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Student Judicial attempts to toughen image

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The campus Student Judicial board is the disciplinary arm of the student body. Minor and moderate infractions of campus regulations come before it on a weekly basis, on Wednesdays at 9:00 PM. It dispenses fines, mandates tests and campus service, and generally metes out consequences for violations of the rules.

"We're trying to get away from the image that Student Judicial is a joke," said Matt Friar (03) he board's Chairman. He notes that as it is composed of students, some administrators, and even more students, view the Judicial board as impotent or irrelevant. That attitude can leave people unprepared for its decisions, including fines in excess of one hundred dollars for third offenses.

The board is representative of various other important campus organizations. It includes members who are Resident Assistants, Student Congress members, and representatives from the Inter-Fraternity and Pan Hellenic Councils. Four Resident Assistants, during training, are given the chance to nominate Student Judicial representatives (either themselves or another RA). Two of these nominees become full-time Student Judicial members; the others are held in reserve and called up when other members cannot attend meetings. Student Congress and the Greek councils simply elect their representatives. As Chairman, Friar himself serves as a mediator and tiebreaker, but does not ordinarily cast a vote. That power is reserved to the board's other members.

"I would say that probably about ninety-five percent of the cases we deal with are alcohol-related," said Friar. Most instances in which students commit infractions of noise regulations are related in some way to drinking, as are many instances of non-compliance with RA instructions.

The regulations and fines that the Judicial board deals in are laid forth in a straightforward manner in the college's Student Handbook. Friar notes that students who are slated to come before Student Judicial would do very well to read the pertinent sections of the book; this will clarify the situation and explain the board's decision. As he added, "you signed off that you've read it, so you should probably know what you did."

In some instances, a fine is deemed inappropriate or insufficient, and the members institute alternative punishments, including an online test regarding the effects of alcohol which must be passed or the preparation of presentations on the student handbook or other pertinent material. For the most part, however, monetary demands will be made of students who disregard campus regulations.

Dunning Memorial Chapel undergoing renovation

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To the surprise of many Alma College students, a long trench was excavated along the West wall of the Chapel last week. Its purpose was to allow workers access to the building's foundation wall on that side and waterproof it. Before this project, the lower level of the building flooded routinely, a significant problem for those who used the basement's offices and storage. This waterproofing was only one part of a large-scale remodeling of the Chapel's basement.

The project also includes changes to the basement floor plan between the music library at the North end of the building and what is presently a storage closet at the South. That closet will be divided between a small kitchenette, including a sink, counter, and microwave, and storage space. Rooms along the basement's West wall, previously primarily devoted to a gallery space for Robert Rozier, associate professor of art and design, will be re-designed into a suite of 5 offices. The opposite side of the basement will now contain a small lounge, a 20-25 seat classroom, a student office to be used by Chapel Intern Elizabeth Shaffer (05) and organizations such as Students Offering Service.

The piano currently in the lobby area at the North end of the basement will be moved into a small room along the East wall (formerly the Chaplain's office), to

enable choir sectionals to take place removed from the flow of traffic. The room will be arranged as a meeting space for general use by campus organizations and groups.

The Chapel's present heating, ventilation, and electrical systems are undergoing a long-overdue replacement, as well. Along with the addition of soda machines and minor cosmetic work in both bathrooms, to say nothing of the kitchen, this should make the Chapel a much more habitable and usable environment for staff and students alike.

Besides providing for much needed changes to the basement, the remodeling provided motivation to clean the area. Storage closets were brimming over with unidentified, unclaimed, and sometimes inexplicable items accumulated over long years of neglect. New furniture (one desk actually fell apart when Physical Plant workers tried to move it) and clean storage space has been needed as long and desperately as airflow and natural light.

The remodeling plans were drawn up last year by the College's former Chaplain, Rev. Jesse Perry. They were set in motion by the interim Chaplain, Dr. Carol Gregg, and will be carried to fruition by Perry's replacement, Christine Vogel, who will assume her new position here next week. It was funded by the College and by private donations solicited from various churches by Alma College



Photo by Melanie Szewczyk

The Dunning Memorial Chapel undergoes renovations to its basement along with work being completed outside.

President Sandra Tracy. The expected end date is December 31, and staff with offices assigned in the Chapel should be able to move in by January 1, allowing the entire renovation to be in place and usable by Winter Term. There are at present no plans to alter the ground floor of the Chapel, although, according to Gregg, "It needs a coat of paint."

Scheduling problems causing seniors to miss graduation

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It is that time of year where students are frantically trying to fit classes they need to graduate into their schedule for the next term as they flip through their Alma College Academic Catalog. Then students begin stressing out about whether they will graduate on time and finally, students sit crossing their fingers until they get their schedules back from the Registrar's office to see if they will get into the classes they signed up for and every one they need.

This is the time of year where some students find out they will be staying onboard at Alma College for an extra semester or even an extra year. Alicia Huffman (03) found out this past week she needs to continue at Alma for another year. As an Elementary Education major with a minor in Spanish and Social Studies, the problem for her seems to stem from some miscommunication and some items being overlooked the past three years. Under the impression that a few classes could be counted for a couple requirements needed for Huffman, she needs to take one more class for each of her minors and a few more distributive requirements before she can conduct her student teaching. One problem that has

held her back a little over the years, she says, "some of the classes I needed were closed. I tried to get signed into them, but the professors could not. It is not necessarily their fault, sometime they simply need a bigger classroom to be able to fit all of the students in the class."

Tarah Waynick (02) is currently a fifth-year student who will be graduating this December. Waynick is also an Elementary Education major with her minors in Natural Science and English. "I was unable to get classes in the order and in the certain term that I needed them to finish my minors," she said.

Julie Wiest (03) will need to stay for a fifth year because in her sophomore year she decided to change her major from Business Administration to Fine Arts. "There are so many studios you have to do in a certain time that if you don't know walking in that you want to major in Fine Arts, then you can't do it in four years," Wiest commented.

Karen Klumpp, Registrar and Assistant Provost, said when students find they may have to stay extra time, "it's really important to take some time and look creatively at the schedule. Sometimes with a reconfiguration of what they're enrolling in sometimes we can minimize that, because our goal really is to have students graduate in four years."

As for those students who do have to stay beyond their fourth year, it is often those who are pursuing Teacher Certification or those who change their major into their sophomore year or junior year. "If a student changes their major even in the sophomore year/junior year, quite often we can still get them graduated in four years, unless the change is really a whole different direction," Klumpp explained. "I think quite often there's more rumors of serious problems where people have to stay later than there is actually that number sounding like it's big."

Students may be noticing that some distributives requirements are not offered for winter semester as they were for the current fall semester. For example, the absence of distributives in Biology and Chemistry for the winter semester, instead these distributives are available in the fall semester for students. The reasoning for this "is so we can offer the broadest set of courses possible," said Klumpp. "What we tend to do in many areas is offer sequential courses."

Also, some may be noticing the absence of Women's Studies classes available for the winter term and causes some to wonder if the minor is still available. This minor is an interdisciplinary one with only

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NEWS

Rainfall in Michigan contains toxic levels of mercury

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Rain falling near a medical waste incinerator in Hamtramck, Michigan was found to carry up to 31 times more toxic mercury than considered safe in surface water, environmentalists said last Thursday.

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) said that the mercury measurements it made from August through October reinforce its case to close the incinerator, a goal of environmentalists for some time.

The Wildlife Federation said it collected rainwater on the roof of the Hamtramck Fire Department from August 20 through October 2. The levels of mercury ranged from 6.6 to 31.2 times the level that would be permitted in surface water. The group

said earlier tests showed mercury levels of 3.3 to 30.3 parts per trillion in Kalamazoo County and 1.5 to 72.4 in Muskegon County.

The Michigan House is considering a Senate-passed bill that would tighten state rules for medical waste incineration. The incinerator located in the outskirts of Detroit is operated by Michigan Waste Services in Grand Blanc and handles medical waste from a wide area. The incinerator puts about 8.6 to 10 pounds of mercury into the air each year, and is the last operating medical incinerator of 157 incinerators licensed in Michigan in 1997.

Federal spokesman David Ross commented to the Grand Rapids Press saying, "Rain is supposed to be clean and pure. It's supposed to wash away pollution. Now

we know that even the rain is polluted."

Sam Washington, executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs commented further saying, "Phasing out mercury pollution is important to protect our health and also to protect our state's fishing and tourism industries, all of which depend upon clean water."

Mercury is a nerve poison, and exposure to small amounts can cause irreversible damage to the brain and nervous system. Mercury becomes concentrated as it rises up the food chain in rivers and lakes. Mercury also exists naturally, but human activity has increased in two-to-fivefold.

Currently there is no government-set standard for mercury in rain. However mercury in lakes and rivers is a significant health threat.

English campaign calls for later bar hours

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Nestled between improved legislation regarding sex offenses and improved healthcare, Queen Elizabeth II of England announced on Wednesday new legislation slated to abolish fixed operating hours currently in place for the pubs of England.

Four days after declaring war on Germany, on August 8, 1914, the House of Commons enacted the Defense of the Realm Act (DORA), which enabled the government to suppress public criticism, imprison citizens without trial, and commandeer economic resources for the war effort. As logic goes, inebriated workmen were not efficient workmen, and pubs were slapped with an 11:00 pm closing time. Workers would supposedly stop drinking at this time, and go straight home and to bed, ready to be alert and productive workers on the factory floor in the morning. Apparently, this measure was successful, as England provided the highest amount of steel products - some 6.9 million tons - of any members of the Triple Entente that year.

However, the need for these hours has long dissipated, and a recent poll reported approximately 70% of adults in England say that pubs should be permitted to operate during hours of the owner's discretion. During the Queen's annual

address to Parliament and Her people, she not only promised removing these restrictions, but imposing more severe discipline on those who abuse their rights to alcohol by creating public disturbance.

"My government will bring forward legislation to streamline the licensing system for premises selling alcohol. This will abolish fixed opening hours and introduce a range of measures to reduce anti-social behavior," the Queen stated in her speech on the November 13th.

Pub owners and pub frequenters alike look forward to the proposed "Alcohol and Entertainment Bill" taking effect. For its part, the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) urges all adults to support the proposed bill, and to voice their favor of it to British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Currently, pub owners report a severe increase in alcohol consumption just prior to the 11 o'clock closing hour, as patrons attempt to squeeze in one last drink, which quickly becomes two or three. Considering the negative impacts on both owner and consumer by the effects large amounts of alcohol imbibed, the later hours allowed by the proposed bill would provide more leisure for the average drinker.

Pub owners also recognize that while extended hours increase the amount of time one may spend in the pub, and that it is normally time spent drinking, the

amount one drinks tends to stay constant as drinks become less hurried.

Camra's Mike Benner said in a statement posted on the organization's website, "There were fears that our streets would be invaded by drunks when the law was changed in 1988 to allow pubs to stay open in the afternoon, but these fears proved unfounded as there was no significant increase in alcohol consumption or alcohol related disorder. The same will be true following these changes and we can all look forward to the benefits of a more relaxed approach to enjoying a drink."

The proposed legislation would also allow children access to pubs, which many fear will cause an "alcohol free-for-all" and will promote youth alcoholism. Benner commented, "It is not that case that kids will have access to premises without restriction, but it will mean that pubs will become more family friendly."

Benner also added that under this legislation, slated to possibly take effect in the summer of 2004, pubs would not have total freedom in the selection of operating hours, but would have to submit plans to local licensing agencies and work with the communities and neighborhoods around them to determine open hours. "It is likely that most pubs will just apply for an extra hour or two on Friday and Saturday nights."

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two courses that are actually Women's Studies (WST). "The program requires institutional support in the form of funding. We would like to offer both WST courses in a year, but unfortunately we can only offer one a year," said Joanne Gilbert, associate professor of communications and co-chair for Women's Studies. But, to complete this minor, courses in several areas of study must also be complete.

As many Alma students take advantage of the excellent off-campus and overseas programs available, some find they may need to stay longer or participate in summer classes. A lot of this depends mainly on the program one decides to pursue. The courses they take while away from Alma need to be ones that can complete their requirements for graduation.

Summer classes are always a way to get some requirements caught up and get a student back on track. For all distributive requirements, outside of History, the Registrar's office reviews these and decides on approval through consulting with the department chairs if they have questions. When the course being taken outside of Alma falls into a student's major or minor, the course must be approved through the department chair.

The History department is one of the departments who want to ensure the classes taken outside of Alma fit our requirements here. Michael Yavenditti, professor of history and chair of the history department, explained they

request the course description and the syllabus for the class if the credits are suppose to fulfill a student's history distributive requirement. Through these course materials, "we look to see whether the course taken elsewhere meets the same historical perspectives the courses here do," said Yavenditti. He confirmed that approximately ninety percent of the classes taken elsewhere are accepted. However, if they are not, it could be because the course only tested objectively and did not include any writing, or because the course was taught outside of the History department, such as sociology or foreign language.

The work behind the course scheduling for a term begins with the department faculty. The Registrar, Klumpp, puts in a call for schedule copy to the departments for a year at a time and the department faculty then put forth all of the requests for the upcoming year. This starts them off with a good draft for the year and the draft becomes solidified as they move forward working with the Provost office handling any questions that may arise. Klumpp explains, "this is a good way to do it because faculty know of the needs in their own department. They know the needs of their majors better than anyone outside of the department would looking in."

During the two weeks students wait to see what the next term will be like, the Registrar's office and professors work to determine a student's destiny. When students turn in their schedules, the

Registrar's office puts everything into the computer so that full demand of courses can be viewed. Following this, the Registrar's office compiles a list for the departments, called "cut lists." These are termed cut lists because if a course is overenrolled, decisions have to be made on what students will be cut.

Klumpp explains for this reason, using the priorities on pre-registration forms is incredibly important. Students must place the course they need the most, or may be the hardest for them to get into, as their number one priority on their form, because when the cut lists are given to the departments, every student who placed a one for this course are placed together (the two's are placed together and so forth), therefore the department faculty can see who wants or needs this course the most. "This way the student's wishes are seen right immediately in that cut list. The departments look at the priority of the classes for students, they look at the year of the student, the major of the student to see what the class is needed for, and then they make decisions on cuts," explains Klumpp.

Klumpp commented that this process is not perfect, but it does give the students a voice and it is able to shift demands as much as possible. "I think one of the most important things for students to do is plan ahead," said Klumpp. She also advises students to come up with an overall plan for their years at Alma. "Planning is the whole key," she says.

Students lobby for ATM installation

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Staff Writer

The hassle of an inconvenient trip to 7-11 or a nearby bank to use the ATM machine will soon be over. Jerry Scoby, vice president of Finance and Administration said, "We have received many requests from students and a few staff for an ATM machine on campus." Scoby also mentioned that the college formerly had an ATM machine a few years ago, but it was removed due to the lack of transactions on campus.

Scoby and the Student Affairs committee are ready to try again, confident that the ATM machine will be of good use to the whole campus. "Kids need money and at the present there is not really a convenient location to access money other than banks which are all down the road," said freshman class president and Students Affairs committee member Cailean Dinwoody (06). "I think everyone will be happy with the new addition to campus," he added. Scoby commented, "I am really excited to purchase the machine to accommodate the students and their interests."

The ATM will be purchased from Easy Money Services Incorporated, and have no affiliation with a particular bank, but will rather be a vender for money in general. The surcharge, which will cover the cost of the purchase of the machine, will probably be between \$1.50 and \$1.75. The location of the machine is yet to be decided, but Scoby and the Student Affairs committee plan to put the ATM in a central location on campus so it will be available to all students and staff in the most convenient place available. The possibilities of location are SAC, the library, Mitchell Hall lounge, or outside of Joe's Place in Van Dusen Commons. Safety around the machine is also an issue, so McIntyre Mall was only shortly considered due to the lack of safety regarding lighting around the area.

Scoby hopes the ATM will be put in by December at the earliest, but will definitely be up-and-running in January. Because the ATM will be accessible 24 hours, the wait of the machine is due to the modifications that must be done to the building where the ATM will be held.

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Pump up the pep

Friday night at 7:00 p.m., Alma College students get their first chance this year to support a playoff-caliber varsity team at a pre-tailgate party in Cappaert gymnasium.

The party, sponsored by the Stone Rec Center, will feature music and refreshments free to all students.

One of the biggest complaints about the College is that nothing happens on the weekends except fraternity parties.

More often than not, during football games Bahlke field's stands fill with athlete's parents, alumni and members of the marching band. Other seats are left empty, and other sports suffer from even worse student attendance.

Both problems can be solved—for this weekend at least—Friday night by attending the rally. Athletes deserve congratulations for their hard work during the season, and the event allows students to mingle with others they do not usually see.

Help keep mints off of the endangered species list

After a load of mumbling and at least half a dozen comment cards devoted to the subject, Sodexho's mints are back. But for how long?

The College pressured General Manager of Dining Services Mark Starkweather to remove the mints due to excess litter caused by plastic wrappers carelessly discarded on the ground outside Hamilton Commons.

Students were made aware of the mint's removal both by signs placed in the dining room and a public service announcement in this newspaper. Hopefully by this time the rumors of a worldwide shortage in pepper-, spear-, and other varieties of mint and its eminent rationing have died down in lieu of the real reason for their disappearance: the College's residents who partake in the mints are, on average, pigs.

Although baskets of complimentary mints are once again available near the dining hall exits, they are so only on a probationary basis. Should wanton littering occur again, the beloved "Saga Mints" will pass into legend alongside Mary Gelston's ghost, all-male dormitories and Scotty's right eye.

In the current social climate of Alma College, chances of the mints sticking around are not high. During their brief hiatus, discarded toothpicks—the alternative post-Sodexho oral fix—and their wrappers could be seen decorating the grout between tiles on the floor outside the dining room and peppering the grass and sidewalks outside of the Commons.

The mints—cherished and hoarded by many students—are an evidence of the sad disrespect many students have for campus, also evident in the cigarette butts piling up outside dormitory entrances and other garbage strewn about campus walkways.

If nothing can be kept sacred, if that thirty-second walk to the nearest trashcan is simply more than a stressed college student's body can handle, think twice about dropping that mint wrapper to the ground—or think how bad your breath will be when they are gone.

Safe-injection sites; reaching out to the needy



TIM SLADE
Opinion Editor

I enjoy sitting around tables in Saga discussing the downfall of American society with my friends, and there are a couple of themes unfailingly arise and cause a furor. Not least among them, as you can imagine, is the issue of abortion: I'm a pro-lifer who nonetheless believes that women should have the right to choose – as a result, I am equally vilified by friends on either end of the argument. We also tend to hit on topics such as the excessive peddling of sexuality in the media, whether or not the drinking age should be lowered and the driving age raised (hypothetically, people will have learned moderation by the time they are allowed on the road), and drugs.

As I was scanning the New York Times for a subject, I stumbled across something interesting in an article about a mayoral race in Vancouver, BC. It turns out that one of the leading candidates, an ex-cop and ex-coroner named Larry Campbell, is making pretty significant waves with a new stance on illegal drugs: he wants to create 'safe injection sites'. In essence, these would be places where heroin addicts and the like could go with previously-purchased drugs and shoot up in a safe environment, free of the worry of persecution. The safe environment would be run by public-health workers who would supply the intravenous drug users with sterile needles and counseling as to how to improve their lives; throughout the process, the addicts would be immune to arrest.

Vancouver, were it to actually pass this ordinance, would be following in the footsteps of Amsterdam, Frankfurt, and Sydney. The program, overseen by Health Canada (the chief federal health agency), would be implemented within two weeks of Mr. Campbell's ascension to power were he to win.

I think this sort of thing is a great idea. I know a number of people who point to Amsterdam and decry it as the modern-day equivalent of Sodom and Gomorrah, and would claim that the existence of this program in that city is just one more way in which they have strayed from the path of reason. I don't see it that way, though. While I am kind of marginally in favor of

legalizing drugs on the basis of eliminating the illicit thrill, easing the chore of regulating and tracking said drugs, regulating the purity of the product, and increasing the response time of medical personnel (all of which I find to be enticing arguments), I don't think it will solve drug problems in one fell swoop. Something like this, however, might be a good start.

The situation makes more sense when examined from Mr. Campbell's perspective. He called on his experience as a member of the police drug squad and as a coroner, he described the following scene. "Now the addict goes to an alley to find a needle that is dirty and may have blood on it and then he sucks up water from a puddle which could have urine in it or rat feces," he said. "We're saying, 'Make it safe and bring these people in contact with health professionals.' We will have detox and treatment." He further goes on to say that addiction should be treated as a disease rather than as a crime, a statement which I think has some value.

In the current situation, people who have stumbled once and made the mistake of getting addicted to a potent drug that can ruin their lives get increasingly marginalized as their situations deteriorate. Does this seem backward to anyone else? It strikes me that the people who need our help the most are the ones who are being denied it the most, and this tends to be an ineffective way to improve whatever bad situation X with which you may be faced.

While some folks will say that this sort of service will only exacerbate the problem by encouraging drug use, I disagree. People who are not already addicted to an intravenous drug such as heroin are not going to go out and start using just because this service is available. The only way non-users will be affected by safe-injection sites will be indirectly, by way of their contact with users whose lives are being slowly brought back together by the caring individuals that counsel them while looking out for their safety. Rather than condemning and dismissing those unfortunate souls who desperately need to be shown love and compassion and need to have a helping hand extended in their direction, we should do what we can to keep them in one piece physically while counseling them emotionally and spiritually. It does no good to try to cure someone of an addiction "cold turkey" if the emotional and spiritual wounds that drove them to their current vice are still festering.

Maybe we should look into this policy here in the United States.

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FEATURE

"The Nutcracker" gives campus a Christmas feel; performances excellent

JENE SHAW
Staff Writer

There was no better way to open the holiday season than to go watch "The Nutcracker" this past weekend. The enormous amount of effort put into the show by The Alma College Dance Company (ACDC), Alma Symphony Orchestra (ASO), technical crew, and other individuals affiliated with the production, was highly evident by viewing the performance.

"The Nutcracker" was presented six times for audiences, including the open dress rehearsal Wednesday night, which was a near-full house. The costumes were beautiful and full of color, and the background set was elaborate and detailed.

This is the college's third production of "The Nutcracker," this performance the first not to feature professional dancers in the lead roles. It will not be performed again until 2004. The cast included all ACDC members, as well as local children, other Alma College students, and a few members of the college's faculty and staff.

Act one opened with the maids and butlers of the MacMillan family finalizing their touches on the house before a Christmas Eve gathering. As the guests arrive, all the children begin dancing and eventually the parents join in to enjoy the festivities. During the dance, Dr. Drosselmeyer, played by Scott Messing, professor of music, arrives to deliver magical wind-up toys for the children to watch perform. Clara, the MacMillan's her special gift of a nutcracker, which she loves and dances around with.

When Clara falls asleep, fat crazy mice come out to play. The costumes of the mice

had me laughing to myself at first, but all of the dancers did a wonderful job prancing around. Drosselmeyer appears, magically making the house disappear and the Christmas tree grow to an enormous size. He then brings in toy soldiers and a life size nutcracker to fight against the mice and their Mouse King.

After the battle, the nutcracker miraculously has turned into a handsome prince, and the three go on a journey to the Kingdom of Sweets. Along the way, the Snow Queen and King perform for the trio of travelers. Anna Long (04), Lynsay Masters (04) and Edward Klonowski (05) did an amazing job with the roles, as well as the other dances they partake in.

While in the Kingdom of Sweets, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her court welcome the guests, and the Spanish (chocolate), Arabians (coffee), Chinese (tea), Russians (Russian tea), Marzipan Candies, and Mother Ginger and her children all perform. All of the different dances have their own unique style, and are underscored by a different type of music, which makes them enjoyable to watch.

The ASO was very precise and accurate when playing the difficult Tchaikovsky score, and director Douglas Scripps did a fabulous job of undertaking the large orchestra while following the dancers on stage. The Nutcracker choir added a great deal to the performance although only performing a small amount in "The Land of Snow" scene.

The collaborative efforts of all the performers and helpers of "The Nutcracker" produced a fantastic performance. Any students who missed this opportunity must go see the show in 2004!



photo by Jason Garvin

Lynsay Masters and Edward Klonowski starred in "The Nutcracker" along with Anna Long. The performance takes place every two years, and the next will take place in 2004.

Festival of Carols

Songs for the season minus the commerce

KIMBERLEY CRANDELL
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On December 6, 7 and 8 the Alma College choirs will present the annual Festival of Carols concert. Choir director Will Nichols has put on a choir Christmas concert every year he has been teaching here at Alma College. It has been called the Festival of Carols since 1993, when it was first performed in the newly opened Heritage Center. The choir has been rehearsing and memorizing their music since the middle of October. "That's one of the big things; they have to have it all memorized. It takes a certain amount of hard work and repetition," said Nichols.

When the concert was held in the chapel it was performed only once, and because of the number of people that wanted to see the festival it was moved to the Heritage Center where the choirs decided to perform twice. However, they still couldn't fit everyone in to see it so they had to add another night.

"The important thing to note about the concert itself, about the music is that it's a concert of carols. The songs are all about the birth of Christ, which makes it a sacred concert. What I wanted, and the kids wanted, is to put together a concert that reminds us all what Christmas is really about," said Nichols about the selection of music. He spends all summer selecting music from a variety of Christmas cd's. O Come all ye Faithful is the only song that is done every year, and serves as a processional into the Heritage Center, but the rest of the program varies. Songs in the

choir concert relate back to the meaning of the season. Therefore, popular commercialized songs like Frosty the Snowman will not be part of the performance.

All three of the Alma College choirs are involved in the concert. These are the Women's Glee Club with 34 members, College Chorale with 53 and Alma Choir with 46 members. All the students are on stage at the same time so the event is tough to coordinate. Alan Pelucas, who is the new director of the heritage center will be doing the lighting and will help to coordinate. Tony Patterson will accompany the choirs on piano and Jason Accomedis will play violin as well. Megan Sloat (03) has been commissioned to make a banner for the concert.

Malcolm Cox (04) is a member of the Alma College choir and will perform in the Festival of Carols for the third time this year. He enjoys singing in it, and said "It's fun because it's the biggest concert we do and it's nice to sing in front of large crowds."

Nicholas sums up the experience of the festival, "I like the feeling of the community coming together for a joyous occasion. The Festival of Carols is something the music department has tried to create that draws together, not just the music students, but the whole campus and the whole town in a shared heritage of who we are, what we believe, and how we feel. And I love the feeling in the concert hall on the Festival of Carols days because everybody is happy, everybody loves Christmas time."



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FEATURE

Second *Harry Potter* film brings fantasy, amazing effects to the big screen

OLGA WROBEL
Feature Editor

Fans of the Harry Potter books have been waiting anxiously for the second year at Hogwarts to begin. After the success of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone*, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, which opened this past Friday, has once again brought magic to cinema.

Chamber of Secrets takes place during the second year at Hogwarts School of wizardry. Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) has spent all summer with the horrible Dursley's, and he is ready to return to school, ignoring the warnings of a house elf named Dobby. Harry is reunited with his best friends Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint), and as expected, trouble arises. Someone in the school has opened the Chamber of Secrets, a mysterious lair where something horrible resides. Not only are there messages written in blood appearing on the walls, students are being found in a "petrified" state, which means that they have been frightened so much that their bodies have become human statues. If this isn't bad enough, Harry keeps hearing strange voices speaking to him, and has been suspected of being heir to dark wizards. The film takes the audience into another world, one which is a lot more frightening than in the first movie.

Chamber of Secrets had a number of new faces as well as places not seen in *Sorcerer's Stone*. Kenneth Branagh plays Gilderoy Lockhart, the vain wizard celebrity who teaches defense against the dark arts. Miriam Margolyes is Professor Sprout, who is in charge of teaching the class how to control a mandrake plant, which may be one of the ugliest critters in a movie ever. We are introduced to Draco Malfoy's (Tom Felton) father as well, the cold and callous Lucius Malfoy, played by Jason Isaacs. Other new aspects in the film include the Weasley's home, which is just as I imagined it, and the ghost in the bathroom, Moaning Myrtle (Shirley Henderson), who was nothing like I imagined she would be.



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com
Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson star as Harry, Ron, and Hermione, the principal characters in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

Chamber of Secrets was an excellent recreation of the J.K. Rowling book. It used incredible special effects to recreate some of the craziest moments, like the flying car Harry and Ron steal from Ron's parents, and the enormous spiders that attack the boys. The technology used to make the scenes look believable was of the highest end. Director Chris Columbus had a vision that was successful as a reality. The characters in the film were portrayed very well, as in the first one. Radcliffe, Grint and Watson are three young stars who have turned the Harry Potter films into a giant franchise. The late Richard Harris plays Dumbledore very well, and it is sad that a new actor will have to take over this role. Branagh is a

very good representation of the charming yet dim witted Lockhart. For anyone who has read the books, it is important that the actors do the story justice.

However, this may also be one of the problems with *Chamber of Secrets*. For someone who has not read the books, it may often be hard to follow, and this would be even more so if the first film was missed. This may be a disappointment to many. The movie is almost three hours long, which goes by fast if one is truly enjoying themselves, but may seem like an eternity for others. Unfortunately, making the film any shorter would cut out important scenes that are relevant in the novels.

Overall, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* is a charming film, with amazing special effects and that magical aura that surrounds the franchise. It is much more frightening than the first film, and at times is even gruesome and disgusting, which makes it unsuitable for a much younger audience. This past weekend it broke box office records as the third best weekend debut for a film ever, following only the first Harry Potter film and *Spiderman* (2002). It does not have the same effect on the audience as the first film did, which is often expected, but is a good way to spend a couple (long) hours.

Overall Grade: A-

Video contest available to college students; school provides technology

OLGA WROBEL
Feature Editor

College students are known to jump at the opportunity to earn some extra money. There are many contests and scholarships that one can apply for, but students often neglect searching. The Christophers, a non-profit organization founded in 1945, is a group that uses electronic and print media to encourage people to raise the standards of public life. They are also based on the Judeo-Christian concept of service to God and humanity, but the messages are addressed to those of all faiths and no particular faith. The Christophers motto is "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." They are offering a video contest for the sixteenth year, and the first place winner receives \$3,000.

The theme of this media contest is "One person can make a difference." Students who enter are encouraged to create up to a five-minute video interpreting the Christopher belief that as human beings, we all have the ability to shape the world into a better place. Any style of format can be used, and students can use however many actors they wish. The entries must be in NTSC format on a standard, full sized tape.

Entries are due June 13, 2003 and winners will be notified September 5, 2003. This gives interested participants a few months to put their film together. The winning entry will be aired nationwide on the *Christopher Close-up* television series that is broadcast on over 100 outlets in the United States, and in over 150 countries worldwide via the Armed Forces Network. The first place winner will also receive a cash award of \$3,000, second place will collect \$2,000 and the third place winner

receives a prize of \$1,000. This is a very helpful opportunity for students to do something interesting while getting the chance to appear on television and get a lot of extra money.

The President of the Christophers, Gerald M. Costello said that, "In these troubled times, it is important to listen and encourage the idealism and enthusiasm of students. More than ever, the world will be shaped by their positive and creative vision."

In order to make a presentable and impressive video, students can use the program imovie, which is Macintosh based and available in the SAC 110 lab. Using a digital camcorder, one can attach the camera to the computer and import clips into the program. This way the student can assemble the video, as well as adding other properties, such as music and neat effects. David Lawrence, associate professor of communication said, "I-movie is the best and simplest program to edit movies."

Since this contest is not class related, chances are the new technology lab in SAC will not be available for use. However, the resources in 110 should be plenty.

If one is interested in an official entry form, they are available by writing to: College Video Contest, The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017, by calling 212-759-4050, or by visiting the website at www.christophers.org/contests.html. This is open to all undergraduate and graduate students. You may enter more than once, but using separate entry forms.

Students who are in need of extra cash and are interested in technology and video media should take this chance to use the schools equipment and make a difference.

Dolphin scientist to speak on Wednesday

KARI JOY JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As a scientist devoted to studying dolphin-to-dolphin communication in the wild, Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski will present her research and convey her experiences Wednesday evening in the Heritage Center for the Performing Arts at 8:00.

Focusing on the communication and behavior of dolphins, Dudzinski's research includes working in the Bahamas, Argentina, and Japan. Through this research with dolphins, she influenced the production of the IMAX film *Dolphins*, a film nominated for an Academy Award in 2001.

Through her involvement in the Dolphin Communication Project

(D.C.P.) as director, Dudzinski and her team endeavor in finding the meaning behind dolphin interaction through their communication. Such studies occur in the wild underwater and with non-invasive methods, dolphins remain untouched yet observable in their own habitat.

A graduate from the University of Connecticut in 1989 as a University Scholar with a Bachelor of Science degree in the biological sciences, Dudzinski began her career. She continued her education by completing her doctorate in wildlife and fisheries sciences with a focus on dolphin communication and behavior in August 1996 at Texas A&M University under Dr. Bernd Würsig and the Marine Mammal Research Program.



Graphic by Megan Van Wyk
Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski will speak Wednesday about her research with dolphins

OPINION

Voices

What do you think about the upcoming pre-tailgate party for the football team?



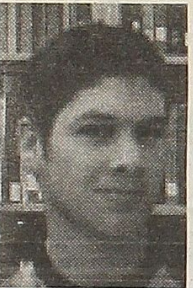
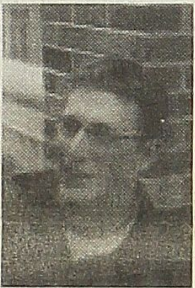
“Indifference...do other sports not have pep rallies? I guess I would wonder why football is the only team that has one.”
Caleb Woods (06)

“It’s a wonderful idea and I wish them luck in the playoffs.”
Dan Brancheau (04)



“It’s good because it’ll bring more school spirit.”
Sol Cortez (06)

“It’ll be fun, actually. Yeah, I’ll be going.”
Adam Rose (04)



“It’s a great idea. We should support them.”
Joe Phillips (03)

Saddam backs down: victory at last?

KYLE WELFARE
Guest Columnist

It appears that Iraq and Saddam Hussein have finally given into pressure from the United States and the United Nations to allow weapons inspectors into the country. In a statement to the U.N. Hussein said that he would unconditionally allow inspectors to search facilities in Iraq following the guidelines laid down in the U.N. Security Council resolution 1441.

However, there was some confusion in the wording of his statement to the U.N. We see it as the same game he has been playing all along. Will Mr. Hussein allow unconditional searches for weapons of mass destruction? The deadline set for him to declare any such weapons or chemicals has been set for December 8, 2002. With inspectors on the way to Iraq it is highly likely that Mr. Hussein will do something to provoke the U.N. However, what this would be is hard to say. Possibly the very least he could do would be to not declare any weapons by the set deadline. This action would give the U.N. the go ahead it needs to launch an invasion of Iraq, and to remove the current regime from power. From now until the weapons inspectors arrive, and also until the Dec. 8 declaration deadline the United States is going to be keeping a keen eye on every action that Mr. Hussein takes. He is not a stupid man, however, and I would like to think that he has some grasp of the damage that a U.N.-backed United States could do to him.

There have been arguments against any U.S or U.N strikes against Iraq. One that I have heard most often is that the United States wants to secure the oil fields for its own use, and that this is the sole reason for any military action. This is a weak argument to say the least, being that the United States has numerous other sources of oil. While it is true that the removal of Mr. Hussein would free up the oil fields to trade, his removal would also free up something much more important - the Iraqi people,

held in oppression for much too long. I was reading an article in the New York Times by Elaine Sciolino regarding the hundreds of Iraqi refugees that have made it as far as France. These refugees have said that conditions in Iraq are terrible and that “there are so many problems in Iraq, Saddam is so bad.” First-hand accounts are a very hard thing to ignore, especially when it reinforces facts that we already happen to know.

We not only face problems in Iraq, but throughout the entire Middle East, a pot seemingly ready to boil over. The new tape of Osama bin Laden, which the government says is authentic, gives us even more cause to worry. In the tape bin Laden warns of future attacks not only on America but also on England, France, and Canada, to name just a few. He also warns the U.N. that any attacks will be met with retaliation. In the taped speech that was broadcast by Al Jazeera, an Arab news service, bin Laden stated that “it is high time that we stand on equal ground. As you kill, you will be killed, and as you bomb, you will be bombed.”

We are coming up on scary times in this world. We have seen that America is actually vulnerable to terrorist attacks, and that we really can’t do a whole lot about it. We are on the verge of war with a potentially very dangerous man in Iraq, who may be capable of using chemical weapons against us.

What can we as average Americans do during all of this? What can we do here at Alma College? One thing is that we can stay informed on current events. Go to Joe’s in the morning and pick up a New York Times and at least skim through the main stories. If we as students stay informed on current issues it will lead to intelligent conversations all over campus. Also, whatever your beliefs are, get involved in campus organizations, and maybe while you’re at it you can gain a new outlook on the world. As William Blake said, “When the doors of perception are cleansed, things will appear to man as they truly are...infinite.”

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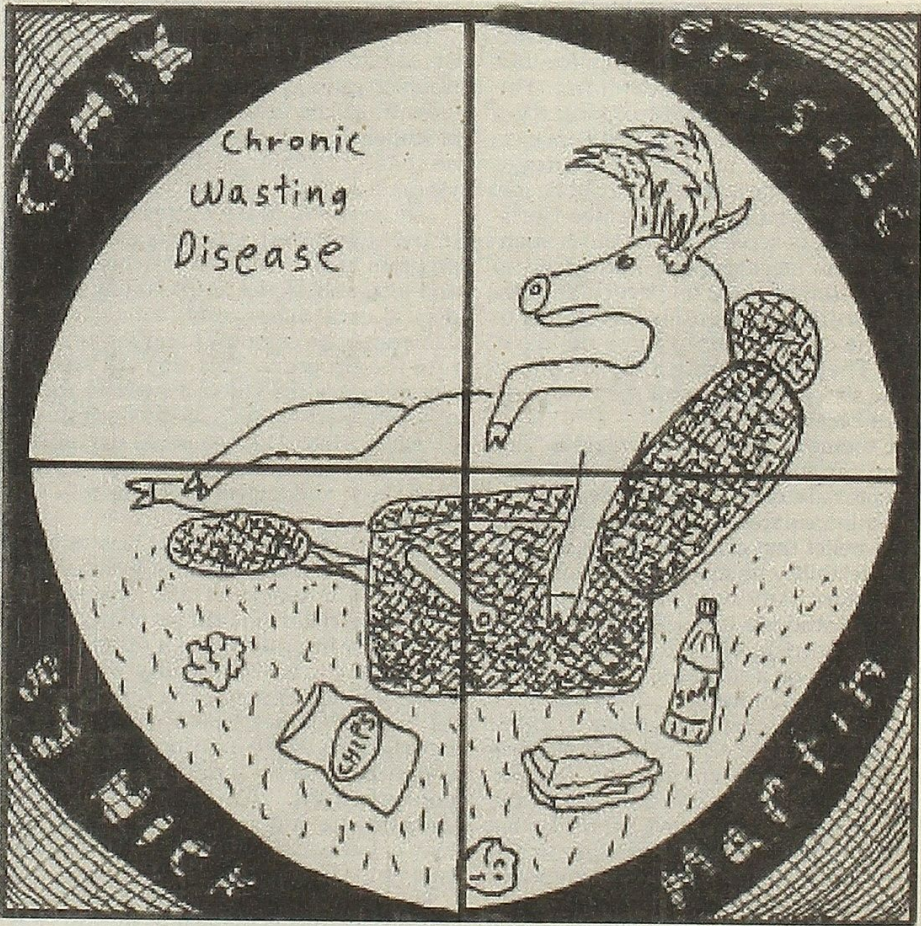
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SPORTS

Women's basketball looks to rebound from subpar 2001 season

KRISHA LARSON
Staff Writer

In the 2001-2002 season, the Alma College Women's Basketball team finished the season with an uncharacteristic record of 11-15 overall and a record of 4-10 in the MIAA placing them seventh in the final league standings.

This year they are striving to improve their name in league play and earn back some recognition as being a quality basketball program. "We definitely want to improve from last season. Last year was rough and the returning players learned from that and we will not make the mistakes we did then," said Janell Twietmeyer (03).

"I think with the new girls coming in," said Kristie Gehrs (03) "we have a much more positive outlook on the season."

The Scots return back all five starters and three other key players. "With so many returning," Gehrs explained, "we have solid leadership and great experience when it comes down to clutch time in a game."

Three of the five starters are the three seniors, Gehrs, Twietmeyer, and Shelly Ulfig (03). Ulfig earned a first-team All-Conference honor last season as she scored 15.2 points per game, while pulling down 10.9 rebounds per game. She had a total of 284 rebounds throughout the season, breaking her own previous record.

Twietmeyer finished as a second-team All-Conference pick last year and is an extremely strong and consistent shooter from the three-point line hitting 43 percent of three-point shots taken. She was second on the team in scoring last year at 11.7 points a game.

Gehrs is another strong asset to the team. She serves as an aggressive point guard and will be the starting point guard this year. Gehrs is a solid ball-handler and

will be a strong leader as she will be at the head on the court for the Scots.

The other two returning starters are Karen Hall (04), and Mindy VanDamme (05). Hall is a forward who averaged 10.4 points per game last season, while pulling down 201 rebounds for the season. VanDamme is another strong three point shooter hitting 36 percent of those taken and scoring 7 points a game.

Three other returning players are Anne Love (04), Michelle Dettling (05), Jillian MacDonald (05), and Jesse Rosten (05). The Scots have added six new first-year students to the team. "The new class," Gehrs explained, "have great attitudes and great skills. They are very talented and will provide a great future for Alma College Women's Basketball."

One thing that will help to make this year's Scots stronger, commented Twietmeyer, "is that we are a pretty experienced team with nine returning players who have gone through a season like last year where you learn a lot. I think we will be smarter and more competitive."

"I think we will be strong offensively because we have good shooters and rebounders. But defense is always a struggle with every team."

Gehrs also commented on defense, "We need to focus on our defense. We need to have strong pressure defense because we have the quickness and the ability to play an intense defense."

Coach Charlie Goffnett is back again this year with a "more intense focus this year," said Twietmeyer. This season the Scots have added two new faces to the coaching staff. Ellen Curtis and Jessica Viertlboeck join the Scots as assistant coaches. Curtis was a Kodak All-American player here in 1999 and serves as the athletic admissions coordinator and alumni admissions coordinator for Alma College. Viertlboeck graduated from Ohio Wesleyan and currently works at Central Michigan



Photo by Melanie Szewczyk
Coach Charlie Goffnett instructs Haley Underwood (06) while Janell Twietmeyer (03) looks on.

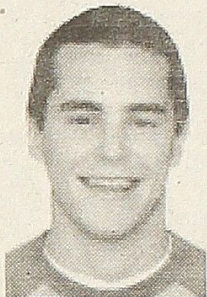
University. "Because they both played Division III basketball," explains Twietmeyer, "they know what we are going through. It is nice to have someone who knows what you are going through with academics and athletics. They are a good balance with Coach Goffnett."

"They will provide many benefits to our team. They are experienced players, as well as coaches," commented Gehrs.

The Scots kick off the season on November 22-23 at the University of Rochester in New York for a tournament. They will begin play on Friday, Nov. 22 against Mt. Union College from Ohio.

"We want to prove how great our program really is," says Gehrs when looking into the season. "We want to be consistent throughout the year and make a run for being one of the greatest teams in the league."

Best darn sports column ever



MATT HELMUS
Sports Editor

For starters, congratulations to Coach Cole and the football team for making the NCAA Division III playoffs for the second time in school history. The fact that Alma is hosting the game proves that the selection committee respects the program.

As most of you may have heard the team will be hosting Wheaton College in a game here this Saturday at noon. This is the same Wheaton team that came into town on September 14. In that game Alma sophomore quarterback Alan Montgomery replaced starting quarterback Steve Slowke in the third quarter and led the team to a game-winning touchdown drive.

In the first game the Thunder outgained the Scots 469 yards to 260 yards. Wheaton has been a consistently balanced team throughout the year, keeping rushing and passing yards about even. However, in the first showdown the Thunder were only able to gain 115 yards on 46 attempts. If the Scots stymie their offense once again they should have a great shot at winning the game.

The winner of the game has a tough road ahead of them that leads to northeastern Ohio. I had heard of a certain Mount Union school before and heard rumors about how good they are. Little did I know that they could thrash most college teams in this state, barring U of M. Mount Union would be the Scots second round opponent. Mount Union is currently on a 38-game win streak. The Purple Raiders have won six national championships in the past 9 years. They just completed their eighth straight undefeated regular season. Yes, they are good.

Running into a buzzsaw this weekend was the men's and women's cross country teams. Calvin College took the men's and women's NCAA regionals for the umpteenth straight year. The Scots finished in 20th (men's) and 27th (women's) places. The team ran a quality race considering the fact that they had to wait an hour for snow to be cleared from the course. You can ask Nate Belill for an interesting story about running down a snow-covered hill.

In non-Alma athletics, the state of Michigan fared decently this past weekend. The Lions were able to stay in their game until the third quarter when the Jets took control. On West side news Grand Valley finished out their second straight undefeated regular season and are looking to get to the D2 championship game for the second straight year. Michigan squeaked by Wisconsin 21-14, securing themselves a decent bowl berth. Meanwhile the Spartans were not able to close out a game, losing to Purdue 45-42. Word out of East Lansing has it that Ron Mason, MSU's Athletic Director, will be a one-man search committee for a new head coach. Hopefully Mason can convince a quality coach that the MSU football program isn't completely dead, yet.

Cross country completes season with 20th, 27th place finishes

AMANDA BAUSHKE
Staff Writer

The Alma College cross country teams have completed another season. On Saturday the Scots men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Ada, Ohio for their last meet of the season where they competed in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional meet.

Despite cold temperatures and a delay due to snow, the men's team finished in 20th place in the competition with 569 points. The Scots were led by sophomore Joe Whitman who completed the race

in 25:55 for a 27th place finish. Nate Belill (05) and Joe Bush (03) were the next two finishers for the Scots. They placed 126th and 127th and both had a time of 28:01. Dirk Callahan (05) came in 150th and his time was 28:30. Tom Sterling (03) ran the race in 28:44 and finished in 161st place. The top five finishers score for the team. Rory Wildner (06) and Adam Sudia (03) also competed and came in 175th and 176th respectively. The men's race had 219 competitors.

The women placed 27th in the team competition. Elizabeth Colichio (06) was

Alma's top finisher placing 108th in 24:57. Erin Stone (05) was not far behind with a 124th place finish in 25:11. Dawna Anderson (03) ran the race in 25:19 and Corey Cunningham (05) finished in 25:29. They placed 131st and 137th respectively. Kim Sinclair (03) finished in 153rd place with a time of 25:37. These ladies were the top five finishers for the Scots and their scores equaled 652 points. Stephanie Ogle (05) was 154th in 25:38 and Vallory Babyar (05) was 187th with a time of 26:33. There were 227 runners in the women's competition.

All-MIAA and all-district players

All-conference volleyball All-conference womens' soccer

First team:

Lindsey Baker (05)
Kristin Judson (05)

Second team:

Kerri Judson (05)
Kelly O'Conoor (05)

Honorable mention:

Megan Cook (03)

Second team:

Megan Karchon (04)

Honorable mention:

Jessica Roberts (03)
Sara Monsere (04)
Angel Bushor (04)
Alaina Stuart (04)

Verizon Academic all-district

Second team :

Sara Monsere (04) - Women's Soccer
Sarah Ruddell (05) - Women's Soccer
Kyle Lieberman (05) - Men's Soccer

Third team:

Kelly O'Connor (05) - Volleyball

SPORTS

Swimmers and divers split meets

AMANDA BAUSHKE
Staff Writer

The swimming and diving season is well under way. On Saturday the Scots traveled to Berea, Ohio to compete against Baldwin-Wallace and Hiram College.

The men's team came out in the middle with a 126-110 win against Baldwin-Wallace and a 136-92 loss against Hiram College.

On the men's diving team Cole Hughes (06) took first place overall in both of the diving events. His scores were 90.90 points in 1 meter diving and 175.70 points in 3 meter diving.

The team had two relay teams finish in second place. The 400-yard freestyle relay team had a second place finish. The team consisted of Chris Walker (06), Erik Johnson (06), Chris Porter (04) and Nick Dunckle (06).

In the 400-yard medley relay Mike Porter (03), Keith Hansen (05), Ben McDonald (06) and Will Heyd (05) finished in second place with a time of 3:56.55.

Heyd also finished second overall in two other events, the 50-yard freestyle in 23.17, and the 100-yard freestyle (51.24). Mike Porter also had a good day. He took second place in both the 200-yard freestyle in 1:54.91, and the 100-yard backstroke in 1:00.24.

Hansen finished second overall in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:14.43 while Walker finished third overall in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:34.12, and 4th overall in the 1,000-yard freestyle in 11:32.16.

The women also finished in the middle of the team competition. They defeated Hiram College with a score of 57-80, but they encountered a 124-113 loss to Baldwin-Wallace and a 129-103 loss to Marshall University.

Alma's 400-yard freestyle relay team proved to put up a tough competition when the finish in first place with a time of 3:51.22. The relay team was made up of Meredith Henry (03), Brianne Hauser (05), Emily Dolan (06) and Stephanie Druskinis (05).

The 400 medley relay team of Elizabeth Smith (04), Jaci Wilkie (06), Erin Wicker (05) and Ashley Meyers (06) finished third in 4:35.04.

Individually Druskinis finished in second in two other events. In the 50-yard freestyle she had a time of 26:38 and in the 100-yard freestyle her time was 56.84.

Hauser finished third in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:23.88 while Henry finished third in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:06.39 and 4th in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:37.93.

Morgan Hansen (05) competed for the diving team and won the 1-meter competition with a score of 224.65. She also finished second in the 3-meter competition with a 213.15. Another diving competitor was Lyndsy Carr (05) who finished third overall in 1 meter diving with a 183.95, and fourth in 3 meter diving with a 165.05.

Smith finished fourth in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08.22 and Wilkie finished fourth in two events including the 200-yard individual medley in 2:25.06 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:12.90.

The swimming and diving teams will split up in the next competition. The swimmers will compete at the DePauw Invitational on December 5-6 and the divers will be at the Wabash Invitational the same weekend.

Scots earn first round play-off game against Wheaton



2002 Scots Football

Head Coach: Jim Cole (12th Season, 67-45)
Record: 9-1, 6-0 MIAA
D3 Playoffs: '99 0-1, lost to Wittenberg
Rushing: 1840 yards - (James Edington - 568 yards, 6 TD)
Passing: 2716 yards - (Steve Slowke - 2226 yards, 20 TD)
Receiving: 2716 yards - (Mark Boehms - 1054 yards, 10 TD)
Kicking: Matt Piccirilli (46-47 XP, 10-16 FG)



Photo by Dan Joyce
Jeremy Droptiny (04) runs away from a Wheaton defender in the first showdown between the schools. Alma won 23-16.



- * - Wheaton and Alma will play Saturday, Nov. 23 at noon at Bahlke Field.
- * - Alma and Wheaton have played once already this season with the Scots winning on their home turf.
- * - The winner of the game faces Mount Union, a Division III powerhouse. The Purple Raiders have won 38 straight games and 5 of the last 6 national titles.
- * - Wheaton recently changed their mascot from the Crusaders to the Thunder.
- * - This is both teams' second trip to the playoffs. Both teams are riding nine-game winning streaks.
- * - Wheaton's lone loss this season came at the expense of the Scots. Alma lost to Gustavus Adolphus in their first game of the season.
- * - Don Hansen currently has Wheaton ranked 11th and Alma ranked 17th. The American Football Coaches Association places the Thunder at 16th and the Scots at 21st.



2002 Thunder Football

Head Coach: Mike Swider (7th Season, 48-18)
Record: 9-1, 7-0 CCIW
D3 Playoffs: '95 1-1, beat Wittenberg, lost to Mount Union
Rushing: 2363 yards - (Dan Price - 750 yards, 13 TD)
Passing: 2645 yards - (Chad Bradley - 1776, 13 TD)
Receiving: 2645 yards - (Brad Musso - 1002 yards, 11 TD)
Kicking: Esteban Lopez (25-30 XP, 4-9 FG), Andrew Day (23-27 XP, 1-2 FG)

Wheaton College

Location: Wheaton, IL
Established: 1860
Size: 2395 undergraduate students
Category: Private, Underdenominational Christian
President: Dr. Duane Litfin
Nickname: Thunder
Colors: Blue and Orange
Conference: College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW)
Notable Alumni: Dennis Hastert ('64 - Speaker of US House), Billy Graham ('43 - Evangelist), Michael Gerson ('86 - White House Speechwriter)

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

SIFE Financial Independence Week

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Pat Duffy-CFO Commercial Bank
Dow L1 @ 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Mike Meyer & Michael Palmer
Financial Budgets
Dow L1 @ 7 p.m.

Catholic Student Organization
Fireside Lounge @ 8 p.m.

"Meeting with Dolphins"
Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski
8 p.m. @ Heritage Center

Trinity Bible Fellowship
9 p.m. @ Jones Auditorium

Thursday, Nov. 21

Bill Heinze
American Express Financial Advisor
Dow L4 @ 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 22

Women's Basketball v. Mt. Union @
University of Rochester (NY) @ 3 p.m.

Football Pre-Tailgate - Gym @ 7 p.m.

ACUB event
7:30-12:00 p.m. @ Jones & Rotunda

Men's Basketball @ Wittenberg
8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Football v. Wheaton @ home
Div III Playoffs @ noon

Kiltie Marching Band Concert
8 p.m. @ Heritage Center

Men's Basketball @ Wittenberg

Women's Basketball @ University of
Rochester (NY)

Sunday, Nov. 24

Alma College Jazz Ensemble
Heritage Center @ 3 p.m.

Sigma Alpha Iota
"Once Upon a November"
Chapel @ 4 p.m.

Chapel Service
9 p.m.