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Choirs receive \$15,000 from alumnus Gene Teeter

JEN ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Saturday, October 1, the Alma College Choirs joined with choir Alumni for the annual Homecoming concert at Remick Heritage Center. Here, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Teeter presented a \$15,000 contribution to the Alma College Choirs.

In honor of former Alma College Professor and Choir Director, Dr. Eugene Grove, the \$15,000 check was given to the Alma College Choirs to enhance the opportunities available to travel and perform around the United States.

Dr. Grove invited Mr. Teeter to enroll at Alma College in the fall of 1946 after Mr. Teeter had left the army and had no place to go. Though Mr.



Photo Courtesy of Bob Murray

Alumni Gene Teeters is introduced by Dr. Will Nichols at the Choir Homecoming concert. Mr. Teeters then presented the Alma College Choirs with \$15,000, speaking previously about how Alma made such an impact.

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Emerald Ash Beetle damages local trees

LAURA SACHJEN
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Destroying about 10 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, the Emerald Ash Beetle has taken a toll in 20 counties, including Gratiot. Portions of 15 are currently under quarantine in Michigan.

More than 7 billion trees are at risk in the state and as of September, infestation had crossed into the Upper Peninsula. It is estimated that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will spend 350 million dollars in the next 12 years to eradicate the insect.

The insect has caused frustration for many homeowners. Mark Bunce, Science Department Lab Coordinator, is one of the

many homeowners who have been affected by the emerald ash borer.

He has occupied the same residence in St. Louis for 23 years and 90 percent of the trees in his backyard are ash trees.

Bunce compared the infestation to an "agricultural Superfund" that is as bad as chemicals in the ground.

Many of the ash trees on his property are dead or dying.

"I could spend money to fix it," Bunce said, "but I'm going to let nature take its course."

Bunce has decided to plant new trees that are resistant to insects.

The beetle borrows under

the bark and cuts the tree's vascular system. The leaves start to turn yellow and the tree has 2 to 3 years before it dies.

Homeowners can plant different trees like Bunce or they can treat the trees with

pesticides. However, this procedure is expensive, often costing 20 to 30 dollars per tree.

Bunce also experienced

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Photo Courtesy of www.stateneews.com/article.php?id=19199

The Emerald Ash Beetle is a small insect, measuring less than half an inch as an adult, however it is responsible for thousands of dead trees.

Security Reports released

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Along with placing a considerable emphasis on obtaining a quality liberal arts education, Alma College administration said it is also very concerned with the safety of its students, faculty, and guests.

The campus crime report for 2004 was recently released to Alma College students via a campus wide e-mail. The definitions of the crimes committed are taken from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook.

Crime totals unchanged from 2003 are murder, robbery, motor vehicle theft, and hate crimes, all absent of occurrences. Other crimes left unchanged from that year are burglary, 1 occurrence, larceny/theft, 11 occurrences, and vandalism, 6 occurrences.

Up from 2003 are sex offenses found forcible, up 1 to a total of 3, aggravated assault, up 3 for a total of 3, and alcohol disciplinary referrals, up by 18 occurrences for a total of 41.

Auto vandalism cases are down from 2003 year, with only 1 occurrence.

While it may seem that crime on Alma College's campus is relatively low in comparison to other campuses its size, Alma security is not taking a break from the very demanding job of keeping students safe.

Bob Boyce, formerly of

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This Week In Alma

- Literary and Social Critic Sven Birkerts discusses higher education at 8 p.m. in the Library
- A Flea in Her Ear* at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday in the Theatre
- Alma Symphony Orchestra performs in Presbyterian Hall Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.
- Ray Kamalay and His Red Hot Peppers perform Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Presbyterian Hall
- Women's Soccer hosts Hope at 4 p.m. Tuesday

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NEWS BEATS

Student Congress: Colleges Against Cancer and Tri-Beta Biology Honorary are newly accepted student organizations. RHA proposed to have money received from judicial fines deposited into their budget. Possible informal meeting next week.

RHA: They will be showing the movie "Van Wilder" in Jones auditorium at 9:30 Tuesday the 18th. The movie will be right after the RHA meeting at 9:00 in Fireside.

IFC: Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother Tom Davey was elected the new Vice President for IFC. Last week they discussed purchasing new Security Shirts for parties.

Panhellenic Council: Helping out with Alcohol Awareness week by serving Mocktails tonight in SAGA. Last week they chose Operation Christmas Child as their Fall term Philanthropy project.

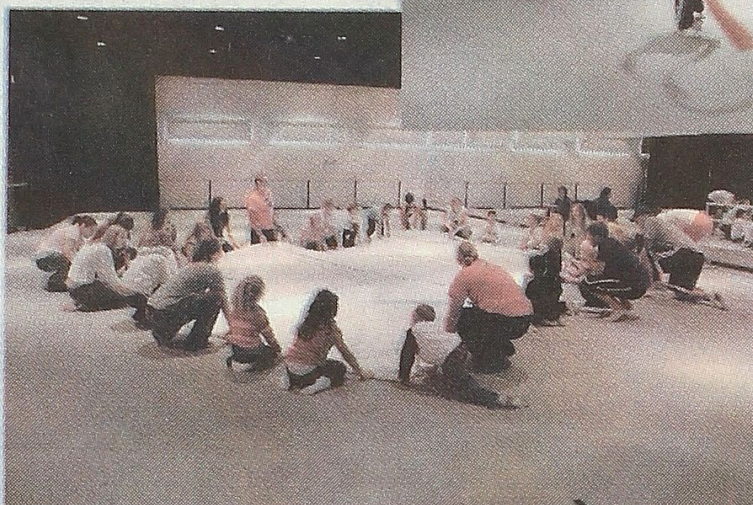
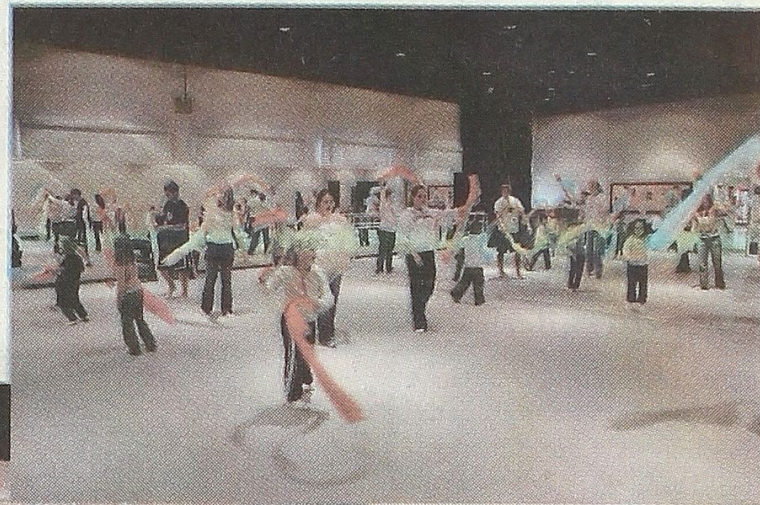
ACUB: Songfest applications are available on the ACUB door in The Hole. Applications are due by the 20th and songfest takes place on Nov. 4th. On Oct. 18th, there will be a photo rally scavenger hunt.

If you would like your organization listed for events in the News Beat, please contact Ryan J. Pete at 08rjpete@alma.edu and Cc: Derek Harrison at 07dtharr@alma.edu

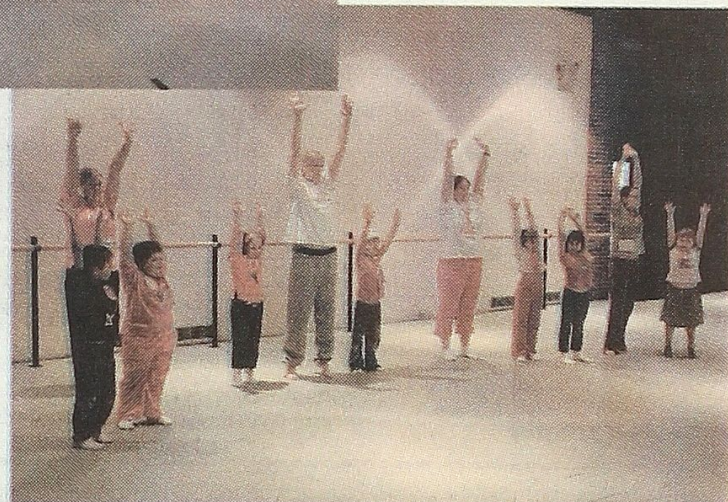
Dance 220 brings new experience

Dance 220 is a class that involves coordinating movement with first grade children. Each week a new class gets the chance to be taught a variety of dance techniques.

A different Alma College Student will lead the class each week. Luce Road Elementary School First Graders are pictured being led by Micaela Church and Jen Conkey.



The children were taught to wave and rotate colored fabric as a visual effect as well as movement with their feet. (Below), students extend their arms and bodies and (Left) they use a sheet to work together as well as captivate attention from each at once.



Photos by Kate Bruder

Views from all angles at the Kiltie Band Invitational



Photos by Sean Carter



Sigma Alpha Epsilon remains closed until new inspection

BRIANNA SCHUBERT
STAFF WRITER

After last year's controversy, recent delays for reentry of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house have sent another flurry of rumors chasing around campus.

As most of the community may still not clearly understand, the last year's official report sited no individual misconduct on the part of the fraternity members, but places responsibility for continued disconnection of the smoke alarms with the fraternity.

Also last year, the city found the SAE house to be in violation of housing codes.

Since that time changes and updates have been made in an attempt to bring it up to code.

"We were supposed to be moved in Thursday," said Sigma Alpha Epsilon President **John Abent (07)**, stating further, "They told us we will be in before fall break."

The students were then slated to move back into their house on September 29. They were then delayed on that same day because the house again failed a housing inspection from the City of Alma. Housing Inspector, Hal Smith, said he noted many concerns.

"Mr. Smith's general

statement was, 'If this was a room in a resident hall would you let a student occupy this room in this condition?' Our response was no," stated William Foor, Assistant Director of Physical Plant.

Foor accompanied Smith for the inspection. "While the house had been cleaned and many repairs had been made, Mr. Smith had a concern regarding the broken counter tops in the food prep area, the cleanliness of the carpet in many areas and the condition of the walls in other areas."

According to William Foor, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have been very active in the attempt to regain their

house on campus.

"The SAE brothers performed some cleaning and painting Thursday night (after the inspection)," said Foor, adding, "I would like to thank **Tom Davey (07)** and other SAE brothers for their hard work."

The inspector did allow Sigma Alpha Epsilon to open their house for homecoming events. It was closed again by the following Monday.

Physical Plant said they are trying to remedy the situation as quickly as possible.

"We are presently in the process of making additional corrections to the house including painting and the replacement of the floor

coverings," Foor said. "We are looking at one to two weeks before we can get a contractor in to replace the carpet and we finish the additional repairs."

Last week housekeeping had taken out the damaged flooring and arrangements are being made to replace the carpeting. As soon as all of the problems are fixed, including several holes in the walls and other sundry damages, the house must be inspected again.

As soon as the house is inspected and passes city standards, Alma College will allow it to be open again.

'Donation' continued...

spent only one year at Alma College, he and his wife were in a position to make a substantial financial gift.

They chose to assist the choirs because of his vivid memories of the College, campus, the people, and his time in the Choir with invested interest and support from Dr. Grove.

Bob Murray, the director of planned giving, had the opportunity to spend time with the Teeters during their

recent visit.

"Mr. Teeter attributes who he is, even today, to his time here at Alma College," Murray said.

Though Mr. Teeter was only here for that year before continuing education elsewhere, Murray said Mr. Teeter is a portrayal of how Alma College "puts the zap on people."

Mr. Teeter visited a Choir rehearsal Thursday

afternoon.

"He charmed the students with his warm and friendly ways and his offer to join the choir," said Dr. Will Nichols, Alma College Choir Director.

Dr. Nichols joked with the students that he would now expect at least one of them to return to Alma College in 60 years to present him with another check for the Alma Choirs.

One of the students at the rehearsal was Choir member

Lauren Thompson (07), who said she believes this contribution will help accomplish the Choir's hard sought after goals.

"We put so much time into preparing our music and Mr. Teeter's money is going to allow us to perform at exciting, inspiring places," said Thompson. "It provides us with the funds to take advantage of many once in a lifetime opportunities."

As expressed by Nichols, Murray, and Thompson, Mr.

Teeter's fun personality, more than humble attitude, and generous spirit make it clear why Mr. and Mrs. Teeter decided to donate back to the Alma College Choirs.

If Mr. Teeter was impacted so greatly in 1946 when the travel opportunities were slim, it will be amazing to see how the Choirs will be affected after \$15,000 of travel assistance has been added to the experience.

'Security' continued...

University of Pittsburg and WCCC securities, hired into Alma College as Head of Security in only May of this year, but as already updated security measures in place, and has started plans for many more.

"Our working relationship has already gotten a lot better with the Alma Police force," said Boyce, "They worked with us to help improve the lighting on the fraternity

house street."

New security measures include four new emergency phones that have been installed on campus. These phones are marked by a bright blue light, and are capable of two functions. The red button can be pushed in the case of an emergency, and will contact campus security, which will then ask for the caller's position, and, hopefully, arrive in a matter

of minutes. The black button can be used to make a campus phone call, maximum three minutes, so that students can call their roommate to come let them in if they forgot their keys, or so that they can call some one to meet them.

Emergency phones are located in Mitchell Hall entrance, Iowa Street parking lot, outside the entrance to Brazell Hall, and near the entrance of the service drive

from Center Street that is next to Carey Hall (which just so happens to be a frequent student path to the fraternity houses). Security is in the process of updating the emergency phone between the Dow Science Building and the Hogan PEC.

Also on security's schedule are enhancements to campus lighting. The lights that resemble oriental hats, found outside of SAC, Dow, and the

PEC will be replaced, and the columns will be raised so that the lights located there can disperse more light.

Many improvements to security have already been made this year, with many more to come.

"We have a lot to do as far as specific training and relations with Student Life go," said Boyce, "But we'll get it whipped into shape."

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'Beetle' continued...

procedure the state is using to prevent any further infestation. When an infestation occurs, contractors hired by the state kill every ash tree within a half-mile radius of the infected spot. This procedure has had an economic impact because the contractors cannot use or sell the lumber from the trees that are killed.

In quarantined areas, no ash lumber can be moved out of the affected area without a permit. This is done as a way to prevent any further infestation. There are heavy fines for moving lumber out of quarantined counties.

Dr. Mark Oemke, Assistant

Professor of Biology, applauded the state for its eradication efforts, but believed the problem has gone too far to be stopped.

"I'm hoping for the best," said Oemke, "but the eradication of an invasive species is difficult to stop."

The emerald ash borer is an invasive beetle species that is naturally found in eastern Russia, northern China, Japan and Korea. It was accidentally imported from China to the U.S. in the 1990s. The borer was found near Detroit in 2002 and has been found spreading to other parts of the U.S. and Canada.

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At the Movies

Cast, witty humor won't keep you *Waiting* for easy laughs

SAM STONEBURG
STAFF WRITER

Any of you who have ever had any experience working in the crazy world known as the food industry and made it out alive and mentally stable due to a great sense of humor should drop everything and go see *Waiting*. This 93-minute film includes *National Lampoon Van Wilder's* star Ryan Reynolds, *Anchorman* sports caster David Koechner, comedians such as Dane Cook and Luis Guzman among a handful of other of Hollywood's new and upcoming talents.

Although this movie does not have much along the lines of what I would consider a plot, I do have to admit that its witty and somewhat disgusting humor kept me laughing for practically the entire hour and a half. After working at a Subway restaurant for three years and then waiting tables in a fancy Italian restaurant for another two years, this story really hits home for me. All the stereotypical characters were there, including the punk high school bus boys, the flirtatious underage hostess, and the prison material cooks.

May I suggest that if you have a weak stomach and prefer to live your life by the philosophy "ignorance is bliss" then

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this movie may have similar effects as the movie *Super Size Me* did on many fast-food connoisseurs. It is always refreshing to see the age old teaching of treating others as you wish to be treated in action, however at the same time, knowing that the particular customer was disgustingly rude to the wait staff I was not too excited to witness what they considered to be a dose of her own medicine.

Larger-than-life characters such as Monty, played by Reynolds, almost make viewers want to quit whatever they're doing in life to go work for a franchise restaurant where the waiters wear "flair" and fabricated antiques adorn the walls as if the restaurant has been a hometown favorite since the puritans lived in this country. His seemingly carefree spirit is brought back to reality when co-star Dean, played by Justin Long, is served a slice of humble pie after he realizes that his carefree days of waiting tables and making lousy tips and then going back to his shared apartment every night to party will not get him through even community college.

Throughout the film it is interesting to see the collection of personalities work together at Shenanigan's in an effort to make some money while staving off boredom and fighting off the responsibilities of adulthood.

If you enjoy movies such as *Office Space* and other comedies where the underdog learns a thing or two about life while at the same time "sticking it to the man," then you should wait no longer to see *Waiting*.



Photos courtesy of <http://www.waitingthefilm.com>

Bruske undergoes first renovations since '67

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Students returning to Bruske Hall after its renovation will notice many changes.

The first major renovations to take place since the building opened in 1967 will include improvements to the electrical system, more lighting and a new fire alarm system.

"The College realizes that some dorms need to be updated," said Physical Plant Director Bob Boyce.

The College has hired an outside contractor to complete the new electrical service and fire alarm system. The approximate total cost of renovations is \$250,000.

Work will begin in the North tower during fall break and is expected to be completed by December 15th. The College has already begun working on lighting and painting bathroom stall partitions.

Students currently living in the South tower will be

required to move into the newly renovated tower before the second semester begins. The expected date of completion for the South tower is April 30th.

"We weren't utilizing all the bed space," said Director of Campus Life Grant Woodman. "Moving students made renovating during the school year double."

New North hall residents will have more electrical outlets and new, brighter lighting in their rooms. New lighting will also be added to hallways and bathrooms.

As a result of student input regarded privacy issues, privacy doors will be installed to shower stalls. All first floor toilet stall partitions will be changed as well.

In addition to dorm room changes, renovations will also be made to Bruske's switch and lobby areas.

While major renovations to the hall haven't been made, several smaller changes have taken place over the last few years. New showers

"The buildings will evolve with the student population."

-Bill Foor, Physical Plant Assistant Director

were installed during the 2003-2004 school year due to problems with the old ceramic ones. Bruske also received new furniture two years ago.

Physical Plant Assistant Director Bill Foor said that students today have many more electrical devices than earlier students.

"The buildings will evolve with the student population," said Foor. "Renovations will help there."

The Bruske Hall renovations are part of the College's bond renovation projects. There is a set amount of money to be used for all major residence halls within a 2 to 3 year period. Changes are also being made to Newberry, Mitchell and small housing units.

Library offers many useful resources

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Alma College library is more than just a quiet place to study; it offers a wealth of information and other resources that can enhance an academic experience at Alma, and life outside the classroom as well.

Unknown to many students, the library offers much more than just research books for a paper. The library has a reasonably large area devoted to current popular authors, including Janet Evanovich, Dan Brown, and Danielle Steel. These books can be checked out for up to three weeks, and most of the time, can be renewed.

In addition to adult reading material, the library has many books in the juvenile section that may interest college students, such as the Harry Potter series, Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events, and the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants.

Many forms of multimedia are also available at the library. An ever growing section of DVDs and VHS tapes can be checked out from the library, free of charge for a week; a very convenient and cheap alternative to driving uptown to Chart's Hits Video. Not

only are there many Disney movies to interest those children at heart college students, such as myself, but recent popular videos as well, in genres from gory war films, to side splitting comedies, to action packed thrillers.

There are also several genres of music available at the library, ranging from bluegrass to classic rock. I, myself, was surprised and thrilled at finding hits from legends such as The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, and Bob Dylan.

Probably one of the best things that the library has to offer are the tests for a class, as well as the answers. Before getting too excited, please note that I am referring to the class reserves that the library has on hold for students. Many professors will put past tests and their keys on reserve at the library, as a study guide for those students that are willing to go to the extra work to get it. Not every professor offers this, but it is always worth the time to check the library catalog under your professor's name, just in case, because many professors may not tell you that they have a test on reserve.

A new addition to the library this fall is a listening station. It includes a set of wireless headphones, and is capable

of playing CDs, cassette tapes, and vinyl albums. Many students may want to take advantage of the listening station if they like to listen to music while studying and are not fortunate enough to have the convenience of an iPod or Walkman.

To conclude, the library is truly a convenient resource to Alma students. The librarians are friendly and truly try to help students in any way that they can. I can name countless times that the librarians have went above and beyond their duty to help me with something, whether it be for a class paper or recreational reading. "We [librarians] are a little known resource," said **Melissa Hovey**, librarian, "when in doubt, come find us!"

They also are very sensitive to student's suggestion for the library. "If a student sees something that they think the library needs, and it is within reason, we will usually buy it," said **Steven Vest**, librarian. That's right; if you think the library really needs the latest Danielle Steel book or newest Family Guy DVD, put a suggestion in the box at the front desk, and hopefully, check it out later, free. After all, we're already paying nearly \$30,000 a year, shouldn't we use it to the fullest extent?

Students skirmish, establish *Dagorhir* group

DEREK HARRISON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

To play the game, you must learn the rules. To learn the rules, you must be willing to escape the mundane nature of typical college life. If you are interested in something different, you should talk to **Melissa Sjostrom (07)** about *Dagorhir*.

Dagorhir has taken form on Alma's campus to bring what the national website calls "Dark age Europe meets Tolkien's Middle Earth in a safe and action-packed national, live battle game." Combatants use a variety of foam weapons to strike the opponent and cause "damage".

"It is generally safe because



Photos by Derek Harrison

(Above) Derrick York (08) and Eva Cicalo (07) battle with home-made weapons made of foam on a Sunday afternoon while other students find entertainment. (Below) Melissa Sjostrom holds her ground against York.

you use foam weapons and there are rules to fighting," Sjostrom said. "It's not too serious but it is really fun."

Rules to *Dagorhir* insist that you refrain from striking aggressively to the head, while most damage is recorded as a fighter hits the

opponent's limbs. A hit to the torso marks you as dead.

"It is a lot of fun because it is imagination based," Sjostrom said. "Much of the fun is in creating your own weapons."

In this game, you may create characters and include some role-playing, but much of Sjostrom's emphasis was in battling and creating weapons. *Dagorhir* allows players to use two handed, one-handed, and throwing as they clash.

"It's a good stress relief," **Tyler Oas (07)** said. "It's also really interesting to see how much better people get."

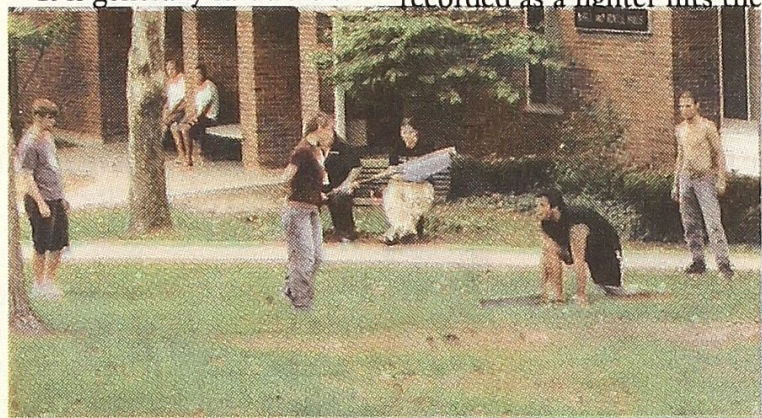
According to the *Dagorhir*

website, it began in 1977 at a Maryland College Campus. Interest has grown such that roughly 1,000 people gather each year to fight at Ragnarok, Ohio in a national event. Local chapters play as often as they wish. Sjostrom started *Dagorhir* with her own group the spring before coming to Alma in her hometown of Adrian, Michigan.

As local chapters take part, they develop their own group names, interacting socially and networking with the national *Dagorhir* scene. Sjostrom's group at home was titled the *Outlands* while the group on campus is called *Omengard*. Many groups borrow Tolkien's themes to add character to their group.

"We always encourage anyone interested to check it out," Sjostrom said. "We meet just about every weekend in Alma at the Park by BP."

Anyone curious about *Dagorhir* may view the national website, www.dagorhir.com, or *Omengard*'s website at <http://omengard.tripod.com>.



Students earn cash, job experience on campus

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STAFF WRITER

College students have to learn to pay for everything in their lives, yet they rarely have money to do so. Destitution, as well as the obligatory call to parents to grovel for 'food money' is expected, but many students at Alma College, in an effort to become more independent and create some kind of cash flow, have on-campus jobs.

Each department has a fixed budget and determines how much to pay student workers. Though minimum wage in the state of Michigan is \$5.15 per hour, the usual rate on campus is \$5.40. Positions which require a certain amount of specialized skill usually pay more (it is not unusual for students that work in media services to make \$6 an hour). In honor of those students whose jobs are essential to the maintenance of Alma College's infrastructure, I have highlighted some of the best and worst jobs on campus in terms of pay and level of stress involved.

As an Alma College Ambassador Coordinator, Jacqueline Jaqua (08) makes it her business to ensure that

Alma College is an attractive choice for potential students. In addition to her busy schedule, she works 13 hours per week in the admissions office, coordinating visits for perspective students and as a student assistant to the visit coordinator. With an hourly pay of \$5.55, Jaqua admits that the salary is not the highest, but insists that she has one of the best jobs for students on campus. "I get to meet with perspective students and influence their college choice," she said, and "the stress level is usually held to a minimum except on group visit days."

Heather Dowding (06) is a little less enthusiastic about her job as a chemistry department teaching assistant. While she admits that the job will look good on a resume, it only pays \$5.40 an hour and involves a lot of stress and pressure. Her responsibilities include grading lab reports and assist students during lab, answering any questions they might have. Students "expect you to know a lot when you aren't properly instructed," Dowding says.

Some student jobs are much more time consuming. Take, for example, the position of resident assistant. Tony Rosenblum (08), a first-year R.A. in Mitchell Hall, admits that his job gives him a lot to do, "but it's fun stuff." R.A.s make a percentage of their room and board fee, a percentage which increases with each year of experience they accumulate.

Skilled positions on campus can sometimes start out as a way to earn class credit. Jesy Broadhurst (08), a costume hand, explained that she is one of the students responsible for "making

and developing costumes for the theater department and adjusting costumes for the dance department." An experienced seamstress (Broadhurst has been sewing for about 15 years), she received a scholarship from the college to work in the costume department. She was required to take a one-hour lab and accumulate a set number of hours, but stayed on as a paid assistant, working 12-hours with an hourly rate of \$5.40. For Broadhurst, the job is not difficult, but she admits that "if you don't sew it's really hard because you have to learn fast."

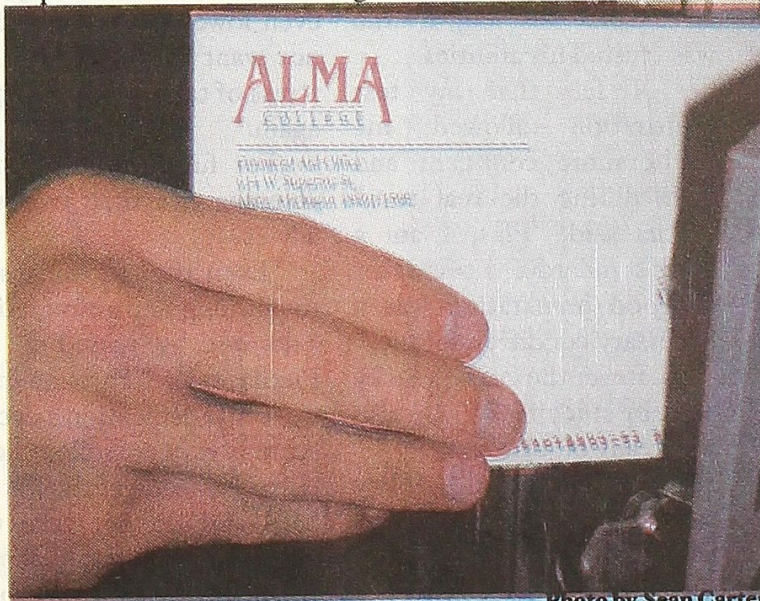


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Greek Rush Results

Sororities

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Carla Luchies (08)
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Echo Sackett (08)
Kelly Schwartzkopf (08)
Lindsay Wagner (08)
Amy Wegener (08)
Andrea Whalen (08)
Emily Zimostrad (08)

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Jamie Roggenbuck (08)
Melissa Gorseger (08)
Lydia Duddles (08)
Brett Tomlin (08)
Amy Bostelman (08)

Kappa Iota:

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Liz Podufaly (08)
Leanna Wanner (06)

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Melissa Boguslawski (08)
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Amanda Brady (08)
Megan Coffin (07)
Mallory Hick (08)
Jackie Jorgensen (08)
Melanie McIntyre (08)
Julie Opperman (08)
Megan Rasch (08)
Sami Spedoske (08)
Em Syrewicze (08)

Fraternities

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Pat Theisen (08)

Theta Chi:

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Sam Capasso (06)
Phil Himebaugh (07)
Jonathan Powers (08)

Zeta Sigma:

Chris Walker (06)
Clayton Roberts (06)
Jason Lootens (08)

Tau Kappa Epsilon takes on new image, helps community

DEREK HARRISON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After a decline in membership over the years and conflicts about member conduct, each active is now trying to S.C.R.E.W. daily. However, this acronym is not as lewd as a layman may think. TKE has emphasized five main points to revamping their fraternity: Scholarship, Campus involvement, Recreation, Exercise, and Work with community.

Involvement from TKE has taken effect on campus and moved into the surrounding

area. Philanthropy has been a major point of effort.

"We had a goal to get involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization at the start of this year," **Aaron Weisberger (08)** said. "We wanted 50% of our organization to be involved and it stemmed into all of this."

While also planning to help host the United Way Pig Roast in November, Weisberger said that the fraternity has now reached its goal for getting at least half of the members a little brother.

"It's one of the coolest experiences you could imagine," Weisberger said. "The kid immediately looks up to you. It's also rewarding."

Weisberger said that the initial challenge is getting them to open up, but he is glad he can make an individual difference.

"Some of them come from homes with no father or where the father is away. You don't want to replace that, but you want to help in an appropriate way to help the child grow as a person."

TKE Alumni proudly supported the Big Brothers Big Sisters stand at the homecoming football game.

They have said they are very happy with the way things are going and that they see the future of the fraternity living on.

"We're looking to better ourselves as people and promote the image of our fraternity," Weisberger said. "We're a different group of kids now. We're all about giving back instead of taking."

In the realms of scholarship and work, TKE brothers say you may see an increased success from them in the classroom. As you enter their house, you may also notice the hours of labor that were put into many structural aspects.

"It's all part of self improvement," Weisberger said. "You've got to breed all parts of your life to be the best they can,"



Photo courtesy of Aaron Weisberger

Marking every touchdown with a ring of the bell, little TKE brothers hung out and watched the homecoming football game.



Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon, working in conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters, started at 2 a.m. to cook for the Pig Roast on September 16, then working from 1:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. that same day.

Photo courtesy of Aaron Weisberger

Pre-law students offer LSAT advice

HILLARY BARD
STAFF WRITER

Some Alma students recently took the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) a test most don't take lightly, and with good reason.

The LSAT itself is a very important test. **James Templin (06)**, who recently took the test, weighs it heavily for the future.

"The LSAT is the end-all of all tests," he said. "Personally, the LSAT represents a gatekeeper to the pursuit of my vocation, which will determine where I will hone my skills as an attorney."

Kyle Pietila (06), another LSAT taker, views the test important for school after Alma.

"The LSAT is extremely important to me," Pietila said. "Law schools weigh the results of this test very heavily on their admission policies."

For this test having such high standards, it is no surprise that students heavily prepare themselves to do well. Most engage in practice tests or prep courses online to get a feel for what test will actually be like.

Some students, like **Amy Willey (06)**, both prepared and relied on superstition to see her through.

"I took a prep course and did practice tests online,"

Willey said. "I need to familiarize myself with it and hope for the best. On test day I wore my lucky shirt. You never know if it's going to help, but any thing that makes you more comfortable you'll do it."

Becoming comfortable for the test was also a priority for Templin.

"I made studying for the LSAT my life for the month and a half leading up to the exam," Templin said. "When I had free time after class, I worked on logic games. Before I went to bed, I was analyzing reading comprehension passages. When I was showering, I figured out the contra positives to arguments that I had just heard on the news."

All this preparation and studying seems to have paid off for the students taking the test. Come test day, Pietila was trusted his abilities.

I felt that my test preparation allowed me to be more confident and calm during the real test," Pietila said. "Plus, I am a poor standardized test taker so good preparation was a necessary condition for me."

Whatever the cause, a lucky shirt or studying, Willey also was ready on test day.

"I felt prepared," Willey said. "There weren't any surprises. Preparation gave me a sense of confidence when I took the test."

Confidence on the test day seems to bring confident results.

"Had I not been so diligent about training for it," Templin said. "I most certainly would have fell to me knees come test day, shriveled up and died."

All three students agree their scores on prep courses and practice tests will be very similar to the scores they get back from the real test. Whatever the score, each student is not planning on retaking the LSAT.

"October 1 was my first and last time taking the LSAT for two reasons," Pietila said. "First, LSAT scores are averaged so it is recommended to not repeat the test unless you desperately fail it because a retake will not significantly raise your score and it could even lower it. Second, I do not want to go through the stress of taking that test ever again."

For future LSAT takers, veterans give their words of advice.

"Even though the test is tough, long, and intimidating—do not be scared of it," Pietila said. "Through hard work and dedication a decent score is very possible."

"Prepare diligently, study hard and do not take this exam lightly," Templin said. "Plan on taking it only once and rock its socks off."

Philosophical Fancy

JENNIFER ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER



As it neared my birthday, I began thinking of how it must have been the day I was born. People stopping by to congratulate my parents, "It's

a Girl" cards filling the room...it must have been such a special day. If you think about how we celebrate our birthday from that point on, the focus tends to be on us. Seldom do we even take the time to reflect on what that day of birth must have looked like...felt like. This day was just as much a day for our parents as for us (X) number of years ago. What happened to our mentality regarding this special day? Why don't we celebrate and congratulate our parents on this day? It just seems so natural that it is our special day that we gladly invite the common rituals of gifting and being spoiled with love.

Many holidays are celebrated without even thinking of the "reasons for the seasons." We accept the traditions we have cultivated into material-oriented times of celebration, and therefore have lost what makes that time special. It can be an awful feeling if someone forgets your birthday—so how must it feel if every year people neglect the fact that on this day you were the happiest person in the world...on this day you gave birth to this new life?

Obviously, I had this mentality as loved ones around me began speaking of my "special day." I got so excited—for once, though, it was not because I knew there was a party planned for me or that I was getting presents soon, but because I was going to celebrate for my mom. After all, this was just as much her day as it was mine. I bought a "congratulations" card and made sure to write "It's a Girl" nice and big—a simple reminder of why we were celebrating together. Then we went out for my birthday dinner. Little did she know that I had planned it for her; this was my day to pamper her; I loved the thought.

This birthday was by far the most enjoyable and significant in my life. It may not have been typical to our society's traditions, but it finally felt like a tradition worth celebrating. Anyone who knows me knows that I love acknowledging birthdays; they should not be a day merely glossed over or discarded. Nor should we forget the importance of this day to our parents. If for nothing else, it's something to think about. Maybe on your next birthday you will discover a way to celebrate that brings new importance to the day. At the same time, you may be creating a new tradition...or possibly rediscovering the origins of a tradition long passed.

Wright Hall meal inequalities

BRIANNA SCHUBERT
STAFF WRITER

We all complain about Sodexo. Whenever the main entrée does not suit our fancy, the potatoes are too dry or too moist, or we just simply cannot find anything to eat, we complain. The

is divided; a lot of student loans. For those of you who have no idea how much you pay for other things, here is how it breaks down: tuition, \$20,934, full board, \$3,760, standard double room, \$3,650, and fees, \$200. The grand total for one year, minus books, incidentals,

meals a semester; \$100 in Munch Money). Of the three regular plans, the block plan of 160 meals a semester is the least economically sound. For 160 meals a semester, the student pays approximately \$10.94 per meal, with \$130 in Munch Money. The ten meal plan available to

"The ten meal plan available to residents of Wright Hall and small housing provides even less in terms of value—140 meals a semester, at \$12 a meal, with \$200 in Munch Money."

vast majority of us don't even bother filling out comment cards, and those who do are either sarcastic or rude.

While there are some illegitimate complaints about Saga, there are also some legitimate ones. Meal plans. Most students don't bother tearing down the total cost of attending Alma College. The end result is the same no matter how the bill

and spring term, is \$28,833.

For one year of eating at Saga, students pay three thousand, seven-hundred and sixty dollars. Right. \$3,760 for a year equals \$1,880 per semester. For those of us on the 14 meal plan (196 meals a semester; \$165 in Munch Money) the average cost of each meal is \$8.75. The average cost of a meal on the 19 meal plan is \$6.70 (266

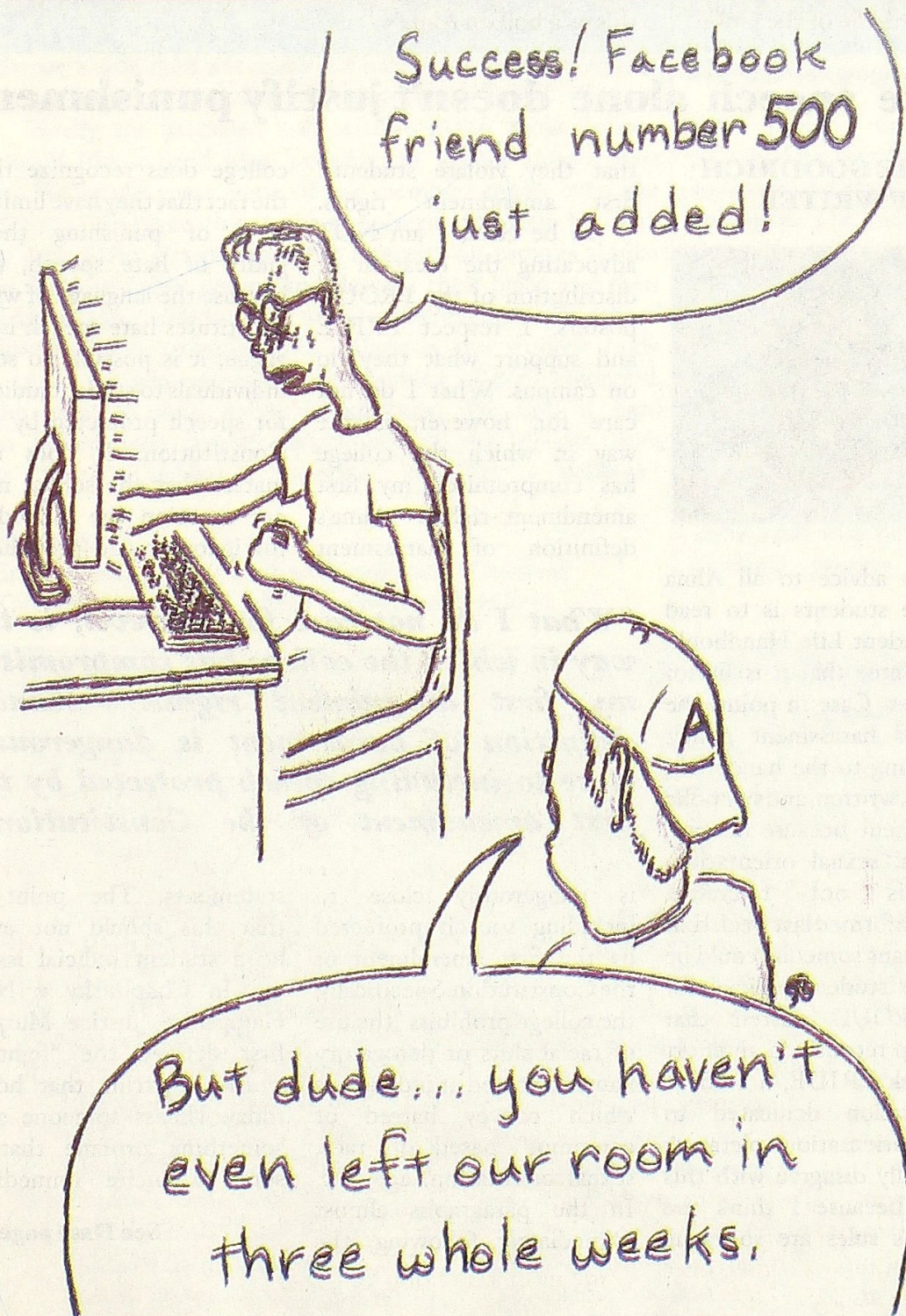
residents of Wright Hall and small housing provides even less in terms of value—140 meals a semester, at \$12 a meal, with \$200 in Munch Money.

Now, I don't want to nitpick, but don't these numbers seem a little...off? Does it make sense for all of the plans to be equal at least monetarily? Not that Munch Money buys a lot—as anyone who has

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Pass/Fail

STEVE BAILEY
CARTOONIST



Burger's beef

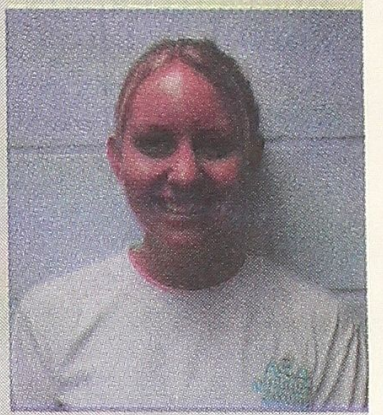
SAM STONEBURG
STAFF WRITER

Have any of you ever had a professor that has a way of making you feel dumber than an unborn infant? I sure have. Sometimes just talking to him makes me want to throw in the towel and say, "Ok Hannibal Lector, you win! Just give me the saw and I'll cut open my skull and eat my brains while you sit back with your feet kicked up sipping on a glass of quante as your sick intellectual fancy is being tickled."

Sometimes it seems as if these particular professors are competing with one another to see who can have the most suicidal students by the end of the semester. Hey, how else do you think that The Center for Student Development receives referrals?

Often times after being in the presence of one of these professors I am left thinking that they are beyond smart and way too far from the border to help any of us students across.

Sometimes it takes a few voodoo dolls and reaching the point of considering to



ahead and start paying off my lifetime's worth of debt by working at McDonalds.

I'm a 20-year-old blonde who hasn't won a Nobel Prize nor do I carry around a dictionary in my purse on a regular basis therefore I'm looking for some explanations that won't keep me in the library all night.

When these professors talk my mind blasts off and orbits around in outer space, leaving my body down here on earth trying to fend for itself; it just doesn't work. Yet, there are other times, without warning that my mind returns and these same professors who once made me feel like a big pile of mindless goo all of a sudden make sense and I instantly feel as if I could

"Ok Hannibal Lector, you win! Just give me the saw and I'll cut open my skull and eat my brains while you sit back with your feet kicked up sipping on a glass of quante as your sick intellectual fancy is being tickled."

eat your own cerebral matter in order to finally understand that one plus one really equals two or whatever it was that you were hung up on.

I'm not going to lie I was the girl who, in the seventh grade on a field trip to Michigan State University was convinced that the atom masher was a machine that would get my pip squeak cousin Adam back for picking on me when we were kids. So it isn't very odd that I don't get some concepts from time to time.

What really grinds my gears is that when I try to seek help, my professors don't always give it to me in the type of package that I expected. When I say that I want to get help I mean that I wanted help in better understanding the material and not help in my notions to quit while I'm slightly

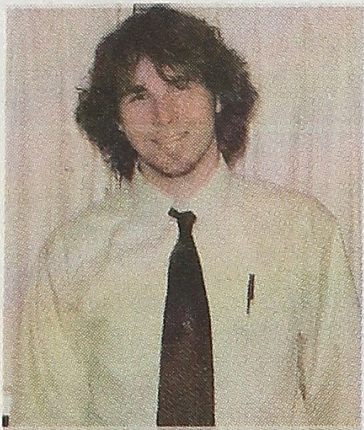
possibly be as intelligent as they are. Yeah, so me intelligent, just humor me.

Honestly, take it from me, yesterday I got tears in my eyes every time anyone mentioned the word COM 350 (and in my dorky group of friends, that is pretty often) and considered my fast food career options. Yet after sleeping on it I realize that writing a research paper is not exactly brain surgery and today I feel as if I could not only write the research proposal but compile a whole book on my topic.

Sometimes it just takes a tall glass of humble juice with a twist of duh to put things into perspective and make me realize that ridiculously intelligent professors with technical jargon are a fact of college life and are here for a reason.

The best of Alma Infamous sentence fragments

DEREK HARRISON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



When living in an academic bubble it is easy to take things for granted. Perhaps trying to notice those things for a few minutes each day may allow us to focus on how to change the aspects we find less comforting.

As a third year, I have a list of the things I believe as the best aspects of Alma College. They often arise throughout the day to remind me that life could be much worse if they were missing and I am thankful they are not. They are simple

If you think about it, Joe's employees have to deal with the often indecisive, long lines of hungry mobs waiting for meal advantage, complaints from students about how they would change the meals, and not to mention whatever annoying program the masses elects to put on the television. I hesitate to believe that I would act as friendly behind that counter and then to have to step beyond it to clean up the zillions of crumbs left behind on every table from each bread product served. I encourage anyone to give at least a thank you the next time a Sodexo employee doing an excellent job.

Next, as it becomes more evident of their availability, I would have to say that I truly appreciate the number of trees on campus. Though I do love the outdoors, I realize that it is not practical to keep every single tree and still build the necessary facilities. However, I think this campus has a wonderful balance between

RYAN KELLY
FREELANCE WRITER

College Student Recruitment, or as I like to call it, an orchestrated attempt by higher-ups to procure or "get" the finest students available, is indubitably in full swing at Alma College.

This is unquestionably evidenced in our new slogan, the infamous sentence fragment followed by punctuation: Only One Alma., which I see as an orchestrated attempt by high-level marketing to recruit the finest students available—specifically English majors.

English majors?

You don't say?

Yup, English Majors, and for one key reason: pity. Since Only One Alma. is—? —a sentence fragment, Alma College is trying to make English majors feel sorry for it.

Sentence fragments are extremely painful for anyone who has any knowledge of proper grammar, but for English majors, they are like rubbing hydrobromic acid and sand into your eyes in the middle of the Gobi

Desert on a Wednesday. English is the livelihood of one with such a major, and to have an institution— a higher learning institution at that— use a sentence fragment as a marketing motto is hellacious, to say the very least.

It would be fine if we were, say, a truck stop or a

"Ice, ice, baby, as articulated by the early 90's pseudorapper Vanilla Ice was a slogan of sorts."

7-11, but we are Only One Alma., as in Alma College. And yes, we do have English majors, who, judging from discussions this author's had and things he's overheard, are ready to transfer to Only One Albion..

Personally I like some of the English majors here at Only One Alma and would wish that they stay here, and I have a different interpretation of our new slogan that just may placate them. Instead of viewing this as a boil on Alma's

collective derriere, we could just take it for what it is: a slogan.

"Ice, ice, baby," as articulated by the early 90's pseudorapper Vanilla Ice was a slogan of sorts. At the time, it became his marketing hook, so to speak. It's not exactly the most cohesive, thought-provoking motto ever, but it made him money, and quite a bit of it for what he was.

However, Alma College is no one-hit wonder, unless that's what we're going for. Personally I think it's not and hope to God it's not. If it is though, then I guess we need to be the best one-hit wonder that a liberal arts institution can possibly be. We need to be the only Only One Alma.

Anyhow, I may be a little caustic, but that's fine, because this is my opinion. I am more than willing and hopefully able to hear you out. However, as I said earlier, there are no wrong opinions, and I'd like to finish that off, if we could.

There are no wrong opinions, there are just wrong mottos/slogans. Only One Alma.

"I think this campus has a wonderful balance between the two environments. On the sunniest days, there is available shade, in the fall there is a foliage-palette of color, and on the occasional rainy day, there is shelter along the way when crossing campus."

instances, but tried and true.

First, I will recognize disagreements about the quality of food, but maybe we can all agree about the service we get from some of the finest donned in blue-collared shirts. Although there are many worthy of praise for their personable demeanor, the two that catch my attention nearly every day are Mary at Hamilton Commons and Frank at Joe's. I have never walked into Hamilton without a "Hello" or a "How are you doing" when Mary was swiping cards. Never, and I always enjoy it. I am sure that is something that larger schools cannot duplicate with so many more students anxiously passing through to fill their stomachs. I always get the feeling that she remembers everyone and no one is just another faceless person on a sort of dining conveyor belt.

Frank, on the other hand, is someone that has a little different style, but you know that he does well with even more to put up with from the hungry student body.

the two environments. On the sunniest days, there is available shade, in the fall there is a foliage-palette of color, and on the occasional rainy day, there is shelter along the way when crossing campus. You do not even have to be a stereotypical environmentalist to realize, you simply have to think of the benefits of building while from preserving some of the landscape. Alma has dedicated many of the trees to people who have made this campus better. Have you ever stopped to read the brass plate in front of some of them? This is a beautiful campus.

Finally, I could not end this piece without mentioning a few words about the faculty. Some of them go out of their way to making your \$28,000 worth much more. There will always be a few to complain about, but some of the faculty can conduct themselves in a way where you to realize they are more than just staff; they are real people. It would probably be unethical to

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CASSIE GOODRICH
STAFF WRITER



My advice to all Alma College students is to read the Student Life Handbook. I guarantee that it is full of surprises. Case in point: the college's harassment policy. According to the handbook, spoken, written, and symbolic harassment because of race, religion, sexual orientation, etc. is not tolerated.

I was informed last week that this means someone could be sent to student judicial for the PROUD posters that went up recently in an effort to mock PRIDE, a student organization dedicated to sexual orientation tolerance. I actually disagree with this policy because I think the college's rules are so vague

that they violate students' first amendment rights.

To be clear, I am NOT advocating the creation or distribution of the PROUD posters. I respect PRIDE and support what they do on campus. What I do not care for, however, is the way in which the college has compromised my first amendment rights. Alma's definition of harassment

college does recognize that the fact that they have limited ways of punishing those guilty of hate speech, but because the language of what constitutes hate speech is so vague, it is possible to send individuals to student judicial for speech protected by the Constitution. It does not matter that the school may not sanction the individual for ignorant and prejudiced

"What I do not care for, however, is the way in which the college has compromised my first amendment rights. Alma's definition of harassment is dangerously close to including speech protected by the first amendment of the Constitution."

is dangerously close to including speech protected by the first amendment of the Constitution. Specifically, the college prohibits "the use of racial slurs or derogatory names directed at individuals which convey hatred or contempt" based on race, sexual orientation, age, etc. In the paragraphs almost immediately following, the

statements. The point is that this should not even be a student judicial issue.

In *Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire*, Justice Murphy first defined the "fighting words" doctrine that holds today. Unless someone says something profane that is sure to incite immediate

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor in Chief:

On behalf of the Alma College Democrats and Alma College Republicans, we are writing in response to the "Burger's Beef" column in the 9/22 issue of the *Almanian*.

The first point mentioned is about people everywhere putting themselves into groups. We contend that life is a group. Classes are groups, jobs are groups, sports teams are groups, and families are groups. Furthermore, does Burger have a "beef" with people joining fraternities, sororities, or other campus groups because they are presumably spending time labeling themselves?

Next is regarding Student Congress budgets. The point of a student group is not necessarily to benefit the entire campus. There are groups where students get together and talk about history or education or play card games or video games or even fight with swords. All these groups spend Student Congress budgets. The point of a student group does not have to be as noble as a service organization or an entertainment organization; but instead it is to get students together with the same interests and to liven up student life. Both of our organizations have in the past, and have plans this year, for movie nights and other campus wide forums.

In reaction to accusations of unfriendly competition: neither the Republicans nor the Democrats condone any destruction or removal of each others' publicity nor did any representative of these organizations participate in such activities. There will also not be any retaliation by either group because we know these are not intentional acts by the other. We even cooperate from time to time as shown by our planned benefit for Hurricane Katrina victims or the writing of this letter.

Our groups are devoted to our issues and candidates because our members are there allowing us to be. The purpose of both groups is to educate members and students about their respective political issues. Candidate "worshipping" does not take place. We also do not support candidates simply because they are affiliated with one party or another but because they represent our ideals. Voters regularly vote across party lines. Simply because the author of the article is politically apathetic and does not want to choose a side does not make it wrong for a group of people to get together and discuss and advocate some interests.

Finally, the proposed non-partisan group about politics sounds like a good idea, perhaps the author should start it. We would guess some of our members might even like to join. However, this is not a replacement group for both of ours. Our groups represent interests on campus similar to those of other groups and deserve their place and their budgets especially because we are challenging each others' opinions and attempting to enlighten the student body.

Also, we will not accept any bashing of Neil Diamond, the greatest song writer of all time. We find it hard to believe you haven't heard any of the classics such as "Sweet Caroline," "America," or "I'm a Believer."

Sincerely,

Erik Sanborn - Alma College Republicans President

Katelyn Moy - Alma College Democrats President

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purchased a \$5.50 bag of Oreos from Scotty's can attest. If I recall correctly, simply purchasing food meal by meal at the door runs about five dollars for lunch and seven dollars for dinner.

"Why is the College rewarding strangers off the street and not the students that pay to live in its facilities?" asks Jeffrey Sexton (06). Many students, I'm sure, ask that same question, or would if they had any idea how much they were paying per meal. The twelve-dollar lunches seem to pale in comparison with

the grand total, when you view it like that. However, I know three people can eat on twelve dollars at El Vaquero, and a Pizza Sam's pizza isn't nearly that much.

For the record, this is

monotony of meals expected at school cafeterias. Even if the main entrée is not quite your style, chances are there is something available to eat: cereal, stir fry, sandwiches, salad, etc. The menu is even

"Why is the College rewarding strangers off the street and not the students that pay to live in its facilities?"

not an angry diatribe, just a commentary on the inequality of food prices. The cafeteria staff has made wonderful improvements this year. The new menu that they worked so hard to prepare breaks up the

on the Alma College website, so you can know before you go what to expect. There is less to complain about than there ever have been in my memory, except for the price differences.

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mention professors I have currently, but I know that all my experiences have been positive with those like Dr. Robert Vivian, Professor Murray Borello, and Mr. Bob Eldridge. Judging from other students' sentiments, I would guess that a sizable uprising would occur if there were efforts to remove them.

After witnessing one late night of conflict resolution

outside of my room, I would also mention an appreciation for Jake Acton and at least one South Complex Resident Assistant. I could hear the drunkenly persistent argument of a student into the early morning and I am sure that both Jake and the RA probably just wanted to go to bed. However, they protected the wellbeing of a disorderly student instead.

I am positive there are many that I have omitted or not yet encountered, but

it would be appropriate for everyone to thank a deserving professor, your organization's faculty advisor, or a helpful administrator. It is easy to take notice when someone is simply performing a set of tasks or when someone is going beyond the call of duty.

You should always fight for changes in anything you can help to advance, but develop a core appreciation for everything that holds you as high as where you are.

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that person cannot be punished for simply insulting someone or a group someone belongs to. The bottom line is that what might be insulting to some may not be to others, and you cannot punish someone for expressing their beliefs, no matter how distasteful they may be. I did not hear all the details about the PROUD incident, but I believe as long as the individuals who hung up the insulting posters did not

remove the PRIDE posters (which could be considered hindering that group's right to express its beliefs), there was nothing done that violated a law. I know that because Alma is a private institution administration has the right to create policies to support the college's mission statement, but the school has to recognize that people have a right to express their opinions in a multitude of ways.

My advice to those individuals who created

the PROUD posters is to explain their views instead of mocking a group with dissimilar values. I only refer to it, however, as an issue that highlights a much broader problem, that of the school's policy concerning hate speech and the repercussions for engaging in it. We do not have to agree with the views of others, but we do have to live with them as long as they do not incite violence. Alma College, it seems, does not always agree.

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The Better Darn Sports Column

COLIN WASILOFF
SPORTS EDITOR

As the air cools off and the leaves begin to fall the Alma College athletic teams are gearing up the rest of their seasons. This past weekend the Scots found themselves victorious again in multiple fields of play, and the Lions even picked up a win!

Taking off early Saturday, the Scots arrived to play Adrian College Saturday afternoon. In the race for the MIAA, Alma had been log jammed with Adrian and Albion and was looking for a win to break up the standings and were hoping for an Albion loss to further the gaps in between the MIAA's top three.

However, an Albion loss was about the exact opposite of what the Scot's received, however. Albion quarterback Steve Wasil proved the Britons to still be in the hunt for the MIAA crown as he threw for 362 yards in the 73-0 romping of Tri-State University.

Although Albion was able to get another MIAA win, Alma successfully defeated MIAA leader Adrian on Saturday by a score of 13-10 and rose to the top of the standings.

Be sure to check out the upcoming game of the week, and tune in to 90.9fm, The Duck, Mondays at 8:00 pm and Thursdays at 6:00 pm for Alma's brand new sports radio show featuring **Josh Morgan(06)**, **Josh Latz(06)**, and **Evan Beach(07)**.

GAME OF THE WEEK: Men's Soccer vs. Calvin College, Saturday at 2:00pm

WHY: If the Scots can pull out a win, they can possibly catapult themselves into winning out the rest of the season. Calvin, who is 5-1 in the MIAA, is sitting pretty in second place behind Hope College. Alma, however, is currently in sixth place with a record of 1-5 at the time of print. Once past Calvin, the Scots will face off against Kalamazoo, Albion, Adrian, Tri-State, and Olivet before facing off against Hope in their final game in late November.

BOTTOM LINE: This will be a tough game, but let's have faith! If the Scots can get solid play from **Mark Daisy(09)**, **Nick Kost(07)**, and **Ben Queen(08)**, who combined account for eight goals in the last two games, they have a strong chance to overcome the Knights.

SCOTS TO WATCH: Mark Daisy, Nick Kost, Ben Queen, and **Josh Borgerding(06)**

KNIGHTS TO WATCH: Jared Litty, who was named MIAA offensive player of the week

PICK: Scots by 1. Good luck!

Student trainers give back, get experience

ECHO SACKETT
STAFF WRITER

Students that are majoring in Exercise and Health Science Department here at Alma now have the chance to become a student athletic trainer. However, not many know the details behind student athletic training.

According to the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), athletic trainers are an integral part of the health care system associated with physical activity and sports. Athletic training is a health profession whose main goals are the prevention, care and rehabilitation after physical injuries.

The Alma College Athletic Training Program started a five year period that began in September of 2005. The program is accredited by the CAAHEP. The program allows the athletic training students to take the national BOC certification exam.

The mission of the program is to prepare the students for careers in athletic training. This is achieved by making them follow a curriculum that is designed to meet the standards set forth by CAAHEP, the National Athletic Trainer's Association Board of Certification (NATABOC), and the Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Athletic Training. Students that complete the requirements for the Athletic Training Major can earn a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The program has a variety of goals that they try to meet. Some of these goals are: risk management and injury prevention, pathology of injuries and illnesses, acute care of injury and illness, and general medical conditions and disabilities, along

with others. The program also offers the students a variety of settings that allow them to gain experience that will give them different views of the profession. The students are also surrounded by clinical instructors who are knowledgeable in the profession of athletic training education.

The Alma College Athletic Training Program is run by qualified instructors. Denny Griffin, who has begun his 23rd year at Alma College, is the director for the Athletic Training Education Program. He is a certified athletic trainer and supervises several Clinical Experiences of the Athletic Training Students and teaches the Administration in Athletic Training course in the Athletic Training Major within the Exercise and Health Science Department.

There is also Cheri Daniels who is the Head Athletic Trainer; Diana Bray, who is the Director of Clinical Instruction for the Athletic Training Major; and Joe Gelina, who is a Physician Assistant and the Medical Director in the Wilcox Medical Center here at Alma. He is also an active member of the Athletic Training Program.

Brandi Wright (06) is one of the many student athletic trainers here at Alma. She is majoring in Athletic Training and has been working as one since her freshman year at Alma College.

"I like being around all the different sports. I'm an athlete myself so I know what it's like to get hurt, and I like the idea of helping athletes get out of that stage," said Wright. Some things she doesn't like about it? "Very long hours. It's a spur of the moment

job. Sometimes you get a call in the morning saying you have to go to Indiana with a team because there was a schedule change. You have to leave your own schedule open."

Rachel Small (09) is another student athletic trainer who is majoring in athletic training, and who enjoys every aspect of the job.

"We pretty much help out the regular athletic trainers. We clean up after practices, we do ultrasounds, and we

organize before practices and games. We slowly learn about everything the job involves," said Small.

Despite the long hours and the schedule changes, these students enjoy learning about the profession and have no regrets majoring in athletic training. Somehow these hard working students see a light at the end of the tunnel throughout their busy and rewarding schedules.

Hall of Fame induction: October 14, 2005

1992 Women's Basketball team

Amy Doucett (1995)

Colleen Wruble Pricco (1993)

Katie Mans Gorno (1994)

Robert Smith (1978)

Roger Frayer (1964)

Mike Burns (1976)

Bob Gigliotti (1970)

Candace Croucher Dugan (Oberlin)

Football team closely defeats Adrian

JOEY ZEHNER
STAFF WRITER

The Alma College Men's football team faced a tough challenge this past Saturday in their game against conference rival Adrian College. Down 10-0 at halftime, the Scot Gun offense was not working against the vaunted Albion defense.

Facing their first real challenge in their defense of the MIAA title, the Scots came out in the second half and responded like the champions they are. Buckling down on defense and doing just enough on offense, Alma came back to win the game by the score of 13-10.

The win moves the Scots to 4-1 on the season and 2-0 in conference play. Alma's victory over Adrian moved them into sole possession of first place in the conference, a position they hope they won't be giving up. Adrian had previously been undefeated on the year.

The first half was not a typical half for the Scots offense, has the team played sloppy throughout the half committing ten penalties and also having two interceptions. Fortunately for the Scots, their defense kept the team in the game while the offense struggled.

The only touchdown in the first half came from the Bulldogs on a Randy Hutchison ten yard pass to Joel Musielewicz. James Spencer added a field goal in the second quarter to make it a 10-0

lead for Albion at the break.

Coming out for the second half however, the Scots looked like an entirely different team. The offense finally found its groove and the defense buckled down. After squandering several chances in the opponents territory, the Scots finally cashed in on a Josh Brehm throw to Cole Thelen for a 14 yard touchdown pass to make the score 10-7.

The Scots kept the momentum going and scored just four minutes later in the quarter as Brehm ran it two yards in to the end zone for the score. The ensuing extra point was blocked, but it proved to be no difference as the Brehm touchdown proved to be the winning score.

On the day Brehm was 30-55, throwing for 318 yards and one score, while tossing two interceptions. Brehm also scrambled for 49 yards on 15 carries with one score.

Matt Lambourn had his fifth straight one hundred yard rushing game as he rushed for 106 yards on 19 carries. Although he was not able to punch one into the end zone, Lambourn's rushing ability in the second half was key to the Scots holding the ball for over ten minutes in both the third and fourth quarters, making sure the Scots controlled the clock and thus controlling the game.

The Scot's defensive core was the teams MVP's on the day.

After making sure the offense would be able to stay in the game, the defense put the clamps down in the second half. The Scots defense pitched a shutout in the second half and forced the Bulldogs to go three and out on many occasions. In the second half, Adrian was able to muster only two first downs and the Scots doubled their time of possession.

Leading the way for the defense was Caleb Barnes who posted six tackles on the day. Chad Abbey had two interceptions on the afternoon, including one in the fourth quarter that helped seal the victory.

The Scots march towards the MIAA title continues next Saturday as the team returns home to take on Tri-State University.

**GREAT SCOTS-SCOT OF
THE WEEK**

ERIN FRALICK (06)

VOLLEYBALL

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**PLAYER OF THE WEEK.
CONGRATULATIONS!**

**THIS IS FRALICK'S 2ND
GREAT SCOTS AWARD!**

Soccer Team Falls in Close Battle with Olivet, 4-5

ECHO SACKETT
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday on October 8th, the men's soccer team went up against Olivet here in Alma. The game ended with a loss for Alma at 4-5. Though the Scots lost, the game was still intense up to the very end.

The beginning of the game did not start off well for the Scots. Alma allowed Olivet to score three times in the first fifteen minutes of the first half. Right from the beginning it did not look like Alma would have any chance of a win. The score



their first goal, the Comets scored again less than a minute later, leaving the score 1-4 going into the second half.

No one but the members of the team knows what Head Coach Jamie Chiero and Assistant Coach Mike Snouffer said during half time. But whatever it was, it must have hit the team hard.

Going into the second half of the game, the Scots played really well. The team was able to create many scoring opportunities, yet

they didn't actually score until the 51st minute and the 79th minute of the game. Both of the goals were scored by Daisy. One came from an assist by **Ben Queen (08)**, and the other from **Nick Kost**

(07). The score was now 3-4. All the Scots needed was one more goal to tie the game. But the Comets wouldn't allow it. Instead, Olivet scored another goal with just 21 minutes left in the game.

As the end of the game began to draw near, Daisy decided he wanted to score again. With only six minutes left of the game, Daisy scored on an assist from fellow freshman **Kevin Cross (09)**. The team was once again in the position where they needed only one more goal to tie the game up. But as hard as they tried, they just couldn't make the last goal.

Scott Snyder (08), who is in his second year playing soccer for Alma, says there were some things that the team needs to work on.

"We need to come out in the first half like we do in the second half," said Snyder.

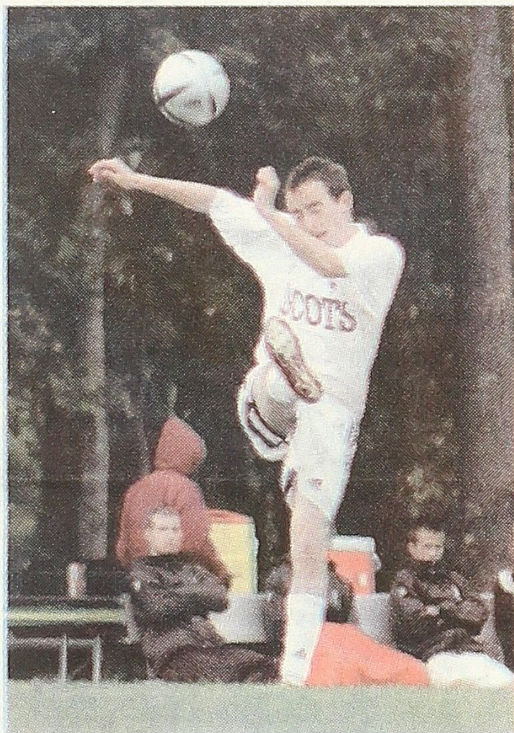
Though the team didn't start out very strong, they definitely held their own against Olivet. "In the second half we created more opportunities and scored three goals," Snyder said.

"We usually come out and play well in the second half and if we could play both halves the same way, it would help us out a lot," agreed Daisy.

"Communication is the main thing. I think we did really well communicating in the second half and that allowed us to step up and score some goals," said Daisy.

Isaac Smith (07) and Snyder consistently played good defense throughout the game. Besides helping Daisy score, Cross also helped out with creating opportunities to score throughout the game.

Even though Daisy is a freshman, he has definitely proved that he deserves a spot on the team. He not only has been one of the top scorers of the season, he also made all four goals of the game. Daisy received special commendation from MIAA. The Scots are now 2-8, 1-5 MIAA.



remained 0-3 for quite some time. Just as the first half was about to end, **Mark Daisy (09)** scored a goal with an assist from **Jason Wilbur (08)** with only two minutes left in the first half. Yet right after the Scots made



Rock Climbing Club Reaches for the Top of the Mountain

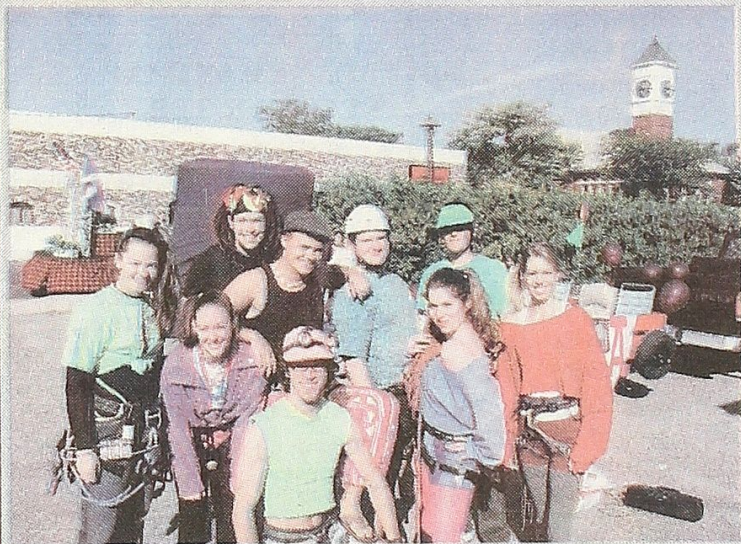
CASSIE GOODRICH
STAFF WRITER

The history of the Alma College Climbing Club might go something like this: In 2001, before the Stone Recreation Center was built on Alma's campus, a group of about eight students formed a climbing club. The club used a climbing wall at a nearby community college and planned climbing trips during their breaks from school. Once the Rec Center was built, it essentially became headquarters for the club, which now has 36 active members.

A chronological recitation of events sells the club short, however. This group of involved and enthusiastic

committed to serving the Alma College campus. Club president **Caleb Woods (06)**, also a member for four years, pointed out that the club works with Resident Assistants to develop hall projects, and club members take time to help attract potential students to Alma by giving them opportunities to climb the wall. When Alma College held the 24-hour Relay for Life last spring to benefit the National Cancer Society, the club climbed for 24-hours instead of walking.

Joining the Climbing Club is simple. Members are required to pay dues (\$15 per semester), and attend



(Photo submitted by Jennifer Conkey)

As Climbing Club participation has grown, so has the involvement. Here they are at the homecoming parade where they went beyond their rock wall and dressed in their finest 80's drab to help promote their club.

students, honored by student congress in 2003 as the best student organization on Alma's campus, is a "very close knit bunch of people," said **Jen Conkey (06)**.

Conkey, a member of the club for all four of her years at Alma, is close to completing her second year as secretary. She attributed this closeness to the fact that they live together and practically survive off Ramen noodles during their trips.

This year the club plans on traveling to Kentucky over fall break, with 20 members signed up to go so far. Additionally, to fundraise for their trips and other activities, Climbing Club members teach climbing classes for kids in Alma and surrounding communities, a class they offer twice a year.

The Climbing Club is also

meetings on Monday nights at 10 p.m. at the wall on a regular basis. Conkey added that club members do have to fulfill a list of requirements to go on trips, which cost anywhere between \$30 and \$60 because part of the cost is covered by student activity fees paid to the college.

When asked to explain why he enjoys being a part of this club, Woods said "it's a fun activity but the company is what makes it excellent." Conkey added that "we're doing something we love, and we love the people."

Besides their trip to Kentucky and kids climbing lessons approaching in November, the club is planning to compete in a rock climbing competition on December 3. Additionally, officer elections will take place at the end of first semester.

Sports coverage of your favorite teams outside of Alma

BURSTING THE BUBBLE!



Lions even out record

JOEY ZEHNER
STAFF WRITER

The 2005 Lions season is now four weeks old and so far the team has had a mediocre first quarter of the season. The team is 2-2 on the young season, although that record is good enough for sole possession of first place in their division.

The Lions has played well in spurts but have yet to find any consistency on offense. Joey Harrington is again the starting quarterback for Detroit. Despite have a supporting cast consisting of three top ten pick wide receivers and a running back that was also selected in the first round, Harrington has yet to produce All-Pro numbers at the quarterback position.

Even though Harrington has yet to find the consistency needed to succeed at the quarterback position, last Sunday's game may help steer him in the right direction. Harrington, playing against one of the league's best defenses, led the Lions to a 35-17 victory of the Baltimore Ravens.

Detroit controls its own destiny on their drive to the playoffs as they currently have a full game lead over any other team in the division. If the Lions can win their division they automatically clinch a spot in the playoffs.

Although the ultimate goal for the team would be able to play Super Bowl XL in Detroit at Ford Field, the team would show progress by just making the playoffs, taking the heat off of Harrington and Coach Steve Marucci.

U of M, MSU Football Turning Heads

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This year's football season seems to be full of disappointments for fans that are true blue, and full of exciting promise for fans that bleed green.

After being ranked high in pre-season, University of Michigan's football team has been unable to live up to expectations. The Wolverines opened their season on September 3rd, with a triumphant win over Northern Illinois Huskies, for a final score of 33-17.

To the dismay of players, coaches, and fans, the Wolverines were unable to pull off a win against the Fighting Irish, losing to Purdue 10-17.

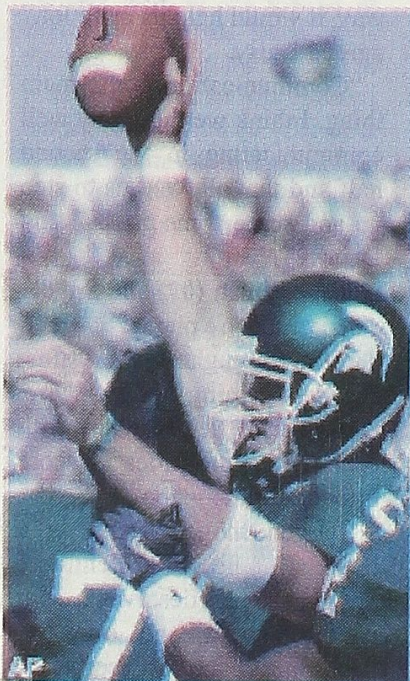
The following week was a blow-out, in which the Wolverines made the Eastern Michigan Eagles fly home in shame after a whopping 55-0 loss. Following this feel good win, players' hopes were shot on the following Saturday when the Wisconsin Badgers, now ranked 23rd, beat them by a mere 3 points, for a final score of 20-23.

Although MSU was expected to win the infamous Blue-Green game; being favored in the annual math-up for the first time since 1968. Michigan State was in the

Top 25, while Michigan was not. Despite all the odds, the Wolverines were leading on the scoreboard at half time, with a score of 24-21. The teams were battling at 31 points late in the second half, and the Wolverines shocked the sports world with a final triumphant score of 34-31, winning the game that would prevent them from their worst season start since 1967.

After winning by a mere 3 points to MSU, the Wolverines lost by the same to the Minnesota Gophers.

Sitting at three losses, it seems as if U of M will have to scramble this Saturday for a win over the Number 8 team,



Red Wings Hit the Ice with a New Look

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STAFF WRITER

After over a year of waiting, hockey fans finally had something to cheer for as the 2005-2006 season officially kicked off on October 5. Due to a strike that cancelled the entire 2004-2005 season, the players union and the league finally came to terms on a new deal that incorporates a salary cap, the main reason the strike began in the first place.

A new hockey season means a fresh start for the Detroit Red Wings. The team lost to the Calgary Flames in the second round in the playoffs in the last playoff season and with new additions to the team, the Wings are hoping to get at least a Western Conference Finals berth.

With the new salary cap though, this Wings team will have a different face than the

Wings of the past few years. The team had to let go of a few familiar veteran players, Darren McCarty being the most notable.

Returning faces for the Wings, however, is 19 year captain Steve Yzerman. Yzerman has said that this is going to be his last year so look for him to give it his all trying to lead the Red Wings back to the Cup Finals. Young talent Pavel Datsyuk returns to Detroit after signing a new contract in the off season.

Also singing with the Wings in the off season was former goalie Chris Osgood. Osgood will team with Manny Legace to form a capable goaltender duel.

The Red Wings will have tough competition to win their division this year against the improved Columbus Blue Jackets, but expect the Wings to fight for a playoff spot and have a chance to compete for the Cup.



Penn State. The Nittany Lions are the lone unbeaten team remaining in the Big Ten, however, will have to overcome a set precedent, having been unable to beat the Wolverines on their home territory since 1996.

MSU Spartan fans seem to be saying "It's about time", with their team having a 4-1 record so far this year. The Spartans opened their season nicely, with a resounding win over the not-so-golden Kent State Flashes, with a final score of 49-14.

The following week the Spartans were able to earn a similar win against the Hawaii Warriors, for a final scoreboard of 42-14.

The Spartan's next game was a little more evenly matched against the Fighting Irish. However, Purdue was unable to win the match, and MSU was victorious with a 3 point win, for a final count of 44-41.

To repeat the triumph of their first 2 games, the Spartans pulled off a seemingly easy win over the Fighting Illini, beating Illinois by a whopping 47, for a final tally of 61-14.

This week the 16th ranked Spartans travel to the 15th ranked Ohio State Buckeyes, hoping to pull off another win, leaving only more 1 win for a bowl minimum. It is sure to be a close, exciting game. Lloyd Carr knows that the Buckeye's are formidable, but expects his offense to be up to the challenge.

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