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Lawlor Analysis outlines College strengths

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When student complaints and suggestions aren't enough, the College must find new ways to evaluate their current situation as a whole. In February of 2002, Alma College hired The Lawlor Group to perform a situation analysis for the college. The group was asked to examine the existing admission marketing practices, and make suggestions in regards to institutional image and overall brand management. During the Lawlor Group site visit, interviews were given to a large group of individuals including the college president, senior administrators, selected staff members, faculty, and nearly one hundred current students. According to the Lawlor Group, their report is based on a "third party perspective, which in turn is informed not only by the specific introduction to and investigation of Alma, but also by their collective intellectual database, myriad experiences working with many private liberal arts schools throughout the country and knowledge of both education marketing in general and enrollment management." After finding the necessary information, the group published a report that was given to the college, and can now be viewed on the College Intranet.

Judy Scott, director of public relations, commented on the analysis by saying "The information tells us how we are perceived and how far that perception is from reality. Are we delivering to students what they believe was promised?"

With the results now in hand, the college can start to figure out ways to change the negative aspects that students see. "Using the firm's recommendations, we can work on how to fill the gaps between perception and reality. The information also will lead to a revitalized visual identity for Alma, invigorated recruiting tactics and new ideas on how to better serve our students' needs," said Scott.

The actual report is broken down into categories based on issues that the group finds as most important to Alma's image. Some categories for example include: quality of faculty, quality of students, quality of campus, curb appeal of campus, and location. These groups are then split between the strengths the college currently has and the challenges that it faces.

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Experts speak out against mass farming at College forum

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As a way for individuals to discuss concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and their impact on the environment, Ed Lorenz, Director of the Alma College Public Affairs Institute, Micheal Vickery, Chair of the Department of Communication, Murray Borrello, Chair of the Department of Environmental Studies held 'Sharing the Land: The Future of Farming and Impacts on the Environment' a public forum in the Heritage Center Monday at 7:00 pm Monday. Also, April LaCroix (05) served as the student organizer and mediator for the discussion.

"The issue is that to meet high demands for things like milk, beef, chicken, pork, we have developed an efficient way of raising this stuff; they're efficient in that

one can yield a lot in a small area at less of a cost," said Borrello.

However, he continued to mention the repercussions of the CAFOs due to the fact that a lot of the food given to the animals contains steroids in order to help them develop faster. Also, many of the livestock receive hormone injections and antibiotic injections in order to avoid dealing with the effects of the waste and bacteria on the farms.

The individuals available at the forum to generate questions and respond to the issue were Scott Piggott for the Michigan Farm Bureau, Paul Stankewitz for the Catholic Rural Life Coalition, Janice Wilford for the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Anne Woiwode representing the Sierra Club, and Rhonda Wuycheck for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Some of the issues that came up during the discussion included the concerns over what the repercussions these CAFOs or 'Factory Farms' are as well as what actions the state of Michigan and the nation as a whole anticipate happening. Questions ranging from where the farming industry is headed to what sorts of precautions are being taken, if any to prevent present and future health problems were raised.

An individual from Barrington, MI spoke about a number of his own health problems directly linked with the pig factory located behind his home, saying, "I haven't opened my windows for six years and I can't go anywhere because I can't sell my house and the realtors refuse to come out because no one wants to buy property next to the factory." This individual's statement added to the discussion. — See **FORUM** page 2

South complex foosball table disappears

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At the beginning of the school year foosball tables were added to the South Complex lobbies to provide recreation for students while they are not studying.

At three o'clock in the morning on Saturday night a couple of female residents approached the resident assistant on duty, Dan Schwegler (03), to inform him that the foosball table in the Bonbright/Carey lobby had been stolen. Whoever took the table left the legs hidden by the vending machines.

"Usually the RA's are upset when an incident happens," said Andrea Ballinger

(03), assistant hall director. "This time it's not just the staff that's angry. The students are too."

The staff does not understand why the foosball table would be stolen. Ballinger said, "It's there for everyone to use. People have been coming from different parts of the campus just to use the table."

"It's kind of pathetic to actually take the time to dismantle it. It's there for the students to use," said Schwegler.

In order to avoid incidents like this, the building is locked every night. On Saturday night the doors had been propped open. "Students think it's not a big deal to prop the doors, but it is. If they are propped open things like this happen,"

said Ballinger. The table was not bolted down, but it is extremely heavy. "It would take a lot of people to pick it up."

In the future everything will have to be bolted to the ground. "It's sad because this year the school has been trying to make South Complex a nice place to live," said Ballinger. "Not only the RA's are upset, but the students are too. It's sad that the students have to live in these conditions."

"We are trying to find out who did this," said Schwegler "Hopefully if we get the word out we will be able to figure out who did this."



Photo by Dan Joyce

Jeremiah Roberts (03) advances the ball upfield against the Albion Brits on Tuesday. Alma College won the game 2-0.

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NEWS

President's advisory council reconvenes

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The President's Advisory Council (PAC) is ready to tackle any new challenges the 2002-2003 academic year will bring. The Council is composed of nineteen members, consisting of Sandra Tracy, President of Alma College; Reginald Avery, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jerry Scoby, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Carol Hyble, Vice President of Advancement; Dennis Bergvall, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs; Judy Scott, Director of Public Relations, the Chairperson of the Faculty Organization, the President of the Student Congress, and appointed administrators, faculty, and students.

PAC serves many purposes for Alma College, but is specifically designed to gather information to help advise President Sandra Tracy on specific issues concerning the campus. PAC strives to bring out Alma College distinctions, bring together faculty and students around common interests, strengthen the college's engagement with the community, and provide and find opportunities for students.

According to Scott Messing, professor of music, who serves as the Chairperson of the Faculty, "There are elected and appointed members from all sectors of the college. Its first function is to provide the President with advice relating to the monitoring and modification of the strategic plan. The strategic plan has identified seven major categories included in the Alma experience. It became PAC's responsibility, among other things, to decide where resources should be prioritized. PAC's advice becomes crucial in the matter of advising the President on the best way to prioritize resources, including human resources, and not just money."

Catherine Fobes, assistant professor of sociology, who along with Carol Slater, professor of psychology, was one of two appointed faculty new to the committee this year feels very positive about joining. "I see it as an opportunity and an honor to serve Alma College in another way. I hope to be a vehicle of communication for the junior faculty who have concerns about the budget and other related college issues."

Audrey Williams, Physical Plant office associate, is "happy to bring the perspectives and concerns of the clerical and physical plant [staff] before the PAC."

Robyn Paige (04), Student Congress President, said, "I think PAC is a really good opportunity because it brings a lot of different facets of the Alma College community together to serve a useful purpose. Not too often do all these groups get together to discuss 'hot topic issues,' and it is a great way to be on the up and up of what is going on around campus. As a student on the council, it is rewarding to have other groups become aware of students' perspectives on things."

Messing added, "Every time you come back and see something different, you know something has undergone the decision making process."

AIDS walk successful

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Money awarded from a Michigan grant has allowed sophomore April LaCroix (05) to involve the Alma community in her philanthropy work involving the AIDS Walk. What began as a McGregor Institute philanthropy project supporting and organizing Alma involvement in the Lansing AIDS Walk has quickly turned into an exciting and awarding venture for LaCroix and her group.

As captain of the AIDS Walk team, LaCroix works with fellow board members Bethany Doran (05), Taylor Heins (05), Rachel Dyke (05), Tien Huynh (05), and advisor Ann Ritz, coordinator of service learning, to involve the Alma College community in the fight against AIDS.

After last year's hugely successful walk, LaCroix applied for and was awarded a Michigan Campus Compact Venture Grant, which amounted to approximately \$2,300. This money has allowed The Walk team to both continue Alma involvement in the walk and to educate students about HIV/AIDS through funding speakers, sustaining the Walk, and by providing a means by which the AIDS Walk can be rooted into a service organization.

45 to 50 Alma College students turned out for this year's Lansing AIDS Walk, making the A.C. group the largest at the walk. They also raised the most money as a group, bringing in over \$1,000. As a whole, the Walk brought in over \$26,000, which will directly support the Lansing

Area AIDS Network in their free services of testing and counseling, among other things.

After the 2003 AIDS walk, the current grant will expire and new funding will need to be secured. LaCroix's hope is that by the time next year's Walk rolls around, it will have been incorporated as a responsibility and privilege of another campus group. Providing a pre-existing fund base allows the organization to be taken over and incorporated more easily. Though no group has currently been named successor of the Walk, LaCroix and the team are currently in the process of finding a fitting organization.

Another condition of the grant money is to bring a speaker to campus, which the AIDS Walk team plans to accomplish this winter term. The speaker has not yet been confirmed, but will probably be a representative of the Lansing Area AIDS Network.

When asked about her motivation concerning the AIDS Walk, LaCroix commented that the virus had personally touched her life, and that her goal was simply to educate students and to have an impact on the community. She added, "I think the HIV/AIDS problem is linked to all the other problems in the world and you've just got to start somewhere in helping people."

Globally, over 40 million people were living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 2001. In North America alone, over 940,000 people currently live with the virus. (www.hivinsite.ecsf.edu)

College holds Scholarship Luncheon in honor of donors

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The fourth annual Scholarship Luncheon was held on Saturday, October 5. The luncheon is designed for scholarship receiving students to formally receive their scholarships, and possibly meet with the donor who contributed money for the award. The scholarships presented are all "named awards" which are rewarded to students who meet the donor's criteria. About 70 people were present at the gathering, including student recipients as well as donors and some Alma faculty and staff.

Pam Eldrige, Director of Annual Giving, said, "We send an invitation to the scholarship recipient and the donor in hopes that they will both be able to come. When we coordinate the luncheon, we try to get as many donors to come as possible."

This year, Rita Nyomi (05) gave the invocation, President Sandra Tracy and Carol Hyble, Vice President of Advancement spoke, as well as Kaitlyn Sawa (03), who "read a very nice poem, and gave a very profound and sensitive speech," according to Eldrige.

"It is a wonderful time for all of us to be able to thank the donors for the wonderful things they do for Alma and to show them how their sharing affects students lives," Eldrige said. "It is terrific for a student to be able to thank the donor personally." Gunda Kaiser, retired Spanish professor and department chair of Alma, was a donor present at the luncheon. "I donate to the Junior outstanding Spanish major and Senior Spanish major," she said. "Since I am a former professor of the department for 30 years, I still keep my deep interest in the field of language, and I wanted to reward some of the outstanding students for what they did. Our students are hard working, and the top students should be rewarded. Of course, I love to still attend functions at the college. For my own part, I was delighted to meet the students receiving my award, I was curious to see who was getting it, and I had a deep interest in knowing who it was and making contact. I think it has been beneficial for us both to know each other." Eldrige said, "This is a really nice even that we hope to continue in the future."

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cussion, triggering other comments and questions.

Another issue voiced during the forum regarded how the issues "...[were] not simply environmental, but social and economic issues which are intertwined," said Wilford. She also mentioned how many of these problems are catastrophic and chronic.

Pointing out that "Michigan employs 200,000 migrant workers and that farming and agriculture is the second largest part of the state's economy," Stankewitz appealed to the question of whether or not there will be agriculture in the future and if so, "...can we protect the environment, our workers as well as the quality of our food?"

While many of the questions raised at the forum were not directly responded to, the discussion concluded with the recognition of many voices and opinions.

If interested in the effects of CAFOs, visit www.factoryfarms.org, and/or contact April LaCroix or the Department of Environmental Studies.

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When examining the faculty of the college, Lawlor published that students interviewed commented repeatedly on the quality of faculty, describing them as dedicated and caring. Also according to the Lawlor Group, students were portrayed as smart, hardworking and genuine, but surprisingly for the first time in 15 years while researching small colleges the group found students to be described by faculty and fellow students as apathetic. Strengths of the colleges "curb appeal" illustrate the campus as a safe and clean environment that is nicely appointed, while the challenges point out a place students find to be isolated, boring, and lacking any desired attractions. When it comes to on-campus housing and parking, the Lawlor report states, "Although it is not uncommon for students to gripe about housing and parking it is not often we encounter such vehemence in students opinions on these topics." Housing was found to promote a rich residential life, yet lacks adequate housing to upperclassmen searching for independence.

In an overall categorization, the Lawlor Group wrote "despite the many praiseworthy and complementary sentiments expressed by nearly everyone we met during the visit, there was clearly an undercurrent of frustration, negativity, and distrust." In its recommendations the groups finds that the college needs to improve in many areas including: enhancing campus visits, distributing new marketing and communication materials, building a new campus center, improving housing options, and creating a more interactive, sustainable community.

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Saddam Hussein's reelection campaign likely to succeed

Baghdad, Iraq-

President Saddam Hussein's bid for reelection as Iraq's supreme leader is assured as election officials are reporting voting statistics similar to the 1995 election in which Hussein won with 99.96 percent of the vote. Iraqi dissidents report that voters' choices are monitored and a selection other than Hussein is likely to be met with execution. Hussein has been president of Iraq since 1979. The voting referendum has been reported to be timed to show Iraqi solidarity for Hussein's leadership.

Bloomberg refuses to march in parade without 'Sopranos' associates

New York, New York-

New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg refused to attend a parade in New York honoring Columbus Day after parade organizers refused his request to walk with two members of the hit television program "The Sopranos." The Columbus Citizens Foundation, the group in charge of the parade, stated that Dominic Chianese and Lorraine Bracco, the two cast members, negatively portray Italian-American life. Upon hearing of their refusal, Bloomberg countered by stating that he would not attend the event if they were not included. "It's like he's being spiteful," said parade-goer Kristen Cotugno, "It's just a show. I would never say they're portraying all Italians as being in the mob."

Polygamy becomes major issue in race for Arizona governorship.

Pheonix, Arizona-

Richard Mahoney, an independent candidate for the state of Arizona's gubernatorial position has accused both Democratic and Republican candidates of being "soft" on polygamists. While many outside political observers view this act as a ploy to draw voters away from the two major parties, Mahoney launched a small series of commercials accusing Matt Salmon, the Republican candidate and a Mormon, of being unable to deal with a small Mormon sect called the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The group is facing allegations ranging from rape to welfare fraud from several adjoining states. The ads seem to have little effect on the voting public, with Mahoney receiving 8 percent of the vote at the latest poll released in October.

Falwell apologizes for calling Muhammad a 'terrorist'

Lynchburg, Virginia-

The Rev. Jerry Falwell issued an apology after calling Muhammad, the founder of Islam, a violent man and a terrorist. During a September 30 interview on CBS Falwell made the comment that after reading Muslim and non-Muslim writers that Muhammad "was a violent man, a man of war." He continued, "I think (Prophet) Muhammad was a terrorist." Unnamed Muslim leaders have been said to accept the apology.

Michigan gubernatorial race heats up

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The leaves are changing colors, the temperature is dropping, and election day is rapidly approaching. Yes, it has once again reached the glorious time when every major television station is infested with attack ads against opposing candidates. This election is no different. With Dick Posthumus and Jennifer Granholm sitting in the hot seats and only weeks left until election-day, the stakes are high and both candidates are not hesitating to partake in typical political campaigning.

For two weeks, Republican candidate Dick Posthumus has subjected Democratic candidate Jennifer Granholm, to relentless assault on an array of issues that he says characterizes her integrity. In a debate held in Grand Rapids last Monday, Posthumus stopped just short of calling Granholm a liar.

Granholm tried to get an edge by offering to pull attack ads, but Posthumus would not give up the one tactic his campaign is banking on for a comeback. Posthumus is significantly down in the polls by double-digit deficits.

For the last 12 years, John Engler has dominated the Michigan statehouse. This election, voters need to ask themselves if they want the next four years to resemble the last twelve. If so, their choice is Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus, who has been closely linked to Engler

since the two were college friends at Michigan State. Posthumus served eight years as Senate majority leader before taking the lieutenant governor job four years ago. Some of the main goals that Posthumus is proposing include a greater investment in the Michigan transportation system, cutting taxes to spur economic growth and create jobs, as well as goal that every child will be able to read by the 3rd grade.

Jennifer Granholm, on the other hand, is the candidate for those looking for a major change. Granholm, who currently occupies the position attorney general, is young and liberal—stressing civil rights, and corporate responsibility. Some of the key goals in Granholm's proposal are lowering the cost of prescription drugs, expanding access to affordable, quality healthcare for working men and women, and protecting the quality of air and water by fighting drilling in the Great Lakes and banning new hazardous waste incinerators.

Both candidates differ enormously. From liberal to conservative, Democratic to Republican, to the issues each is standing for, the outcome of this election will either yield major change or consistency. This upcoming November practice your legal right to vote. Become informed on the issues that both candidates are addressing, because this election will directly affect all Michigan residents. As Alicia Huffman (03) stated, "It is extremely important for students to sign up for absentee ballots and vote, because it is one of easiest ways to have a voice."

Washington sniper remains at large

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Sniper shootings have been occurring in Washington D.C. and surrounding areas since October 2nd. The weekend remained calm until Monday, when a 13 year old boy was critically injured. There is a \$500,000 reward offered but no suspects have been named.

"He is holding an entire region in his grip of terror. He's enjoying the notoriety that he's achieved here," James Fox, a Northeastern University criminologist stated. "And of course, he's enjoying the cat-and-mouse game he's playing with the police."

Eight people have been killed and two others are hospitalized with serious injuries. Five people were killed in Montgomery County on Oct. 2, a Washington man was killed on Oct. 3 and a woman was wounded in Spotsylvania County, Virginia on Oct. 4. Even though the weekend was free of shootings, area residents called in and gave false reports to police.

A customer at the first shooting scene, a crafts store in Wheaton, discovered bullet pieces in a magazine. Many of the victims have been shot while pumping gas, parking or just walking along. Each victim has been shot once only with a .223 caliber round. Since the sniper is such an excellent marksman, names of military sniper personnel in the area have been checked to see who has been discharged recently in the Washington area, but no names have been reported as matching. Authorities have gone as far as to check on those that had not reported for work recently or acted suspicious since the attacks began.

One theory speculates the sniper may be an avid video game player. The killer left the inscription "Dear Policeman: I am God" on the 'Death' tarot card placed on one of his victims.

Florida lawyer Jack Thompson said "The mayhem that we're seeing, we're seeing played out by somebody who is a marksman, either in the military or a video game setting."

There are several different, conflicting theories surrounding the sniper and his or her motives.

Doug Lowenstein, President of Interactive Digital Software Association disagrees with the notion that the sniper would likely be an avid video game player. "This murderous spree is the act of a deranged and sick individual. It's not violent media that create sociopathic personalities. The notion that using a video game can teach people to be a sharpshooter is absurd."

Former FBI profiler Clint Van Zandt sums it up best. "The public has this insatiable desire to know, sometimes just because we like to inquire, we like to know what's going on. But the other part is we want to protect ourselves. We want to know, should we be out shopping, should we be buying coffee, should I go to the grocery store?"



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OPINION

Investing works for the young and poor



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Last summer in the mail I received a relatively innocent looking mass-mailing with lovely photos of a college student rock-climbing and another going to work in a suit and tie. It compared the bank accounts of Tiffany, a college student who invested a relatively small amount at 21 and added some change every month until 40, with Bill, who did the same but started at 24 and invested twice as much and contributed more every month.

The shock came when it showed that Tiffany, thirty years later, would have more money than Bill. The math looked shady, but it seemed the company had proven that investing during college instead of waiting until graduating, settling and having a decent job could add up considerably.

Like any other human being I liked having a little extra pocket change, and decided to do research to find out if this was true. While I only had \$500 that I could justify stocking away from some time, it probably would do better in stocks than in my savings account or buried in my backyard.

This editorial will be the first in a two-part series discussing the merits of investing young in small amounts. Contrary to popular belief, not only is the stock market accessible to college students, but a small amount of money squirreled away in the right place becomes well-worth the effort.

After crunching some numbers, I found the results of early investment staggering. Using the formula for figuring compounded interest over time, $P = I(1 + r/n)^n$, \$500 invested at the age of 21 gaining 10% interest compounded monthly yields \$39,989.65 when withdrawn at the age of 65. That same money invested at the same rate at age 24 yields only \$29,661.91. The \$9,000 difference assumes that money is not being contributed to this account over time at all—just abandoned.

That seemed all well and good, but I needed more convincing. Doing a quick search for financial calculators at Google.com, I discovered Hugh's mortgage and financial calculators. I simply had to plug in the initial investment, monthly contribution, the interest rate, and the number of years it would sit, and then click a button for it to calculate my savings. \$20 per month seemed like an investment a college student with a monthly paycheck could handle. That same \$500, sitting for 44 years becomes \$229,539.98, compared to \$169,639.09 when invested for 41 years. Almost \$60,000—a year's salary at a very nice job—for only \$20 a month didn't seem too shabby.

Anyone watching the news lately realizes that many wealthy investors have become worried, as the stock market has performed very poorly in the past months and would legitimately scoff at the idea of getting 10% interest every year. However, according to Dave and Tom Gardner, authors of *The Motley Fool Investment Guide*, Standard and Poor's 500 Index and the Dow Industrial average—two tools investors use to track economic growth—have annually gained 11.2%. See INVEST page 5

Choose your words carefully



TIM SLADE
Opinion Editor

I spent a good portion of my weekend scouring the New York Times on the web looking for inspiration for this article, and I kept striking out. Finally, in desperation, I turned to the BBC, and I hit the jackpot. Before I get to that, though, I'd like to suggest to you all that <http://news.bbc.co.uk> would be an excellent choice of a homepage; it has more international news than any American-based media outlet, and is far less likely to provide the kind of biased American-ego-feeding junk that is so common in our readily accessible news sources.

I must admit some disappointment, however, that the article I finally hit on will not permit me to bring much of an international perspective to the paper this week. However, I'll still be able to provide my typical moral object lesson, so stay tuned. Today's class will be about the value of keeping your mouth shut so that: a) people don't think you are some kind of bigoted fool; b) you don't bring dishonor upon the folks who have the [mis]fortune of being your constituents; c) you can walk outside with your head held high. It is with great frustration and chagrin that I present to you today's object lesson, the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

Reverend Falwell made the international news scene again yesterday by apologizing for earlier remarks he made about Islam and the Prophet Mohammed. This is perhaps the first positive thing that I have ever seen him in the news for, and he should be commended for his action. Of course, for those of you who weren't following 60 minutes earlier this week, the whole reason he had to apologize in the first place was that during his interview he declared "I think Mohammed was a terrorist. I read enough by both Muslims and non-Muslims, (to decide) that he was a violent man, a man of war."

Ummm...yeah...I'm gonna have to go ahead and sort of disagree with you on that one, Bob. I'm just not sure you're the kind of caliber person we're looking

for to represent us to the world.

This sort of unthinking slander is unfathomable to me, especially coming from someone who, for better or worse, is thought by much of the world to represent my personal convictions. Firstly, he's American, which means that those of us who are Christians have now been unconsciously lumped into a group with Falwell. Second, he's a Southern Baptist. While I am an American Baptist, which is a wholly separate and unrelated group, most people do not recognize or understand the differences between the various Baptist denominations, so I have now been lumped in with him. Of course, with more than 87 flavors of Baptists floating around, it's no surprise that people can't always keep them apart. Still, I don't know how many times I've had to explain to people who learn that I'm a Baptist that I didn't support the boycott of Disney that the Southern Baptist called for a couple years back (they were angry because Disney was extending health benefits to the partners of gay employees), and I'd rather not have to explain that I don't agree with Falwell on this matter either.

For those upperclassmen who remember the dear Reverend being in the news a short while ago (say, at the end of your high school careers), let me refresh your memory. He made international headlines then by denouncing Tinky Winky, the purple bag-carrying Teletubby, as a homosexual. His reasons for this astounding leap of logic include the facts that Tinky Winky is purple (the color of gay pride); he carries a purse; he has a triangular antenna on his head (triangles are the shape of gay pride). Unconfirmed reports allege that in a little-known follow-up article, he accused Po (she of the red color and circle on her head) of being a bloodthirsty sun worshipper, Laa-laa (she of the yellow color and two bent antennae) of being a cowardly crook, and Dipsy (he of the green color and tall horn) of being a tree-hugging outlet for the show creators' Freudian obsessions. Okay, not really—I made up that last part. But those allegations are hardly more absurd than suggesting that Teletubbies are defiling our youngsters' minds. Sure, the show is

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Dress for the season

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Staff Writer

Shhh....I've got a secret. It's October. Temperatures outside may plummet below room temperature. I just wanted to let all of you know.

I mean, I assume you didn't, because I continually hear some of you girls in mini-skirts and sandals complain about how cold the wind is against your legs. And for you shirtless guys who return from practice shivering, I just wanted to clear up confusion.

You see, in Michigan, for about half of the year, our little corner of the earth is tipped pretty far away from the Sun. And while yes, we are still pretty close to it, we're just enough farther away than, say, Aruba, that the temperature tends to drop a little bit. Don't be scared. It's normal, and the sun will return. You can even do a little sun dance like ancient cultures did in the spring to encourage the sun and its to return. Just so you know, though, this is Michigan (as I said before, not Aruba) and it'll get colder before it gets any better.

Not all hope is lost, though. You see, sometimes, when it's really cold, instead of raining it snows, and you can pack the snow up into a ball and throw it at people for fun or to be annoying. A tip though: the snow is so cold it hurts if it hits a bare leg or bare chest, so I would recommend saving those mini-skirts for a more special occasion than your 8:30 organic chemistry

class. Instead, you can go to any clothing store in the mall and buy sweaters and mittens and earmuffs, reminiscent of third grade. If you're lucky, you can even buy the mittens with that little string attaching them so you don't lose them before next year when cold weather rolls around again.

Oh, and the dorm rooms do have windows. The same ones you successfully wedged open back in August or September have not been permanently nailed that way. They will close if you push hard enough. Plus, did you know Alma College splurged and is offering heat this year? Yes, for one low price of just your board payment, you too can open up your radiators and wait for that blessed warm air. Alas, there is a catch: the radiators must be open to work.

Before there's even snow though, there's other fun stuff. Just to warn you in advance, leaves falling from trees is normal. I know it doesn't happen in Aruba so much, but it's okay. This is Michigan. They turn colors, die, and fall off, unless they're the green, pokey, needle-like ones on pine trees. Don't worry or cry, the trees aren't dead; just the leaves are, and they'll come back.

Like I said, I just wanted to warn you all it's gonna get cold up here. I'm really sorry if the palm trees, the surf, and the coconuts around campus confused you. We'll try to do something about those for next year.

OPINION

Students get short end of food service stick

AMANDA BAUSHKE
Staff Writer

This past summer I worked at Cedar Point. While I was working there I lived in the housing that they provide, and ate the food available for the employees. We paid for our food, but the price was extremely inexpensive. Pepsi in a can was 35 cents. A hot pocket was one dollar. When I got there I was surprised that they were able to give us the food at such a cheap price, especially after I was used to the expensive prices in Scotty's. Cedar Point is such a big monopoly that it doesn't have to pay for the wages of the employees in the cafeterias and stores by increasing the cost of the products. It makes money in other ways.

It makes me mad that we are charged such high prices for many of the products in Scotty's. Ramen noodles are 45 cents here as opposed to the 20 cents I pay in a grocery store. A can of pop is 60 cents. After living and working for a place like Cedar Point I know that it is possible for the prices to be lower. I also know that the prices can be a lot higher because Cedar Point charges its guests \$2.30 for a 12 ounce fountain pop. The big wigs charge high prices because they know that guests will pay the money and they do.

At Alma the students have no option because the school already has our money. We pay them when we pay for room and board, so they charge the high prices because they know that they can get away with it. Although the students already

paid the money, it feels like they're getting free food because they don't have to pay at the time. The school doesn't have to pay the employees of Scotty's with the money they make off the products because they already have the money. Scotty's is run by Marriott just like all of the other food services on campus. So they get away with charging stiff prices that the students accept because the food has already been paid for, and there isn't a whole lot we can do about it. Marriott makes money off the students.

Another way that students are taken advantage of is the block plan. If a student gets the block plan he is only allotted 10 to 11 meals a week. If a student chooses the 14 meal-a-week plan he is allowed to use up to 14 meals a week, and at the end of the week the left over meals are deleted. If that person has a friend come to visit he has to use his munch money to pay for the friend. Personally I would rather have the 14 meal-a-week or the 19 meal a week plan because I would not want to run out of meals at the end of the semester if I went to 12 meals a week, and had a friend a few times, but if I do have a friend I would like to be able to give them one of my meals because I never eat 14 meals in a week. I pay the school for 14 meals a week, but I never really use all of them. My only option is to go to the cafeteria for every meal because if I don't my meals are deleted. I think that more options need to be explored, so the students do not feel that they aren't getting all that they pay for.

CSO letter not representative of all Catholics; more dialogue desperately needed

I was greatly distressed after reading the letter entitled "Sullivan's message to campus flawed" by John Gardai, which appeared in last Tuesday's *Almanian*. Mr. Gardai claimed to be responding to the presentation that Andrew Sullivan gave on "The Current Crisis in the Catholic Church," but throughout the letter he focuses almost exclusively on Sullivan's views about the Church's policy on homosexuality, a topic that Sullivan addressed primarily in response to a *single question* asked during the question and answer session following the presentation. The vast majority of Sullivan's seminar stuck to the title topic.

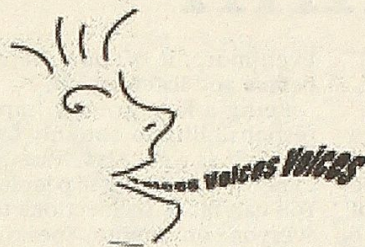
There were only two portions of the letter that responded to [the] other hour and forty-five minutes of Sullivan's presentation. The first response revolves around Sullivan's explanation for the cause of the crisis. Saying that Sullivan ignored the real reason for the crisis, Gardai, citing an article by Stanley Kurtz in the June 3 edition *National Review*, claims that the crisis was caused by "a dramatic influx of homosexuals into the priesthood during the 70s and 80s." First, Sullivan made it very clear that the fact that a priest is a homosexual does not mean that he is a pedophile or would commit any acts of child molestation or is in any way the 'wrong type of person' for the job. Gardai's reasoning also leaves one important question unanswered: why did this influx of the wrong type of people into the priesthood occur in the first place?

Sullivan specifically addressed that question during his seminar tracing the cause of the crisis back to the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which was issued by Pope Paul VI in 1968. Sullivan described the conundrum this created for many Catholics, who could not bring themselves to follow a teaching that conflicted with their own consciences. *Humanae Vitae* reaffirmed the Church's teaching that the only morally sound reason for sexual

intercourse is procreation and that therefore artificial contraception of any kind is wrong. According to Sullivan, the consequences of this debate as well as the repercussions of the discussions that took place during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) lead [sic] to a transformation in the population of the priesthood. Sullivan spoke of men who felt marginalized or were unclear about their sexuality entering the priesthood as well as some priests who turned in their frocks in order to marry. Again, I emphasize that Sullivan made it clear that simply because a priest is a homosexual does not mean that he is a pedophile.

Gardai, who is backed by the Alma College Catholic Student Organization (www.geocities.com/almacso), also mentions "Sullivan's dire prediction for the American Catholic Church is not shared by (the Catholic Student Organization)." Sullivan's predicted that if the Church does not begin some sort dialogue with the faithful, then eventually this crisis and other problems, such as the shortage of priests, could lead to some sort of schism from Rome. I am worried that the position taken by the CSO will be interpreted as the general position of all Catholics. As a Catholic myself, I certainly do find truth in Sullivan's prediction. I both fear for and am frustrated with my Church. These sex scandals have been rocking the Church for the better part of a year now and action on the part of the hierarchy and Church leaders is really only beginning to materialize. For example, the archdiocese of Detroit is creating a panel that will assist Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida in deciding the fate of accused priests ("Judge to run panel on Church sex-abuse" *Detroit Free Press*, September 20, 2002). This is refreshing news, but I have to ask, why has it taken so long? (If anyone would like to see the proposed policies the U.S. Conference of

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What are your plans for fall break?

"I'm going to Muskegon with a friend."
Vanessa Jimenez (05)



"I'm going home to do some research."
Lisette Hoeltzel (06)

"I'm probably going to head home, play video games, sleep in, and watch some television."
Tim Swanson (06)



"I'm planning on doing some community service, maybe in the Masonic Home or with Habitat for Humanity."
Yulianna Vilkos (06)

"I'm going to put a new bed on my truck because it was broken by my girlfriend."
Ray VanSteenkiste (03)



CORRECTION
Last week's letter to the editor "Sullivan's message to campus flawed" was solely attributed to John Gardai. The views expressed in that letter represent the views of the Alma College Catholic Student Organization.

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and 10.6% respectively. These tools approximate average growth; a good investor can outperform these averages consistently.

Now is the time. With the market having fallen so greatly in the past year, stock prices for strong companies have dropped. The small amount of money a college student can muster is worth much more on the market now than it was in 2000 or 2001. That being said, many potential beginning investors may get nervous, worrying that their pittances will disappear in the bear market. However, the opening chapters of most macroeconomics textbooks assert that part of what drives capitalist market success is faith in future gains. The market will rebound.

Next week I will delve into how a college student can go about poking his or her nose into the market without having to hire an expensive broker or invest large sums of initial money.

FEATURE

A day in the life of an RA: Colin McLaughlin

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Staff Writer

For second year resident assistant **Colin McLaughlin (04)**, being an RA is filled with positives and negatives. The negatives obviously come in the form of problems ranging from roommate disputes to emotional and physical difficulties. The problems seem to crop up just about all the time too, and sometimes rather inconveniently they do not neatly space themselves out either. One day as a resident assistant you might not run into any problems at all, while the next it seems that you are just being hit from all sides.

The inconsistency of problems might seem to be the most difficult part of being an R.A., but McLaughlin insists that there is something much harder. He says, "The hardest part is being friends while trying to be professional and do the job that you're being paid for at the same time." As you can imagine, this brings up several ethical problems when a resident assistant becomes friends with his/her residents. On one hand, you want to not get your friend in trouble, but on the other you know that if you do not do something now then the trouble might be more serious in the future. If this is what being a resident assistant is really like then why would anyone volunteer to become one.

McLaughlin stresses that being an R.A. has an upside, and it is not just about dealing with tough issues and problems. It is tremendous learning experience. You learn how to make tough decisions that affect people's lives, and when it is appropriate to be a friend and when it is appropriate to be a resident assistant.

Even more, it is about being there for people and listening.

Being a R.A. greatly improves your responsibility to not only others, but to yourself as well. Also, it is a great means to network with other people on campus. You can make connections to just about everyone on campus. Speaking about his own, personal networking experience, McLaughlin says, "It is a good feeling because you really get to know the faculty and administration." He went on to say that people who seemed distant from you, such as Hall Directors suddenly become friends. This comes in handy especially if you need a letter of recommendation.

Resident assistants also receive a percentage of their room paid for via checks received in the mail every month. McLaughlin says that receiving this check is really what makes you feel like you work for the college. At some other colleges, resident assistants simply get their room paid for, but they never see the money themselves.

Perhaps, the best aspect of being a R.A. is living alone in a room designed for two people. Students do not just receive their own room as a reward for volunteering to take on this challenge. Rather, resident assistants are given their own room to improve privacy and confidentiality for everyone that might be involved.

Becoming an R.A. is not an easy task nor is actually being one, but as long as the benefits outweigh the detriments for a specific person, the job remains a rewarding one. As McLaughlin exclaimed, "I love it and I'm planning on doing it again next year."

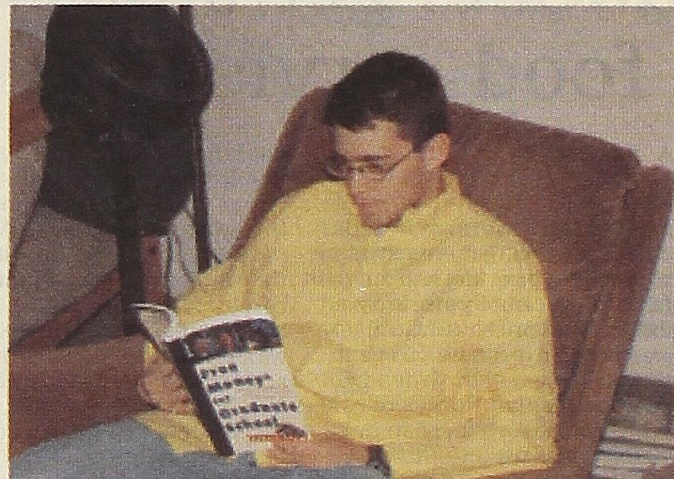


Photo by Jason Garvin

Colin McLaughlin (03) is an RA in Bruske Hall. This is his second year on staff.



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Bruske Hall is the only residence hall with a substance free tower. RA's are responsible for keeping students in line and helping them adjust to college life.

The Rimers of Eldritch Alma Theatre successfully performs unique story

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Feature Editor

Lying, Cheating, Rape and Murder...these are all immoral actions that have plagued the human race since its beginnings. In the play "The Rimers of Eldritch," the Alma College Theatre effectively portrayed these sins in an abstract and often confusing way, yet kept the audience satisfied.

The Rimers of Eldritch is the story of a ghost town with a population of only seventy. The atmosphere is eerie and desolate, and the residents are nosy and aware of what surrounds them. The cast is made up of many different characters and families whose lives are separate, but all intertwined in some way or another. Eva, played by **Cindy Drebus (04)**, is a fourteen year old crippled girl who is often met with empathy from others in town. She spends the majority of her time with Robert Conklin (**Jonathon Musser (05)**), also known as driver jr., a young man who battles with his own demons and the pressure of living in his dead brother's shadow. Cora Groves, played by **Aili Meister (03)**, owns a café in town, and spends the majority of her time with a much younger man, Walter (**Patrick Kosal**), which does not fare well with the religious and pompous citizens of Eldritch. **Nathan Oliver (06)** plays Skelly Manor, the town hermit who is feared and often misunderstood. **Patsy Johnson**, played by **Megan Greene (06)** is a pretty young woman who longs to escape from the nothingness that is Eldritch. All of these characters and more made up the setting for a puzzle that the audience worked to solve.

This concept creates an unusual situation. Instead of events taking place in chronological order, *The Rimers of Eldritch*

used flashbacks and reverse chronology to tell the story. There are also a number of events taking place at once, which seem to have nothing to do with each other. It can be compared to such a film as *Pulp Fiction* in this regard.

However, after paying close attention to details, the major storylines begin to come together. It becomes easier to understand the purpose of each character and how they relate to the main theme.

A murder has occurred, and all the residents of Eldritch know something about it. However, it is quite difficult to summarize a play such as this one due to the way it develops. It is not until the final ten minutes that the audience is able to put all the pieces together and truly understand

what has been taking place the entire time, as well as the details of the tragedy. This can be frustrating, but it is also relief when the time comes.

The Rimers of Eldritch was a wise choice for the company. It was atypical, which



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The Rimers of Eldritch was the theatres first performance of the 2002-2003 school year. The next play will be *Boys' Life*, taking place in early December.

were touches of romance, comedy, crime and conflict, which invited a larger demographic to enjoy the production.

Though the story itself was interesting, it is obvious it would have not made the impact it did without the actors. Drebus portrayed emotion and life with a dra-

matic and passionate flair. Meister's innocent appeal pushed the audience to her side, even when the others on stage were against her. Greene was also a delight in her first appearance with the theatre. Other major characters who stood out were Oliver, as the frightening hobo, **Ashley Sawatzke (06)**, as the "crazy" old lady who constantly spoke of Eldritch's demise, and **Sandy Patrick (03)** and **Sara Hemmingson (05)** as the town gossips that brought some comic relief to the play.

The direction was also done very well. Almost none of the actors left the stage throughout the entire play. The blocking was done so that even though the characters were in view, those who were in the scene were focused on the most. This was also due to the lighting, which was successful in accomplishing separation on the stage. There were moments when the cast would sing, or each break out in similar monologue. This was an interesting way to divert the audiences attention to the group as a whole, before they came together at the end.

As far as the downsides of the play, the storyline may have been considered too abstract for some. The language used was also quite profane, which would not be a problem if the play were taking place in more modern times, but it seemed a little much for a small town in the 1960's. The stage design was very simple, which worked well with the story, but also gave little visual stimulation to the audience and may have bored some.

The Rimers of Eldritch was a successful selection for the Theatre. It was a unique choice, and it challenged the viewer in quite a few ways. The company has always been extremely impressive, and it didn't disappoint this time.

FEATURE

Beethoven's Eroica: Scripps last performance with Orchestra

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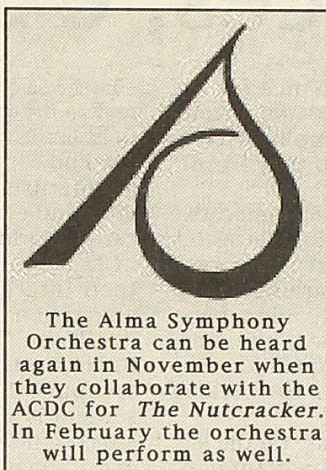
Saturday marked the year's first performance of the Alma Symphony Orchestra. The evening's program included Shubert's Overture to *Rosamunde of Cyprus* and his Rondo in A Major, Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 (Eroica), the introduction of a concertmaster, and the finale for a conductor.

Shubert's *Rosamunde*, which was one of his first orchestral works to be publicly performed, was carried off without a hitch. Working under substitute concertmaster Kyle Nester (04), the group did Shubert's early work great credit. It moved on to the Rondo, which featured the ASO's new full-time concertmaster, Jason Economides. Economides, who holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan, performed a remarkable rendition of the Shubert Rondo; as technically challenging as it is beautiful, it was an excellent choice for his debut with the ASO. He replaces former

concertmaster Wei Tsun Chang, who has taken a position at Tennessee Technological University.

The full Orchestra returned for Beethoven's immortal third symphony. The "Eroica" is a piece of immense cultural and musical significance; Beethoven originally intended it as a tribute to Napoleon, but then, infuriated by Napoleon's imperialistic coup, changed the name to a word meaning simply "heroic." Written in 1804, its call for an expanded Orchestra and its then unprecedented length and scope are among the reasons that it is acknowledged as the first symphony designed as a united whole.

Sunday's repeat performance of the concert, however, marked Douglas Scripps' last stage performance with the Orchestra he has molded for so long.



The Alma Symphony Orchestra can be heard again in November when they collaborate with the ACDC for *The Nutcracker*. In February the orchestra will perform as well.

Scripps has been directing at Alma College since 1985. He will conduct the *Nutcracker* from the orchestra pit in November, but retires from the College at the end of this term. To judge from the performance of his Orchestra on Saturday, he will be missed.

The Eroica was incredible from start to finish, encompassing the whole realm of human experience and thought. This owes much to its composer and much to its conductor, but the real

accomplishment here can be attributed to the students and community members who comprise the Alma Symphony Orchestra. It does much to maintain and perpetuate Alma's reputation as an institution with a rich musical and cultural tradition.

Prequel *Red Dragon* surpasses previous "Hannibal" films

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It's impossible to think of Anthony Hopkins and not think of Dr. Hannibal Lecter, "Hannibal the Cannibal" and his character in *Silence of the Lambs* and *Hannibal*. However, *Red Dragon*, the first book written by Thomas Harris but the last to grace the big screen, turns the focus from the methodical doctor onto his relationship with the unique Agent Will Graham.

Unlike the previous *Hannibal*, the movie directed by Brett Ratner lures audiences with promises of unraveling a riveting story as well as giving insight to the good doctor's complex mind. What makes *Red Dragon* a movie that enhances the effect of the two previous films is how it manages to find a balance between appealing to one's need for a psychological drama and pacifying one's lust for horror.

The story unfolds with Agent Graham unveiling Dr. Hannibal Lecter as the killer that he is and with Lecter ending up in prison. Graham, played by Edward Norton is blessed/cursed with the skill of sharp acuity, leading to his initial instincts that Dr. Lecter is indeed a killer and cannibal. Let it be known, however, that Lecter is not caught so easily. After Graham discovers who Lecter really is, the two men engage in a brawl bringing them

both to the edge of death: Graham having been stabbed repeatedly and Lecter having been impaled with an arrow and shot.

Years later, Agent Graham is coaxed out of his retirement with his wife and child and their Florida home by former boss, Jack Crawford, played by Harvey Keitel.

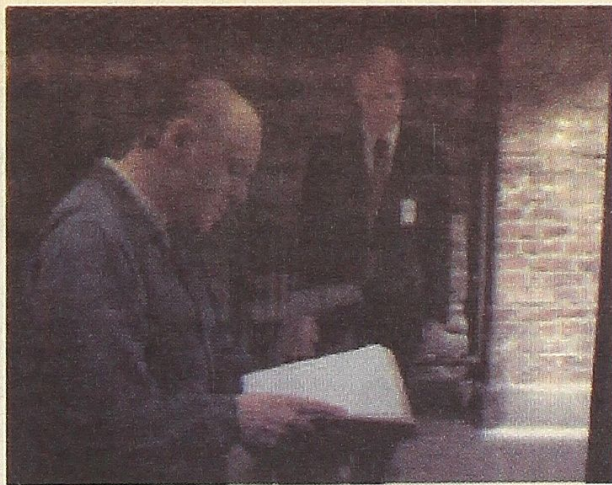


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Crawford appeals to Graham out of the need to stop "The Tooth Fairy", a serial killer who brutally slays suburban families and places broken shards of mirrors into the eyes of his victims. While the crimes he commits are indeed horrific and haunting, the killer Francis Dolarhyde, played by Ralph Fiennes is not.

As the film gradually reveals, his past involves persistent memories of an abusive childhood that prevent him from escaping his split personality. Dolarhyde exists in a world full of complexities and indeed, his own is one as well. He has both a capacity for immense tenderness, which is seen in his encounters with a blind female co-worker, brilliantly played by Emily Watson and an insatiable appetite for destruction. What makes Fiennes character extraordinary is his ability to portray all of the degrees in between his kind self and his ruthless self, leaving the audience unsure of which direction he's headed, making him both convincing and terrifying.

While Dolarhyde freshens the story, Hopkins' Lecter summons the more familiar aspects of the story. With Hopkins being a character consistent throughout all three films, the audience is somewhat prepared and knows what to expect. Ironically, what makes *Red Dragon* a vast improvement from last year's *Hannibal* is the scarcity of Dr. Hannibal Lecter.

It's what Lecter holds back to leave us guessing about that makes him so deliciously captivating yet so treacherously chilling.

The climax of the film lies in the parallels between Dolarhyde and Lecter, providing a suitable and satisfying ending to the two-hour nerve-jangler. **Grade: A**

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FEATURE

Internships provide students with valuable resources, experience

OLGA WROBEL
Feature Editor

College is a time for reflection, experience, learning and socializing. Time seems to fly by, and before you know it, graduation has arrived. Going out into the "real" world can be stressful and frightening, but a large number of students ease the discomfort by having an internship sometime in their four (or five) years here at Alma College. Not all students may be aware of the importance of placements, especially first years, so it is important to provide information on the topic.

The first place a student may want to head if interested in being an intern is the Center for Student Development, located downstairs at the Hamilton Commons. Mindy Sargent, the associate dean of student development, is more than willing to give students the push in the direction they need to go. Finding an internship can be grueling at times, but it is more than worth it. "It is a great preparation for the world of work," Sargent said.

Sargent told *The Almanian* that there are a few major advantages to having an internship. The first of these is self-assessment. A student is able to discover what their skills are, whether it's the creative process, excellent communication, or problem solving, among other things. "This way students are able to find their fields of passion, and discover what it is they want," Sargent explained.

Another major advantage is researching a company and field. Students look into the field that they are interested in general, and are able to focus on what suits

them better. "This is a chance for the student to decide if they like corporate or small businesses, for example. What is better for them? Where do they fit in?" Sargent said.

There are technical and communicative skills that are polished during the search for an internship. The interview process, designing a resume, and learning how to promote oneself are all valuable aspects that will come into use in the future. Once a student knows their best qualities, they are able to showcase them to the world of work.

Once the student is actually on the job, there is an abundance of advantages. There is on site training; there is no better way to learn about a field than to actually be there. The intern can discover what professional advancements are being made, and what the opportunities of the future are, something that the average person may not be aware of. The language of the field becomes apparent, as well as experience. Having a supervisor and training are also valuable resources for the student.

Sargent had lots of advice to offer students interested in interning. "It is important to know that you do not have to accept just anything. It must be a match. You want to be challenged, but not overwhelmed, and especially not bored. It is important to ask, can I see myself here in ten years?" There may be an initial feeling of inferiority, but as time passes, it gradually declines. "The heavy weights in the organization train you, and can be compared to a see saw. The more you grow, the more equal you become," Sargent said. "It is important to be positive, proactive, and willing to take

chances, especially if you are unhappy or feel as if you are being used." Not every field is the right one, and a student may not know it till they are there; therefore an internship can save one from a lot of grief and confusion once they are in the career world.

Often times, students may go back to their internships and work there after graduation. This was the case for alumni Phillisha Harden (02) and Emily Brookhouse (02). Not only is the company helpful to the student, the student is an asset as well. The different jobs use interns to create applicant pools and to focus on future situations. "It's a win-win situation for both," Sargent said.

So how can a student go about getting an internship? There are many opportunities here on campus. The first place to look is at the center, where there are internship directories in the career resource room. Currently the Monster track system is being installed. There are four drawers full of placements in the center as well. Sargent is very helpful in researching with the students. "Even if we don't have it, it's still possible." There are alumni to network with. Finally, students can search online for placements in areas they have always been interested in. Such organizations as the FBI and National Geographic have internship opportunities and applications right on their website.

Another valuable asset that the college provides are off campus, semester long internship opportunities. These include the popular Philadelphia Center and the Urban Life Center in Chicago. Both of these give students a chance to work in their field of interest while living in large cities on their own. These are wonderful chances

to fast forward into the future and experience the career of ones choice.

Talking to other students who have had job placements is extremely helpful. There are a large number on campus, and many of these are communication majors, who are required to intern in order to graduate. Meredith Henry (03), a communications major, spent her summer at Metaldyne as a corporate communications intern. When asked why internships are important, she said "It puts you in a business environment and teaches you to apply what you have learned. The practical application helps you realize where your interests lie." Lynette DePeter (03) had the chance to intern in Philadelphia in winter 2002. "Doing my internship in Philadelphia helped strengthen my resume and gave me good experience into the field I am going into." DePeter worked as a student intern at the University of Pennsylvania's Women Center. Some students are lucky enough to work in huge businesses and government offices. Jared Evans (03) worked in the public relations office of the Palace of Auburn Hills. "It was cool because I was around many famous people, whether they were playing in a game or having a concert. It was exactly what I want to go into. I did everything my boss did. It was good to learn about the field and do hands on work."

Internships are a great opportunity for students to go beyond Alma and get a taste of the career world and what they will eventually be doing. There are many valuable resources on campus, and taking the time to research these is definitely worth it in the long run.

New Gelston hall director adjusts to Alma's small town atmosphere

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Staff Writer

Hall director Claude Huddleston, new this year to Gelston, has a greeting sign on his door. "I like nice people" it reads. His wife Lauren also likes macaroni and cheese and he likes anything she cooks. They have been married since July 20th.

Huddleston says it is tough to have to live in a dorm room now that he is married. He is a recent graduate of Oakland University in Rochester Michigan and has a degree in Human Resource Development.

This Huddleston's first time as a hall director. He found the job through the University of Osh Kosh Placement Exchange program in Wisconsin and decided to choose Alma because Lauren is in the Teach for America Program. Due to this she needs to be near a metropolitan area. She makes the two hour commute to Detroit every day to teach fifth graders. They had always talked about living in a place of their own once out of college but are now in "an oversized dorm room" as Huddleston likes to refer to it as. Huddleston was a Resident Assistant for two years before becoming a Hall Director.

Both Claude and Lauren graduated last year so there have been many changes in their lives. They went from living as normal college students into the adult

world with responsibilities. Marriage, having a real job, and moving to a different area can be a lot to handle: "It's a big transition coming from metro Detroit, one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country, to Alma. It's a lot different. Alma is a really small town and I'm not used to that. It's also different being a hall director at a small liberal arts college coming from a large public institution. But its cool, its quiet, and people are nice."

As for the future Huddleston is scheduled to take graduate classes at Michigan State to pursue a Masters degree in student affairs. His goal some day is to be a dean or provost of a university. Or he may even choose counseling as a career. But for now he is happy being the hall director of Gelston. Claude will be here next year as all hall directors must stay two years at Alma College.

Most first year hall directors live in Gelston to break them in with the belief that if you can make it in Gelston you can make it anywhere. Gelston has the shortest staff with the largest amount of students

and the smallest apartment on campus. They haven't had a lot of trouble this year with the residents; the men of 1st west are the only ones who may be cause for concern, but are like that every year. In the words of Huddleston, "they have always been a little wild, but they're cool." Alma College welcomes Huddleston.

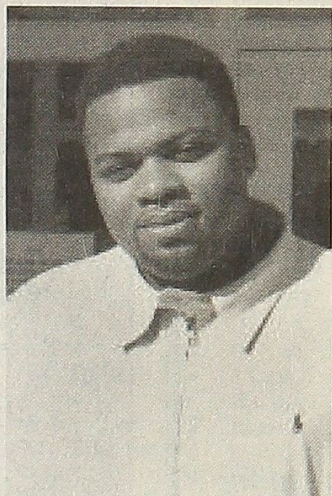


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Claude Huddleston is the new hall director of Gelston hall. He and his wife Lauren are both recent graduates of Oakland University.

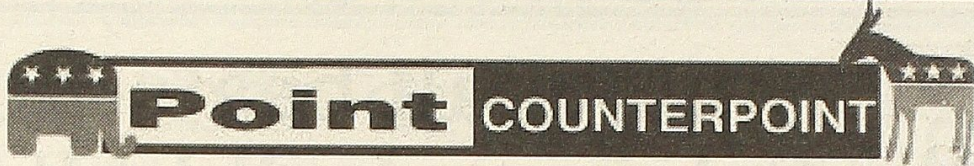
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OPINION



If guns deter Nazis, why not crime?

KYLE WELFARE
Guest Columnist

The Michigan concealed weapons laws are doing what they are supposed to and need not be changed.

Many people have never been trained in the proper use of a firearm. One thing that the revised version of the Concealed Weapons laws requires is that all people who apply for the permit receive training from a state or nationally recognized firearms instructor. Once enrolled in the course, participants learn how to operate the firearm safely and effectively including: safe storage, handling of ammunition, avoiding criminal attack, shooting positions, and keeping the gun safe from children. Participants receive 8 hours of instruction and no less than 3 hours of firing range time.

Why, even with the proper training would anyone need to carry a concealed firearm? One obvious answer is for self-defense. Another might be that it just makes them feel safer. Lets take a look at an example of a culture where firearm use is encouraged, and all men and women can own and carry firearms. It is law in Switzerland that all men aged 20 to 42 keep rifles and/or pistols in their homes. Gun shops are plentiful. For Americans guns often represent something that is evil and meant to be used in crime. However in Switzerland shooting for sport is considered a wholesome activity. Children are trained at a very early age to use guns, and are taught that guns are not toys and can be very dangerous. This instills in them a respect for the power a gun has

and the danger if one is not careful. In Switzerland shooting ranges are very popular. People also carry their weapons freely to and from these locations. One would think that because most of the population carries weapons that the Swiss would have an extremely high crime rate. However, the Swiss have one of the lowest murder and crime rates in the world. In 1993 not a single armed robbery was reported in Geneva, and throughout the country the 546 robberies that occurred using firearms were committed by non-residents. Official NAZI documents say that they did not invade Switzerland because of the well-armed and skillful populace.

So let's think about how this applies to Michigan. Those people who apply for a concealed weapons permit are going to have to go through extensive training. They are going to be required to remove their weapon to enter certain places (i.e. courthouses, sports arenas, bars, etc), and they are going to have to go through a series of extensive background checks to make sure they have no criminal records.

A person can look in two more places to find the answers they need in regards to firearms. One is the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that says, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Also the Michigan constitution says, "Every person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state." After reading those two statements of the rights guaranteed to us as citizens I don't think there is much more one can say on this issue.

SEAN WILSON
Staff Writer

June 1, 2001, saw the enactment of a new Michigan law requiring county gun control boards to issue permits to carry concealed pistols to most anyone able to pass a firearms safety course. This is not merely unnecessary and disturbing, but quite arguably unconstitutional as well.

Prior to the enactment of this new law regarding Carrying Concealed Weapons (CCW), gun boards throughout Michigan had the discretion to deny a CCW permit to anyone who was unable to adequately demonstrate a need to retain and hide a firearm. As there are very few such demonstrable needs, reasonably few CCW permits were issued. However, within six months of the day the new law was enacted, the number of unrestricted concealed weapons permits in the state skyrocketed from 24,000 to about 75,000.

A hidden weapon is *not* a deterrent to criminals unaware of its presence, nor a significant boon to law-abiding citizens in preventing crime; indeed, producing such a weapon in the already-tense atmosphere of a confrontation greatly increases the risk of injury to all involved. Outside of legitimate (and governmentally supervised) work in law enforcement, intelligence, or the military, there is little purpose in hiding a weapon on one's person.

Which, when one is able to penetrate the NRA mythology surrounding the Second Amendment, is exactly what the framers of the Constitution had in mind. The gun lobby is extremely fond of misdirection involving the content of the Second

Amendment. It does not state, as the first did, that "Congress shall make no law" prohibiting or restricting the right to bear arms. Instead, it reads, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The founders saw the militia, which was at the time the equivalent of today's National Guard, as a vital component in a system of checks and balances they had gone to great lengths to create. The militiamen were there to prevent armed tyranny of the Federal government over the States, and the Second Amendment guaranteed them the ability to defend themselves. The Supreme Court (United States v. Miller, 307 U.S. 174 (1939)) makes this point itself. "With obvious purpose to assure the continuation and render possible the effectiveness of [militia] forces the declaration and guarantee of the Second Amendment were made. It must be interpreted and applied with that end in view."

There are legitimate uses for firearms within the context of American society. There are those who shoot targets and hunt for sport, to say nothing of the obvious necessity of an armed police force and, indeed, the proverbial well-regulated militia, the National Guard. However, an unrestricted Concealed Weapons law open to the entire population of Michigan does not fall within the bounds of the Constitutional right to carry weapons, nor does it fall within the bounds of reason. I do not know of anyone who has benefited significantly from packing heat on a daily basis, and, odds are, neither do you.

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weird - after the one and only time I watched it I had nightmares of strange dolls parading about a fake landscape making indecipherable noises.

Now Rev. Falwell has gone from the merely ridiculous to the patently dangerous and inflammatory. How were his comments dangerous, you ask? They set off rioting between Hindus and Muslims in Solapur, an Indian town southwest of Bombay, leaving at least eight people dead. The ironic thing about people dying because of his comments is that he qualified his slur by stating "In my opinion, Jesus set the example for love, as did Moses, and I think Mohammed set an opposite example."

Falwell doesn't have a monopoly on bigoted and slanderous statements; within the last year Pat Robertson also angered people of all faiths by unequivocally declaring Islam to be a religion that "seeks to control, dominate, or destroy others". And, to be fair, I don't disagree with everything he says; for example, I agree that America's moral decay angers God, and I feel He is unlikely to bless America regardless of how many times we exhort him to in song until we get this country back on track. However, I don't necessarily agree with all the specifics of what Falwell denounced, and I certainly don't agree with the attitude of condemnation and undercurrent of hate that I hear in his words; this nation's ills will only be fixed through patient understanding, loving guidance, and firm

but gentle words.

I do not agree with moral relativism; I believe that there is a single moral standard to which we are held, and that we will all be judged upon death to determine our eternal destination. While I value diversity of thought and culture, I do not believe, as some do, that diversity in itself is the highest good and that we should strive to tolerate all practices just for the sake of encouraging it. I hold many religious convictions from which I will not stray and many moral standards that nobody out there, including myself, can ever hope to reach. By the very act of being human and Christian, I am a hypocrite of the worst order. Be that as it may, having someone like Reverend Jerry Falwell shooting his mouth off to the international media galls me to no end. He can say all the intolerant, bigoted, foolish things he wants in the privacy of his own home, and I will not raise a peep; however, the moment he brings those attitudes outside he is misrepresenting me and millions of other people worldwide. Let this be a reminder to you all to watch your words and deeds carefully, to discipline yourself, and to be deeply considerate of who you may be harming when you speak or act.

While I frequently write things in this column that make people irate, and while much of what I print here may get me labeled a hypocritical, self-righteous [fill in the blank], at the very least I can say that the only person for whom I am speaking is myself.

simply not the case. I challenge the CSO to help alleviate the frustrations of Catholics like myself. As an example, perhaps the CSO could set up small group discussions with area priests or even a bishop. Some kind of dialogue is absolutely necessary for the future vitality of the Catholic Church.

Adam Rose (04)

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Catholic Bishops has made, check out www.nccbuscc.org, and read the *Final Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.)

The article submitted by John Gardai in the name of the Alma College Catholic Student Organization worried me because its views could be interpreted generally as the views of all Catholics. This is

The Bible should not be taken so literally

In response to John Gardai's letter in the October 8, 2002 issue of The Almanian, I thought it appropriate to share an open letter to "Dr. Laura" recently posted on the internet.

Sincerely,
Joanne Gilbert
Associate Professor of Communication
Co-Director, Women's Studies Program

Dear Dr. Laura:

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's Law. I have learned a great deal from your show, and try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination.

End of Debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some of the other specific laws and how to follow them.

1. When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates pleasing odor for the Lord - Lev. 1:9. The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?

2. I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

3. I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual cleanliness - Lev. 15:19-24. The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

4. Lev. 25:44 states that I may indeed possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighboring nations. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans, but not Canadians. Can you clarify? Why

can't I own Canadians?

5. I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself?

6. A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination of Lev. 11:10, it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this?

7. Lev. 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?

8. Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Lev. 19:27. How should they die?

9. I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

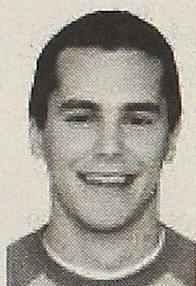
10. My uncle has a farm. He violates Lev. 19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot. Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them? - Lev. 24:10-16. Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family affair like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (Lev. 20:14)

I know you have studied these things extensively, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Your devoted disciple and adoring fan,
Jim

SPORTS

Best darn sports column ever



MATT HELMUS
Sports Editor

It was another one of those weekends in sports. The kind that make sports fans into hermits because there is so much to keep track of.

The World Series matchup seems almost set in stone after the Angels took out the Minnesota Twins in five games. As of press time it looks almost certain that the Giants will end up as the Angels' opponents. The World Series may come down to an old question: What happens when an immovable object (or unhittable Angels' closers) runs into an irresistible force (Barry Bonds)?

In local news, the Scots keep their winning streak intact on the football field. Olivet, although they put up a fight this year, was still overwhelmed by the Scots. Without an 87-yard fumble return the Comets wouldn't have made it much of a game. According to Don Hansen's poll Alma is still ranked 32nd in the country.

This week's game at Albion could very well determine who will win the conference crown. Albion (2-0), Alma (2-0) and Adrian (1-0) are the only undefeated teams left in the league. Saturday's matchup with the Brits would leave only 2 (possibly 1) undefeated team in the MIAA. (And everyone knows that Adrian isn't going to make it through the conference undefeated.)

In other football news, the Lions let a win slip through their hands. Savior of the Motor City Joey Harrington threw an interception in the end zone to end the game. he looked good on the drive down the field, but he's no Brett Favre. Yet. Hey, look on the bright side, they're not *technically* out of the playoffs yet.

Hockey started last week. For those of you with digital cable check out Hockey Night in Canada on CBC. HNIC is every Saturday. You can really tell that the Canadians have a lot to do on the weekends when they put their favorite sport on Saturday night. All of you yooopers should feel right at home with the announcers funny accents. (It's also a good station to watch if you want international news or US news without all the bias.)

The lacrosse team participated at a tournament at MSU this past weekend. Although their season is not until the spring they currently have practices, scrimmages and fundraisers. The team is looking forward to spring when their season rolls around.

The men's golf season ended last week. The team ended third in the conference but ended the season on a high note, finishing first at the last jamboree. Finishing behind only the Comets and Flying Dutchmen, the season was a success for the Scots.

The women's soccer team could use support on Wednesday. After coming out of the gate strong, tough competition has taken its toll on the Scots lately. They look to get back on track when Olivet rolls into town. It looks like a good rebound game as the Comets are currently 0-7 in the conference.

Finally, the volleyball team is still on a roll. Last week they beat both Hope and Calvin to get a two game lead in the MIAA. This week they travel to Albion and Olivet looking to secure their conference crown. The Scots are looking to finish out the season on a good note before heading into the conference tournament.

Volleyball beats Hope and Calvin to build MIAA lead

WENDY WOHLFEILL
Staff Writer

The Alma College women's volleyball team won two more conference games last week giving them an overall record of 9-0 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference standing.

In Wednesday's match in Grand Rapids, the team won their first match with 30-28, lost the second two 27-30, 26-30, and then came back winning the match with 30-27, and 15-13. This win shut out Calvin's 17 game MIAA winning streak.

Leading the Scots were **Kristin Judson (05)** with 21 kills, 22 digs and 4 aces, **Megan Cook (03)** with 16 kills, 14 digs, and 5 blocks, and **Kerri Judson (05)** with 26 digs. **Kelly O'Connor (05)** also provided 3 solo blocks and 8 kills. This winning match put the lady Scots in a two game advantage over Calvin and Kalamazoo.

On Friday, October 11th the team beat out Hope in Cappaert Gymnasium at home. The lady Scots took a three game victory of 30-27, 30-28, 30-18. In the first game, Alma scored 5 consecutive points to bring on a 19-19 tie.

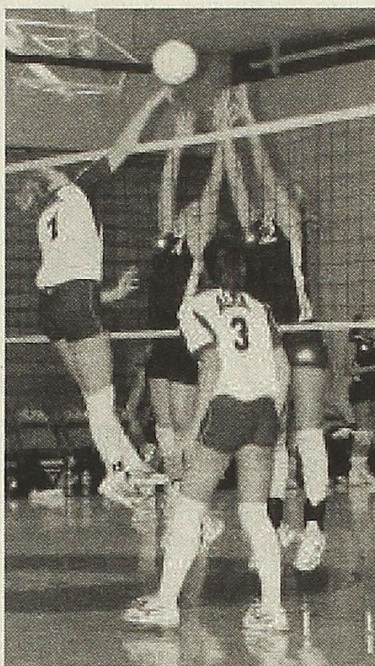


Photo by Melanie Szweczyk
Theresa Miller (03) spikes the ball over Hope defenders as Kerri Judson (05) looks on.

Later in the game, Hope closed the gap to one with 27-26 before O'Connor added a kill and a block to bring the team ahead by three with 29-26. The final victory was found when Hope netted an attack attempt.

After scoring five straight points, the team took a victory in game two. Cook contributed the winning point with a kill. Game three became an on going struggle until the Scots took a 15-12 lead. After advancing to 22-14, the Scots took an easy victory.

Kerri Judson contributed 16 kills to the match, while Kristen Judson gave 15 kills and 21 digs. Baker added 11 digs and 31 assists. According to player **Sarah Harrelson (05)** "Calvin and Hope are our closest rivals, Calvin was a close game but we beat out Hope with only three games."

The team had just returned from a five-day tournament in Colorado before Hope's game. "Coming back from a five-day tournament was tough, but it gave us an incentive to do well," added Harrelson.

The team travels to two away games this week. The Lady's will play on Wednesday the 16th at Albion, and then travels to Olivet on Thursday the 17th. Both of these matches are conference games.

Cross country teams both finish eighth at Michigan Intercollegiates

AMANDA BAUSHKE
Staff Writer

The Alma College men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Milford on Friday for the Michigan Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships. The Michigan Intercollegiate race is an opportunity for the colleges and universities of Michigan to compete against each other.

For the women's competition there were two different races. One was a 6K race and the other was a 4K race. Alma's women split into two teams for those races. In the 4K race the team scored 176 points and finished in eighth place. In the 6K race they scored 347 points and finished in 13th place.

"We ran the 4K and 6K races," said **Lisa Miller (03)**. "It was the first time that I got to run a 6K and I really enjoyed it. The race gave people a chance to go out and do something that they are not used to."

The 4K race had 15 teams and 97 runners. **Elizabeth Smith (04)** came in first for the Scots in the 4K

race. She took 46th place with 17:41. **Alice Sova (04)** came in 47th with a 17:45. **Kim Sinclair (06)** and **Tifara Brumback (05)** finished in 17:53 and 17:57 consecutively. The first four finishers were the scorers for the team. The other Scot runners in the 4K race were **Amanda Ufer (03)** who placed 54th with a 18:11 and **Shannon McKendry (03)** who placed 86th with a 20:21. **Michelle Bolen (05)** finished 89th with a 20:44. "It was a fun because it was a big race. It was a beautiful day for running too," said Miller. Everyone had a good time, gave it their all and ran well."

The 6K race had 14 teams and 110 runners. **Elizabeth Colechio (06)** came in first for the Scots. She finished with a 25:28 and placed 54th. **Corey Cunningham (05)** came in 74th with a 26:41 and **Andrea Miller (06)** placed 80th with a 26:51. **Stephanie Ogle (05)** placed 86th with a 27:17 and **Lisa Miller** placed 87th with a 27:18. In the 6K race the top five runners were the scorers. Other runners in the 6K race included **Krystle Mohawk (03)** who placed 92nd with a 27:45 and **Amanda**

Dusendang (03) came in 94th with a 28:06.

The men ran in the 4K race and placed eighth in the race with 181 points. There were 12 teams participating with 92 runners. **Joe Whitman (05)** was Alma's first finisher. He placed 42nd with a time of 13:44. **Nate Belill (05)** was second for the Scots with a 55th place finish in 14:11. **Dirk Callahan (05)** placed 63rd with 14:25 and **Joe Bush (03)** placed 66th with 14:30. **Tom Sterling (03)** came in 67th with 14:33 and **Rory Wildner (06)** placed 72nd with a 14:50. **Adam Sudia (03)** placed 75th in 14:59, **Andrew Messing (06)** placed 80th in 15:10 and **Tony Cuttitta (06)** finished 83rd in 15:24.

"It was an exciting race because there were a lot of big name schools like U of M and we ran against the defending national champion of division one," said Belill. "It was a good tune-up for the Alma Invitational and it was a great race after a week of hard workouts."

On Friday October 18 the Scots will host the Alma Invitational.

Scots fly by Comets, 21-14

AMANDA BAUSHKE
Staff Writer

The Scots traveled to Olivet on Saturday for their second game in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association competition. This game brings them to 2-0 for the MIAA and 5-1 for the season.

"Knowing that we have to play Albion next week we couldn't forget about our game against Olivet," said **Mark Boehms (03)**.

There was no scoring until the second quarter when Olivet's **Ryan Hayes** had a 87-yard fumble recovery setting the

score 0-7. The Scots responded quickly when **Boehms** received a 10-yard pass from **Steve Slowke (03)** 4:41 into the second quarter.

In the third quarter **Boehms** had another 10 yard pass from **Slowke** bringing the score 14-7. With 5:57 left in the third quarter **K. Jarzabkowski**, of Olivet, had a 3-yard run to tie the score 14-14.

That did not stop the Scots. **Cole Thelen (06)** had a 6-yard pass from **Slowke** to finish off the scoring with a 21-14 lead over Olivet.

"It was good to get a win against a team like Olivet," said **Dave Simpson (03)**. Olivet runs an unorthodox style of offense and defense. They have been bad in the past, but got a new coach

and they are an up and coming team."

Top performers for the offense in rushing were **Slowke** who had 15 carries for 83 yards, **James Edington (04)** who had 7 carries for 30 yards and **Jeremy Droptiny (04)** who had 7 carries for 24 yards. For the defense **Simpson** had two interceptions.

"Our offense and defense and special teams were able to come together and get a win," said **Simpson**. "Even though it was a close game we continue to have fun week in and week out. That's what makes a difference this year."

SPORTS

Women's soccer drops games to Albion and K'zoo

KRISHA LARSON
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team fell to Albion and Kalamazoo this week. The Scots are now 8-5-1 overall and 3-4-1 in the league play, placing them in fifth place.

On Tuesday, the Scots traveled to Albion as the Briton's posted a 3-0 victory. Overall, the Briton's attempted many more shots than the Scots, Albion having twenty-two shots and the Scots with only six shots.

The first half ended in a scoreless battle with the Briton's scoring all three shots in the second half. Albion's Jayne Godlew scored in the

46th minute, in the 62nd minute Karen LaFlair scored an assisted goal, and then in the 73rd minute Stacey Supanich scored the Briton's final goal of the day.

This posted the third consecutive shutout for Albion, who is currently sitting in third place in the MIAA.

For the day, the Scots suffered injuries from two major players, Alaina Stuart (04) and Anna Springsteen (05). Last week, the Scots also lost Kristin Shea (03) for the season as Shea broke her leg in three places. Springsteen suffered a sprained ankle, while Stuart re-injured a previous knee injury

Saturday, the Scots fell to

Kalamazoo in a 2-1 decision. Kim Hartman scored both Kalamazoo's goals. In the 7th minute of the game, Megan Karchon (04) scored on a penalty kick to take the lead for the Scots. Just as the first half was coming to an end, Kalamazoo's Hartman scored to tie the game.

With only 10:37 remaining in the game, Hartman scored her second goal of the game on a penalty kick to take the lead for the Hornet's. Goalkeeper, Pam McCarthy (06) had ten saves for the Scots. The Scots will host Olivet College at Scotland Yard on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Scots take first at final MIAA men's golf jamboree

KRISTEN BROWN
Staff Writer

The Alma College men's golf team won the final Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Jamboree in Mt. Olive at the Wuskowhan Players Club. Three golfers placed in the top six and overall the Scots finished six strokes ahead of Olivet.

Ryan Munro (04) carded a 73 to tie for third in the individual standings. Justin Desjarlais (04) and Ryan Riley (05) both shot 74 to tie for sixth.

Nathan Moulton (06) finished with an 80 to tie for 16th. Armond Samouelain (03) tied for 22nd with an 83.

In the final season statistics, Desjarlais was named to the All-MIAA First Team after finishing fifth in scoring with a 77.0 average for the seven jamborees.

Riley, who finished eighth in the final statistics with a 78.0 average, was selected to the All-MIAA Second Team.

Munro finished 15th in the final standings with a 79.7 average and Samouelian was 16th with an 80.6 average.

Earlier in the week the Scots placed fourth at a Jamboree at Watermark Country Club. First year student Nathan Moulton turned in the best round of his collegiate career, firing a 77 to tie for fifth in the individual standings. Previously his best had been 80, which he shot twice during the season. Overall Alma's total at the Jamboree was 317, six strokes behind host Calvin.

The Scots have now finished their 2002 campaign. The team placed third overall in the conference only finishing behind Olivet and Hope.

MIAA Standings

	Volleyball	
	Conference	Overall
	W-L	W-L
Alma	9-0	17-6
Calvin	7-2	16-6
K'zoo	7-2	18-6
Adrian	6-3	18-7
Hope	4-5	9-11
Albion	2-7	7-13
Olivet	1-8	4-18
St. Mary's	0-9	5-15

	Football	
	Conference	Overall
	W-L	W-L
Allbion	2-0	4-2
Alma	2-0	5-1
Adrian	1-0	4-1
Hope	1-1	2-4
K'zoo	0-1	3-2
Olivet	0-2	2-3
Wisc. Luth.	0-2	3-3

	Women's Soccer	
	Conference	Overall
	W-L-T	W-L-T
Hope	6-1-1	7-6-1
Calvin	5-1-2	8-3-2
Albion	5-2-0	9-4-0
K'zoo	4-4-0	4-8-1
Alma	3-4-1	8-5-1
St. Mary's	2-4-2	4-7-1
Adrian	3-5-0	8-5-0
Olivet	0-7-0	2-10-0

	Men's Soccer	
	Overall	Conference
	W-L-T	W-L-T
Hope	6-1-0	10-3-1
Alma	5-2-0	7-7-0
K'zoo	5-2-0	8-5-1
Albion	4-3-0	6-7-0
Calvin	3-4-0	8-6-0
Olivet	1-6-0	5-10-0
Adrian	0-6-0	1-11-0

	Men's Golf	
	Total Strokes	
Olivet	2133	
Hope	2162	
Alma	2190	
Calvin	2202	
Albion	2238	
Adrian	2239	
K'zoo	2392	

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SPORTS

Scots defeat Britons, fall to Hornets

KRISHA LARSON
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team opened last week's action on Tuesday against Albion. The Scots defeated the Britons 2-0, but fell to Kalamazoo on Saturday in a 1-0 decision.

On Tuesday, the first half was scoreless, but **Justin Dew (04)** opened the second half scoring the first goal of the game, his first of the season. With twelve minutes remaining, **Wes Rasdorf (05)** attempted to score as the ball bounced off a Briton to **Jeremiah Roberts (02)** who scored the second goal for the Scots. The goal was Roberts' fifth of the season tying him with Rasdorf for the most goals scored this year. Goalkeeper, **Kyle Lieberman (05)**, recorded the shutout with four saves.

The Scots took on Kalamazoo on Saturday in a highly intensive battle. As the Scots were focused on the victory, the Hornets were motivated to knock the Scots down from a first-

place tie with Hope, to a second-place tie with them.

As the first half went scoreless, the intensity level was high on the field. With one minute remaining in the first half, **Cameron McLeod (04)** took a shot hoping to set the Scots ahead, just missing by a few feet. In the second half, Kalamazoo's Ross Bower scored at the 52:20 mark with an assist from Nick Houdek to put the Hornet's ahead 1-0.

As the intensity was remarkably high between the two teams up to the last second of the game, six yellow cards were given with the Scots receiving only two of them.

At the start of the second half, **Marshall Gray (03)** was tackled on the sidelines by Bower, increasing the intensity between the two teams on the field. With just a few minutes left in the game, a collision occurred between **Luke Oostindie (05)** and Kalamazoo's Jonathon Hughes. As the two players laid on the field, Hughes expressed his opinion of the collision being a foul committed by

Oostindie. As the referee did not like his expression, a yellow card was handed to Hughes.

However, the clock continued to run, as the Scots never got the perfect chance for the goal. Lieberman ended with four saves for the Scots as both teams recorded nine shots.

"We played hard," said Gray. "But, Kalamazoo improved a lot and is a good team now."

The Scots are now 7-7 overall and 5-2 in the MIAA, tied for second place with the Hornets, with Hope still in first.

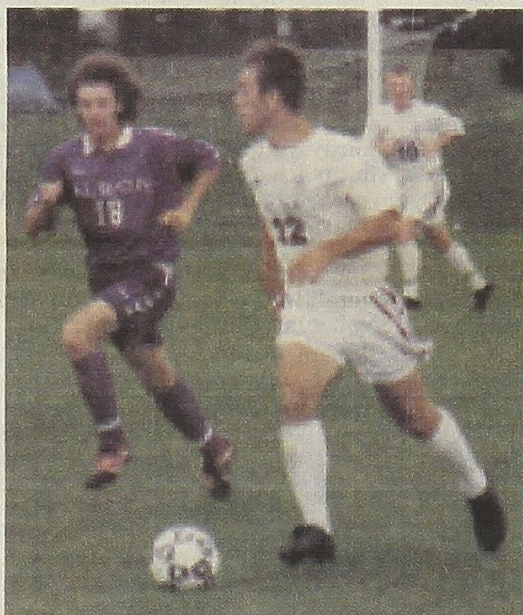
With league play coming to a close, only five games left, Gray said, "we need to step it up for the last five games, especially to make it to the play-offs. I know our team is capable of winning, now the seniors will need to step up and carry the team. It is our last chance to do this, we cannot have any regrets."

The Scots will travel to Olivet College this Wednesday with a game time of 4:00 p.m.



Cameron McLeod (04) goes for a header against a Brit defender.

Photos by Dan Joyce



Tom Aceto (03) dribbles past an Albion player.

Climb on!



Photo by Dan Joyce

Leighton Thomas (04) makes her way up the rock wall.

Rock climbing certification can be obtained by taking a training session with an instructor at the Recreation Center. The session is ten dollars and hours can be found in the Rec Center. After getting a permit, the licensed climber can go up the wall anytime during open climb hours.

There is also an Alma College Climbing Club. Students from the club recently participated in a climbing competition at Central Michigan.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Middle of Term

4 p.m. - Women's Soccer Home v. Olivet

4 p.m. - Men's Soccer @ Olivet

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball @ Albion

Thursday, Oct. 17

Fall Term Recess

9 a.m. - Community Workshop sponsored by the Service Learning Office (Fireside Lounge)

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball @ Olivet

Friday, Oct. 18

Fall Term Recess

4:30 p.m. - Cross Country Home - Alma Invitational

Saturday, Oct. 19

Fall Term Recess

1 p.m. - Women's Soccer @ St. Mary's

1:30 p.m. - Football @ Albion

Sunday, Oct. 20

9 p.m. - Chapel Service

Monday, Oct. 21

2nd Seven-week classes begin

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