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The Blanks, or 'Ted's a cappella group' from the television show 'Scrubs,' entertained Alma students, faculty and community members in the Heritage Center last Friday. Their act included singing, comedy and special guests like Mr. Pumpkin Head. Members of the group, from left to right, are Sam Lloyd, Paul Perry, Philip McNiven and George Miserlis.

Alma takes steps to prevent influenza

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With October rapidly approaching, Alma College has been preparing for the onset of flu season by focusing on methods of prevention and containment.

When students returned to campus this fall, they were greeted by newly installed hand sanitizer stations in high-traffic areas and instructions on hand washing in bathrooms. According to Anne Lambrecht, director of the counseling, health and wellness center, "influenza prevention is an on-going process."

Although this year's breakout of H1N1, more commonly known as swine flu, has everyone concerned about the flu, Lambrecht says that the new measures should be continued every year to lessen the impact of seasonal flu.

Lambrecht is new to campus this fall, having just begun her job on Aug. 17.

"My first task was writing recommendations for flu preparedness, and our general response plan," she said. "We want to focus on preventing the spread of the flu."

According to Lambrecht, the best way to prevent the spread of germs is ensuring students know what to do if they get sick. The wellness center has established a flu hotline, which will talk students through their symptoms and establish a plan for students to isolate themselves. The wellness center can also help contact professors so they are aware the student will be missing class.

Some faculty members have already begun asking students not to attend class if they are feeling ill.

"The reason I ask students who are ill not to attend class is that they need to rest and recover, and this will prevent them from spreading the illness to their classmates," said Joanne Gilbert, professor of communications. "Students who are very sick

and in class cannot focus on the work and put themselves and their classmates at risk."

The wellness center does not recommend that students go to the Wilcox Medical Center without calling for an appointment first. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done for the flu, and walking around campus contaminates more surfaces.

Because students live and study in such close quarters, diseases like the flu can spread very quickly.

"Our recommendation is for them to return home if they can," said Lambrecht. "We have also arranged to use the Gelston guest rooms to isolate [students]."

Flu shots will also be made available in two doses. The first shot is for the regular seasonal flu and should be available on campus sometime in the next week.

"We're going to try to do clinics around campus, in addition to the [Wilcox] Medical Center," said Amber Herman, coordinator of critical care.

The anticipated cost of the regular flu shot is \$15. A second vaccine will be offered specifically for H1N1.

"We've requested one for every student on campus," said Lambrecht.

Because the demand for H1N1 vaccines exceeds the supply, only high-risk populations will be offered the vaccine initially. Due to the severity of H1N1 cases in young people, anyone under the age of 24 is considered high-risk.

The H1N1 vaccine will be available by Nov. 7 at the latest, and due to the government subsidy for the vaccine, there should be no cost for students.

The Medical Center staff is highly recommending that all students be vaccinated.

"Although they may still get sick, it will be a much milder form of the flu," said Herman. "It's true that students who refuse to be vaccinated will probably make a full recovery, but they'll end up spreading the flu during the week or so that they're sick."

As of Thursday there had been two reported cases of flu on campus. "We're hoping to get the vaccine before we get too many cases," said Maggie Ross, physician's assistant.

"Statistically, there have been no more people dying from H1N1 than regular flu," said Lambrecht. "It's just hitting an age group that's regularly healthy."

In addition to getting vaccinated, students can practice good health and hygiene habits to keep from getting sick. "The more rundown you are, the easier you'll get sick," said Ross. "Make sure you're getting enough rest and eating healthy."

Lambrecht emphasized the importance of students keeping their living space clean.

"Flu spreads from high-touch services," she said. Cleaning things like door knobs and remote controls with disinfectant can help keep students healthy.

New clause added to student handbook

By ELISABETH BLETSCH
STAFF WRITER

A clause that will challenge students' responsibility has been added to Alma College's Student Life Handbook for the 2009-2010 academic year. It is titled "Failure to Discourage."

It states, "Students are expected to look out for one another's best interest. To this regard, anyone who knowingly fails to discourage a fellow student from violating a policy, and/or reporting a violation of which one has knowledge, may be subject to disciplinary action."

The Failure to Discourage Clause is intended to help assist in students' development as honest and responsible individuals, said Nicholas Piccolo, vice president for Student Life.

"It's about students watching out for each other. That's the interest here," he added.

Kevin Carmody, assistant director of Student Life in Charge of Student Conduct, said in response to the addition of this clause, "I'm hoping students will think more critically about their behavior, especially when they are bystanders in a situation."

Carmody believes watching out for each other's best interest is something the Alma community already does well.

"We want to use this clause as a way to make it explicit instead of implied," he said.

Carmody pointed out that Alma College is not the only school in Michigan with such a clause.

Michigan State University and Saginaw Valley State University have similar guidelines in their student handbooks.

"No person shall fail to make an effort to discourage another person from violating a regulation and/or to report a violation of which one has knowledge," MSU's clause states.

Similarly, SVSU's guideline states: "individuals aiding or abetting in carrying out an unlawful act or the violation of University policies, whether he or

she directly commits the act, may be treated under the regulations as if he or she had directly committed such violation....It is expected that students will exercise good judgment and appropriately report a violation(s) in progress."

Carmody and Piccolo do not think this clause will come into play a great deal throughout the year.

"I would be surprised if it didn't come up at least once this year, but I'd also be surprised if it didn't come up at all," Carmody said.

If a student or resident assistant reports someone in violation of this rule, the student in question will go through the appropriate judicial process.

In terms of students not being made aware of this new clause, Carmody said, "We try to make it an expectation for everyone to read the Student Life Handbook each year."

Not only are all students given a hard copy of the handbook upon arriving in Alma in the fall, but it is also available to view online, he added.

The Student Life Handbook is revised each year, said Piccolo.

The process to add this guideline started during the 2008-2009 academic year and was finalized over the summer, Carmody said.

The clause went under review first by the hall directors and was then sent to Piccolo for final approval.

Other changes to the Student Life Handbook this fall include moving the Rule of Occupancy to the Campus Services section.

Carmody said this is a more suitable section for the rule to be located.

He also said Alma's sexual assault policy was "updated so it would be more in line with Michigan State Law."

Piccolo said in regards to revising the handbook, "We are always trying to make it more accessible and easier to understand."

Both Carmody and Piccolo fully encourage students to read the handbook every year so they fully understand what is expected of them.



Photo by Robert Kaczanowski

Malcolm Cottle ('13) does his part to prevent the flu by using a Purell hand sanitizer.

Grant to benefit all science majors

By KATIE GORDON
GUEST WRITER

The National Science Foundation Grant is the largest grant Alma College has ever received. The National Science Foundation (NSF) selected Alma, along with 21 other institutions, out of 186 that applied.

The program that gave the grant, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program, or STEP, aims to get more students excited about science and engaged in scientific research.

This will give nearly \$5,000 to fund Alma College's Positive Routes Into Science and Mathematics (PRISM) program.

PRISM focuses on increasing research opportunities for new college students, not just in their first year of college, but also prior to taking their first college courses. It is under the direction of John Davis, Dana professor of exercise and health science; David Clark, chair and professor of biology; and Myles McNally, professor of computer science and mathematics.

Davis believes Alma was selected for this (NSF) grant because of the "uniqueness of the [PRISM] proposal. Very few colleges and universities involve first-year students in research."

He also said that Alma College will receive "national

recognition for being one out of 22 proposals funded."

Not only will this grant be a positive step for the college, but also the students who will go through this new program.

"Basically, all of the funding goes to improving the education of Alma College's science majors. The main focus of the grant is to increase the number of science, technology, engineering and mathematics majors," Davis said.

From there, the students will then go out and enter the market in STEM careers.

"The number of jobs in this area will increase substantially in the upcoming years as our society becomes more technologically focused," Davis said.

There are three critical parts of the grant that will have the most impact, he added. The first is providing a research activity for first-year students before they enroll at Alma. In this, students will be able to research with Alma students and faculty.

Second, students will be able to do a 10-week research project the summer after their first year. For being a part of this, students will receive a stipend, or payment. Lastly, upper class science students will be able to serve as mentors for the first-year students.

Since the main goal of this grant and PRISM is to get students excited about science, it is important to know that providing

research will be effective.

"Getting students involved in active learning early on in their science coursework will keep them engaged and keep them in science majors and careers," Davis said.

David Braidwood ('11), a biology major, said that providing more research opportunities will retain more science students because "it will give them an opportunity to look into something they're interested in and direct their learning in a way that the campus doesn't usually offer."

He added that he hopes to do plenty of research in his next two years because going in depth through those research opportunities is important for dealing with the specific scientific interest a student has.

Louise Rezmer ('13), another biology major working with pre-veterinary studies, says she looks forward to these opportunities because they will be beneficial.

"They will expose me to research and help me decide if I want to stay with [the field]," Rezmer said.

"Too often, first-year students don't get connected in the sciences. This is a way to get them involved through hands-on science research before they take a college course and throughout their first year," Davis said.

Thanks to the National Science Foundation, PRISM will be able to thrive at Alma College's campus for all STEP majors.

Yellow Ribbon program a 'wonderful opportunity' for veterans and colleges

By SARAH HERPST
GUEST WRITER

When the Yellow Ribbon Program was announced, it was no surprise that Alma College was quick to get on board.

"Participating in this program was a no brainer for Alma," Chris Brown, director of financial assistance said. "It is such a wonderful opportunity for those who serve our country to receive this kind of support from the [Veterans Affairs]."

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, more commonly known as the Yellow Ribbon Program, came out of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. Under it, colleges and universities across the country have the opportunity to provide veterans with more options for higher education.

In order to participate, colleges must agree to fund any tuition expenses that surpass the highest in-state public undergraduate tuition rate.

Each college has the option of covering up to 50 percent of tuition expenses and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will match that contribution. A stipend for books as well as living costs will also be covered for veterans courtesy of the VA as well.

Those who are eligible for the benefits from the Yellow Ribbon Program are veterans

who have served at least 36 months of active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, or those who have been honorably discharged with a disability connected to service and who have served 30 continuous days after that date.

Alma, unlike some colleges and universities, has not placed a limit on the number of students it is willing to receive under the program. One reason for this, according to Brown, is due to the location of Alma.

"One thing about Alma is that given its location and not being by any large military bases, we are less likely to see many taking advantage of this opportunity."

Brown went on to say that, although there are not students using the program this year, there has been some interest. Demand for the plan, however, has not been low everywhere.

Even though it has been in effect for a short period of time, some issues have already arisen.

"The problem is that the VA is swamped with requests to disburse the money," Brown said. "Some colleges are requiring veterans to pay up front."

Despite initial problems, the program still represents a positive and necessary step forward for helping veterans because as Brown points out, "these measures have really been needed in this country for a long time."

Alma students and scholars attend international DDT conference

By CAITLIN MARSH
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In March 2008, Alma College drew international attention when it offered scholars from around the world a chance to attend the Eugene Kenaga International DDT Conference.

The goal of this event was to discuss the continued use of the insecticide dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) in some parts of the world. Co-organized by the Pine River Superfund Citizen Task Force and Alma's own Public Affairs Institute and Center for Responsible Leadership, the conference brought together a group of more than 200 participants concerned about this global issue.

The conference began with presentations by speakers from as far away as South Africa, but the later portion of the event was dedicated to round-table discussion. Alma College students and international scholars sat side by side and talked about the risks and benefits of DDT use.

"As an experience it was amazing," said chemistry major **Ian Harrier ('10)**. "Our opinions mattered; there were aspects we saw that other people didn't."

The biggest concern for the conference participants was the continued use of DDT in developing countries, where it is used to control the mosquitoes that spread malaria.

"In a lot of countries in Africa, malaria's a huge issue," said **Paul Converse ('10)**, who participated in the discussions. "A lot of places use [DDT]...it's cheap, but it does a lot of damage."

Alma residents know firsthand the damage DDT contamination can cause. The Pine River Superfund sites in nearby St. Louis resulted from the improper disposal of chemicals left over from DDT production.

The plant that produced these chemicals was shut down in 1978, but the area remained so contaminated that in 1982 the entire area was buried and covered over with clay to keep chemicals from spreading.

While the environmental harm DDT can cause has been extensively researched, studies are just beginning to look into the long-term effects such contamination can have on humans.

New research suggests there may be links between DDT exposure and diabetes, decreased fertility, and developmental defects in fetuses and young children.

"Just seeing the pictures of the children affected was pretty heart-wrenching," said Harrier.

These are the kinds of risks that the conference attendees took into consideration as they created a statement discussing their findings.

The final 52-page consensus statement called on the international community to regulate further use of DDT, and also to investigate and develop alternative methods of malaria prevention.

Articles about the consensus statement have appeared in the online versions of *Environmental Health News* and *Scientific American*, and the statement itself was published online in *Environmental Health Perspectives* in May 2009.

This month, however, the consensus appears in print for the first time in *Environmental Health Perspectives*, which has an international outreach program that sends complimentary issues of the journal to developing countries.

Conference attendees are pleased to find their work still receiving recognition nearly two years after the statement was written.

"You've got to get the information out," said Harrier. "That was the whole point of the conference."

Converse agreed. "It's a step in the right direction."

Alma hosts Gratiot County Community Conversation

By KATIE GORDON
GUEST WRITER

Tyler-VanDusen Commons was the site for a community conversation for Gratiot County area citizens.

This conversation, focusing on brainstorming economic, education, and government strategies for moving Michigan forward, was sponsored by Michigan's Defining Moment (MDM) through The Center For Michigan.

So far, this bipartisan statewide effort has involved more than 1,800 people deliberating Michigan's future.

The effort of this nonprofit organization is to "reinvigorate citizenship, get people talking about Michigan's challenges and opportunities, and develop a common ground agenda to help guide the decisions of state and local leaders."

President Sandra Tracy and the executive staff agree that Alma's campus was the best place to hold this kind of forum because The Center for Michigan is interested in getting input from the college-age demographic.

Brandan Snook, Alma's director of community relations and advancement associate, was asked to arrange this event.

"[Alma has] a diverse cross-section of ideologies and perspectives represented by students, faculty and staff as well as the broader Alma

community. Alma College also has the facilities and established relationships to reach into the community and bring all of these groups together," Snook said.

Working to engage students in this forum was Alma's Center for Responsible Leadership. Murray Borrello, instructor of geology and director of environmental studies, and Michael Vickery, professor of communications, headed the organization.

Borrello said they engaged students by first exposing them to the problem, giving them support in providing skills and resources they need, and encouraging the students to do something on their own.

Students benefited by seeing serious problems facing Michigan and then feeling empowered as leaders to help work toward solutions, Borrello said.

The conversation was led by an Defining Moment staff member and utilized such practices as interactive polling devices to vote on issues, as well as discussion of possible strategies and ideas.

"Ideally, it will spark someone's interest and be the catalyst that causes them to educate themselves more fully and even take some action toward realizing the outcomes they believe are best for our state," Snook said.

"This is a chance for Alma and its students and faculty to take responsibility as a leader, not only in our local community, but in the state of Michigan," said Snook.

David Bailey, singer/songwriter, classical guitarist and cancer survivor, will perform at Alma College's Heritage Center
Friday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors 62 and up, and free for Alma College staff, students and youths 18 and under. Seating is reserved.

Art show displays a myriad of talent

By ELISABETH BLETSCH
STAFF WRITER

The Juried Student Art Show, which is on display in the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery until Oct. 8, offers a wide variety of art pieces. “I like the Student Show because it is a huge showcase of student’s work from the year before,” said **Carrie Chaffee (’10)**, gallery assistant.

Chaffee added that the Student Show is a great opportunity for the work of non-art majors to be displayed and enjoyed.

The pieces for the event are always from the previous academic year and are selected by the art department faculty.

Mother and son, **Susan (’11)** and **Andrew Wright (’11)**, each have several pieces in the show.

“I wasn’t planning on art until after my freshman year when I realized I wanted to work more with my hands,” said Andrew Wright.

His offering, “Catch of the Day,” is an underglazed earthenware piece created for a repetitive tile assignment.

One tile was replicated four times in the hopes that when each tile is turned a different way, all four will provide a new look, he said.

“Birds Nest” is an alabaster stone piece.

“The eggs really finished the piece,” he said. “They let shadows go into the nest.”

Sue Wright also has two pieces in the show. “Onward” is an underglazed and glazed stoneware piece consisting of three separate parts.

“It was a challenging piece because it went through three fires to enable it to stand on its own,” she said.

Her second work in the show, “Nature Bonded,” is also an underglazed and glazed stoneware piece.

Sue Wright said much of her art work is inspired by nature.

“I love nature. It represents life,” she said.

The two also have a joint work in the show.

It’s a coffee table made by An-



Photo by Lauren Kimple

Art Gallery Assistant Carrie Chaffee (’10) sits in the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery soaking in the wealth of art on display.

drew, featuring His mother’s tiles on the top. The piece is titled “Tea Anyone?”

“As a student, you always feel honored when you’re picked for a show, especially when you put in a lot of work,” Sue Wright said.

“Colima Dog” is a slip-painted ceramic piece in the show by **Aleigha Sova (’10)**.

“I wanted to make an animal and I love dogs. It turned out better than I thought it would,” Sova said.

She added, “I have had pieces picked for shows in the past, and it makes me want to do good work so that I keep getting pieces chosen.”

Shawn Miller’s (’11) alabaster stone piece “Beach Time” includes a boat as the main element and a beach as an accessory piece.

“I wanted to sculpt a piece that represents something I enjoy and know a lot about. I really enjoy boating and have a real interest in

boats as well,” Miller said.

Elisabeth Wilder (’12) has two photographs and two ceramic pieces in the show. One of her photographs is a gelatin silver print piece titled “Untitled Self-Portrait.”

Wilder said, “The assignment was to portray different stereotypes of people. It is so not me, and I kind of like it because of that. I really like the contrast between light and dark.”

Her slip and underglaze painted ceramic titled “Acoma Olla” took her 12 hours to paint and “is made from coils of clay blended together,” she said.

“It makes me feel accomplished to have artwork on display in a gallery,” Wilder added.

“Warm and Cool” is an underglazed earthenware creation by **Tom Hardin (’10)**.

“The piece is attempting to show the beauty of hands through color, while the image itself is quite

grotesque,” Hardin said.

“To have your work selected by the faculty and student representatives is an honor,” he added.

“The Hunt” is a brass and copper pendant necklace made by **Elizabeth Webster (’11)**.

She said, “The process was time consuming and tedious, but it was worth every bit.”

“Youth” is a gelatin silver print piece by **Devin Brines (’12)**.

“The photograph is of the high school soccer team I left when I graduated early and came to study here at Alma. In the photo, my old friends are huddling up before their match. I wanted so badly to join them. That photograph was my only consolation; I feel grateful to have taken it,” Brines said.

Sarah Linsley’s (’12) intaglio piece “Rave” was her first experience with printmaking.

“I really enjoyed printmaking and would suggest it to any and everybody,” Linsley said.

“Electric Structure” is a steel wire piece by **Renee Willoughby (’11)**.

“Electric Structure began when doing an exercise in Life Drawing that involved creating a figure with wire. I started experimenting and formed a hand figure,” Willoughby said.

“Subtractive Self-Portrait” is a charcoal piece by **Alicia Monday (’12)**.

“The assignment required us to use the Xerox machine and create a unique image. When Xeroxing my face, I wanted something simple accented by my hands,” Monday said.

The art show also includes a variety of works by many other students.

There will be a reception for the art show on Thursday, Oct. 1 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Food and refreshments will be available. The event is open to the public and is free.

Alcohol poisoning: the why, how, and what to do about it

By ELEANOR KING
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While the risks for alcohol poisoning are significantly lower on a small campus such as Alma, it is still important for students to be aware of the facts involved when dealing with a peer who has had too much to drink.

In 2007, the National Institute

on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism re-published vital information on the signs and dangers of alcohol poisoning as well as the steps to take if someone you see might have alcohol poisoning. The agency states that the most common signs for alcohol poisoning are as follows: mental confusion, vomiting, and loss of conscious-

ness. While characteristics such as “mental confusion” may seem elusive, it is better to err on the side of safety than to risk someone’s life. Similarly, if a person has passed out and cannot be roused then it is vital that someone calls 911 immediately.

Sadly, this is not always what happens. It is common for col-

lege students to think it is best to simply “sleep it off.” Even though someone may seem like they will sleep through the night, their blood alcohol concentration can still increase while they are unconscious.

According to the alcohol federal agency, if the intoxicated individual is taking “fewer than eight breaths per minute,” or if there are ever “10 seconds or more between breaths,” it is crucial they receive medical attention.

Additionally if a person is found passed out and waiting on a health care official, they should be placed in the “Recovery Position.” This will help to eliminate the risk of the victim choking on his or her own vomit, which can also lead to death.

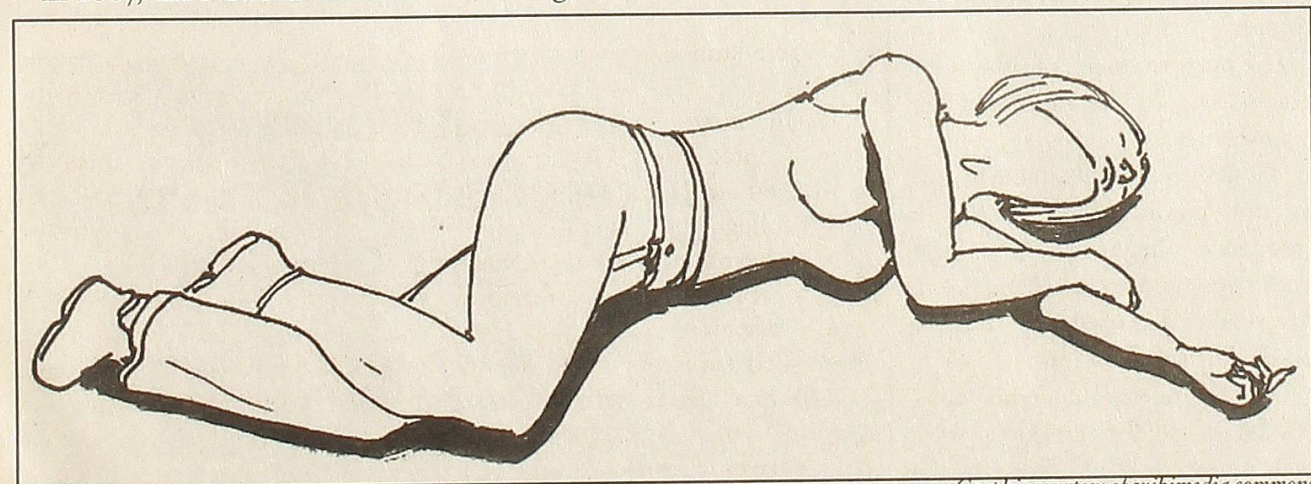
If someone with alcohol poisoning is not treated medically, the consequences can be fatal. In the

case that the victim is not getting enough oxygen, he or she could essentially suffocate. This condition is called asphyxiation and it is the biggest contributor to deaths from alcohol poisoning.

However, if a person has been vomiting consistently they may experience severe dehydration that can lead to seizures. Both seizures and asphyxiation can lead to permanent brain damage—that is, assuming the victim survives.

The ultimate cause of alcohol poisoning is drinking too much, too quickly. The Center for Disease Control and NIAAA alike label it “Binge Drinking.” Starting in 2003 the center distributed national surveys to determine the frequency of binge drinking. It reported that “About 90% of the

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If someone is suspected to have alcohol poisoning, they should be placed in the recovery position.

Student organizations provide awareness and support

By **KATIE GORDON**
GUEST WRITER

Here at Alma College, students have opportunities to grow not only by academic learning, but also by getting involved. Those in student-led organizations Active Minds and Literacy Beyond Borders are working toward goals that go beyond the campus and into the world.

Active Minds is a national non-profit group that is centered in Washington, D.C. Alma's group is now one of the 211 chapters nationwide. Dealing with mental health issues such as depression, suicide, bipolar disorders, eating disorders, anxiety, ADHD, addictions, and more, the group focuses on changing the conversation about mental health.

Meredith Campbell, who graduated from Alma in 2009, attempted to start the organization in 2007. Now, **Mike Malloy ('11)** and **Marcy Gilstad ('11)** are picking up where she left off.

Originally intending the organization as just a Center for Responsible Leadership project, Malloy and Gilstad quickly became more attached to the group. Their goal is to "make a notable impact on campus," according to Gilstad.

In the spring of 2009, their efforts were rewarded with recognition by the chapter and Alma's Student Congress. Gilstad said she was inspired by this organization because she saw "many students on campus who had misconceptions about mental health issues and were unaware of resources available to help." She hopes to overcome students' taboo stereotypes of mental health and help them realize that they don't have

to suffer in silence.

Active Minds at Alma, according to Gilstad, "has the potential to not only educate students about mental health but to shape Alma into a campus that is open and understanding about the needs and priorities of students who are suffering." She also says that this is a "tremendous opportunity for the campus."

Active Minds provides a non-judgmental center for help. The

the Counseling Center, is the advisor for the group and the first meeting is Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in SAC 103. Feel free to e-mail Gilstad at 11mrgils@alma.edu with any questions.

Another outreaching organization is Literacy Beyond Borders. **Katy Rice ('11)** and **Kyla Wojtas ('11)** are the co-founders and co-presidents of the group. They were inspired by a P-Global trip to Ghana to create the organiza-

the Alma community a great way to impact lives both in Gratiot County and around the world," says Wojtas.

The group will work towards creating environments conducive to learning by "building schools, providing learning and teacher training materials, culture specific curriculum, and more," according to Wojtas. Funds are going to be raised to build a school, two libraries, and fix an information

Gratiot County," says Wojtas. They will get involved with reading programs in Gratiot County by holding book drives for local schools. They hope to raise \$75,000 for these endeavors.

"I would love to see this organization grow and build schools all around the world in the years to come. I would like to build partnerships with other organizations at other campuses, as well as non-governmental organizations. Eventually, I would like to see this become a legit non-governmental organization," says Wojtas.

There are many ways to be actively involved with Literacy Beyond Borders, such as reading to local elementary school children, donating books to schools in the area that have needs, doing presentations at the local schools on education in other countries or sending letters and cards to the kids in Africa.

Their committees include public relations, Website, fundraising, newsletter, and information communication technology. Meetings are every Tuesday at 9:15 p.m. in the Rotunda.

"Establishing and supporting new organizations enables students to begin to develop the perspective, skills, and hands-on experiences necessary to become those agents of change so necessary to effect meaningful difference in the world," says Sandy Hulme, professor of political science.

Humes believes participating in these organizations will "transform abstract ideas about leadership into a recognition that leadership is about making things happen, about doing the hard work necessary to transform the world one action at a time."

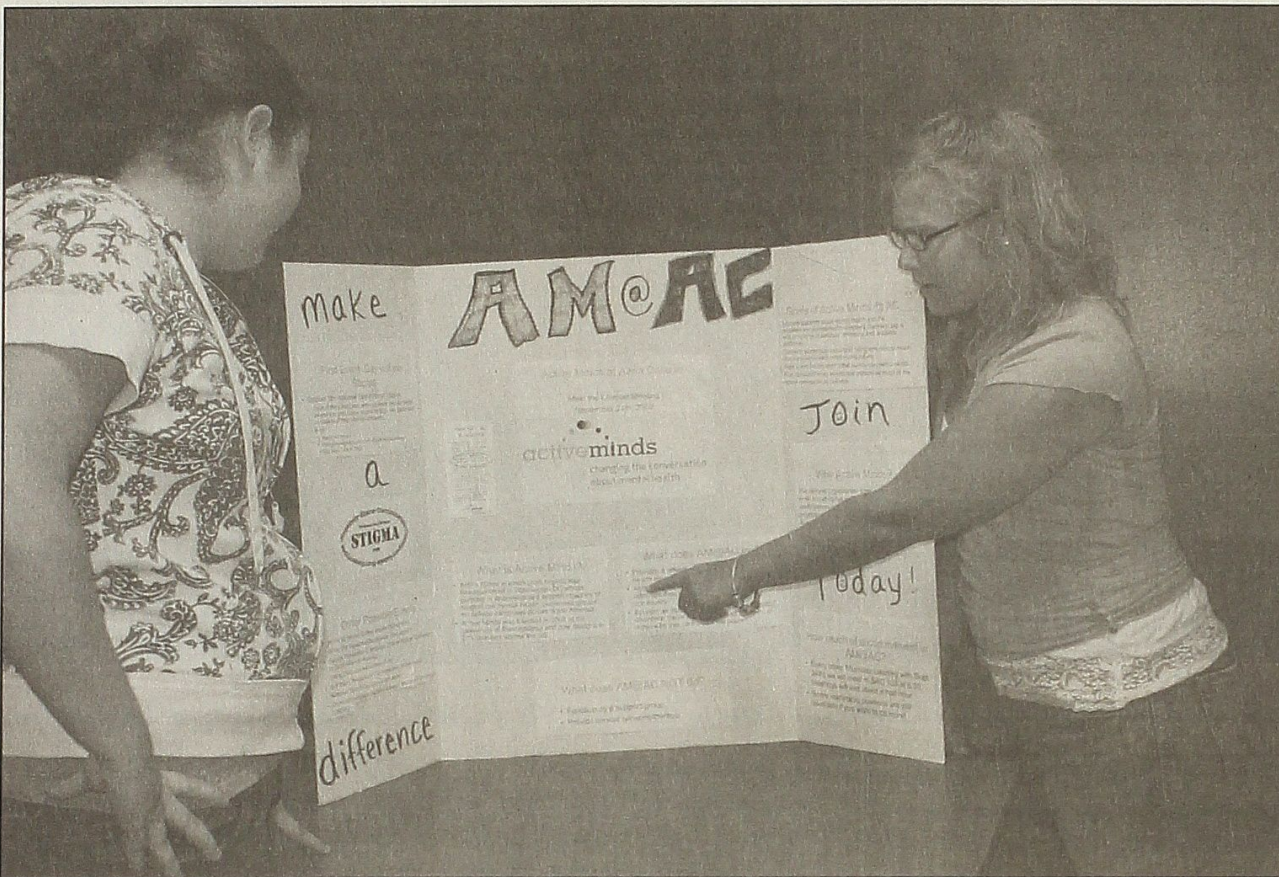


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Maricat Eggenberger ('11) and Marcy Gilstad ('11) review an Active Minds poster made to educate students about the organization.

group is open to anyone and everyone, from students with a mental health issue, to students who are affected by an illness of a friend or family member. Even if you just want to make a difference in the area, they welcome all viewpoints.

Jennifer Cary, a counselor from

tion. Wojtas says when they "came back [they] both really wanted to do something to help the children [they] worked with."

The organization "will provide awareness to the community about educational and literacy issues, especially about the world. Literacy Beyond Borders gives

communication technology center in Ghana. Some funds will also go toward roofing a school and providing teacher materials in Ecuador.

Literacy Beyond Borders also looks to "develop a partnership with the local literacy initiative" because there a "huge need in

Brain tumor survivor finds hope and peace through music

By **CELESTE MORRISON**
GUEST WRITER

A singer, songwriter, guitar player, and survivor of a brain tumor, David M. Bailey, will visit Alma College in early October.

In July 1996, Bailey was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor (GBM) and was told he would live for only six months. Upon the diagnosis he quit his corporate job and started to do what he loved again, music.

Bailey had Presbyterian parents and spent his childhood in Beirut, Lebanon, where he learned to play his first chords in seventh grade. When the Lebanese War began he finished high school in Germany where he was a street musician on weekends.

In college, he mainly played with an original acoustic duo, but stopped his passion to work in corporate America. He then became a husband and father to two youngsters while he had the job.

There was another tumor found November 2008, but it was safely removed and he was able to continue his tours. The therapy was a

long and trying process for Bailey, but he tried to stay positive.

When he found out about the brain tumor, he discovered three things that helped him through the therapy in both the past and present; faith, hope and love. These are constant themes in the music he performs and anyone can relate to no matter one's religious affiliations.

Alma College Chaplain Carol Gregg said, "David's music shows you to value and cherish the time, the days, which we have been given to live."

Bailey has said he knows to value the time he has because his life is at constant risk and he has learned to truly appreciate what he has.

Bailey plays folk music that always has an inspirational message or a story.

The review by Peter Kessler on the David Bailey Web page says, "The music is great in many ways with wonderful, stirring, pleasing healing lyrics that have a meaning."

Kevin Mcarthy's review, "Kevin and Maxine's Celtic & Folk Music CD Reviews," says, "David's classically influenced guitar style and

gentle, sincere voice take a central place in his arrangements with electric guitar, drums, keyboards and violin tastefully incorporated into the mix creating a radio friendly soundscape."

Bailey came to Alma College three years ago to share his story and spread his message. The Public Relations Department has asked him to return for those who want to hear his music and his positive attitude either again or for the first time.

He has performed for 13 years, with 20 albums and performances in 21 countries and 45 states, and he said he will not give up now with the recent events of another tumor.

The performance is Friday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. in the Remick Heritage Center.

Tickets for adults are \$10 and \$5 for seniors. The program is free for college students, staff, and those under 18. Seating is reserved. Call (989) 463-7304 for any ticket information.

After the performance his music will be on sale for those who want to purchase a copy. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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alcohol consumed by youth under the age of 21 years in the United States is in the form of binge drinks."

Unfortunately, it was not until recently that this type of information became easily accessible. Colleges and public universities were not even required to publish statistics on deaths due to alcohol until 1994 when a federal law was passed on the matter. These statistics are made available to the student body annually.

Even with new Federal laws and an increase in public awareness, it is difficult to find information on the cases of alcohol poisoning. This is due to the fact that in most statistics, alcohol poisoning is placed under the general "Alcohol-Related Deaths" category.

A national organization called Remove Intoxicated Drivers has the most informed estimate. By examining local health records the group concludes that somewhere near 4,000 deaths occur due to alcohol poisoning each year.

Of the people who survive alcohol poisoning each year, it is the bystanders and friends who can recognize the need for help that make the difference.

A person who is too drunk to speak is not going to be able to check themselves into the emergency room.

By keeping an eye on their fellow peers, limiting the amount of drinks consumed and being aware of the drinking pace, Alma students can actively begin to avoid alcohol poisoning for themselves and their friends.

Jay Laffoon
Wednesday at 8 p.m.
Tyler-Van Dusen

Christian comedian Jay Laffoon motivates and inspires audiences through Christian references and Biblical insights in his humorous show.

Fraternities not to blame for attitude toward sex

By LAUREN SHAW
STAFF WRITER

When the flyers and Facebook events began appearing for the first parties of the year, there was the usual buzz of excitement around campus, along with some grumbling.

The fraternities traditionally attempt to increase turnout by throwing parties with some kind of theme. Past themes have included a Stoplight Party, where attendees coordinate their shirt color to their relationship status, and a Highlighter Party, where students are encouraged to wear white

shirts and draw on each other with highlighters.

However, the majority of the themed parties are overtly sexual. From the Catholic School Girl Party to GI Joes and Army Ho's, women are encouraged to dress provocatively. Complaints regarding the perceived encouragement of the debasement of women by the fraternities abound.

But is it really fair to blame Greek life for the existence of sexual discrimination?

After all, women still choose to dress to fit the theme. They choose to dance provocatively. Sometimes they even choose to hook up.

My question is: why?

I don't go to the fraternity parties every weekend, but when I do I generally don't dress as the themes suggest (and if I do, my body is

more than sufficiently covered). I have never been prevented from entering a party or ridiculed for not fitting the theme. And I bet I usually have a better time than the girls who have to put concentrated effort into not flashing anyone.

I don't approve of the sexual party themes, but I also believe that blaming Greek life for the perceived hook-up culture on campus is making the fraternities a scapegoat for what has become a national hook-up culture.

Greek men do not sign their bids and then think, "hmm, now that I'm Greek I have to do all I can to prove that women are inferior to me. I should do that by encouraging them to wear as little clothing as possible!"

However, they do sign their bids

after a lifetime of being bombarded by sex in the media. We've all heard the adage that "sex sells." Many commercials, from beer ads to PETA announcements, are full of sexual content.

The Video Music Award for Video of the Year went to Beyoncé for "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)." For years, Beyonce has been hailed as a strong, independent woman, as the kind of role model I should be looking up to. In the song she sings of that independence, and says that she doesn't need a man's permission to do what she wants.

Great message, except she sings that message while wiggling around in a bathing suit and some seriously spiky stilettos.

The comedian who performed at the "Meet the Greeks" event last

week didn't tell jokes about rape and fetal alcohol syndrome because they are an accurate representation of what Greek life or men in fraternities are about.

He told those jokes because our society has somehow become so twisted that people might actually think those jokes are funny. They weren't, and a good number of the Greeks walked out.

I encourage the women who are unhappy with the party themes to continue to speak up. The dialogue about gender roles is needed.

But before you do, consider why the fraternities throw these parties and what it is that you can do about that. You'll probably find that the crusade you want to be on is much, much bigger than Greek life at Alma College.

Student housing woes

By CHRIS CHESNEY
STAFF WRITER

Greek, organizational, and service houses dominate the streets across West Superior thanks to Alma College's marketing and expansion policies. They provide students with quieter atmospheres, more personal relationships with housemates, and a greater feeling of independence beyond that of a freshman leaving home for the first time.

Small unit housing teaches students to become adults dealing with conflicts with one another and home etiquette, from taking out the trash to painting and vacuuming.

Yet skim through the rules and regulations attached to this year's Student Life Handbook and you uncover unbeknownst details regulating small housing conduct.

I understand the need by Alma College and its administration to make sure any possible incident that could occur has a policy that protects not only individuals but also the college itself from any and all legal ramifications or negative public relations, but

some of these cause issues among the young adults inhabiting these houses.

For most of the 2010 class, who are now over 21 and above the legal drinking age, Alma College's alcohol policy is extremely hesitant at best. Drinking is only permitted in private rooms with the door locked, or in common rooms if the entire house agrees to the provision. There is no drinking outside, whatsoever.

Sunday afternoon barbecues? Better run inside real quick to enjoy that burger and beer. A deck get-together? Water and pop only, please.

And did you wonder why I used the term "get-together" instead of party? If alcohol is involved and more than 15 non-residents are within the vicinity, it is considered a party and un-registered parties are subject to serious ramifications.

In the same instance of communal living in the dorm rooms, each individual is allowed three guests—therefore a double is allowed eight persons in a room without it being considered a party. For the average small house with eight to 10 people, this would range from anywhere to 24 to 30. Yet it is capped to

15 as a general rule for all small housing.

Greek housing is blessed with what is known as ESCRO, money given to each house for general upkeep, maintenance and improvements. Unfortunately, many other small housing units do not receive the same type of support.

Currently, a broken water pipe has caused considerable damage in one house, but it is unable to remedy the problem due to a lack of funds. Physical Plant, if responsible for this repair, has so far failed to fix the pipe in a timely manner.

As a senior, I am not writing this for my class. Any changes decided upon this year will not take effect until at least next year, after the 2010 class is gone. However, this does not mean that future classes and students will not encounter these same problems and difficulties.

It is only my hope to get the administration and Student Life to talk and revisit these regulations to create new policies for the small housing on Alma College's campus, the use of which I assume will grow with the ever-increasing enrollment through progressive marketing campaigns.

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Answer to last week's puzzle

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Kindle can never replace books

By ALLISON ZINK
COPY EDITOR

Amazon.com's Kindle is attempting to bring books into the technological world.

Boasting of its contrived, marketed usefulness, the Website describes its latest toy "as thin as most magazines," "lighter than a typical paperback," and "reads like real paper."

But this new gizmo does not fill a unique and purposeful niche. The Kindle just merely mimics reading materials. No matter how sophisticated technology gets, nothing can compare to feeling the weight of the book in one's hand or flipping through the glossy pages of one's favorite rag.

The act of reading is more than just reading content. It is an experience, albeit a relatively small one, that must have a tangible element to fully appreciate the efforts of the author. Instead of reading from something "like" a book, go out and read the actual book.

The latest Kindle has a "text-to-speech" feature, which allows the device to read aloud your downloaded items. Just imagine, sitting down to eat breakfast with your cup of coffee and the newspaper, or rather the cold, hard device containing the newspaper, and listening to the headlines. We already have a contraption to listen to the news; it is called the radio. The Kindle lacks any kind of innovative effort.

A common defense for use of the Kindle is its eco-friendly nature due to the fact that it doesn't use paper. This opposing viewpoint ignores the "green" elements of paper itself. Paper is easily biodegradable if it ends up in a landfill and can also be recycled to make more paper. Also, just like any other new technology,

the Kindle can quickly become outdated. So far, several different versions of the device have been released and the old models are left to sit in electronic junk piles with old cell phones and last generation iPods. A Kindle is not necessarily a more eco-friendly choice in the long run. Its earth-friendly advertising is only a gimmick, just like the gadget itself.

Another unfounded highlight is the Kindle's portability. This idea of carrying a light, handheld device may be appealing to the average college student. But books and magazines are just as convenient.

An Alma College science major may disagree that a 5-pound chemistry textbook is easily portable. However, the slight inconvenience of an occasionally heavy book easily wins over the monetary cost of a Kindle. Ranging anywhere from \$100 - \$300, the electronic alone could out-price one textbook, not to mention that one must purchase the downloadable textbooks separately.

In addition, many classes promote students to take notes and mark up texts as successful ways to study. One cannot write in the margins of a Kindle. Formatting issues may also prove to be frustrating.

To combat these issues, online forums such as kindleboards.com needed to be established to keep up with customer service. Suddenly the catch phrase would become "my Kindle has my homework" rather than the proverbial dog. Due to expense, impracticality and troubleshooting, Kindles are not much use to their targeted customer groups.

Technology has its place and purpose, but I suggest getting your hands on a good book.

bothered to read a single review.

My theory is that Megan Fox's beauty melted their brain, so they bought a ticket.

The reason people trust critics in the first place is because they have seen so many movies and, presumably, have a better understanding of films than the reader.

I know Ebert has seen many more movies than I will ever see, so I can trust him to tell me whether I should shell out \$11 for the next summer blockbuster.

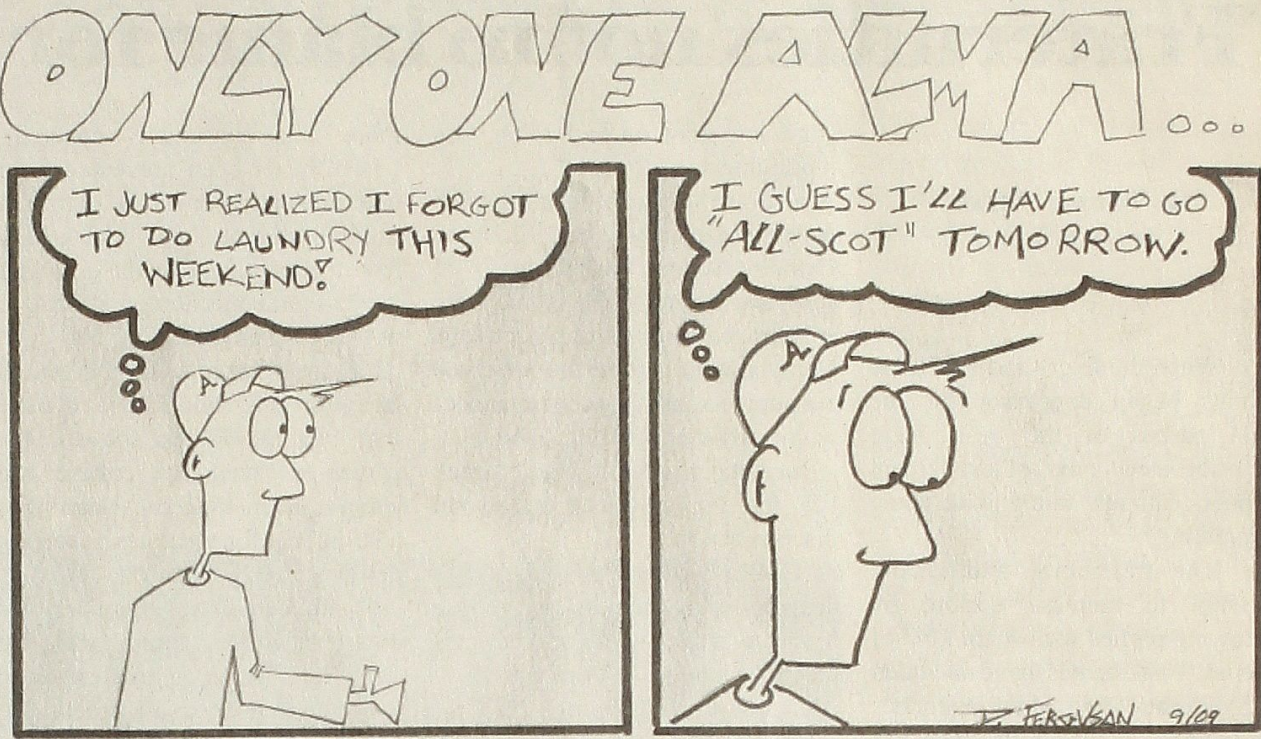
If your opinion differs from him, there are always other critics. In fact, certain Websites like Rotten Tomatoes and Metacritic compile reviews from newspapers and Websites all over the country to form a collective score. So next time another movie like Transformers comes out, you should have no excuse for seeing it.

Critics are usually right, but every so often a critic (in this case Maria Salas, Telemundo/Gems TV) will say something like: "Battlefield Earth will Rock America!"

It's not too outlandish a thing to say about some movie, but if you consider what movie she's talking about, then we have problems.

Since it seems critics don't have much of a sway on normal people, they must not have much on Hollywood, either. The film industry will not stop cranking out clunker parody movies such as "Epic Movie" as long as they continue to make money.

If that wasn't bad enough, "American Pie 87": We're-Still-Making-Money-off-this-Junk, will probably be hitting DVD shelves next fall. You just won't see me buying it.



Kanye West is 'a jackass'

By MATT SHERRY
STAFF WRITER

I probably should have known that when Kanye West showed up to the Video Music Awards on Sunday, gripping a bottle of cognac, that the night would turn sour.

For those of you who missed it, when Taylor Swift won the Best Female Video award, West ran up on stage, grabbed the microphone out of Swift's hands during her acceptance speech and said: "Yo, Taylor, I'm really happy for you, I'll let you finish, but Beyoncé has one of the best videos of all time! One of the best videos of all time!"

As the crowd looked on shocked, Swift stood there, bewildered and embarrassed. The camera then panned over to Beyoncé, who looked incredulous and confused. He turned a glorious moment of victory for a 19-year old country singer into a slap in the face.

Okay, Kanye, we get it—you're a real nice guy. When you show up o a national TV event, maybe you should lay off the alcohol next time.

In a hilarious turn of events, President Obama was caught off the record before an interview with CNBC saying, "I thought that was really inappropriate... he's a jackass," referring to the Kanye West incident.

You know you've really screwed up when the president calls you a jackass.

If you want more proof of Kanye's arrogance, just look at almost anything else he's said before this. For instance, he once said, "I realize that my place and position in history is that I will go down as the voice of this generation, of this decade."

I sincerely hope you aren't the voice of this generation, Mr. West. If being the voice of a generation means being narcissistic, rude, and vulgar, then yes you are. Good job.

I don't want a man like that speaking for me, and neither should anyone else.

The generation picks the voice, not the other way around. Bob Dylan was a voice of a generation because he spoke about important issues people cared about. Apparently an important issue to Kanye is figuring out "...what's better, gettin' laid or gettin' paid."

Yep, definitely something Dylan would sing about.

If anyone puts Kanye West up on a pedestal with an artist like Bob Dylan I'd be severely concerned for their mental health. Since Kanye claims "...my music isn't just music- it's medicine," then presumably people who have heard a few seconds of his music would

be healed enough to recognize how bad it is and turn it off.

He's also said, "I'm going down as a legend, whether you like me or not. I am the new Jim Morrison. I am the new Kurt Cobain."

Of course you're a legend, Kanye West—legendarily stupid. Anyone who glorifies sex, money, violence, sexism, and drugs in their songs should be considered a true legend in my book! Give yourself a pat on the back.

West may have apologized on Jay Leno, but that doesn't mean what he did was right. His publicist or public relations person probably set up the apology so his moneymaking machine wouldn't die.

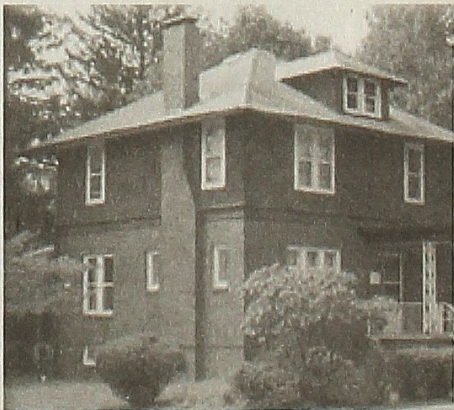
Kanye West represents everything that's wrong with today's society in the form of an unchecked ego. There should not be role models like him.

It's unacceptable to behave the way he does and get away with it. If I was interrupted during... "Yo Matt, I'm really happy for you, I'll let you finish, but Fareed Zakaria had one of the best opinion columns of all time. One of the best columns of all time!"

Oh, thanks Kanye. I guess I better just give up now that you have bestowed your infinite wisdom upon me.



If you need someone to talk to or feel uncomfortable at a party,
there's a safe place you can go.



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(RIGHT BETWEEN TKE AND CREATIVE ARTS ON SOUTH CAMPUS)

Women's volleyball starts strong against Albion

By MARIA CASTANEDA

STAFF WRITER

The Alma College women's volleyball team has jumped off to a quick start.

The Scots dumped Albion, 3-1, Sept. 16 giving them an undefeated streak at home. The squad is now 5-3 overall and 2-2 in the MIAA.

The Scots began the night losing 23-25, but then turned the match around and won the next three games with scores of 33-31, 25-12, and 25-23.

"I think our team did a really good job of not giving up, just letting mistakes go and moving on to the next play," said **Erica Adams ('12)** "We also didn't fall when the pressure was on. Each player stepped it up when needed and didn't play scared."

Despite beginning the night with a loss, the women's volleyball team did not give up, says its coach.

"We resorted to knowing that we worked way too hard to let this game go. We had the mentality of this is our house," head coach Cheyenne Luszyński said.

"Being a home game definitely

helps. It's a different sort of confidence the team brings."

"Preseason really helps us through the whole season because we look back on how hard we worked and know we can do anything if we got through pre season," Adams said.

"We did a lot of team bonding outside of practice to get to know each other better inside and out so we could have the bond before we stepped onto the court."

Throughout the game the Scots played well offensively and defensively to stay on top of the Britons.

"We serve received well, passed well and that allowed us to run our offense," Luszyński said. "We played aggressive all the way through."

Some key players for the women's volleyball team that night include **Beth Caldwell ('12)**, **Kelsey Thompson ('10)**, and **Stephanie Bradshaw ('11)**.

"Kelsey had an outstanding blocking game," **Hannah Hewitt ('11)** said. "Beth has a lot of power and is an explosive player. She

brings all of herself. Stephanie also did well in the back line. She had a lot of digs."

Despite having a young team, the Scots were able to compete. This year the women's volleyball team has 16 freshman, two juniors, and one lone senior. "Even though we're a young team we have a lot of experience," Luszyński said.

"Our biggest strength is our defense," she continued. "We have girls that don't think, just play. They sacrifice everything to keep the ball in the air."

Another strength the Scots have is height, she added.

"We have a lot of height for a Division III program, which can be intimidating," Luszyński said. The tallest player stands at 6-foot-3 while the shortest is 5-foot-4. While the Scots do have a lot of strengths, they also have things they want to improve on during the season.

"We need to improve our ability to terminate the ball and offensively speed up our arms," Luszyński said. "A lot of it is freshmen adapting to the speed of the game and just be more of a threat."

"Volleyball has huge momentum swings. The team that plays together will come out on top. Being able to keep momentum on our side will help us win more games," Hewitt said as to another area the team hopes to improve on.

Over the weekend, the women's volleyball team traveled to Wittenberg, Ohio, for the Border Battle Tournament. "It's very competitive," Luszyński said. "Some of the best teams in the nation will be there with all very good athletes. I'm not worried about wins and losses just about controlling our side of the net."

The Scots lost their first two matches on Friday against Wittenberg and Ohio Northern

3-1 and also lost to Mt. St. Joseph 3-1 and Mt. Union 3-0 on Saturday.

On September 22nd the women's volleyball team will play Kalamazoo College at home.

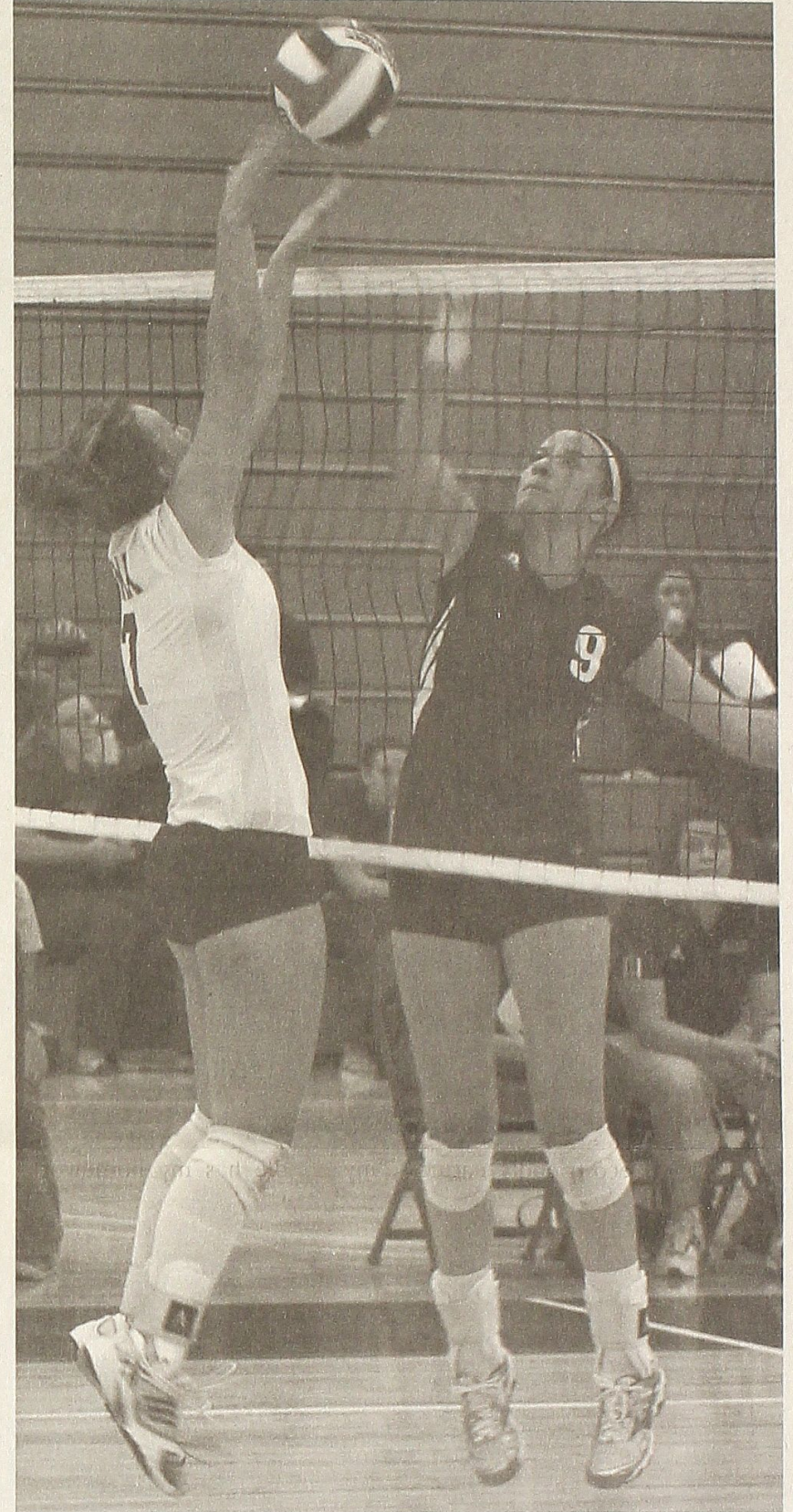


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Stephanie Bradshaw ('11) spikes the ball over the net.

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Spotlight: Caverley makes time for golf in a busy schedule

By ELEANOR KING

STAFF WRITER

For the past eight years **Sarah Caverley ('10)** has been extremely dedicated to golf. She was born in Grand Rapids but graduated from Greenville High School in 2006.

Caverley is the oldest of two children and remembers her childhood fondly.

"I started to really take golf seriously when I was in eighth grade to get ready for the high school team. Growing up I always loved being outside and running around in the woods with all the neighborhood kids."

Once she entered high school, she became an active member of her varsity golf team and was even recognized as "Athlete of the Week" in the Grand Rapids Press.

Caverley was also All-Conference for the OK White Division and received several awards for being the "Most Dedicated Player" on the team. Her enthusiasm and love of the game is undeniable.

She accredits her parents and teammates for much of her success.

"My dad was always a huge supporter of me in high school and now in college. Additionally, some of the upperclassmen girls on my high school team really

inspired me to keep my game sharp."

Since Caverley came to Alma, she has not only filled her days with golf, she is an exceptionally involved person. She is a member of Students in Free Enterprise, Center for Responsible Leadership, Gamma Phi Beta and Alternative Break.

"It can be very stressful at times when you don't have a spare 10 minutes in your day to just relax but when you look back it's all worth it. I've gotten a better handle on it now," she says of her average day at Alma.

However, it is even more impressive that with all of her campus activities and the insanity of day-to-day business, Caverley always finds time to say hello.

Her teammates are unanimously confident in their fellow golfers.

"She contributes a lot to our team," said **Kathleen Amrich ('13)**. "Like, for example, whenever I have a question about anything in golf, she is more than willing to help with it and will help a person out until they finally fully understand something."

Similarly, head women's golf coach Charles Goffnett said, "I have a lot of young players on the team this year and Caverley demonstrates what it takes to be successful — a good short game and solid ball striking and

grinding it out when it isn't going perfectly."

"Academically, we have had the highest team GPA in the MIAA over the past four years. Sarah has been a big influence on that important ingredient in our program."

For students considering joining a sport team on campus, Caverley's main advice is to prepare for a time commitment. She also says to "get ready to meet some great people and have a lot of fun!"

In talking with Caverley it is easy to say that her positive attitude and enthusiasm have helped to shape her as a player. Without such spirit and love of the game she most likely would not be the player and person she is today. Even when things become difficult and intimidating she says "you have to just keep it up and not get defeated."

A student of international business and Spanish, Caverley will be graduating this spring. Though she will be greatly missed by her teammates, sorority sisters and peers, it is clear to see that she will be a great addition to any other team or business. She plans on getting a job doing accounting or in the financial industry and also plans to continue playing. keeps playing and living with the same spirit she has in the past, she will undoubtedly make it far.



Photo provided by Sarah Caverley

Sarah Caverley ('10) has played golf since junior high and continues to enjoy it while passing on her knowledge to younger players.

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Men's soccer battles for a tie against Whitewater



Photo by Catherine Finley

Ben Champion ('11), a midfielder, jumps in order to head the ball before the Wisconsin Whitewater player was able to get it. The Scots are now 0-3-2.

By MARIA CASTANEDA
STAFF WRITER

After two overtime periods the men's soccer team tied Wisconsin-Whitewater 0-0 on Saturday, Sept. 19, the first home game of the season. The Scots now hold an overall record of 0-3-2.

In a long game of 110 minutes, the referee cautioned the players nine times. Five of these cautions were given to the Scots. **Matt Bauhof ('11)** earned a questionable second yellow card in the 89th minute.

"I feel like the ref was quick on the cards and inconsistent," **Ian Kurth ('11)** said. "His calls were sporadic and I feel like he didn't want players talking to him. Anybody who argued with him was carded."

The second yellow ejected Bauhof from the game and will also force him to sit out the next contest.

"Bauhof is a leader and ball winner," Kurth said of losing a starter and captain for the next game. "We're deep this year though, and have a lot of talent on the bench and a lot of guys who can step up. Hopefully we can step up and fill the void."

Other players who were cautioned include Justin Severance, Jeff Beck and Joe Baxter.

With Bauhof earning the second card in the last seconds of regulation time, the men's soccer team was forced to go into

overtime with one fewer player but managed to keep the ball out of their net.

"Even though we were down a man we kept up our work ethic," Kurth said.

Wisconsin-Whitewater outshot the Scots but goalie **Jon Nowak ('11)** was able to make 16 saves.

Throughout the game the Scots were able to do several things well.

"The first half we were working but not playing," Kurth said. "But the second half we stepped up, started to move the ball around, and got a couple of chances."

Going forward the Scots also found several things they need to work on.

"We haven't scored much and until we score it's just a toss up. We need to get the ball in front of the net and get some goal scoring opportunities," Kurth said.

"We're still bonding as a team. From a team aspect it hasn't really come together.

"Individually, we have a lot of guys who work hard but we need to learn to read each other and know where each other is going," Kurth said of more necessary improvements from the team.

"We knew we could win if we did the right things," Kurth said. "Coach was pleased that we did a lot of good things but also knows there's a lot we need to work on."

The men's soccer team will travel to Grand Rapids to play Calvin College on Sept. 23.

Women kickers face tough foes

By CHELSEA CLARK
SPORTS EDITOR

After reaching the MIAA league championships for the first time in school history last year, the Scots scheduled a tough non-league schedule in preparation for the new season.

Their preseason included their first seven games away from home, facing one Division I program, two Division II teams and Denison and Washington University, which are both nationally ranked.

"We have a very ambitious

schedule. Illinois has a couple players who are on the Irish national team, but we were able to have a lot of team bonding on our trip to Chicago," said Coach Jeff Hosler. "I would not schedule anything that we could not handle. You can not pass up a national contender that will play you on your home field."

The high quality of the Scots has shown on their 2-5-1 record after the first eight games.

This weekend marked the first home games of the season for the



Photo by Catherine Finley

Goalkeeper Emma Heppler ('12) clears the ball down the field after a save Saturday against Whitewater.

maroon and cream, with games Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Friday morning before the weekend of games began Hosler said, "fitness has been a big focus for our team, and we are the deepest we have ever been. We can play a lot of girls, so I do not see us have a problem with having three games."

This year's team is experienced as it only graduated one senior last year with eight new faces coming in this season. However, the numbers this year forced the program to cut the JV team for the season.

The Scots had two injuries to deal with this week -- a broken nose on **Maria Castaneda ('12)** and a broken toe on last year's starting midfielder, **Becky Marton ('12)**.

"We are working with the injuries, but we are still trying to figure out what pieces best fit the puzzle," Hosler said. "After this weekend we will have some pretty

good ideas."

The league play starts September 30 at the Scotland Yard against

Hope. "The girls are very excited and they take the protection of Scotland Yard seriously."



Photo by Catherine Finley

Defender Brook Bergeron ('11) steps between the ball and the forward in order to prevent an attack on the goal.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Tuesday, September 16

Volleyball vs. Kalamazoo @ 7 p.m.

Friday, September 18

Women's soccer vs. Defiance @ 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 18

Women's soccer vs. Oberlin @ 1 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. Kalamazoo @ 2 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Trine @ 3 p.m.

Womens golf invitationals @ 1:30 p.m.