the French language.

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different languages and cultures, and I also encourage my fellow students to come to these exciting and interesting events.

These events offer so much to students who attend them.

There are some interesting and exciting things one may be able to experience when immersing themselves in another environment.

This particular event allowed its attendees to enjoy and discover the small treasure that an entire culture has to offer, and I learned a lot about French culture and especially about the cuisine.

This particular event allowed me to experience aspects of both another culture and country without actually having to leave and travel off-campus.

There are many events like these offered by foreign language clubs here at Alma.

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Men's lacrosse earns first victory

By TARYN HANDYSIDE
STAFF WRITER

The men's lacrosse team came away with a victory beating Saginaw Valley State University 8-4 last Sunday. This is the first time in four years that the lacrosse team has won a game. "The first win was incredible," Shay Abbey ('12) said. "It was kind of funny because usually we start off slow and we are usually behind in the first quarter. This time we actually came out really strong and controlled the ball without losing possession. It felt great after all of our hard work and practicing to finally get a win."

Robert Chasnis ('11) scored three goals for the Scots, and Lex Hejna scored three as well. Eric Montoye ('13) and Abbey also added one goal for the Scots on Sunday. Chasnis is a captain on the team along with Jeramy Peters ('11).

"It was a great game overall, with most of our success coming from our defensive play. James McCoy ('12) played goalie for us," Chasnis said. "It was essentially the first time that he had picked up a lacrosse stick and he played tremendously."

"It was the first time that I have ever played lacrosse, and the sport is much more difficult than it looks," McCoy said.

"The whole team played great physical defense and really came through with stops when we needed them to keep the intensity up," Chasnis said.

The men lacrosse team only played two games for their fall season, but they expect to have around six to eight games this



Photo Courtesy of Julie Holton

The men's lacrosse team brings it in for a celebration at Bahlke Field after beating Saginaw Valley State University, 8-4.

spring during their regular season.

Although lacrosse is not being played as a varsity sport yet, the players say that it is very competitive. The Scots have started

Lacrosse will be an official NCAA Division III varsity sport for men and women beginning in the 2011-2012 academic year.

"I just want the new coach to build off of the program that

we already have and make it stronger. We need recruits to carry on and keep the trend going into the future," said Abbey. The Scots have started set a landmark that can only help the program as it transitions into a varsity sport.

"I was super pumped to be apart of the first win in the program's history. You could

tell that the win really meant a lot to those guys," McCoy said.

After four years of constant practice and games, the men's team had not seen a victory against any team.

"I am really happy for all of the seniors because they've been pushing everyone to get a win for the last four years and it finally came," Abbey said.

The seniors of four years valued the victory because of their dedication.

"It felt amazing to finally get a win in a sport that the team has dedicated so much time and hard work," Chasnis said. "It means a lot to me, especially because I started playing my freshman year and have never received a win until last Sunday."

Unseen intramural participation

By ADAM MUNCY
STAFF WRITER

The Stone Recreation Center began hosting 4v4 intramural volleyball last week where the staff faced an unprecedented 27 teams participating.

"It was a challenge because typically we have one bracket of teams," said Director of the Stone Recreation Center, Jen List. "For this program I ended up having to divide everyone into three different groups so it was more manageable."

"I love competing and it's a fun environment where you are not up against only volleyball players."

-Evan Asper ('11)

The field is comprised of three, nine-team groups, where they compete in round robin style games. At the end of regular season play, the top three teams from each bracket will move on to the playoffs and then championships.

"I love competing and it's a fun environment where you are not up against only volleyball players," said Evan Asper ('11). "I plan on competing in 6v6 volleyball as well as dodgeball second semester."

"The season originally was only

supposed to be two weeks long, but because there are 27 teams I extended it out another two weeks to give the teams enough games," said List. "The games are held from 8p.m. to midnight on three courts Monday thru Thursday. Essentially there are 12 games played each night."

The two biggest challenges for the Stone Recreation Center staff is getting teams to sign up, which was not an issue with 4v4 volleyball. The second challenge is getting qualified officials to officiate the games. On top of having 27 teams there are two officials at every court, for every game, said List. The Stone Recreation Center hosts over 108 students a night for the 12 games Monday through Thursday, not including those in activities other than intramural sports.

"I think the freshmen class on campus this year are really active and ready to take on additional things or are ready to explore programs we have on campus. We do have some freshmen teams and we typically don't have a lot," said List. "I think another aspect is intramural sports over the last year or so have gotten a little more organized, which I would like to think helps people want to play. Students now have an idea of when they are playing ahead of time. They know that officials are going to show up to games."

"I think the increased participation is partly due to the increased numbers in [Alma College women's volleyball] Coach Cheyenne Luzynski's volleyball

class," said Asper. "The class has created interest in volleyball and more people are getting their friends involved. She makes the class really fun and all the students in the class are currently playing on an intramural team."

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-Jen List, Director of the Stone Recreation Center

The Stone Recreation Center hopes to sustain the large number of participants throughout the remainder of the year, a feat that List feels strongly will happen. The center will be hosting 6v6 volleyball, dodgeball and 5v5 basketball in the winter semester. Sign ups for upcoming sports will be available after returning from winter break. Expect to see new intramural championship shirts around campus as the staff has designed new graphics for the victors. "It's really exciting to see 27 teams go out for it and participate in intramural spots," said Asper. "Jen List is definitely on the right track."

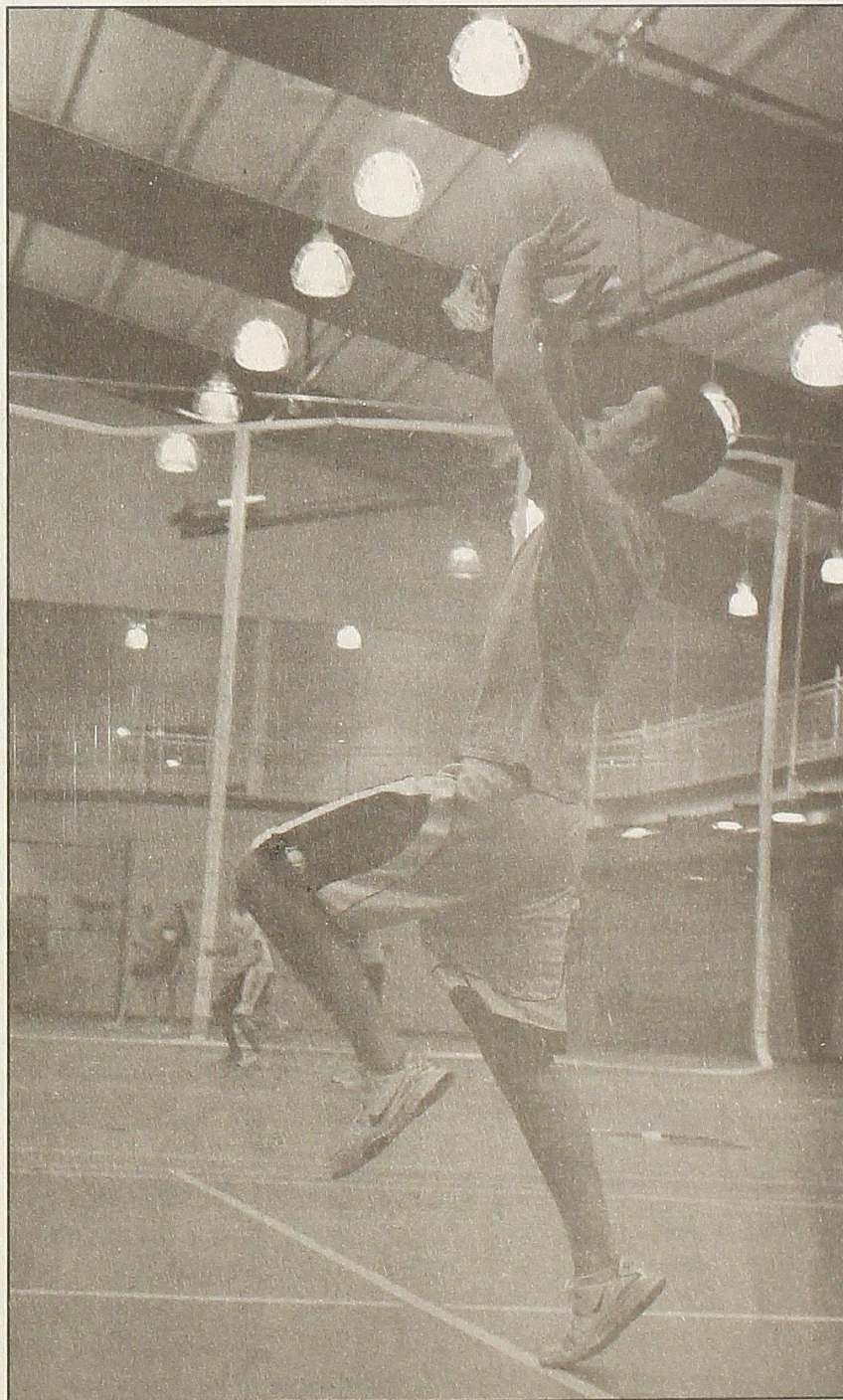


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Matt Stephens ('12) sets the ball during an IM volleyball game last Wednesday night. Stephens plays baseball besides IM volleyball.

Men's basketball wins season opener

By TARYN HANDYSIDE
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team won their season opener against Indiana University-Northwest, 77-73 last Monday.

This was the Scot's first time playing a game in the new Art Smith Arena.

"This season has been going super this year so far," said Greg Silverthorn ('13). "We have been playing like a team better than ever before and we have great team chemistry. There has been a lot of intensity in practice and a lot of that is because of our new coaching staff."

The Scots took the lead early in the first half against IUN when Silverthorn hit a three-pointer at the 10:44 mark, leaving the Scots with a 6 point margin. The Redhawks managed to tie the game at 21-21 at 7:31.

In the next possession, the Scots took the lead again and left the score at 35-28 going into halftime.

The Scots came out in the second half with their biggest lead, a score of 64-47. The Redhawks then gained possession and outscored the Scots 23-5 with 1:52 left in the game. This put the Scots in the lead by one point, with a score of 70-69. Shortly after, Cory Schneider ('12) made a three-point shot for the Scots to give them a larger lead.

Silverthorn led the Scots with a career high of 23 points, and also pitched in six rebounds.

"We played very well as a team against Indiana University

Northwest for it being our first game together of the year. It was good to see us overcome adversity in our first game and we hope to see that throughout the year," said Silverthorn. Two freshmen contributed to both offensive and defensive play on Monday.

Brett Lackie ('14) scored 22 points and had 10 rebounds for the Scots in the first game of his college career. Arik Hesselink ('14) pitched in 10 rebounds for the Scots in his first game as well.

"We played well in the first half, and let them back in the game later—but we kept it together and pulled out the first win in the Art Smith Arena. It felt good," Hesselink said.

"We didn't turn the ball over as much against their press and we worked to get high quality shots. We had a rough stretch in the second half, but in the end Corey Schneider hit a huge three-pointer to give us back our momentum," said Lackie.

Schneider gave the Scots 18 points and had five three-pointers. Kevin Ginther ('11) also added six rebounds for the Scots.

The Scots then traveled to Olivet to take on Madonna on Thursday in an MIAA/WHAC Challenge.

Here they beat the Crusaders 88-69, improving their record to 2-0. This left Madonna at 1-4 in their season.

"Our biggest goals are to play good defense, rebound well on both ends, and take care of the basketball. A lot of what we are doing is based on how



Kevin Ginther ('11) takes a shot in the paint during the game against Indiana University-Northwest. Ginther had six rebounds that night and 11 points for the Scots. Ginther plays guard for the men's basketball team. Last year he saw time in 26 games and started in 20.

Photo by Devin Brines

hard we are willing to work. It's nice because everyone on the team is willing to give it their all every day," Lackie said.

The men's basketball team made 10 of 21 three-pointers and 3 of 4 free-throws in the first half of the game, while Madonna made just one three-pointer and was 6 of 10 from the line. The Scots also outrebounded the Crusaders 21-16 in the first half.

The score was in the Scots favor, 45-35, at the end of the first half.

In the second half they made 6 of 10 three-pointers and was 9 of 12 from the line, while Madonna made 3 of 12 three-pointers, and was 5 of 9 from the line.

Schneider had 15 points in the first half, all of them three-pointers. This added to the 16 three-pointers total that day for the Scots. Schneider led the team with 17 points and 5 assists. He also contributed 4 rebounds.

Silverthorn put up 15 points (with 3 three-pointers) and 6 rebounds for the Scots.

Sam Larson ('14) gave the Scots 15 points, five of them being three-pointers.

Ginther contributed 5 assists and 11 points, while Tommy Erickson ('12) tallied 5 points and 6 rebounds.

"The season is off to a good start with now 2 wins. We worked hard our first four weeks, and we look forward to continued success," Hesselink said.

The men's team will travel to Sault St. Marie to play Lake Superior State University on November 29 at 7 pm.

Spotlight: Galarno receives All-Conference honors

By ADAM MUNCY
STAFF WRITER

Tony Galarno ('12) was named to the 2010 MIAA First Team Defense for his work at defensive end for the Scot's.

Galarno led the MIAA with nine quarterback sacks and 18 tackles for a loss accumulating 106 yards. He finished the season with 38 total tackles and three quarterback hurries. The 18 tackles and 9 quarterback sacks qualified him for 11th and 24th in the nation for Division III football.

"Getting sacks is what really keeps me going," said Galarno. "When you hit the quarterback it degrades the entire offensive line. When the quarterback knows you are coming they get real jittery trying to sit in the pocket and there isn't a better feeling. Sacks for a defensive end is like the quarterback throwing touchdowns, that's the equivalent for a defensive linemen, getting sacks."

Galarno started playing football

when he was in the fourth grade, playing in the Saginaw Township flag football league; he started out playing defensive end for his team.

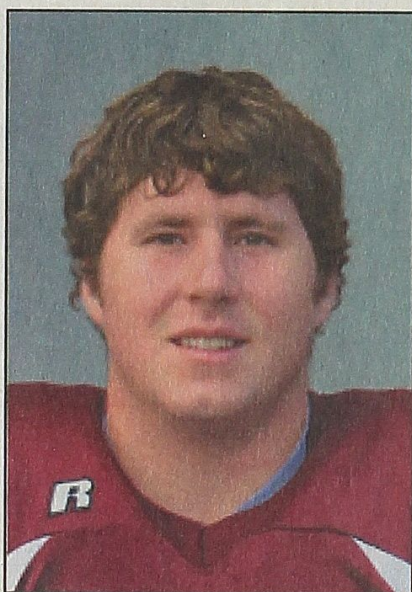


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"I have continued to play all of these years I guess for the love of the game," said Galarno. "I fell in love with it, when I was young and I just enjoy playing it. I go out there everyday trying to be the best I can—I don't want to be just average. I am going to give it

everything I have got because I have one year left. Once that year is up, once that season is over, I'll never put on those pads again. For me it's really about leaving everything out there on the field."

Galarno came to Alma College from Saginaw where he attended Heritage High School. He played football all four years for the Hawk's and played two years of baseball.

"I bounced around a lot in high school playing a bunch of different positions," said Galarno. "I was the utility guy, wherever they needed someone was where I played. I did well in high school—my senior year I was named 2nd team all conference for offensive line."

Finishing the season with a 3-7 record created difficulties for Scots in acquiring votes in the coaches all conference selections meeting.

"I have to give credit to my defensive backs, Scotty Cole ('12), and Andrew Funsch ('13) for being named second team all-conference," said Galarno. "Some of my sacks were cover sacks, I got them because of them. Overall it's a good step for us, for the defense. Historically, we have been known

for our offense and now the defense is coming into our own."

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-Tony Galarno ('12)

During the upcoming off-season Galarno plans to continue his regimented Monday through Friday workout usually lasting approximately two hours. The break from football has given Galarno a chance to catch back up on his studies and doing the things he enjoys off the field, such as hanging out with friends and playing video games.

"I am going to put everything I have into this off-season, in the weight room and conditioning class," said Galarno. "I'm going to have one more shot at it, next year there is no tomorrow."

Staying on top of the game: This week in Sports

Women's Basketball: November 23rd v. Concordia University

Men's Basketball: November 29 v. Lake Superior State University at HOME

Last week in Sports

Kellee Lemcke ('11) finished 104th in NCAA Nationals for cross country

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