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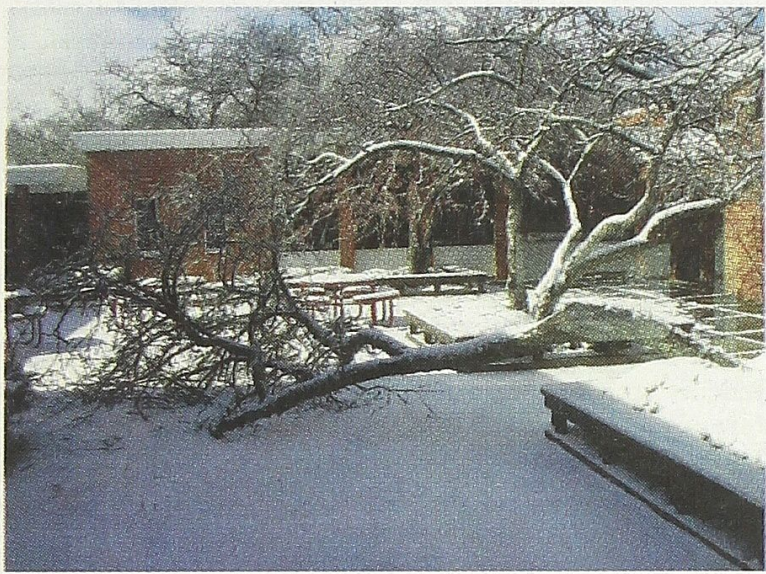
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## Ice storm covers campus, damages vehicles



*Photo by Tony Rosenblum*

This tree, located in the courtyard directly outside of the Student Life Office, fell and startled students passing by Thursday night.

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Part of a storm system that covered most of the state dropped layers of ice on Alma's campus last Friday, resulting in numerous reports of damage.

Ice covered the streets, trees, and buildings around campus, as well as a fair amount of snow. To the north blizzard conditions were present while to the south rain was prominent.

"We were really pretty lucky with this storm. There were a couple of students'

cars damaged by falling tree limbs, but overall, not too bad," Bob Boyce, Director of Physical Plant, said.

Vehicles owned by **Stephanie Mullins (07)**, **Christopher Regan (07)**, **James Couture (09)**, and **Kelly Durr (09)** were all damaged by the storm.

"These students were contacted by Physical Plant parking staff and notified of their car damage," Grant Woodman, Director of Student Life, said.

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## Alternative breaks inspire students to serve

*Volunteers travel to six states to help others in need*

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Alma College is offering trips to six different states this year for the Alternative Breaks program to help others in need.

This year's alternative break destinations include Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Kentucky and Chicago. There, the students will engage in social issues such as youth, poverty, affordable housing, and working with disabled individuals, maintenance in the environment, faith-based disaster sites and hurricane relief.

There are nearly 100 Alma College students and staff with plans to travel in order to help others in need. There are 11 Alma students working with the P.E.A.C.E. Community Center based in Chicago, Illinois. P.E.A.C.E. works in association with an after-school program. The program aids students in serving inner-city school children and other youth. On one of the days, the group will spend time serving the patrons of the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Two of the alternative break sites have been declared disaster areas due to Hurricane Katrina. Nine Alma students will assist the Presbytery of Mississippi

with faith-based hurricane relief in Gulfport, Mississippi. While focusing on worship in the Gulf Coast area, students will work with the church to provide cleanup to disaster areas and participate in worship experiences.

The other group, which includes 35 students, is heading to the hurricane disaster area in Chalmette, Louisiana, as part of the Hurricane Relief Efforts group. The students will be working through the National Relief Network (NRN), a Greenville, Michigan organization. In Chalmette, the students will volunteer their time to the declared disaster areas to rebuild the victims' community and lives. The NRN strives to work closely with many churches, high schools and colleges and universities to come together and do their part for the community.

**Naomi Vance (06)**, who participated in the alternative breaks program in 2005, is dedicating her spring break to the program for the second year in a row. Vance chose to go on alternative break this year because she has a large group of friends going to volunteer their time and she wanted to be part of it.

"It is a really good thing to do to spend your break helping others. It is also a great opportunity to meet new people and become closer to classmates outside of a classroom

setting," Vance said.

**Tom Harding (07)** is going on the same alternative break to Louisiana. Harding also spent his last spring break doing community work for the Appalachia Service Project in Chavies, Kentucky. The group going to Louisiana is the largest among the service projects.

"It gives students the choice to serve where they feel most called and where they can be the most helpful," Harding said.

A few states over, Alma students will make way to three different cities in Florida. In Bunnell, Florida, in association with the Collegiate Challenge and Habitat for Humanity, 10 participants will spend the week working with local affiliates to aid in eliminating poverty housing. Last year, 16 Alma College students worked with over 12,000 other students through 250 affiliates and raised over 1.2 million dollars for the organization. The Collegiate Challenge teaches carpentry skills to individuals while working to improve low standard housing in the area.

The Urban Mission Experience in Jacksonville, Florida, will provide 10 students with dorm rooms while participating in the mission. By using the church as their base, the students will become more involved in the community

and see first-hand how urban missions work. While learning about the principles of the mission, they will reach out to those who earn low income and to those without homes through various non-profit organizations.

Another program that works with a non-profit organization through alternative breaks is the Duvall Presbyterian Home in Glenwood, Florida. Located in central Florida, The Duvall Home is licensed as a Residential Rehabilitation Center and a Home for Special Services.

Ten students will serve the developmentally disabled youth and adults while providing them with many activities to enrich their spirits and give them new social opportunities. The volunteers will be able to improve health conditions, educate, and teach social functions to the residents.

Taking a slightly different approach, the Land Between the Lakes program in Golden Pond, Kentucky provides environmental education to Alma's six participants. They will learn about wildlife between 700 acres of elk and bison pasture, nine campgrounds, 16 lake access areas and 200 miles of hiking trails. Several nature stations will give hands-on experience working in wildlife. Not only will students experience wildlife, but they will also

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Major Barbara challenges actors, staff

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"This is the most challenging play we've done at Alma College," Joe Jezewski, Chair of Theater and Dance, said of the newest play, "Major Barbara," which was performed by Alma College Theater.

The actors in this play had to endure six weeks of rehearsals to perfect this play.

The main conflict in the play is a morality issue: what really is good, and what really is evil. Major Barbara's father is in the weapons business, while Barbara works for the Salvation Army. Her father is looking for someone to replace him in the family business.

While trying to find a replacement, all of the characters have to reexamine their ideas of morality and goodness, and they all undergo changes as time goes on. At the end of the play, Barbara gives up her idea of morality and the Salvation Army. The family all turns to the father and the idea of morality totally changes conception. "The show is heavily grounded in language," Jezewski said. "It is a challenge for both the audience and the actors."

This play was difficult in the scenery department as well. It consists of three separate sets, so the set builders had to worry about this and the effectiveness of the scenery as well. It took over a month to build.

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prepare the Lakes National Recreation area for its 2006 season by picking up litter and maintaining the trails for its 2 million seasonal visitors.

The alternative breaks trips will continue to offer students opportunities to spend their winter break giving service to others.

"It was wonderful to meet and work with the affiliates. They taught us the true meaning of service and family," **Vicky Wilson (05)**, an Alma alumnus, said,



# Student Congress raises activity fee, students react

**TIFFANY BALDUCCI**  
STAFF WRITER

Students should be prepared to see an increase in their student activity fee as Student Congress and the Board of Trustees voted to raise the student activity fee by ten dollars for the 2006 - 2007 school year.

According to **Student Congress Treasurer, Erik Sanborn (o6)**, "The student activity fee funds all student groups on campus such as The Scot, WQAC, lacrosse team, and SIFE."

This raise will bring the student activity fee to two hundred and ten dollars. Sanborn said, "From

discussion, demand for money will be higher next year, [as] new groups are forming and old groups will be increasing their budget."

The student activity fee raised thirty dollars two years ago and last year it did not go up at all.

The money may be used by organizations by budgets that are approved by the Budget and Finance committee or by contingency requests. Money that is leftover from budgeting has a number of options.

"It goes into reserve contingency, which is saved for unforeseen circumstances and emergency purposes to help out groups that have consistently helped the campus."

Currently there is \$13,000 in reserve contingency. An overwhelming majority

*"There's already enough money that isn't even used. It's only ten dollars now, but then it will be twenty, and then thirty dollars." Sample pull quote of some interesting comment.*

- T.J. Peterson (o7)

of student groups voted yes to pass this raise. Gamma Phi Beta's representative, **Melanie McIntyre (o8)** said, "Groups could always use a little extra money; it's not like an extra ten dollars would matter that much. A lot of people complain about their budgets not being high enough and maybe this could help them."

**Shane Pinger (o8)** agreed by saying "Honestly, I don't care. Ten dollars does not really matter; we're not going to notice it in our tuition bill. It will help out the student groups."

Not all voted to pass the student activity fee. **T.J. Peterson (o7)** said, "I think it's whack. There's

already enough money (in contingency) that isn't even used. It's only ten dollars now, but then it will be twenty, and then thirty dollars. For most people, it's not coming out of their pockets."

Peterson continued, "People are uneducated about their budgets. The student activity fee should be lowered because none of the organizations use their full amount of money anyway. Who actually needs this money? We already have thousands of dollars in contingency that's not being used."

As debate continues among students, the activity fee is now budgeted and will be implemented next academic year.

## Storm, continued from page 1



Photo by Tony Rosenblum

Hundreds of branches fell, like these near Physical Plant, due to the weight of a thick ice-covering from last week's storm.

Stephanie Mullins' car was completely smashed out, and the front window was cracked to the point where it cannot be driven. Along with the windows, the passenger side and trunk were smashed. Christopher Regan's roof was smashed in from a tree limb. Mullins is understandably upset with the whole situation.

"Security had put a piece of cardboard over the back window [that night], and removed the tree from my car around 11:30 Friday morning, and that's pretty much all the school's done," she said.

She also claims not to have been contacted by the college

formally; it only happened that a custodian brought it to her attention. Another one of her concerns is that her insurance will not be covering the damage, and all repairs will have to come out of pocket.

Many classes, exams, and interviews on campus were cancelled on Thursday evening due to icy conditions, and many professors living in the Midland area were without electricity. The only electricity loss reported on campus was at the McCurdy House. They were without power until Saturday, but Physical Plant provided temporary

services to run the furnace to prevent frozen water lines.

Other areas of concern on campus were the basement of the chapel, and then the normal snow and ice removal by Physical Plant. Boyce estimates the total costs of cleanup and repair from the school side to be under two thousand dollars. Friday, Grant Woodman sent out a mass email to campus, and no additional property damage has been reported.

If you do discover your vehicle or property has been damaged by the storm, please contact Physical Plant or the Student Life Office.

## Grants allow students to pursue experiences, vocation

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With the winter semester slowly drawing to a close, a number of senior students are concluding their college experience by developing unique research projects. Many of these students have seized financial opportunities offered by the Discovering Vocation Project in order to fully explore their chosen topic and develop extraordinary programs.

Discovering Vocation offers research project grants annually, and has offered a sum of nearly \$5,000 to twelve students this year alone. The Student Research and Project Grant program awards individual students with up

to \$750 to cover expenses for projects, whether they relate to artifact preservation or teaching economics in middle schools.

"What we've funded has been diverse," Dr. Carol M. Gregg said. "It's been books not in our library. It's been travel. It's been equipment for water aerobics. It's meant to give students the resources to take [their projects] further than they could normally."

**Cameron Ray (o6)**, for instance, is working on a project to showcase the Alma College Music Department. As a Music Technology major, he has crafted his own senior project to go along with his self-designed program of emphasis.

"The idea was to produce promotional materials for the music department," said

Ray.

He has been collecting video excerpts of interviews with music professors, clips from ensemble performances, and discussions of the school's music technology, compiling all of these things on to a DVD presentation that should run for approximately twenty minutes.

"I used the funding [from Discovering Vocation] for the purchase of some equipment, like microphones, to aid in completing this project," Ray said. "Hopefully, the school will put it on other DVDs and hand it to prospective students."

**Lisette Hoeltzel (o6)** is also using funds from the Discovering Vocation Project in order to complete her senior thesis. She plans on chronicling the oral histories

of the Chippewa.

"I really wanted to do a qualitative study," Hoeltzel explained.

Fortunately, the grant is helping her accomplish her goal by covering both the cost of recording equipment and transportation to and from the reservation in Mt. Pleasant. Because the opportunity is open to any junior or senior working toward their final project, Hoeltzel encourages other students to "really, really try to find out what they're interested in doing, and find out how it will give back to the community."

"We're focusing on the next step," Gregg said, explaining that the grants are geared toward projects that will influence life after college. "These projects are

something you need to feel passionate about, need to explore, need to move you forward."

**Sol Cortez (o6)**, for example, intends to pursue a career in immigration law. She has designed pamphlets to provide information about basic legal rights and available services such as free legal service, community health clinics, and other resources, and is using grant money from the Discovering Vocation Project to print the pamphlets in both English and Spanish and distribute them throughout her hometown in southwestern Detroit, an area which she describes as "having a lot of Hispanics."

"It's a small way to help, but a good way to start," said Cortez.

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"There were certain things that were harder than others to build," **Ashley Shene (o9)** said.

The play ran from Thursday,

February 16 until Sunday, February 19. According to the actors and staff, the play was a large amount of work because the play itself is actually

three hours long. The play also experienced its share of problems due to the weather.

"Sixty-eight people cancelled because of the weather," **Beth Kirchenberg (o9)**, House Manager, said. "The

house was supposed to be sold out Friday night."

"I thought the acting and the set were real[ly] good. I thought that they did a good job, being a fellow drama student,"

Cara Byce, a prospective student, said about the play.

"I thought all the actors did a very good job. The costumes looked good, and the set looked good," **Sara Ball (o9)** said.



# Gambling fails to attract student population

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STAFF WRITER

3, 11, 15, and 24. What do those numbers stand for? Those numbers won two friends and me \$1,440 playing Club Keno over winter break. We each split the entry fee of \$20, chose the “four spot” game, and sat in Trippers Bar and Grill and watched all four numbers come onto the screen, making us winners of \$445 each (we gave \$105 to a friend that decided he didn’t want to play). Club Keno is offered all around the country at bars, restaurants, and oh yeah, casinos, including

the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant. Along with Club Keno, there are thousands of different slot machines, as well as a variety of table games including blackjack, craps, roulette, three card poker, Caribbean Stud, Let It Ride, and Spanish 21. All are very enticing, seeing as though the trip from Alma College to the casino is only 15 minutes. But surprisingly, the lights and glitz of the casino don’t seem to attract many “broke” college students. Most students find it fun to go up and play with a group of friends to get

away from Alma, but as far as those really wanting to gamble, the crowd is thin. “I would never go to the casino by myself,” said Iain MacAlpine (06). “It’s fun to go with a group of friends and only bring \$20 or \$30, because if I am to lose, it’s like we went out to the bar and spent money on drinks.” This seemed to be the reoccurring theme campus-wide. Many students cited the lack of money as the main reason for not going up to the casino. If people do decide to go (unlike many people in this world, unfortunately), it’s just to

have a different kind of fun. “I haven’t intention of making any money,” MacAlpine added. “It’s entertainment.” However, I was able to find one person who has a little more of a gambling edge. Greg Nelson (06) has made well over 75 trips to the casino in his four years at Alma College. “People always look at the casino as a bad place to go, or [as though] they’re intimidated by it,” Nelson said. “You just have to know what you’re doing, go up there and win some money. You can’t be afraid to lose.” These are two very

different outlooks, but I’m afraid Nelson was in the vast minority in his response. It seems that the conservative nature of Alma students showed in this case – and probably the smart side of them as well. But, then again, I guess that it is in the eye of the beholder if it is smart or not to not try and win (or lose) money that most of us don’t have. But if you win every time you go, then why not make it a weekly trip? But for most students, a weekly trip to Mt. Pleasant would likely be a hit against their party funds for Saturday night.

# Students seek alternatives to Kiltie Korner, buy online

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Alma College students have settled into their classes and into their abundance of reading assignments. For some students, however, not doing the reading is not a lazy decision, but a financial one. Textbook prices have been rising at double the rate of inflation for the past two decades, according to a Government Accountability Office study, and have almost tripled in price from 1984 to 2004. Alma College students have noticed the thinning of their wallets when buying textbooks and many have taken to other options of purchasing their books. The manager of Kiltie Korner, Donna Sinclair, says that while many students do order their books online, she believes most students on campus who do not buy from

Retailers	New Textbook Price	Used Textbook Price	Shipping/Handling
Kiltie Korner	\$142.75	\$107.25	---N/A---
Barnes & Noble	\$142.67	\$107.10	Free with orders over \$25
Valorebooks.com	\$69.99	More expensive than the New textbook	\$ 3.49
TextbooksRus.com	\$109.55	\$70.23	\$0.99

the bookstore swap their books with other students who have already taken the class. **Jacquelyn Jaqua (08)** said that she did not buy her books at the bookstore this year and saved over 200 dollars. “The books at the bookstore were too expensive and I was at home, so I ordered them from amazon.com,” Jaqua said. The most frequent complaints about the bookstore are about their prices and buyback rates, as described by Jacquelyn, but campuses across the nation are feeling the same strain. “The prices are set by the publishers and wholesalers,” said Sinclair. “Buyback

is set by wholesalers and sometimes it is difficult to sell them back because the course isn’t offered the next term or the demand is low.” A “standard mark-up”, according to many college bookstores, is 20-25%. Out of the 20-25% come the salaries of employees and shipping cost and expenses, resulting in almost no profit for the bookstore. Many states, including Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Washington, and New Jersey, have all introduced bills intended to lower the cost of college textbooks. Georgia’s bill would limit the retail prices on college textbooks,

while the other bills seek to decrease or eliminate sales tax. New York Senator Charles Schumer has proposed making up to \$1,000 of textbook costs tax-deductible to help lower the cost of higher education. He has also proposed guaranteeing that textbooks are available in campus libraries, with enough copies so students who need them can finish their reading for class preparation. Even with all the complaints and legislation, many Alma College students find it easier to go to Kiltie Korner for their textbook needs. “They had what I needed,” said **Kevin Bilbrey**

(09). “I didn’t feel like waiting for my books.” According to Sinclair, the average Alma College student pays \$400-450 per semester for their textbooks, which is comparable to the national yearly average of \$900, as published in the Washington Post. Most students who buy online, however, spend nearly half as much on their books. One of the most frequently purchased books at bookstores across the nation is the Biology textbook required by the 121/122 class at Alma College. The comparison chart shows that, while Kiltie Korner is competitive with chain stores like Barnes and Noble, several online sites offer less expensive options. Many bookstores across the nation have started a loan program that allows students to pay off their books throughout the semester. Following suit, Kiltie Korner is looking into similar options for future semesters.

# Poetry Society starts out strong

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In light of the recent success of the Martin Luther King Jr. Poetry reading, **Calvin Hilson (06)** is putting together a poetry society for the Alma community. “I don’t want this to be another poetry slam, though they were successful. I want this to be taken seriously,” says Hilson, of the yearly performance he hopes the society to put on. “I want this to be an annual thing at the school, people will remember it as being very exciting.” Aside from meeting to

discuss poetry on a fairly regular basis at the coffee shop in town, he hopes the group to showcase their work at then end of the winter term. Students will be encouraged to read their own work on stage, and possibly perform skits or music relating to the topic of their poem. “It’s different to request people to memorize and present their own work,” says **DR. William Palmer** of the English Department. Hilson hopes in these meetings to help writers gain a stage presence. “You have to know how to deliver your poems,

no one could read your poems like you would.” He will also be encouraging senior members to sell their books at the show, raising money not only for them but also for the society. It is one of the goals of the group to get the community involved, having the performance no necessarily on campus in the Heritage Center or in Jones Auditorium, but possibly at the Strand Theatre in downtown Alma, or at the high school. Everyone will be invited to attend the meetings and possibly perform, not just students.

It is currently undecided when the meetings will be held and where, but as Hilson pointed out at the information meeting on the twenty-sixth, the meetings will not be mandatory or very structured until we get closer to the performance. They may be just times to get together and write. “The meetings could be a good opportunity for your writing to get passed around and critiqued,” **Becky Potter (08)** said. If you are interested in joining the Poetry Society and cannot make the meetings, contact Calvin Hilson.

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## Rediscovering lost traditions

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Many of us may remember learning about the popular traditions of Alma College on the properly named Traditions Night during Pre-Term in our first year. What we do not know, however, are the traditions that have died out over the years, or the pranks that actually did happen and should always be remembered.

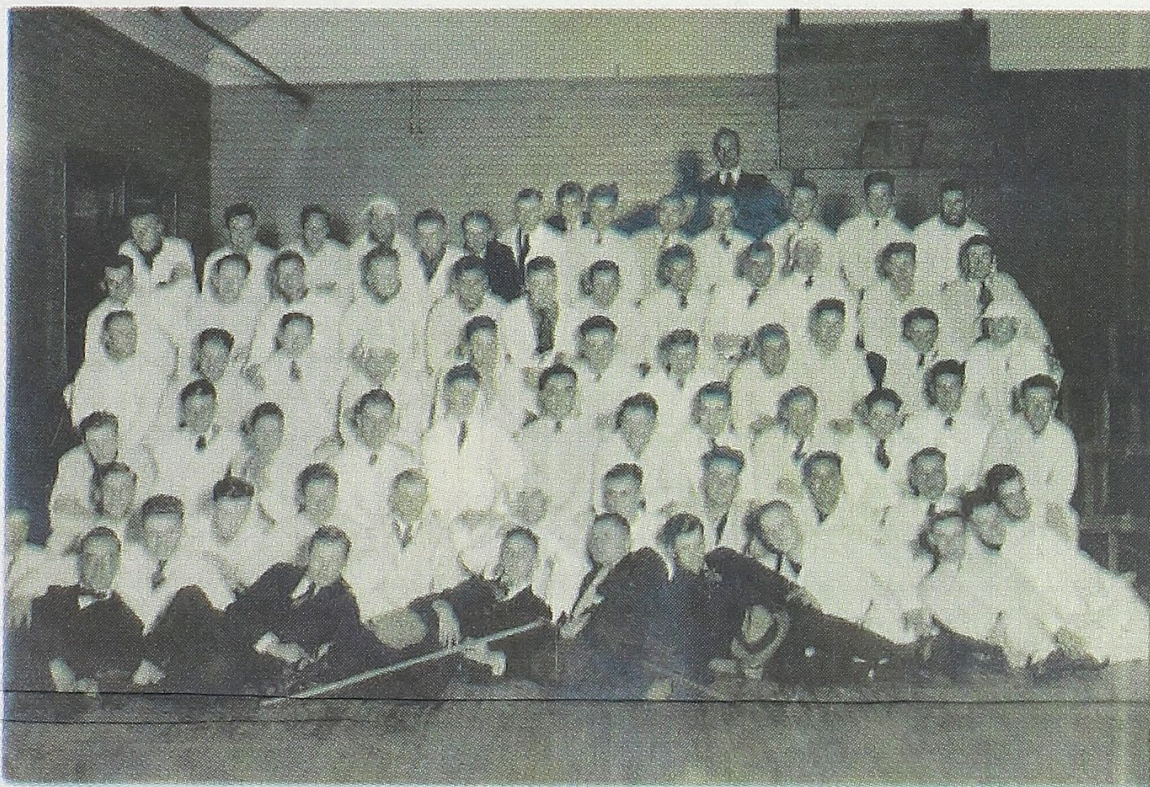
No one was ever caught and everyone that was involved sort of denies it."

One rumor that cannot be proven is that there actually used to be kegs in Hamilton Commons. It could have happened while the drinking age was eighteen, but this story is thought by most to be a fable.

Fraternities have also provided many more traditions.

**Grant Woodman**, Director of Student Life, who was also a student here, remembers

sound and people would run around yelling 'bust-out!' Everyone went to Clack Auditorium, which was an old gymnasium at the time, but not before being panty-raided. There was a curfew for women at the time, so the ladies had to be back by 1:00 AM. Sometimes there would be a scavenger hunt first, or a shoe dance. Everybody came and it was definitely an event that no one wanted to miss. After the women went to their dormitories, the men [would] serenade them as



Pajama Day, a popular vintage tradition of Alma College, is the reason these gentlemen are donning white outfits and gathered in the old gymnasium.

**Marty Stack**, former Director of Student Life, often spoke of the origin of the "spirit rock" on campus. It was a new tradition in the late 1970's, and the students did not partake in painting it as we do now, so it was buried. It remained buried until the mid 1990's, when a Resident Assistant suggested organizing a hall project in which members of the hall were directed towards the general area in which they might possibly find a buried rock. The rock was found, uncovered, and stood then where it stands today, consistently painted.

Another rumor that was proven true by **Bob Eldridge**, Director of Alumni and Community Relations, is that at one time, instead of playing bells, the chapel clock played rock music. Eldridge said, "It actually happened twice, once in the late 1950's or early 1960's and once more in the mid 1980's. Men and women went in late at night and took ratchet sets to turn the pews around, even in the balcony. They even reprogrammed the chapel bells to play loud rock music every half hour.

when there was a party every single Saturday at every fraternity house. He also pointed out another tradition that was lost but is now returning: Run-Outs (which is now called Rush-Outs). Eldridge, who was also a student here in the early 1970's and a member of a fraternity, remembered when students "used to play Capture the Flag with the fraternity flags outside their houses. They would keep it for about twenty-four hours and everything was okay."

Eldridge, who also happens to hear of many traditions from alumni, remembers other bizarre things that have happened on campus. We have all heard of panty raids, which were common on most campuses at one point in time, but Alma College took it to another level. Eldridge remembers, "It started in the 1950's or 60's and was known as 'Bust Out'. It was a regular campus event hosted by ACUB and sometimes in conjunction with IFC and Pan-Hellenic Council, and happened a couple of times a term, but no one knew when exactly it would take place. At midnight, sirens would

they stood at the windows. It was a huge tradition for a long time, up until the mid 1970's. It was good, clean fun and alcohol was never involved."

One event that took place from the 1960's to the 1970's that did involve alcohol was "campus tours." These aren't the type of tours we have now. Students would pile up in a Volkswagen Beetle and share a six-pack while driving through campus, trying to avoid getting caught by security.

"There is one tradition I wish we never broke," said Eldridge. "It was called Campus Day and began in the 1930's as a May Day celebration. Classes were cancelled and there were all kind of activities and contests. Everyone met in McIntyre Mall and campus queens were elected while people sat on the library steps and watched the choir and band. Skits were performed and every year IFC and Pan-Hellenic Council put on the funniest skits, very similar to Saturday Night Live. Refreshments were served and drag races were held on Harvard and Yale streets

## Philosophical Fancy

### We need some sleep

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STAFF WRITER



As I have been journaling my Philadelphia experience, *exhausted* has been a pretty "exhausted" word to describe how I feel. Don't get me wrong; I love it in the city of "Brotherly Love." However, after working a 9-5 job and either returning straight home to continue developing my marketing plan or heading straight to a theater to volunteer usher in order to see the shows, I am getting pretty run down. I am sure most of you on campus can understand where I am coming from. First of all, I am not the 'ordinary' college kid who stays up until 5 a.m.; my max. is usually around 3, and that's when I am doing rounds as an RA. Therefore, you can see how my new 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. lifestyle has affected me a little. Actually, it has prompted me to think a whole lot about exhaustion—and how our bodies recover over night. Yes, I could probably be using that thinking time to accomplish more work...or sleep; but there is always time for a little philosophical fancy.

Since college, I have been pretty adamant about going to sleep at a reasonable hour. You always hear people telling you how an hour more of sleep may do you more good than that extra hour of studying; I really took that to heart. Some days I can survive on only a few hours

of sleep and feel like I am high above the clouds; that feeling only lasts so long. It makes me really wonder how scientists and researchers came up with the 8-hour sleep concept.

The most obvious thing I can think of in terms of deciding when to go to sleep and when to wake up is based on nature—when the sun goes down and rises. Somehow, we have adapted this notion that it is more based on hours; and some people even think they can make up those hours if they lose them. It seems to me, though, that researchers are correct when they say if we deprive ourselves of sleep, severe exhaustion will set in. My whole body feels like a waterfall—I just need to keep going or everything will flow out of me like a rapid current: words, emotions, tears. As I write this, it is nearing my old scheduled sleep time. Though I am tempted to finish my work right here, I want to pose one more question: Why didn't I go to sleep when the sun went down? It is funny that I was probably still at work. Have we shifted our days that much—that mornings begin around 8 a.m. rather than 5? It seems logical that we would want to make the most of our daylight; I wonder where things began to change.

where entrants would make a pushcart and race around the block while people lined the streets. A huge picnic would occur on Newberry Beach, and in the afternoon there would be canoe races in the Pine River, where pairs and triples would race through obstacle courses."

Another tradition that happened off-campus was called grassers. There used to be a rule that there could be no parties on campus, so many times fraternities and party-goers would rent out a VFW Hall; however, other times somebody would know where there was a farm or open field where a grasser could occur. There was usually a keg and a bon-fire in the middle of nowhere,

and everyone on campus was invited.

Another lost Alma tradition is the Pajama Parade, which, according to Alma College archives, probably began in 1889 when the merchants of Alma gave free gifts to Alma students who marched through town clad in all-enveloping pajamas. As time progressed, the event turned into a freshman hazing and was staged in the gymnasium.

There are many more traditions that have occurred throughout the years, but, as you can see, not all traditions turn out to be ones that you learn about at Traditions Dinner—which is probably because they are the most interesting.



# Give us something else to do

TIFFANY BALDUCCI  
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Seniors: can you remember back to freshman year when it seemed there was a party every Friday and Saturday night? Can you remember when the administration seemed like they were actually on our side; that they wanted to see us have fun while being safe?

This is not just a Greek issue – the administration affects all of campus

referred to as a “suitcase college” where students live during the week, but have their suitcase consistently packed and ready to go home on the weekend. It should not be that way, but in order for students to want to stay during the weekend, there has to be something going on that makes us want to stay.

What would make someone want to stay during the weekend? Some look forward to a big party. Any

permit has to be filled out which is mandated through the Student Life Office.

Why do we have party permits? A logical answer would be to ensure the college is safe of any liability that would occur during the party and to make sure that everything is happening in an orderly fashion: certain signatures are required, descriptions are needed, and invitations are handed out.

How it used to be: the

***“It seems like half of the houses are on double secret probation and the other half do not even want to mess with the entire ordeal of inviting people to their house to have a good time.”***

life “and, as the Student Life website points out, “prides themselves on their willingness to serve students and the friendly approach they take with them.”

group in small housing can hold a party, it is not just something Greeks are expected to do: there used to be registered parties at Model U.N. House, MacCurdy

Student Life Office looks over the permit and, as long as it is handed in a week in advance, the party is given a green-light for that weekend. Party Patrol is expected to come around and make sure that everything is kosher while the party is happening. As long as the house has been in good standing with Party Patrol and the Student Life Office, a party was almost always happening.

How it is now: the party permit is scrutinized for anything that could possibly be wrong, even something as insignificant as a misspelled word or the wrong year (when the permit is obviously for 2006). The party permit has to be pristine and practically notarized and signed in blood.

Now this is all fine and good if the administration had notified the groups holding parties that they were going to be

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## A Radioflyer Soapbox

### Some ignorance, bliss

DEREK HARRISON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF



Just because you desire to change the way the world works, does not mean that you will succeed. This is a hard lesson to learn in college while it seems the ample opportunities should provide answers at your fingertips. Hopefully however, I will begin to understand the system much better as I age.

I cannot say for anyone else, but right now, I am having a really tough time with the idea that any one person can make a substantial difference. I certainly do not mean that I or anyone else should stop trying, but with some types of personalities there is a necessity to see some sort of macro result rather than a simple stroke of success.

In an abstract sense, success is extremely elusive. You can produce physical instances of success relatively easily. You can accomplish a goal that is visibly measurable, like losing weight or getting a particular grade, however successes are few and far between when talking to others about religion or politics.

In fact, intermixing the two topics can be dangerous, but in some ways one of the aforementioned may be able to solve the other. Some would argue that the political realm should solve the religious, while many others would argue that the religious could more effectively solve the current political questions.

After having a heated debate between peers about the role of affirmative action, I may have found a way to justify “small government philosophy” by using politics and religion in a very generic sense. I thought, “Perhaps such a religious society should encourage minimal legislation and an emphasis on letting God take care of the grey areas that arise. Perhaps erring on the side of *freedom* and *free will*, whether just or not, can leave room to grow when laws merely mandate without conscious rationale.

As an idealistic Libertarian at heart and a compassionate person by nature, I truly believe that the more a government gets involved the more chance it has to bungle the situations at hand. Furthermore, if you really want to make a difference, it takes you, your vocation, and

a constant working effort to permanently right a wrong.

Face it: There are three branches of government that can get involved, multiple layers of offices, millions of employees, and a dynamic society that changes much more quickly than bills can be brought to the floor of the House or Senate. That system is the best one on the face of this planet, but it is not all-powerful. If you consider yourself at all a believer in God, the first step is to recognize that he is the only “all-powerful” and that government can only go so far without causing problems.

Using affirmative action as an example, I am skeptical of the long-term worth for the process. First, you must recognize that it takes away an element of individual choice, devalues positions earned by minorities, and lays the foundation for claims against those who choose non-minority applicants. Additionally, someone has to lose out because of a decision based on ethnicity, religion, or gender when it seemed like that is the opposite direction that America needs.

Few who read this article will like my answer, but it is entirely necessary to conclude that *governments* will never get rid of discrimination while *societies* can overall. It doesn't matter if it is because someone is fat or thin, gay or straight, black or white, or any other aesthetic factor characterizing someone there will most likely be some visual bias.

We should not tolerate it, however a government will only complicate the social and legal ends. Unfortunately, the best we can do is to live our lives without discriminating, make public example of those who clearly do, and let God take care of the rest. If you focus and strongly advocate fixing the means by working hard, standing up to adversity, and believing in God, maybe the odds will shift in your favor.



Photo courtesy of Drew Coleman

So why do some members on campus feel like it is an “us versus them” ordeal when they are supposed to be on our side: the students’ side?

Alma College is sometimes

House, and Campus Apartments, to name a few.

Also, there does not have to be alcohol involved for it to be considered a party; a party

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# Head's up!

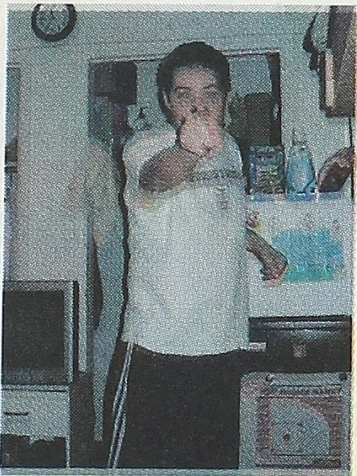
## Alternative Break

**SCOTT WEIR**  
**OPINION EDITOR**

Every year at around this same time, thousands of college students leave campus and pack up their bags for an island getaway to destinations such as Cancun and the Caribbean. Recently however, I've noticed a strong push nationwide for people to attend alternative spring breaks, especially after the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina.

This article is designed to recognize all the individuals and groups involved with some form of service work during break.

Alma College has always been committed to service. I still remember Opening Convocation when President Tracey told us that the college mission statement was to, "think critically, lead wisely, serve generously, and live faithfully." I also can recall friends telling me stories of their alternative break trips to Heifer Projects International, doing work on a farm. I can even recall my own Discovering Vocations internship, where the college allowed



for me to serve Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northwestern MI.

While it was excellent to see MTV come out with a nice advertisement or two for alternative break, I feel as though it may be a little late. It did come at an appropriate time, with Katrina and all, but there are a ton of opportunities out there to provide service every year. Alma College beat them to the punch on that one.

I would like to applaud the Alma administration and those in the Discovering Vocations office, as well as those organizing and attending an alternative break trip. I hope your trip is enriching and you are able to leave an impact on the communities you help.

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## Party continued...

more strict from now on. And by notifying, I do not mean bringing up names and breaking confidentiality, for that is just unprofessional.

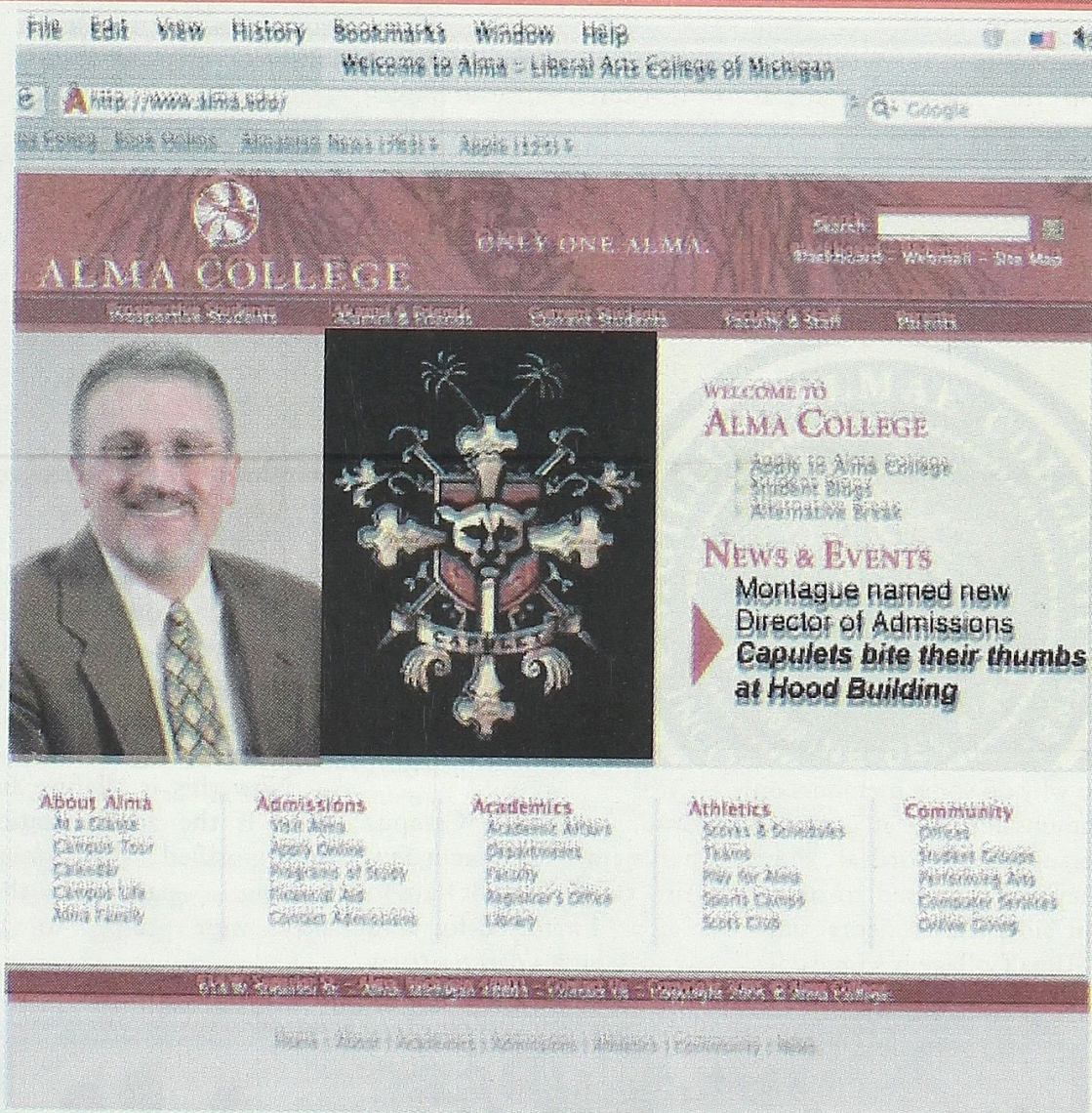
Why aren't there parties every Friday and Saturday anymore? It seems like half of the houses are on double secret probation and the other half do not even want to mess with the entire ordeal of inviting people to their house to have a good time.

So where do people go? The college actually suggests third-party vendors, such as Croc Rox. The name alone sounds scary and what parent wants their child driving, possibly drinking and driving, to a dance club halfway across town to pay cover charge and have fun with their peers when there are houses capable of offering the same service across the street? Not to mention, the Greek Life Manual states that no chapter may cosponsor an event with an "alcohol distributor or tavern where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present."

What else is there to do on the weekends if there isn't a party, you missed the shuttle to Croc Rox, and you're too young to get into the PK or Braveheart's, or if you do not want to be around alcohol at all? ACUB does a great job at hosting events, but they can't do that every weekend. It is up to other student organizations, Resident Assistants, Hall Directors, and the administration to give people a reason to want to stay on the weekend and not have to worry about sneaking around or getting in trouble. We're college students: we work hard during the week. With classes, jobs, sports and studying, most of us work 50-60 hour weeks. We need to relax on the weekend. Give us an outlet.

## Zero sum

**DEREK HARRISON**  
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**The editors and staff of the Almanian would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Spring Break!**

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## The Better Darn Sports Column and your guide to spring break

Colin M. Wasiloff, Sports Editor

Don't pack that suitcase just yet. We have too much Scots action to catch up on before you leave for exotic locals or even braving the tundra of Mid-Michigan.

The Men's tennis team finally emerged victorious this past weekend with an 8-1 decision over the Ferris State Bulldog club team. Ferris, a Division 2 school, traveled to the Alma campus Friday afternoon only to be shut down by a fury of maroon and cream.

The team, now only consisting of two former players, **Ryan Kelly (06)** and **Tristan Wilson (06)**, fared well in their fourth match of the year. The Scots saw great action from number one singles player **Ahmet Demir (09)**, who closed out his match against Kyle Shuberg 6-0, 6-3 in the comfort of the rubbery green rec. center courts. The Scots also had excellent teamwork from Demir later in the afternoon when he teamed with Chris Noel (09) to douse the Bulldog number 1 singles with an 8-2 pro-set victory. Wilson edged out opponent Bob Thoms in a three set thriller, ending with a 7-5 final set.

Opposite of the men's court, the women's team will begin their spring action on the 27<sup>th</sup> against St. Benedict of Minnesota. The Scots feature key returnees such as **Lindsay Wagner (08)**, **Kristin Minter (07)**, and

**Laura Kendrick (07)**. Adding to the mix are new players **Emily Noss (09)**, **Amanda Bishop (09)**, **Rachel Brown-Ferris (09)**, and **Lisl Steusloff (09)**. As if a roster full of freshman players wasn't enough to cope with, the women will have to learn and adapt to new coaches Jim Fox and Bob Harrison, who will share duties filling in for the recently departed Chi Ly.

Check back after break for all of you favorite Scot coverage including spring training for both baseball and softball, tennis team coverage, and of course men's and women's track coverage.

**GAME OF THE BREAK:** Women's tennis vs. Lake Superior State

**WHEN:** Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm

**WHERE:** Orlando, FL (contact AD for directions)

**SCOTS TO WATCH:** Laura Kendrick, Lindsay Wagner, **Emily Zimostrad (09)**, and **Jessica Eichorn (06)**.

**LAKERS TO WATCH:** Megan LaMothe, Sophie Bedard, Megan Smith, and Celia Grondin.

**PICK:** The Lakers are strong, but young with only three starting juniors. Since it is early in the year, and in the deep south, look for the Scot's age difference to be the difference in this one. 5-4 Scots!

## Chalk Talk: Mid-Season NBA Grades

**EVAN BEACH**  
SPORTS WRITER

Eastern Conference

**Detroit Pistons (42-9)**

Grade: A+

Even after their recent struggles, the Pistons still have the best record in the NBA. Although they may not win 70 games this year, with 4 All-Stars and one near All-Star, this team has the makings to win their second championship in three years.

**Miami Heat (33-20)**

Grade: B-

The Heat's performance through the first half of the year has proven why Pat Riley should not have made the overhaul that he did this past summer. The Heat should still make it back to the Eastern Conference Finals but, unlike last year, they aren't likely to be much of a challenge to the Pistons.

**Cleveland Cavaliers (31-21)**

Grade: B+

The Cavaliers did exactly what they needed to do in the off-season by getting LeBron James some help in the form of Larry Hughes. Unfortunately for Cleveland, Hughes has been out and will continue to be out until the playoffs with a broken thumb. This could prove costly because the Cavs are 18-10 with Hughes and 13-11 without him. However, Cleveland has managed to beat NBA powers like San Antonio, Detroit, and Phoenix, so they should be able to do some damage beyond the All-Star break, especially if LeBron keeps having an MVP caliber year.

**Milwaukee Bucks (27-25)**

Grade: B

The Bucks record doesn't jump out at you, but considering they would be a number 5 seed in the East if the playoffs started today, there's reason for celebration amongst Bucks fans.

**New Jersey Nets (28-23)**

Grade: B-

With a healthy Richard Jefferson teaming with Vince Carter on the wings, this was looking like a dream come true for Jason Kidd and Nets fans. Unfortunately for the Nets, it has not worked out that way. Even with Jason Kidd's diminishing numbers, the Nets backcourt has proven to be potent, but with their awful inside play the Nets won't have a chance going against the frontlines of Detroit or Miami in the playoffs.

**Indiana Pacers (26-23)**

Grade: C+

Picked before the season to win the Central Division by many NBA "experts," the Pacers have instead had another season to forget. The best thing they have done all year is unloading the human train wreck "Ron Ron," who turned their franchise upside down.

**Washington Wizards (26-25)**

Grade: C+

After having a breakout season last year, the Wizards are another Eastern Conference team who has played below expectations. Gilbert Arenas is having a stellar year averaging over 28 ppg, but it is obvious that Cleveland's gain in the form of Larry Hughes was Washington's loss. Look for the Wizards to make the playoffs but not to advance past the first round.

**Philadelphia 76ers (25-26)**

Grade: C

With a starting lineup of Allen Iverson, Chris Webber, Andre Iguodala, Samuel Dalembert and Kyle Korver, it would seem that the 76ers would be in a better position than they are right now. As the NBA's second leading scorer, Iverson is having one of the best years he has ever had. The 76ers could still pose a threat to some teams in the East. Look for them to make the playoffs with a 6th, 7th or 8th seed and possibly advance to the second round before being outmatched by the likes of Detroit or Miami.

**Chicago Bulls (22-29)**

Grade: C-

After making their first playoff appearance since the "Jordan Era," the Bulls have struggled to match last year's success. Part of the reason is after trading Eddy Curry to the Knicks, the Bulls

have no front line. While Chicago probably will make some noise before the trading deadline, don't look for it to be enough for them to reach the playoffs.

**Boston Celtics (20-32)**

Grade: D+

Trade rumors involving Paul Pierce heading to Minnesota and to Chicago are swirling. Neither will happen. Paul Pierce is not leaving Boston. With that said, Boston does not have enough talent around Paul Pierce to make the playoffs and they don't have enough trade value to make this team much better than it is.

**Orlando Magic (19-32)**

Grade: C-

The Orlando Magic are actively looking to deal Steve Francis. This is the best move the Magic can make. They are going nowhere this year and it is time for them to rebuild around Dwight Howard, who is a future superstar.

**Toronto Raptors (20-33)**

Grade: D

The Raptors only hope is Chris Bosh, but even he can't save the team's season from becoming extinct. The Raptors have made steps in the right direction by firing GM Rob Babcock and unloading Jalen Rose's salary on the New York Knicks.

**Charlotte Bobcats (14-40)**

Grade: D

On the plus side, the Bobcats are one of the hardest playing teams. On the negative side, they are one of the least talented teams. The North Carolina duo of Raymond Felton and Sean May have not turned out as expected. Felton has yet to take over as starting point guard and May has had injury problems. But at least they play hard.

**Atlanta Hawks (16-34)**

Grade: D-

Hawks fans everywhere are dreaming of Dominique Wilkins, Spud Webb, Doc Rivers and Kevin Willis. Too bad that when they wake up they realize that was 20 years ago and the Hawks are once again a bottom-dweller in the NBA. The only thing that may be reminiscent to Hawks teams of the 80's will happen All-Star weekend when Josh Smith will do his best Dominique impression in the Dunk Contest.

**New York Knicks**

Grade: F

The Knicks are amazingly bad. How they can have by far the highest payroll and the second worst record in the NBA is beyond me. Isaiah Thomas continues to take on overpaid players while the Knicks continue to lose. The Knicks have a recipe for failure.

**San Antonio Spurs (40-12)**

Grade: A

The Detroit Pistons stellar season has overshadowed the Spurs great start. While the Pistons have been getting all the attention, the Spurs have been gaining ground for the best record in the NBA. Don't forget the Spurs are THE CHAMPS. Look for the Spurs and Pistons to see who truly is the best when they meet in the Finals.

**Dallas Mavericks (41-11)**

Grade: A

Avery Johnson has done a tremendous job with the Mavericks this season. Already the deepest team in the NBA, the Mavericks have improved their defense while still being one of the best in the league offensively. The Mavericks should take the Spurs to the brink in the Western Conference Finals, but the Spurs have the edge with experience and defense.

**Phoenix Suns (34-17)**

Grade: A-

The Suns were the surprise team in the NBA last year, but after losing Amare Stoudamire, Joe Johnson and Quentin Richardson, few would have imagined such a great start this season. Steve Nash has continued to show why he was named MVP last year and why he could be named MVP this year.

**Los Angeles Clippers (30-21)**

Grade: B+

With Elton Brand having his best year as a pro, the Clippers are the best team

in L.A., not the Lakers. The Clips are three games off the pace of the 1974-75 Buffalo Braves, who posted the franchise's best record at 49-33.

**NO/Oklahoma City Hornets (29-23)**

Grade: A

Easily the most surprising team in the NBA this season, the Hornets receive an A because they are playing above themselves. The Hornets, believe it or not, are tied with Memphis for the 5th best record in the West. Byron Scott should receive votes for Coach of the Year and Chris Paul is a lock to win Rookie of the Year.

**Memphis Grizzlies (29-23)**

Grade: B+

The Grizzlies were finally rewarded for their great season, as Pau Gasol became the first player from the franchise to be named to an All-Star team. Look for Memphis to continue their success and possibly make the second round of the playoffs if they match up with the Denver Nuggets.

**Denver Nuggets (28-26)**

Grade: B

Despite the fact that Denver would be a 3 seed in the Western Conference playoffs if the season ended today, they did not send a player to the All-Star game. Carmelo Anthony and Marcus Camby were two of the biggest All-Star snubs in the West. Although the team has had a decent year, they have been playing below expectations.

**Los Angeles Lakers (26-26)**

Grade: C+

Kobe Bryant scoring 81 points was enough to get the Lakers a C. The supporting cast only gives a plus grade, which is why the Lakers may look to make some moves before the trade deadline.

**Utah Jazz (25-27)**

Grade: C-

Mehmet Okur and Andrei Kirilenko were two All-Star snubs, but when you consider that the team is below .500, it can't be too much of a surprise. The Jazz have done one thing no other team has this season - sweep the Pistons.

**Golden State Warriors (24-28)**

Grade: C-

The Warriors started the season impressively as predicted. Ever since, however, the Warriors have struggled and they are scrambling to stay in contention for the playoffs.

**Minnesota Timberwolves (23-29)**

Grade: C-

Even Kevin Garnett can't win games on his own. The Wolves have tried to stir things up by shipping Wally Szczerbiak to Boston for Ricky Davis, but they will need to do a lot more than that to make the playoffs and keep Garnett happy. Garnett has been named in trade rumors but don't buy into them - he is not leaving Minnesota.

**Sacramento Kings (24-29)**

Grade: D-

The Kings get a near-failing grade because they had the pieces to be one of the better teams in the Western Conference. Instead, they have continued their string of bad moves by pairing Ron Artest with Bonzi Wells. Things could get interesting in Sac-Town but it won't be because they're winning games.

**Houston Rockets (22-30)**

Grade: D

They have two All-Star starters and this is the best they can do? Talk about underachieving. Granted, both Yao and McGrady have had injury problems, but this team should be one of the best in the West.

**Seattle Supersonics (20-33)**

Grade: D

After having such a great year last year, the Sonics are nearly unrecognizable this year. They fired coach Bob Weiss in favor of Bob Hill and traded Vladimir Radmanovic for Chris Wilcox. Don't expect either move to be enough for Seattle to make a push for the playoffs.

**Portland Trailblazers (18-33)**

Grade: D-

Don't expect to hear much out of Portland other than trade rumors. By now the Blazers are just looking forward to the NBA draft lottery.

## GREAT SCOTS!

Alma College Athlete of the Week:

**KATEY PEACOCK**

Women's Basketball



Katey is being honored for her 16 point, 10 rebound double-double performance in the Scot's victory over St. Mary's in the MIAA Tournament.

Congrats Katey!



# World Baseball Classic Poised to Spread America's Favorite Sport

**JOSH MORGAN**  
**SPORTS WRITER**

The term "March Madness" no longer pertains strictly to college basketball. The inaugural World Baseball Classic will take the place of spring training for numerous Major League Baseball players this coming March. The World Baseball Classic is an unparalleled event in the history of the game that will feature not only major leaguers, but also players from professional leagues across the globe.

Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association joined forces with the International Baseball Federation, Nippon Professional Baseball, Korean Baseball Organization, and other baseball organizations around the world to help put this unique event in place. The goal of this tournament is to give the

game of baseball exposure across the world.

The games, which take place from March 3 to March 20, will take place in three different countries – Japan, Puerto Rico, and the United States. The following countries will be participating in the classic: Australia, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Italy, Netherlands, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, South Africa, United States, and Venezuela.

For round one, these 16 baseball federations were placed into four pools consisting of four teams each. Round one is a round robin format in which each team will play the other three teams in their respective pools once. The top two teams from each pool will then move on to round two.

Those eight teams will be placed into two pools of four, in which

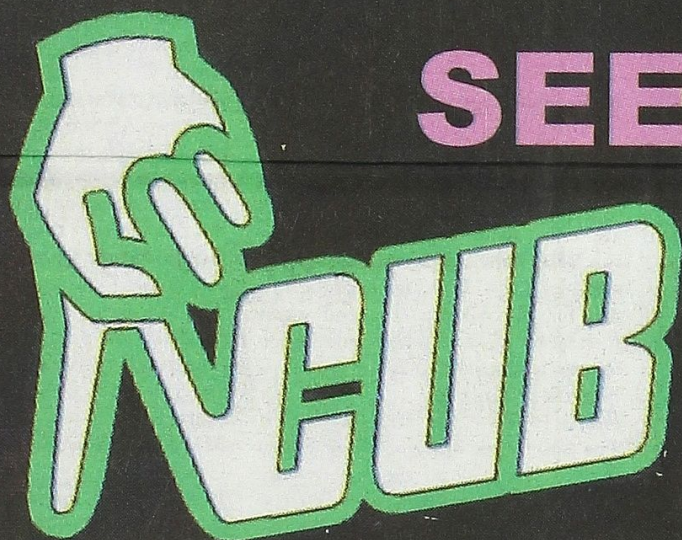
another set of round robin games will take place. The top two teams from each pool will advance to the semifinals, where each game will be single elimination. The winners will advance to the tournaments' single-elimination championship game.

The United States will enter the tournament in Pool B along with Canada, Mexico, and South Africa. The U.S. roster consists of major league greats, including Alex Rodriguez, (who had to decide to play for either his parents' native country, the Dominican Republic, or the country he was born in, the United States), Derek Jeter, Roger Clemens, and Ken Griffey Jr. However, the United States does not appear to be the favorite going into the tournament. The Dominican Republic, even without A-Rod, looks to be the overwhelming choice to win the

classic.

The Dominican Republic starts the tournament in Group D, along with Italy, Australia, and Venezuela. Their roster looks like a Major League Baseball All-Star Team. Albert Pujols, David Ortiz, Miguel Tejada, Alfonso Soriano, Manny Ramirez, Vladamir Guerrero, and Pedro Martinez are just some of the names that will be headlining the potent Dominican squad.

The tournament opens up March 3, with Korea taking on Chinese Taipei. The front-running Dominicans will open up against Venezuela on March 7, and the United States will also open up their World Baseball Classic on March 7, taking on Mexico. Roger Clemens is expected to pitch the finale of the three games for the United States against South Africa in Arizona.



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