



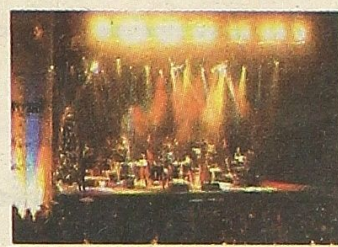
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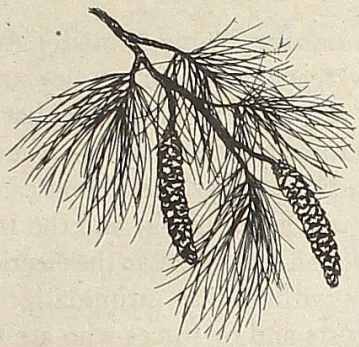
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Peeping Tom brought to justice

**SAM STONEBURG
STAFF WRITER**

Recently on campus there was a string of incidents involving a strange man entering buildings, even women's showers and peeping on students as well as stealing things.

The first incident occurred on the night of Tuesday, October 26 when the man grabbed a female student while she was showering in her bathroom in Newberry. The administration was informed by a parent and they immediately contacted security and the local police.

After the first incident, administration was unsure of catching the suspect, but on Wednesday morning another incident happened. This time incidents were reported in the Gelston bathroom and thefts occurring in Bruske were also reported. Friday afternoon the man was spotted in Gelston and, after being reported to the hall director, the police were called. His next stop was Newberry where he was spotted by a Resident Assistant. He was arrested on the spot, and later identified by the female

students he spied on.

How did they know it was him? Every time he came on campus, he

This incident opened up the eyes of everyone on campus. Although this is small-town Alma, there are

to raise awareness. From this, she and the administration have decided to create a taskforce on safety which will include members of the student life office, students, physical plant and the administration. This task force will focus on three things; policies, facilities and education.

Policies that will be discussed will include the changing of locking the halls, creating a formal chain of communication and a better, more effective method of immediate alert. However, until things can be discussed and solutions are reached the doors on the resident halls will remain locked. Tracy said "I feel a modest inconvenience is preferable to another incident."

Nick Piccolo, Vice President of student affairs pointed out that we can't be naïve about the possibility of situations like this occurring; at the same time he doesn't want us to be terrified, just aware that we are not immune. In situations like this "there is a need for consistency, but it is challenging because it is never neat"

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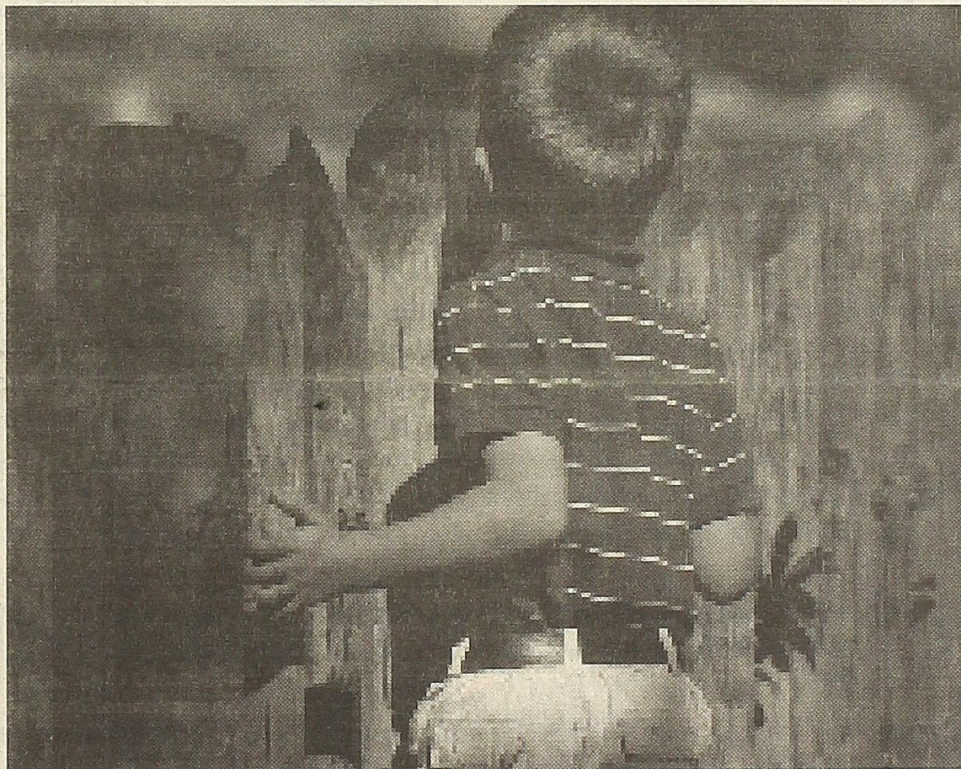


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wore his Alma high school varsity letter jacket, which included his year of graduation along with his name.

still dangers that we cannot turn our backs to. President Sandra J. Tracy feels that this is a good opportunity

Same sex marriage ban and casino proposal passes

**BRIANNA SCHUBERT
STAFF WRITER**

In the flurry of the presidential elections, many people neglected to research the two important pieces of legislation that appeared on the bal-



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A gay couple after being married in Oregon. With the passing of proposal 2, gay couples may not wed in Michigan.

lot. The harsh rivalry between embittered Kerry supporters and gloating

Bush aficionados still overshadows the two proposals. It seems as if not many students were even aware of the implications of either proposal.

Proposal 04-1 was a proposal to amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games. The proposal makes concessions for casinos on land designated as American Indian reservations and the three existing casinos in Detroit.

This proposal has caused a lot of debate because of the probability of a gambling monopoly arising. It would also affect school funding because of legislation in 1994 dedicating all proceeds from state lotteries to the State School Aid Fund. Each lottery having to be approved by the constituents would make it more difficult to raise money

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Where has all the money gone?

**AMY TOPHAM
STAFF WRITER**

Have you ever wondered where all the money you spend to go to Alma College goes? Exactly how is every penny, every nickel and every dime spent? Well, if you have ever wondered here are some answers.

Looking over the budget for Alma College, which came out May 11, 2004, it is easy to see that Alma is pulling in a lot of money and using it in many ways. Some ways that is good for the students of Alma College and some ways that do not seem as good.

Alma College's budget is set at 38.1 million dollars for the year 2005. This is a 2.9% increase from last year's budget.

Where do they get all of this money? It can be broken down like this: \$23,763,476 is coming from tuition and fees, \$3,773,756 is coming from

board/dinning, \$3,257,875 is coming from housing, \$4,685,591 is coming from endowments, \$1,300,000 is coming from gifts and \$1,270,510 is coming from other not stated sources, totaling a budget of \$38,051,208 with a budget revenue over expense of \$3,534.

Alma College is expecting to have 1,166 full time students paying \$27,018 for tuition, room and board, and the activity fee. This is a 5.9% increase in tuition from last year. Room and board has increased 4.8% and the activity fee has increased by 17.6%, and overall increase of 5.7%. Don't be too scared by the increases, Alma College has also increased its amount it gives in financial aid by 9.2% and has added \$10 to the much money debt card system per semester.

However there have been some other increases that might not be as well liked as extra cash for munching. Parking this year is

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for this fund.

Proposal 04-2 was much more controversial, at least on the Alma College campus. Perhaps because it affected more people, there are far more outcries about proposal two. There are also many misunderstandings about the true wording and implications of the proposal.

Many feel that, because of the federal Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 that proposal two was unnecessary. This defined marriage as being between a man and a woman and allowed states to not recognize a union sanctified in another state if it was between two members of the same sex.

Both of the proposals were quite controversial, and many students had heated reactions to them passing. It is interesting to note that in the Alma 'elections,' proposal one failed at 48 percent and proposal two failed at 56 percent.

"I am shocked and outraged both proposals passed. I thought there was no way anyone in his right mind would actually agree to let them go into effect," said **Rachel Kingstrom (07)**. "Apparently, there are a lot more ignorant, close-minded people in this country than I thought. They should congratulate themselves for ruining my faith in humanity," Kingstrom added.

Other students shared Kingstrom's sentiments. "The passing of proposal

2 is an insult to democracy and a re-



With proposal 1 passing it is now harder for Michigan public schools to attain funding.

flection of the frightening ignorance that is taking control of our country," said **Kelly Gildersleeve (06)**. "It is a blatant act of discrimination against a minority group and absolutely should not be tolerated," she added.

By no means are all of the students opposed to the proposal homosexual. Most are simply students concerned with the restrictions of civil liberties and the rights of others. "I do not understand how people can be so afraid that they blindly restrict the happiness of others," said **Sarah Wasek, (07)**. "If people only would have read the proposal and thought about its implications, then it would never have passed," Wasek added.

Ruing the outcome, Kingstrom added, "But, hey, I hear Liechtenstein is nice this time of year."

News Briefs

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STAFF WRITER

The body of a 25-year-old Georgia man was found with a shotgun Saturday morning inside of ground zero, *CNN* reported Sunday. The man, identified as Andrew Veal, is suspected to have taken his life as a result of the re-election of President Bush on Tuesday. Veal's mother later informed Gus Danese, the president of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association, of her son's distress and subsequent plans to travel to New York. Mary Anne Mauney, Veal's supervisor, said, "I'm absolutely sure it's a protest," continuing, "I don't know what made him commit suicide, but where he did it was symbolic." How Veal entered the off-limits area of the former World Trade Center is still under investigation.

ABC reported early Monday morning that U.S. troops began their highly anticipated seizure of Fallujah in one of the newest developments in Iraq. The decision to enter Fallujah came after Iraqi insurgents carried out increasingly large attacks throughout the country. The Iraq government has also declared 60 days of emergency rule as a result of the militant attacks.

Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi regarded the emergency status as a "very powerful message that we are serious," also saying, "we want to secure the country so elections can be done in a peaceful way and the Iraqi people can participate in the elections freely, without the intimidation by terrorists and by forces who are trying to wreck the political process in Iraq." Forces have already succeeded in obtaining the main city hospital and two strategic bridges over the Euphrates River; however, prior to the invasion began troops were warned to be prepared for "the most brutal fighting since the Vietnam War," ABC reported.

The passage of Proposal II in last week's election has left many gay activists devastated. In an interview with ABC, Cheryl Jacques, the president of the Human Rights Campaign, said, "Many Americans in this country voted to discriminate against us...that hurts and that hurts a lot." Jacques also believes that the proposal came at too early of a time in the nation's development, explaining, "America is not ready for the ballot questions that were driven by the extreme right. The students were given the final exam on the first day of class."

Bush victory means four more years!

JON MORRIS
STAFF WRITER

After one of the most anticipated election days in history on November 2, 2004 President George W. Bush was in the lead over Senator John Kerry. The following day there was still hope that if Kerry were to win Ohio, the Democrats would have a chance. Later in the day, that hope quickly faded and Senator Kerry very cordially conceded the election to President Bush.

Bush won the election with a total of 286 electoral votes to Kerry's 252 electoral votes, a 51% to 48% victory. The most surprising of all facts in the election was Bush's victory of the popular vote 59,459,765 to 55,949,407. With such a large voter turnout, there was definitely an expectation for Kerry to prevail, however many people who were thought to be supporting Senator Kerry, supported President Bush for moral or religious reasons.

The actual coverage of election night, in my opinion, was anticipating a republican victory all along. I did not watch Fox for my election coverage either, so I was not concentrating on a biased source. I just noticed an aroma of republican victory whenever an analyst would voice their opinion

on the election, and they never really showed Senator Kerry waiting for the results. I know I saw Bush waiting at the White House with his family many

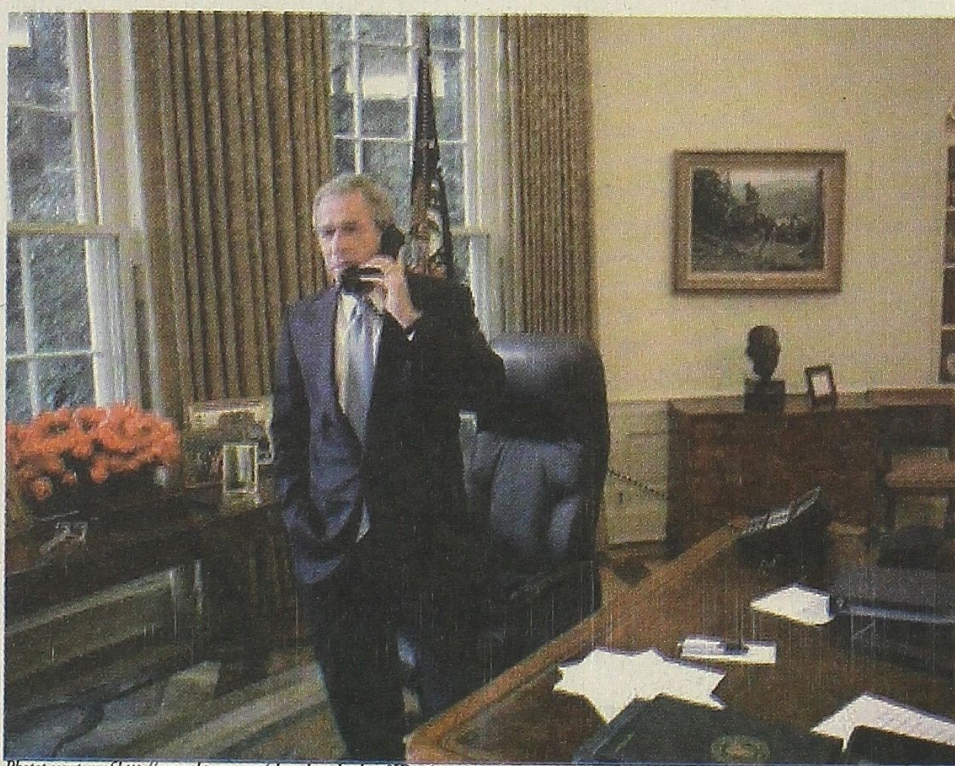
ing an immediate third world war, a plague, the second great depression, and everything short of the world ending. Some students even considered

greatest election of all time, the largest victory for the Republican Party in the history of politics, an insured future with a strong leader, and a celebration for a safer America.

With two very opposing views on the presidential election Alma College students made a strong effort to vote, and we voiced our opinions on campus to the best of our ability. The results of the election may upset some people, but President Bush has been chosen by the people of the United States as this country's leader, and in his acceptance speech he asked for the people in this country who voted against him to give him the chance to earn their trust.

President Bush is asking us for our support, even if we despise everything he stands for, and to really achieve greatness, and to continue to be great as a nation, we should be asked to do that.

The election is over, the stock market is making gains, business spending is increasing, consumer spending is increasing, and our President is confronting issues that will have a very big effect on our lives. Let us hope that America made the right decision.



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President Bush, receiving the phone call from Senator John Kerry, on Wednesday, November 3. Kerry conceded the election the President Bush, instead of fighting over votes in various swing states.

times, on camera.

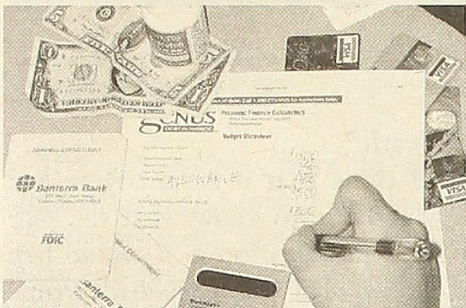
After Senator Kerry conceded, some students here on campus were predict-

moving to Canada, and are probably still considering the move right now.

Other students were calling it the

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year is expected to bring in \$38,900 this year, and increase from the amount brought in by last year's parking. Greeks will experience a 4.8% increase in housing, Alma College is expecting \$146,397 this year from Greek housing.

Some other aspects in the budget for 2005 that are not so good are a decrease in student wages. This does not mean a decrease in how much you are paid but instead how many students are hired. Only \$17,039 is set-aside in the budget to pay for student workers. So you can probably expect to have a harder time trying to get a job in the 2005 school year.

The new Wright Hall is something that has been on everyone's minds because it is such a massive project that has excited many of the students. The anticipation to see it finished and students moved in is great. But how much does this project cost Alma College and its students? Wright Hall is costing about 14 million to be made but the expected revenue for it is only \$14,250, while other dorms on campus are bringing in \$3,970,228. Even Greek housing is bringing in more money with \$146,397 projected for 2005. Students who move into Wright Hall can also expect to be charged an extra \$250 to their tuition to live in Wright Hall.

Overall Alma College is doing a pretty good job trying to make the most of the money so you can make the most of your time at Alma College.

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and tidy. We had to assemble the puzzle pieces on the fly," commented Piccolo.

The suspect was identified as a former 22-year-old Alma resident. With the help of Alma police officer Jeff Hendrick and Gratiot County Prosecutor Keith Kushion, this man was charged with two counts of larceny in a building, three counts of peeping, one count of breaking and entering a vehicle and one count of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct. Maximum

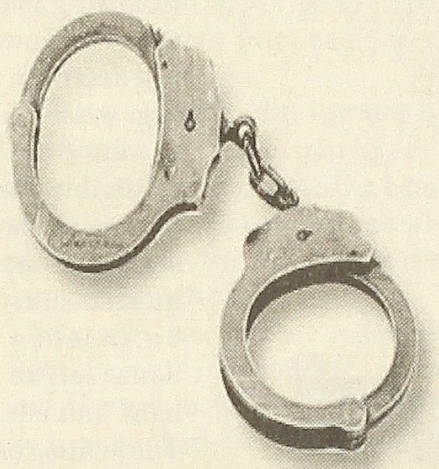


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penalty for larceny in a building is four years in prison, breaking and entering a vehicle is five years, peeping tom is a 90-day misdemeanor, and fourth degree criminal sexual conduct is a two year felony.

The college administration and security are working hard to insure our safety; however they want students to remember what happened and take it as a learning experience. Although Alma College is much safer than most colleges, there are still dangers, and students should never let their guard down.

tatives candidate Dave Camp won by 94,143 votes against rival L.D. Huckleberry and by 5,466 votes in Gratiot County.

In other local elections, Republican Scott Hummel won 93rd District State Representative for a two-year term against challenger Democratic Candidate Monica Birchman.

Despite Republicans sweeping local elections, Marianne McGuire (D) and Nancy Danhof (R) each won a position on the State Board of Education for eight-year terms.

Other educational positions were filled for the University of Michigan Board of Regents, the Michigan State

Jon Morris Staff Writer

Money Talks

As college students we have limited options when it comes to investing. That is to say, not too many of us are ready for day-trading and playing the stock market. We don't have the funds necessary to turn significant profits in high risk investment, and we also can't afford to lose the little money we have. It is very difficult for most college students to even think about saving let alone investing their money.

A solution for some of us looking to make visible returns in the near future would be to invest in mutual funds. I know I've talked about the investment pyramid before, and I will continue to use the pyramid as long as I am writing this column. Mutual funds sit in the second part of the investment pyramid called wealth accumulation. Mutual funds are a medium risk investment choice, and can provide long term slow to medium growth of an investment, and sometimes will provide some very handsome profits.

There are many benefits to owning mutual funds, and I will start with diversification. A mutual fund is unique because it allows the investor to put their money into a company that buys stock for the greatest return. It allows the investor to join a pool of other investors who each own a small share of many companies, and whose money is all under professional management. This is especially nice for college students, and people who just don't have the time to watch the stock market.

Mutual funds are much less volatile than stocks, meaning there is less risk and also less opportunity to lose and to make money. This is a good and a bad thing, but unless you have the time

and expertise to watch the market, mutual funds bring you a very nice alternative way to make great returns on your investment.

Another great benefit of buying mutual funds is that they are understandable, traceable, and well marketed. It is very easy to measure your funds daily, weekly, monthly, and annually against the market's average performance. There is a great deal of comfort knowing that you are putting your money together with thousands of other investors and handing it over to a team of managers whose performance can be monitored. It is their sole purpose in life to make you as much money as possible and taking advantage of their expertise is a great way to make above average profits on your investments.

Although mutual funds have many benefits, and seemingly are the best investment available to those of us who are busy, there are some discouraging factors to owning mutual funds that you should know. Nearly 90 percent of all funds that have 10-year records under-perform the market. This doesn't mean that mutual funds aren't making you any money on your investment; it only means that the gains in the S&P 500 are higher than 90 percent of the mutual funds on a 10-year record.

Mutual funds are a great way to invest when you are short on time and knowledge of the stock market, and some even prefer just letting the professionals take care of their cash. Just be sure that you monitor the performance of your mutual funds with the average gains of the S&P 500 to be certain that you maximize your return on investment.

November elections bring mixed results and large turnout

DEREK HARRISON STAFF WRITER

Elections on November 2nd resulted in 4,863,255 voters casting their ballots with Gratiot county totaling 17,378 votes.

According to results from the Secretary of State, Democratic Presidential Candidate John Kerry won Michigan's popular vote by 151,891 votes, but lost Gratiot County by 2,454. Also contrary to state vote totals, Alma College's own online vote reflected student voting as 52% for George W. Bush and 45% for John F. Kerry.

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Board of Trustees, and the Wayne State University Board of Governors. The University of Michigan Board of Regents positions filled with Democrats Olivia Maynard and S. Taylor, the Michigan State Board of Trustees by Republican Melanie Foster and Democrat Joel Ferguson, and the Wayne State University Board of Governors by Democrats Tina Abbott and Anetta Miller.

The controversial Proposal 04-2, stating that the state constitution specify what can be recognized as a "marriage or similar union", went against college voting results that disapproved of it fifty six percent to thirty nine percent

and instead passed the amendment fifty nine percent in favor to forty-one percent. Gratiot County, however, voted in favor of the amendment sixty two percent to thirty-eight.

Proposal 04-01 to amend voter approval of gambling and lottery games passed with a final count of fifty eight percent voting in favor, near Gratiot County's total of fifty six percent.

Voter registration increased this fall by 904 in Gratiot County while Washtenaw, Macomb, Kent and Oakland counties each increased by over 16,000 registered persons. Oakland alone had an excess of 26,144 votes to pass proposals and elect candidates.

FEATURE

Open Seal Hunting allowed in Canada

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Two baby seals walked into a club.

This one line joke, like dead baby jokes, is only funny because it is sick and most people can not picture it ever happening. This assumption, however, is sadly removed from the truth. Hunters in Canada can club or shoot 975,000 baby seals over the next three years, legally.

The Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans has engineered this hunt to reduce the seal population on the basis that seals eat cod. The cod fisheries in Canada have been suffering from reduced cod populations in recent years. The Department of Fisheries did not, however, look to their fishing laws for culpability; they have been over-fishing the area for many years, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

Many people are aware of the brutal, inhumane process of killing a seal, but

they are not aware that often the seals are not even unconscious before the hunters begin skinning them. Obviously, this horrific process results in prolonged, tremendously painful

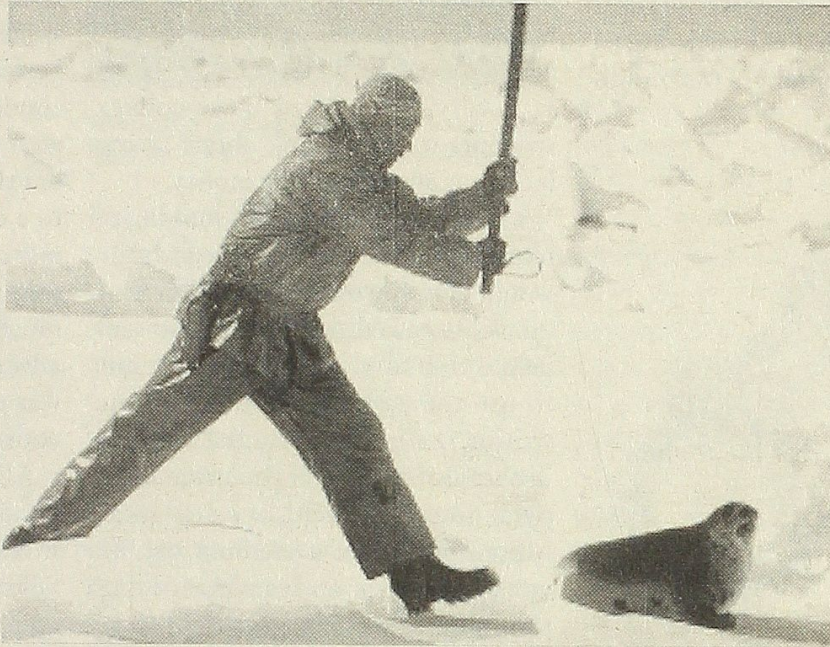


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deaths that are completely avoidable. Observing independent veterinarians approximated that about forty percent of the seals were still conscious while being skinned. Hakapiks, somewhat

like ice-picks, and clubs are the most commonly used means of dispatching the seals.

Hunters still cannot technically kill seal pups. According to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the following are the guidelines for determining whether or not a seal is eligible for hunting: "The seals that are hunted must be independent, self-reliant animals. The hunting of harp seal pups (whitecoats) and hooded seals (bluebacks) is prohibited. Persons may not hunt adult seals in breeding or whelping patches. Sealers must administer a blinking-eye reflex test for a clear determination

of death."

"I think that it is horrifying and I would like to know what the purported justification is. I would like to know what the [Canadian] Prime Minister has to say about it," said **Kelly Gildersleeve (06)**.

According to the DFO website, the methods used to hunt seals have been approved by the Royal Commission on Seals and Sealing. They have also decided that these methods are "comparably humane." By the time a harp seal is two weeks old, it has begun shedding its white coat, and at which time it is legal to hunt. According to the Humane Society of the United States, about 95 percent of the slaughtered seals are between twelve days and one year old.

Not only has the Canadian government allowed the seal hunt, it has subsidized the activity. Between 1995 and 2001, more than twenty million dollars Canadian was used to fund the slaughter. Processing plant workers, market research, and the construction of processing plants have all been funded by the Canadian government.

Pricey concert tickets lead to sluggish sales

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Record labels have hit a rough patch. Music piracy has made a significant dent in record sales, leading to job cuts and the elimination of artists from labels. Industry giants BMG and Sony merged, meaning that RCA, J, Arista, Columbia, and Epic Records all answer to the same corporation. Mozelle Thompson, a member of the Federal Trade Commission, told *Variety* magazine in August

well as the diversity of content, available to consumers." The labels aren't the only conglomerates who control a large portion of the music industry though. Clear Channel Communications "controls roughly 1,200 radio stations and about seventy percent of all live events that are promoted in the United States," according to *Rolling Stone*. Don't think that affects the consumer? Think again. With so few companies controlling the rights to artists' music and the venues at which they perform, concert ticket prices have reached an all-time high. In 1999, the average price for a concert ticket was \$39.56. Today, the average price has increased 38 percent, to \$50.35. "This

year's Top Fifty tours, according to concert-industry bible *Pollstar*, cost an average of \$58.31," reports *Rolling Stone*. That does not include fees for service charges through Ticketmaster, either. Once ticket holders arrive at a concert, they have to pay for parking and any souvenirs and refreshments, which are also becoming more expensive. So why does it cost so much money to see Britney Spears? It's all about profit. Artists such as the Rolling Stones, Sting, Simon and Garfunkle, and the Eagles have lobbied for concert tickets that would cost over \$100. They argue that ticket giveaways and piracy have cut down on their profits and force them to extend their tours for an unreasonable amount of time. Clear Channel claims they have to charge so much because of the cost of the construction and maintenance of their venues. There are exceptions to these high ticket prices, however.

The Warped Tour charges under \$35 per ticket and the Dave Matthews Band keeps their tickets in the \$40 to \$60 range.

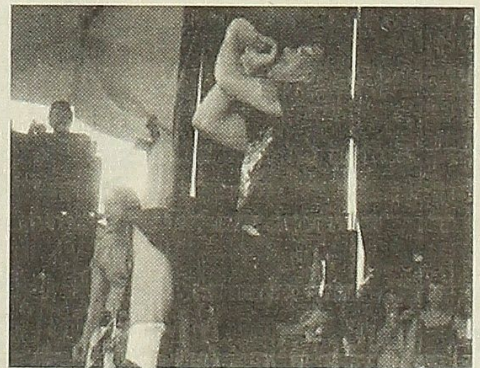


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The Used performing at the Vans Warped Tour this past summer in Boston, MA. Ticket prices for the warped tour were only \$35 for at least 20 different bands.

This summer, Lollapalooza, Britney Spears, and Christina Aguilera were all forced to cancel part of their tours partly because they weren't selling any

tickets. Ticket prices for Ozzfest and Jessica Simpson had to be reduced significantly. Big name artists such as Madonna and Prince, however, continued selling concert-goers front row tickets that cost hundreds of dollars. So what is the average broke college student to do? There's always the radio I guess.



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Britney Spears performing for a live crowd. Many artists have noticed a decline in ticket sales due to high ticket prices.

of this year that there has been a concern about the "quality of media, as

FEATURE

Greater emphasis need on elementary ed science

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To teach students from the multitude of subjects brought about in the classroom today, one might wonder how education programs could ever hope to meet every student's need for each subject. Others wonder how they can improve certain aspects of the curriculum, like the current standards set for Science.

Recently the Bayer Corporation did a survey among elementary school teachers and found that almost one third of them reported to teach Science twice a week or less. Nearly another third graded their school's science education with an overall C or D while only 56% gave it a B or better. Alma College's Education Department Chair, Dr. Mark Seals, said that Science deserves more attention.

"I think science is crucial," Seals said. "Science needs to be equal with the other basics, and we can use those other things to help learn science better."

Seals also said that in the education program they try to prepare elementary education students to teach science as best that they can, and from

his perspective it has been best suited with a hands on approach.

"You can buy the boxed, canned approach that is already made for you," Seals said. "But the other way is a very personal approach that includes your personality more and bringing it into play with the hands on method."

As an Elementary Education major, **Shawn Grutsch (06)** said that he has had a lot of experience at Alma with writing lesson plans and studying curriculum, but a good portion of benefit comes from being in real classrooms.

"Basically what we're learning is to be effective teachers in the classroom, using certain standards as the benchmarks so we do not fall behind when challenges like the MEAP test come along," Grutsch said.

Education students are required to take science classes in their schedule and Grutsch believes that although he is not a Science minor himself, it is important.

"I know I'm going to have to teach science at some level, so it is important," Grutsch said. "I do believe that basic understanding of science should happen in elementary school."

Seals said that in concurrence with

science's importance, education professors are trying their best in a little amount of time.

"Because of the Alma way as a four year program, we have to shorten up some classes, and one of which has been the elementary science class," Seals said.

Seals said that he believes the program needs to be readjusted to offer the class between three and four credits.

"That would help to expand the amount of time, the amount of exposure students get," Seals said. "We can introduce a lot more key concepts that they need to have."

Though Seals said the program could use some lengthening, Grutsch said he has already been feeling the pinch of not having enough time to fulfill the education requirements.

"It is difficult to squeeze so much into a small amount of time," Grutsch said. "You have four years here to get this done, but it seems to take everyone else five."

Part of the education curriculum is observing classrooms and student teaching and some students feel this is the best way to learn first hand.

"Observing kids is a great help to

understanding them," Grutsch said. "I wish we had more time in the classroom."

To uphold the standards of current science curriculums, Seals said he believed it was important for the state to set certain requirements for subjects like Indiana's system.

"I think that it is a detriment to us," Seals said. "Those who like science teach it, while those who don't keep busy with other important aspects leaving students going grades without it."

Grutsch agreed that science should be held in higher importance by the state, but was weary of the threat of funding.

"In a way it would be useful to provide more funding for programs based on teaching achievement," Grutsch said, but then added that he worries about the threat to remove funding if it does not meet the state standards.

"It is our responsibility to make sure they are prepared to teach science and give them the tools to do so," Seals said. "I don't think that anyone can give them enough content. We just need to give equal time in our curriculums so the kids don't go through school hating the subject."

The Demanding Viewers survives another movie

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This week the Demanding Viewers attended a showing of the film "Surviving Christmas."

Let's be clear about one thing up front: we hate *almost* all of Ben Affleck's work. "Phantoms," "Armageddon," "Forces of Nature," "Boiler Room," "The Sum of all Fears," "Daredevil," "Gigli," "Paycheck"... the list of terrible movies stretches on into the sunset. For all we know, he is a wonderful fellow in person, but it's clear that he should take the money and run away from Hollywood. His movies keep getting worse and worse. It's almost

like he attracts homeless scripts in need of a hot meal and a place to sleep, only to find in the morning that the scripts have robbed him of everything he owns (his last piece of credibility).

The main problem with the film "Surviving Christmas" is the ridiculous lack of script. James Gandolfini, a respected character actor, plays Tom

for wanting to live in his long sold childhood home. Along the way he runs into Christina Applegate's "Alicia Valco" which as you can already tell,

will always get props from The Demanding Viewers for her work in the series of films by Christopher Guest.

There is a formula to these movies: one bad, famous actor plus one actress who has been getting more roles than she's due multiplied by a big movie budget and divided by the number of people who will see it.

We thought to ourselves... who could be responsible for this piece of trash? Surely some stopped and said, "No, we mustn't put out any more filth like this! The country will revolt! Wait, let's give this thing to Mike Mitchell." Mike Mitchell's other directorial masterpiece: Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo. How could "Surviving Christmas" possibly be bad now?

The real question about "Surviving Christmas" is how with four writers *credited* (there are always way more writers than listed) they were unable to come up

with a script. Gandolfini admitted in a behind-the-scenes interview bit that most of the film was "improvised." We hope that Gandolfini and Affleck



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Valco who makes the mistake of allowing Ben Affleck's character "Drew Latham" into his household. You see, there is a romantic angle that this movie presupposes is the reason that the near-insane Latham would have

he falls in love with and loses the reason for paying 5 billion dollars to live with the Valco's for a month anyway. Whaaaat?

Catherine O'Hara plays "Christine Valco," which stinks for her, but she

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FEATURE

Welcome to the new advice/ how to column: this week—how to give a great massage



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MEGAN JARCZYNSKI
STAFF WRITER

When that certain someone catches your eye and doing a palm reading of their hand doesn't seem to do the trick, what better to do than to take the stress out of life with a nice massage? After all, who could resist you when you're caressing the tension out of their muscles and sending them into a state of deep relaxation? Hey, it's worth a shot anyway.

Atmosphere is key when giving a good massage. Turn off that TV, put on some soft music, and light some aromatic candles (as long as your RA

"Atmosphere is key when giving a good massage. Turn off that TV, put on some soft music, and light some aromatic candles"

doesn't know).

Have the recipient lay face down on a firm and comfortable surface. A mattress or futon is ideal—preferably one without any runaway springs or abilities to fold up mysteriously on its own.

To reduce friction and make the massage more enjoyable for both involved, use oil or a lubricant. Vegetable oil is

a viable massage lubricant because it's cheap and easy to find, although



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it could leave your recipient smelling like Saga.

To avoid making your "victim" smell like your last meal, use a bonefide massage oil or lotion.

Now for the basic hand techniques for a great massage.

1. Fan Stroke: Place your palms flat on either side of the victim's spine just above the hips. Apply slight pressure with the heel of the hands and move them slowly forward until they reach the shoulder blades. Then with your fingertips facing forward, smoothly move your hand in

a curve over the shoulder blades and down the side of the torso back to the starting position. Wash, Rinse, and Repeat several times.

2. Kneading: This stroke involves grabbing on to the sides of neck and shoulders and squeezing rhythmically. The key to effective kneading is to avoid pinching the flesh. It's hard for your victim to relax when they feel they are in third grade again being chased by that dumb boy who actually believes the way to a girl's heart is by pulling her hair and pinching her arm. I repeat do not revert to these grade school tactics, but instead, slowly and sensually knead the muscles, not the skin.

3. The Feather Touch: To finish off your great massage, try this technique. Applying no pressure at all, drag your fingertips in a raking motion down the back. Just allow your fingers to



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gently run across the skin. Then begin tracing patterns such as numbers and letters with your fingers; this serves as a tender closing and a great way to practice your alphabet.

Even with these techniques, what can make a good massage a great massage is being in touch with your victim's body and reactions. Get inside their psyche and perhaps they will want to return the favor. Good Luck and happy rubbing.

In the down time between you giving and receiving these wonderful massages, I look forward to hearing your comments, suggestions, and questions.

First Afghan woman to publish English language memoir coming to Alma

Section: Feature
Subject: Farooka Gauhari
LAURA SACHJEN
STAFF WRITER

Many people take for granted the freedom to receive a basic education and have a career.

But women in Afghanistan have not had that same freedom, since Afghanistan has been the site of decades-long instability and political upheaval.

Farooka-Gauhari will discuss the role of women in Islamic society when she comes to the College next week.

While the rights of Afghan women have improved since the end of the Taliban regime, many challenges still face the country and Gauhari will also discuss the role that women play in rebuilding Afghanistan.

Gauhari comes to Alma as part of the College's "Speakers Series."

"We try to bring in a wide range of speakers," said James Mueller, Chair and Associate Professor of Economics. "We thought it would be interesting to have someone talk about Islam, and Dr. Gauhari is uniquely suited to be able to do that."

Gauhari holds the unique accomplishment of being the first Afghan woman to publish an English language memoir in book form. The book, titled *Searching for Saleem: An Afghan Woman's Odyssey*, was published in 1997.

Gauhari was once an associate professor and chair at Kabul University. In 1978, her husband Saleem disappeared during the Communist coup in Afghanistan. Her husband left for work one day and never returned home.

The book tells of her two-year search to find answers to her husband's whereabouts. After finding little information about her husband, Gauhari moved with her three children to the United States where she began to rebuild her life.

She has shared her story and insights at other colleges across the country and she currently teaches biology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"It helps us to see a different part of the world through someone else's eyes," said Mueller, "and we need to know more about Islam."

Gauhari will speak at the Heritage

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One book that Farooka Gauhari wrote, *Searching for Saleem*.

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ences in the "scripting" (there wasn't one) like gentlemen: By strapping on inflatable sumo wrestler suits and going best of three take-downs.

The Demanding Viewers gives "Surviving Christmas" two big sellout, money-grubbing ad-libbed thumbs down.

OPINION

Point

Counterpoint

Safety more important than convenience

MEGAN JARCZYNSKI
STAFF WRITER

I will be the first to agree with all the grumbling on campus that the new security lockdown is somewhat of a pain and inconvenience. It is starting to get colder outside, and I know the last thing I want to do is fumble around in my pocket for my exterior door key.

However, I realize there are things that are more important than convenience. One of which is the safety of this campus.

We all came to Alma with the assumption that occurrences such as the peeping tom incidents and thefts of last week would very likely never happen here.

We know the faces of the people on campus and have a false sense of security. I know people that rarely lock their room and even leave their door wide open when they run down the hall to visit a friend or use the microwave.

No one recognized that the things that create a sense of community throughout the campus, such as keeping the exterior doors unlocked and leaving your room door open or even just unlocked, could in fact be setting us up to be the victims of crime.

I believe these recent incidents have served as a wake-up call to the campus community. I think that we previously took our safety for granted. We were blinded by the cliché notion of “Not here. Not us.” But it did happen here and it did happen to us, meaning our fellow students.

I am currently a resident of Nisbet Hall, so I can take some comfort in the fact that I have my own bathroom with a lock on it.

However, as a former resident of Newberry Hall, I can remember taking a shower and feeling like I had to keep one eye open. The bathroom doors are not locked and anyone has free access, including possible perverts and peeping toms.

Taking a shower and using the restroom are private moments. No one should have to fear that they are being watched by someone or could even possibly be assaulted.

I was fortunate enough never to have been the victim of any such degrading act, but it breaks my heart to say that some are not as lucky as I am.

I believe the college has taken the appropriate measures to prevent these disturbing events from occurring in the future.

We cannot take back what has happened to the students who were the recent victims of this peeping tom and thief.

We will never be able to erase the emotional scars they may now have, but we do hold the power to help heal these scars and not let their stories fall on deaf ears.

We can put an end to these incidents and protect our safety from here forward.

The bottom line is Alma College is home to its students. We should feel comfortable here and secure that our well being is being looked after.

The new security lockdown is a significant step in the right direction. Convenient or not, I am willing to deal with this lockdown not only for my own safety but also for the safety of my fellow Alma students.

If even one perpetrator is stopped at the door and is prevented from committing a heinous crime on our campus, I believe it is worth it.

Male students alienated by security hike

COLIN WASILOFF
STAFF WRITER

It goes without saying that what happened over the last week leading up to Friday night’s dramatic arrest was widely known about over campus. However, security changes have now been applied and rather than helping the campus, it is hurting it.

Recently, on my way to our weekly Almanian meeting, held in the basement of Newberry Hall, I began to notice a lot of changes. First of all, I found that I was stuck out in the rain. The side doors had been locked, but somehow it was deemed safe enough to keep the main lobby doors wide open.

Upon entering the hall, I also noted a few other changes. Granted, I am a freshman, but usually I had a warm welcome around campus when it came to new faces. I counted not one, two, three, four, or even five awkward stares on my short trip from the lobby to Newberry’s basement. Six female students belittled, questioned, and accused me with their stares. Why should I, as a male student of Alma College, feel like I have to be watched, stared at, or questioned for my reasons for being in a certain dormitory?

Now do not get me wrong, there is no doubt in my mind that the sick individual who was apprehended deserved to be put in jail. However, the added security here at Alma is not only making the male population feel accused and being kept under close watch, but it is hurting the college’s reputation.

Over the last week, students everywhere have been talking about the peeping tom. Just when I thought that this had run its course, I received word that President Tracy had issued an email describing the events and the new policies in place. It seems to me that this added publicity of the new security steps will definitely put Alma College on the map, but for all the wrong reasons.

Is Alma College a terrible, crime ridden, slum of a school not worthy of attending? Of course not (please refer to my news article “Campus crime on a decline” of October)! Nevertheless with locked doors and suspicious students, AC is beginning to act more like a large inner-city university rather than an open minded rural liberal arts college.

Not only are students apt to becoming less sociable with all of the locked doors, but the new security plan is creating a false sense of hysteria. Students, mostly female, are now scared into hiding and are now constantly looking over their backs. Is this the way you want to feel?

If you think that you are safer with the new plan, then good for you. Many people are, and I am not knocking a sense of security in any way. However, I witnessed the apprehension of the suspect, and I, for one, can vouch for the readiness of the Alma Police force. Within mere minutes, the police were on campus and ready to make an arrest along with campus security.

Besides, what are the odds of this peeping tom returning? This creep can understand two things: 1.) The campus is wide eyed looking for him, and 2.) He knows how fast he was caught last time. Anyone in this person’s position would likely understand that trying a stunt like that would not result in anything good. So why are we implementing a new security plan now? It seems to me that it is a little too late.

The new heightened campus security provides two things along with alienating male students, a sense of security and a sense of hysteria. In my opinion, the latter is what will single-handedly decrease the size of the Alma bubble, and push both current and prospective students away.

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OPINION

Gamma Phi Beta



Congratulations to the newly initiated members of Gamma Phi Beta!
We are so excited and proud to call you our sisters.

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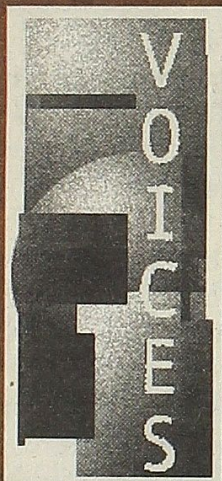
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Emily Aslakson (07)
Oh, the people here.

What is the best
part of Alma?



Jen Bussell (05)
The people - students,
faculty, staff.



Matt Saffarian (06)
Sweet Soccer team.



Andy Brzezinski (06)
The football team.



Chris Lowry (07)
The size of the classes.



Lesley Scott (06)
The small campus and good friends.



Kyle Brandt (06)
The great classes, hands-on
learning and helpful profes-
sors.



Jillian Cline (06)
The professors are always
willing to help out.



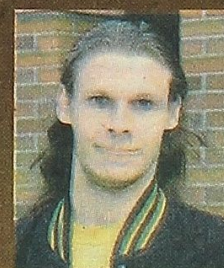
Shannon Nystrom (05)
The fact that you can be involved in
multiple activities.



Tom Czolgosz (06)
Buddies.



Anthony Naylor Jr. (07)
I would have to say basketball.



James Walter (06)
I enjoy the fact that we have such
close-knit interaction with both
other students and faculty.

Photos by Kate Bruder

OPINION

The Almanian Poll

Please rank how safe you feel
on Alma's campus:

1 (not safe at all)	3 votes	3.0%
2	13 votes	13.0%
3	35 votes	35.0%
4	49 votes	49.0%
5 (very safe)	0 votes	0.0%

Sample size was 100 Alma College students

Pass/Fail by Steve Bailey

When commercialization goes
too far...



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Following the Presidential election this fall and the high level of political involvement on this campus, I find that a statement must be made commenting on the behavior of our community.

I feel the classroom should be an objective setting for staff and students of varying beliefs and opinions to gather for discussion of both the issues and the presentation of them. I respect both the rights of those who believe differently than myself and their opinions. I acknowledge their right and freedom to express their opinions as they see fit. I, myself, have retained a minority opinion in my courses for the duration of the semester. However, when comments are made in the classroom in a degrading fashion, it alienates students in an inappropriate manner. I find it unacceptable that students found themselves being insulted in the classroom after the election had been decided.

On a campus where civility and respect are stressed, I wonder where our friendly campus disappeared to. Is it not especially important to uphold these characteristics in times when we may feel defeated or hurt? Can we not respect the positions and beliefs of others at all times? It is important, at an institution which values a diversity of ideas, that we do not encourage a spiral of silence of any differing opinions.

Many members of different opinions have experienced an emotional roller coaster throughout the past nine weeks. Many people have been hurt. Following this significant election, it is my hope that we may move forward without the divisive lines that have been created and the hurtful comments that have been said. Let us begin to put civility and respect into practice, instead of simply speaking of them.

-Cori Drenth, '07

SPORTS

Best darn sports column ever

MATT HELMUS
SPORTS EDITOR

Ah, the highlights of Alma sports this week. Let's see. Um-mmmmm. I'm kind of drawing a blank. As one Scot swimmer said, in reference to Saturday, "worst day in Alma sports history." What made it so bad?

Case number one: football. The Scots hosted their archrivals with the MIAA title and a playoff bid on the line. Jungle, grove and campus fair were abuzz with rumors of a blowout against the Brits. Alas, this was not the case. The Scotgun misfired and the Britons squeaked by with a 35-10 victory. Now, the team must hope (no pun intended) that they can win this weekend and that the Comets of Olivet can spring the upset of the century on Albion. That is the only scenario that would send the Scots through to the playoffs.

Case two: volleyball. After one of the most thrilling matches in volleyball history against Hope the Scots ran out of steam against Calvin on Saturday. Friday may have worn the team out as they went 5 games with the Dutch in a thrilling win to keep their unbeaten streak alive. They were not able to keep the streak up on Saturday, falling to the Knights and losing out on the MIAA's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Luckily the team received one of the few open bids and will compete for the national title beginning this week.

Case three: soccer. Though the soccer teams did not have a shot at MIAA titles they ended their seasons in disappointing fashion. The men's team lost to Albion while the women lost to Hope.

Case four: swimming. The Scots were beaten by (who else) Albion. Both teams are still looking for their first win on the season.

I figure that campus has taken its fair share of disappointment this week. We can only go up from here. The basketball teams are rated fairly low in the conference but I think each could provide pleasant surprises. With both teams undersized the Scots will likely have to go with run-and-gun style offenses. It should be an interesting Winter.

Scots humbled by Britons, 35-10

COLIN M. WASILOFF
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday the Scots played host to Albion College, who was hot on the heels of the Maroon and Cream in the race for the MIAA. The Britons, often famed as the longest living dynasty in the MIAA, proved to be so as the Scots would walk away empty handed by a final score of 35-10.

The Britons, who have a solid defense, came into the match up at 6-2 (4-1), only one game away from the nationally ranked Scots. In league play, Albion almost exactly mirrored Alma in points scored and points given up, both floating around a stellar 165-74.

"It's Albion," said receiver **Aaron Bradley (05)**. "It's always a tough game. Their offense is pretty good, but our defense has been the best it has in a long time." Bradley also added that the team was trying to out-execute the Britons and "shut them down" on defense.

The Scot offense sputtered in the first half, mustering only for a 25-yard field goal by **Jeff LaPorte (05)**. LaPorte's early kick was followed by a thrashing by Albion, which consisted of a 28-0 run over 3 quarters. The next and last time the Scots would score was half way through the final quarter of play, with **Clayton Sims (05)** catching an 11 yard touchdown

pass in attempt to make up ground on the Britons.

Quarterback **Josh Brehm (07)** completed 36 passes out of his 52 attempts, hooking up for over 300 yards. Top receivers for the day were Sims, **Cole Thelen (06)**, and Bradley.

Sims was able to pull in 10 passes for a total of 96 yards and the Scots' only touchdown for the day. Bradley and Thelen also proved to be vital to the Scot Gun, and accounted for a combined 9 passes which heightened Brehm's yardage by over 100 yards.

James Edington (05), the Scots' starting running back, tried to contribute to the Scots' cause, but was shut down to a season low of 20 yards on 8 carries. **Matt Lambourn (06)** carried the ball twice for a gain of only 6 yards.

The Scots' dismal ground game and offensive performance was marred by turnovers throughout the game. Brehm accounted for a fumble and two interceptions, and Edington fumbled once as well. Because of the unfortunate turnovers, the Scots entered the second half by a deficit of 21-3 and were not able to gain enough ground to come back.

On defense, the Britons were limited to 184 yards on the ground and 166 in the air. Help in stopping Albion's ground game came from the presence of linebacker **Scott Barriger**

(05) and defensive back **Kevin Vermeesch (05)** who have been crucial to the Scots' defense all year long.

Vermeesch led the team with tackles with 18 total, and Barriger followed closely behind with 15.

New to the linebacker squad, **Brian Lennerman (08)**, watched painfully the game from the sidelines. "This was a big week for us," said Lennerman. "The scout team did their best to prepare the varsity for Albion."

"We came into the week knowing a win would bring us closer to a MIAA championship; we were physically and mentally prepared," said Lennerman about the game.

Along with being ranked nationally, the Scots' star running back James Edington was honored as being a D3football.com player of the week. Edington was commended for his 27 carries totaling 205 yards against Wisconsin Lutheran last Saturday.

To combat the Scot Gun offense, the Britons boasted sophomore Chase Chandler who was named MIAA defensive player of the week past for his league record of four interceptions versus Hope College. Chandler was only able to break up one pass against the dynamic Alma receivers.

The Scots will regroup and prepare for next Saturday at 1 pm, were they will take on Hope College at Bahlke Field.

Swimming and diving teams still searching for elusive first win

Alma College's swimming and diving team lost two tough meets to the Albion Britons on Saturday, November 6, 2004 in Alma. The losses were the second for each team this season. The women's squad lost 134-102, and the men's squad dropped the event 131-61 against a very strong Albion Men's squad.

Luckily for the Scots, dual meets (those events between two MIAA teams only) do not count for swimming and diving standings in MIAA competition. Instead, performance at the mid-season and end of season conference meets are important for teams.

The Scots are hoping to capitalize on their hard work, depth of motivation, and a rebalancing of the MIAA to help improve their standings this year.

Swimmer **Luke Livingston (07)** said, "Albion is a strong team, but we feel like we can beat them at the conference [meet]. We practice harder

than most for the conference meet and I think it will translate both at the mid-season meet and at the end of season."

Both sides of the swimming and diving team had bright spots in the loss, as many members posted personal best times in their respective events.

Livingston continued: "The team is in better shape for the second meet than in previous years, we swam hard and were tired but gave a fairly good performance."

The swimming and diving team will continue to focus on their team goal of beating Kalamazoo College at the conference meet in February 2005.

Erik Johnson (07) "Kalamazoo could be beaten finally after many years of dominating the MIAA. We feel that with our team we could beat them at conference either this year or in the immediate future."

Hope College looks to be the team

to beat in the MIAA this year, with Olivet College also having a strong, competitive squad. One of Alma's greatest challenges will be meeting the numerical superiority that most other MIAA teams possess. Alma's men's squad only fielded eight swimmers on Saturday. The team was forced to have team members participating in events they normally do not swim.

Nevertheless, the Alma team remains confident that this year will be a successful one, despite the early challenges.

Stephanie Druskinis (05): "We did fairly well on Saturday. The performances were promising for the rest of the season. We'll definitely have some challenges, but overall we looked good."

The swimming and diving team wish to thank all of the students, parents, and swimming fans that came to the meet on Saturday. The attendance at the dual meet was above average, which the team appreciated.

SPORTS

Women's soccer ends season with loss to league champ Hope

AMYTOPHAM
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday the Alma College women soccer team played a hard fought game against Hope College at home. Alma lost to Hope by a score of 3-1. The goal for Alma was made by **Rachel Comfort (07)** and was assisted by **Erin Blackburn (08)**. This was the last game of the season for the Alma College women's soccer team. Alma finished 6-9-1 in the league and 7-12-1 overall.

The game against Hope College was a big one for Alma, if they had tied or won against Hope, they would have stopped them from moving on in the confer-

ence. This has been a season has had its ups and downs for the ladies of the Alma College soccer team. The ladies worked hard this season to over come a multitude of challenges that faced them. **Coach Chi Ly** had much praise for his players, "they are a committed group, they are playing better each game and playing with a lot of heart." Ly has "high expectations for next year's season." The team has come together over the past season.

Kelle Sajdak (07) felt that, "we had our ups and downs and struggled for a bit but ended the season strong and our team got a lot closer."

Co-Captain **Pam McCarthy (06)** said that this year was, "tough but we got better as we went along."

Sajdak and McCarthy are not the only ones who feel that the team has

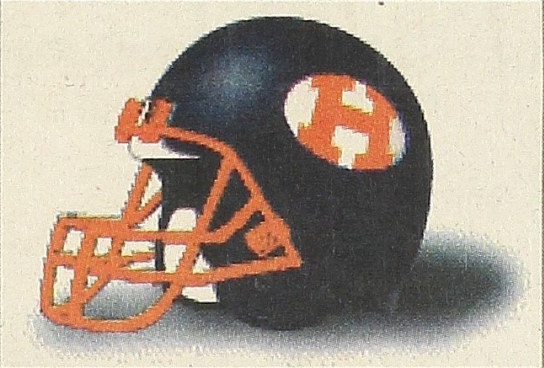
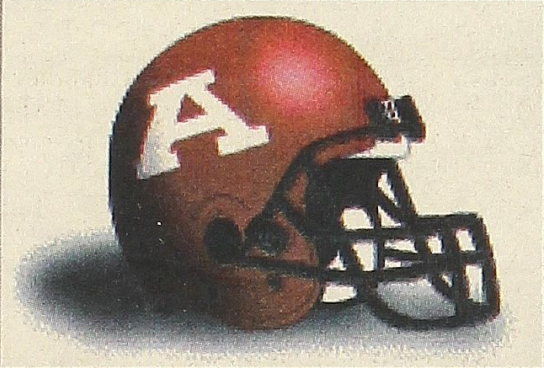
improved over the course of the year, **assistant coach Megan Bohlander** said," they really have improved since day one, in maturity level and in their game performance."

Kristin Gorski (08) said, "it was a fun team and I got along with all of the girls, we communicated really well."

The ladies of Alma have also been awarded for their hard work by the MIAA division conference. Last week, Pam McCarty (06) was awarded the defensive player of the week award and **Christina Haring (08)** was awarded the offensive player of the week award by the MIAA conference.

Next Up

Alma Scots v. Hope Flying Dutchmen



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Photo by Kate Voskeritchian

Left:
Alma's captains (Tony Sigmon, Garrett Whitmore, Alan Montgomery, and Scott Barriger) meet with the Albion captains before the game.

The Scots still have a chance at sharing the MIAA title (if they beat Hope) and at a NCAA playoff bid (if Albion loses and the Scots win.)

The Scots take on the Flying Dutchmen of Hope College this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Bahlke Field.

MIAA PRESEASON BASKETBALL POLLS

MEN'S		WOMEN'S	
1. Hope (7)	7	1. Calvin (4)	14
2. Albion (1)	14	2. Albion (2)	15
3. Calvin	21	3. Hope (3)	16
4. Adrian	32	4. Kalamazoo	31
5. Tri-State	32	5. ALMA	41
6. Olivet	37	6. Olivet	48
7. Kalamazoo	43	7. Tri-State	50
8. ALMA	49	8. Adrian	52
		9. St. Mary's	57

MIAA Preseason polls are voted on by MIAA coaches. First place votes are listed in parentheses. Coaches cannot vote for their own team for first place. The basketball season opens in 2 weeks.

MIAA Standings

FOOTBALL

	MIAA	Overall
Albion	5-1	7-2
ALMA	5-1	7-2
Hope	5-1	6-3
Olivet	4-2	7-2
Adrian	3-3	6-3
Tri-State	1-5	1-8
Wisc. Luth.	1-5	1-8
K'zoo	0-6	1-8

VOLLEYBALL

	MIAA	Overall
ALMA	16-0	33-0
Calvin	14-2	26-8
K'zoo	11-5	18-12
Hope	8-8	19-14
Adrian	8-8	13-16
Albion	7-9	10-15
St. Mary's	5-11	6-19
Olivet	3-13	9-24
Tri-State	0-16	7-27

Standings were not available on the MIAA website as of publishing time. They may not be up-to-date.

SCOT SCORES

FOOTBALL

Albion 35, ALMA 10

VOLLEYBALL

(MIAA Tournament Final)

Calvin d. ALMA

30-25, 28-30, 30-24, 30-17

MEN'S SOCCER

ALMA 2, Adrian 1

Albion 3, ALMA 0

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Olivet 2, ALMA 0

Hope 3, ALMA 1

SWIMMING & DIVING

MEN'S

Albion 131, ALMA 61

WOMEN'S

Albion 134, ALMA 102

SPORTS

Scots lose first game of season, still get NCAA playoff bid



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While the women's volleyball team lost their first game of the season to Calvin College in the MIAA Tournament this weekend, the team still received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

MIAA champ Calvin defeated Alma 3-1 on Saturday and will automatically go on to the NCAA Tournament.

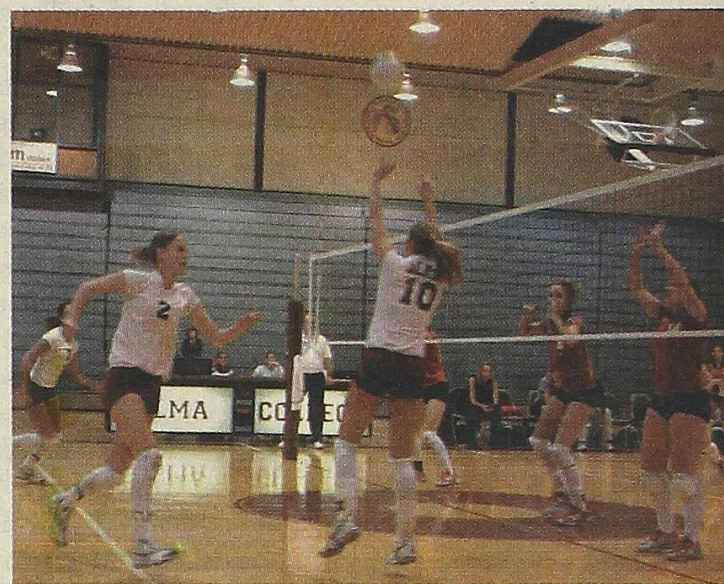
The team's many seniors contributed most of the strong plays. **Kristin Judson (05)** was the team leader of the match with 28 digs and 18 kills. Other strong leaders were **Lindsey Baker (05)** with 55 assists and **Erin Fralick (06)** with 13 kills. **Caitlin Deis (05)** managed 12 kills and **Kerri Judson (05)**. The Scots contributed a total of 64 kills.

The Scots are now 33-1 overall (16-1 MIAA) going into the tournament.

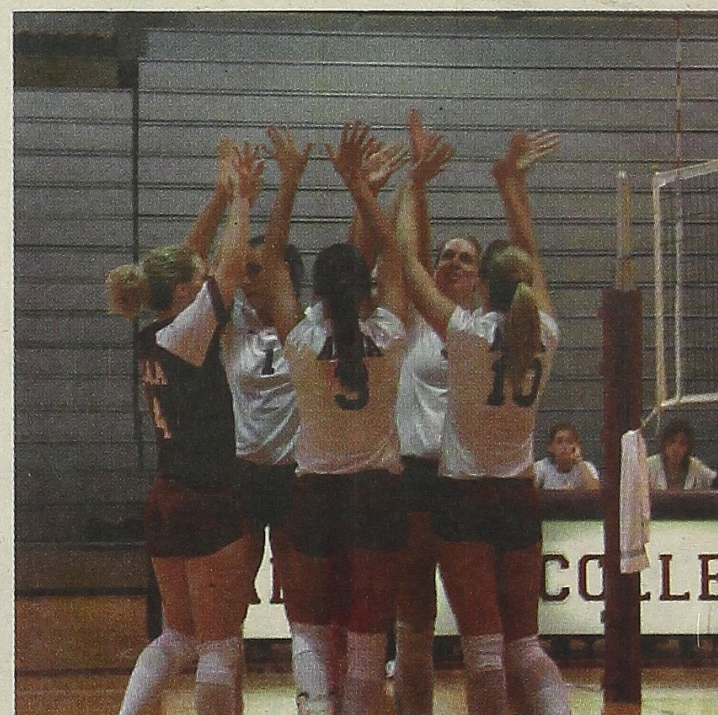
"Of course it was a disappointment to lose," said **Aubrey Giese (07)**, "and hopefully we got our loss out of the way."

"Hopefully we can learn from how we played that day," said Giese, "and play better there [tournament]."

The team will travel to the NCAA Tournament at Ohio Northern University in Ada to face off against Benedictine University of Illinois on Thursday afternoon.



Photographs by Kate Bruder



Top left: **Lindsey Baker (05)** sets as **Kelly O'Connor (05)** rushes towards the net during the Scots' match against Olivet.

Left: The Scots celebrate during their match against Olivet.

Right: **Kerri Judson (05)** serves during the Scots' win over the Comets.

The volleyball team will face Benedictine University (IL) on Thursday at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. Benedictine is currently 23-15 on the season. If the Scots win they will face Wittenberg University.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

4 p.m. - "Scandalous and Disparaging Trademarks" lecture by Dr. Lyndia Oswald (SAC)

8 p.m. - The Nutcracker Student Preview (Heritage Center)

THURSDAY, NOV. 11

6:45 - 9 p.m. - Hispanic Film Series (SAC 113)

7 - 9 p.m. - Biennial Faculty Show Reception and Gallery Talk (Clack Art Center)

8 p.m. - The Nutcracker (Heritage Center)

FRIDAY, NOV. 12

Part 1 of Student Teacher Application Due

SATURDAY, NOV. 13

11 a.m. - Men's and Women's Cross Country host NCAA Regional Meet at Pine River Country Club

1 p.m. - Football Home v. Hope

3 p.m. - The Nutcracker (Heritage Center)

8 p.m. - The Nutcracker (Heritage Center)
SUNDAY, NOV. 14

3 p.m. - The Nutcracker (Heritage Center)

9 - 10 p.m. - Chapel Service

MONDAY, NOV. 15

Alma College 24th Annual Print Competition (Clack Art Center)