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College finalizes \$11 million plan

**MARC HONG
FREELANCE WRITER**

Plans for an \$11 million dollar academic venture called the Center for Responsible Leadership are still being molded by the Center's interim directors; Dr. Carol Gregg, Professor Ron Lemmon, and Dr. Ed Lorenz.

Although the concept of the Center has been approved by the Board of Trustees, and has been in development since early July, the actual details of the project are still being sharpened.

"You start with a dream," said Dr. Gregg, "and you always over budget. Then you begin to trim. None of this has money yet, except for the core programs, like the speaker series and

Alternative Breaks, which are funded with money from the Lilly Foundation."

The Center will bring together the campus's pre-existing leadership efforts and programs under one blanket organization that is visible, and can put forth a united effort. Programs like the Discovering Vocation internships, speaker series, Presidential Forums, Alternative Break trips, and Service Learning will all be a part of the Center.

In addition, several new workshops, fellowships and opportunities will be phased into the life of the college as the money for the project is secured.

The Center is part of a \$35,250,000 capital campaign called Open Windows that was approved by the Board of

Trustees last February. The campaign is a major move by the college to implement a vision that emphasizes the opportunities that can be found at Alma.

"The idea of the Center is that it is central to the life of the campus," said President Sandra Tracy. "It focuses on all four elements of our mission statement, 'to prepare graduates who think critically, serve generously, lead purposefully and live responsibly as stewards of the world they bequeath to future generations.'"

The Center and the other aspects of the Open Windows Campaign have been in the planning stages for several years now. Some aspects of the campaign have already

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Photo by Bill Pilmore, Alma Municipal Water

After the water mainline ruptured a week ago Wednesday, crews worked early morning and late into the night to repair the damage.

Chemical detected in St. Louis Water Supply

**JIM ALLEN
FREELANCE WRITER**

Two weeks ago, the EPA announced the existence of low levels of the chemical p-CBSA in three wells in the nearby town of St. Louis, a statistic they had known about for a year.

St. Louis, which also gets its water from the Pine River, is the location of a federal Superfund site, which is spending hundreds of millions of dollars to clean up contamination.

"We are remediating the problems resulting from the dumping of tons of toxins into the regional environment by several companies," said Ed Lorenz, Chair of History and who currently is on community advisory group in St. Louis.

The cleanup has been going on for some time, but the recent controversy has to do specifically with chemical p-CBSA, a by-product of the

manufacture of DDT, and the EPA's slow response to inform the community of it.

"The problem is that EPA mishandled the situation," said Lorenz. "If they would have told everyone they were going to test for it and, after finding it, that it was a very low level and unlikely to be a problem, they would have been seen as doing their job. By sitting on the data for over the year, they made people suspicious that they are hiding something."

This suspicion has forced the citizens of St. Louis to ask some critical questions.

"While it [p-CBSA] has been detected only at low levels, we don't know if it has ever been in the wells before EPA first tested for it in September 2004 and we don't know if more toxic substances have been in the wells before or will reach

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Students question campus recycling

**ALANA KAY RAAB
STAFF WRITER**

Alma College's Students United for Nature, SUN, says it has been dedicated to recycling on campus, despite

rumors that the recycling bins are not actually recycled.

Johanna Beduhn (06), SUN member in charge of campus recycling, stated, "All of the recycling from the Residence Halls gets recycled, and I

know for a fact because I do it myself. Some people think I actually throw it away because the bags do go in a dumpster, but it's a green recycling dumpster, not a trash dumpster."

However, the same cannot be said for all of the recycling from the Academic buildings. Many housekeepers do not separate the trash bags from the recycling bags, and some recycling does get thrown away.

"I worked third shift housekeeping in some of the academic buildings last year," said Beduhn, "and not all housekeepers recycle what is in the recycling bins." Whether because some housekeeping staff members

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Photo by Derek Harrison

Johanna Thompson (09) separates her recyclables in Newberry Hall.

This Week In Alma

- Parking on most Alma City streets overnight is now prohibited
- SongFest starts Friday at 8 pm in the Chapel, show up early for a good seat
- Saturday at 12 pm, Women's Soccer plays against Adrian College in their final game
- "The Crescent and the Cross" airs Sunday and Monday at 9 pm on the History Channel (Dr. Paul Crawford helped film)
- Preterm and Winter Registration begins Monday
- Monday through Wednesday, 5 - 6:45, the MacCurdy House Sponsors "Thank a Veteran"
- Women's Soccer hosts Hope at 4 p.m. Tuesday

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NEWS BEATS

Student Congress: Minutes are now being sent to all students.

- Newly formed committees are asking students to join. The committees are Communications, Co-curricular, Student life, Campus Judicial, and Educational Policy. See Executive Council for details.

RHA: Plans were made for a Sadie Hawkins dance after Thanksgiving break.

- Interested in ways to raise money to help with hall renovations.
- Tuesday's meeting theme is "Twins Night."

InterFraternity Council: A proposed event is to be held in the Recreation Center, similar to former 'run-outs,' and getting planned for the winter Rush period.

Panhellenic Council: A calendar is being put together for Winter Recruitment. It will be handed out to all Non-Greek females.

- Discussions took place about walk-outs in the Stone Recreation Center.
- Gift boxes are being accepted for Operation Christmas Child. They are due on November 17.

ACUB: Members attended a conference and have now planned many new events for winter term.

- Songfest is Friday at 8 pm in the Chapel.
- A Photo-Rally is being held Tuesday at 7 pm in the hol with prizes for participation.

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 07dtbarr@alma.edu

'Chemical' continued...

them soon," Lorenz said. "Also, while we think p-CBSA is harmless, we know little about its toxicity."

In fact, there is very little information about the chemical p-CBSA. It has only shown up at two sites in California, but never before in drinking water. There has been little experimentation on the effects of p-CBSA, and what has been done is controversial. In fact, the EPA website says that its toxic effects are simply unknown.

Despite this, the EPA insists that the water is fine to drink and is not dangerous.

"EPA tells us that this chemical is not a hazardous substance and that our water is still safe to drink and use," said St. Louis mayor, George Kubin.

The EPA pointed out that pristine water does not exist, but that all water has some toxins in it. As for p-CBSA, they say that it is 100 percent soluble and fine for drinking. The EPA stated that until they see a problem with the drinking water they would not start to search for an alternative water supply.

However, this provided little comfort to the citizens

of St. Louis, who no longer trust the EPA.

"While many citizens are upset, I think they trust the city government and the community advisory group. By contrast, they have not trusted the company or the EPA," said Lorenz. "They [the EPA] are trying to minimize the problem. They are hoping it will go away and they can walk away from town after next year without spending several hundred million more on cleanups."

In response to the announcement of p-CBSA the town has taken action. Already, the city is dedicated to building two more wells that will be safe from the contamination.

"The community is not going to trust them to say it is okay to leave the contaminants," said Lorenz, who explained what the town expects the EPA to do before it leaves. "It will be the removal all of the contaminants from the plant site and giving St. Louis either permanent or temporary replacement water supply."

This controversy over p-CBSA is only one of many that have emerged from this dilemma.

Fraternity encounters police

DEREK HARRISON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Tuesday evening, police surrounded and entered Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity according to eyewitness accounts.

"I was watching from the Theta Chi porch," Julie Bolitho (06) said. "Two marked police cars and an unmarked car came down [Center] Road. They turned on their lights and surrounded the house."

Bolitho continued saying that at first she thought the police were raiding the house behind TKE's back yard, however, they surrounded the fraternity house.

"I heard shouting and saw the Alma Police cars," Bolitho said. "I couldn't believe what was going on."

Bolitho also said that the first marked car left after

about forty minutes, and the last did not leave until 10 pm.

At the following Interfraternity Council (IFC) meeting, Campus Life Director, Grant Woodman stated that charges were filed with the college and the Alma Department of Public Safety, against an individual member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity suspect of criminal behavior.

Detective Hedrick, who is working on the case, refused to comment on the events because of the continuing investigation. Hedrick said that few details have been released about the case and all are pending further examination.

Furthermore, Woodman said that no arrests had been made prior to the IFC meeting.

John Barrows (07) asked about the possibility of an IFC statement supporting TKE fraternity as a whole despite the suspected actions of an individual or clarifying that this incident should not represent what Alma College's Greek system comprises.

Woodman responded by saying "Until information comes out about what the charges are, we [IFC] can't speak to what we support would take a stand on regarding the issue."

Woodman then added "it is a good idea to say this is not indicative of the Greek system as a whole, regardless of what it is."

He then encouraged the Public Relations chair to draft a response while much remains untold about this case.

Construction projects around campus



Outside of the Hood Admissions Building, a construction crew takes advantage of the fair weather and work to repair divots and other damage to the aging steps. Other projects around campus include final landscaping before winter frost and a new emblem and wall for Alma College's west edge, outside of the Tyler VanDusen building.

Photo by Derek Harrison

'Recycling' continued...

don't think it actually gets recycled, or if they just don't have enough time to get all of their cleaning done as well as taking time to sort the recycling from the trash, the fact remains the same: not all of the designated recycling that people take the time to put in a recycling bin rather than trash can is getting recycled.

"I've talked informally with Mary Tubbs, Day Shift Supervisor, and she said that she keeps stressing that things need to be recycled at staff meetings, but there is still recycling being thrown away," said Beduhn. "It seems dishonest almost. Current and prospective students see recycling on campus and

think that Alma College recycles, but behind their back it gets thrown away—it's dishonest. And the problem isn't management, it's some workers that don't take or don't have the time to recycle."

Despite the fact that housekeeping is not recycling has much as they should, there have been significant strides in the recycling effort on campus. Two years ago Physical Plant created a paid housekeeping position to take care of the recycling in Residence Halls, to help ensure that it was being done correctly and efficiently. Physical Plant has purchased another green waste management dumpster this year to help

keep up with the quantity of recycling on campus.

However, there is suspicion that the recycling in the Copy Center and Mail Room is not actually recycled, which would be a shame, as there are tremendous amounts of waste paper created in the Copy Center and Mail Room that could be recycled. "It would be nice if the Box Office also recycled," said Beduhn, "because right now programs and other paper waste aren't getting recycled."

Raphael Dominguez, Associate Director of Plant Operations, has been very instrumental in the increase of recycling efforts on campus. "He even pays one of his employees to drive around in the white flatbed truck to pick up recycling," said Beduhn.

Alma municipal water passes safety tests after leak

JIM ALLEN
FREELANCE WRITER

After a mainline break last week, the municipal water system advised that students not to drink the water for 48 hours because of unknown safety risks.

"When you go under a positive pressure in the system there's always a chance for back-siphonage," said Pillmore.

This occurrence explains the faucets drawing in air during the accident. Health concerns were based on the effects of this.

"If there was in fact something nasty that got into the water main due to the back-siphonage, we wanted to make sure that nobody drank it."

Yet as far as officials know, nothing "nasty" ever got into the system.

With the EPA under fire in St. Louis for failing to inform the community for a year about rare chemical contaminants, some view water as a sensitive issue, but Pillmore offered answers about aesthetic concerns.

"A lot of those tastes and odors that people complain about are the result of it [water] sitting in pipes that are almost a hundred years old," said Pillmore,

who explained that the old pipes are rusting and slowly corroding into our water.

According to Pillmore, there is no dilemma. It is "just iron, a nutrient" and at extremely low levels comparatively.

Drinking water of St. Louis and Alma are dynamically different from one another. Firstly, the Superfund site in the St. Louis portion of the Pine River, which is largely contaminated with DDT among other chemicals, is downstream from Alma, meaning that the chemicals are not in our source water. Furthermore, St. Louis does not have a drinking water treatment plant, whereas Alma does have one only two blocks from campus.

Mayor of Alma and chair of the mathematics department here at the college, Melvin Nyman, seemed pleased with the city's "fairly large capacity water treatment plant." He explained how it "removes minerals, cleans it of sediments and regularly tests it so it's clean water."

The water treatment facility was built in 1965 to treat naturally contaminated water from the Pine River, but has undergone many changes since then. The plant used to get about 70% of its water from the Pine River, but through this year the

plant is transitioning so that groundwater will make the majority of the city's source water.

The plant is transitioning to groundwater for many reasons, but mainly because it is cleaner than the Pine River from the start. The river contains many organic materials that groundwater does not which creates unwanted byproducts in the treatment process.

"Trihalomethanes are formed when the organics in the water come in contact with the chlorine," explained Pillmore. Chlorites are also another byproduct of the water treatment process.

Water is safeguarded

through multiple steps. First, water is brought from both the Pine River and groundwater into two million gallon settling basins. In these basins, chemicals are add (such as chlorine) to take out unwanted substances, adjust the hardness of the water and balance the pH. From here the water travels to the filters, which drains the water through sand and gravel clearing it up its appearance. Afterward, it is pumped into the elevated storage tanks that deliver the water to the city. Computers monitor the system 24/7, but the plant only operates when workers are there to supervise it directly.

Additionally, the water is frequently tested, experiments being run two to three hundred times daily, to analyze what contaminants are in the water, mainly bacteria. Based on the results, the treatment process can be adjusted to fit the needs of the water. More rare forms of contamination are tested quarterly by the state because the plant is not certified to do it. Radioactivity is tested every three years, though will probably never be as issue.

"I think you'll find that they do the best job that they can do," professor of environmental geology and superfund research leader, Murray Borrello said.

Regulated Contaminants (units)	Maximum Contaminant Levels	Alma's Water
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	31
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	5
Chlorites (ppb)	1000	414
Arsenic (ppb)	10	4
Barium (ppb)	2000	10
Selenium (ppb)	50	11
Chromium (ppb)	100	10
Fluoride (ppm)	4	1 (for teeth)
Nitrate (ppm)	10	.68
Combined Radium (pCi/l)	5	1.7
Turbidity (NIU)	.3	never above .27

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Derby Days raises over \$6,000

**DEREK HARRISON
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Sigma Chi and its Derby Days participants raised over six thousand dollars this October. Charities to benefit will be the Children's Miracle Network, Community Café, and the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

"This year the brother auction raised over \$3,050," **Drew Coleman (07)** said. "[The] Penny Wars were also more successful this year."

Pointing out the monetary value of the success, Coleman added that there are two kinds of events during Derby

Week; those that raise money and those that promote the event to campus.

"We had new [promotional] events this year like 'Sign a Sig' day or the 'Derby Decathlon Field,'" Coleman said.

President of Sigma Chi, **Nicke Dunckle (06)**, said that many of the events provide a fun way for the greek interaction.

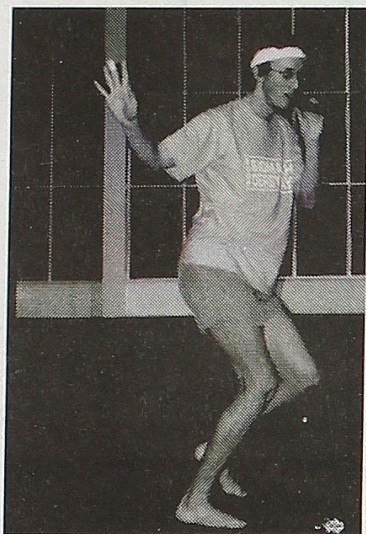
"A big thing with this is promotion of greek life and recruitment," Dunckle said. "It raises money for some, but it puts their name out there."



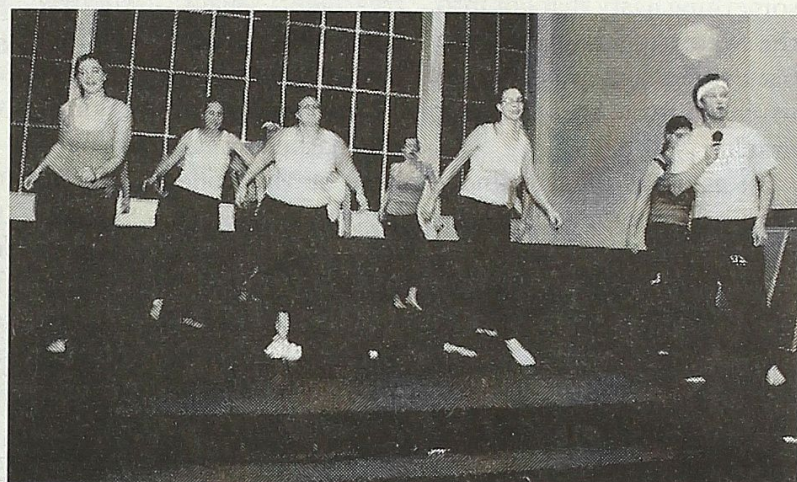
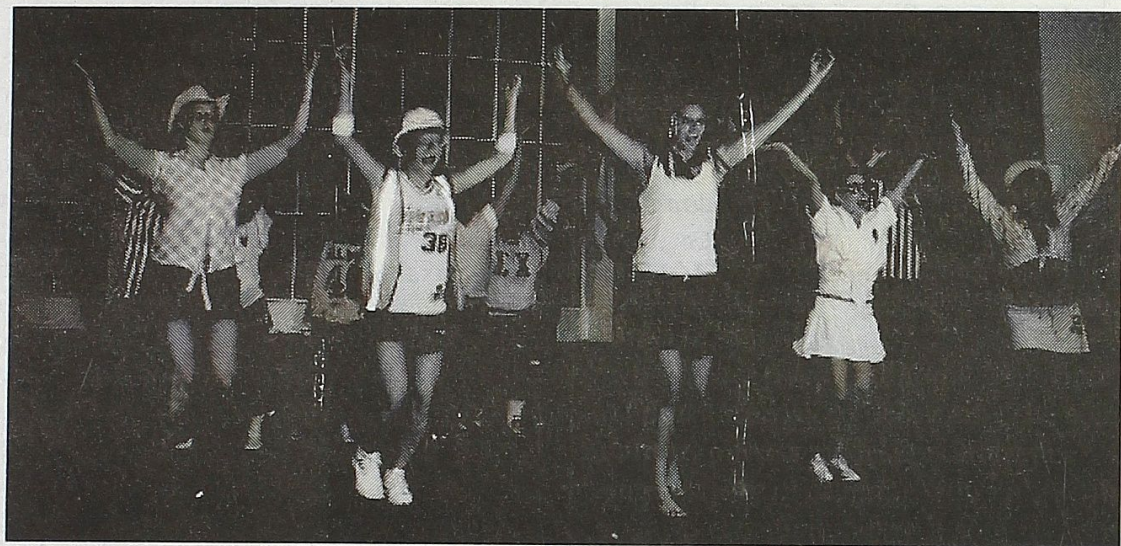
Photos by Kristen Minter

Dunckle also said that each participant sorority gets a percentage of the money raised to donate to each group's own charity while Sigma Chi gives back the money as well.

"Our national charity is the Children's Miracle Network," Dunckle said. "But we give back our biggest chunk to the community. That's where we can see the difference it makes."



(Above) Who wears short shorts? Jim Abrams does as he dances along. (Far Right) Alpha Xi Delta. (Lower Left) Gamma Phi Beta. (Lower Right) Alpha Gamma Delta.



'Plan' continued...

manifested themselves on campus—the restructuring of McIntyre Mall and the building of Wright Hall.

The campaign is bigger than construction projects. In fact, it mainly focuses on improving Endowed

Scholarships, grants, research monies and facilities, and academic opportunities.

According to Dr. Lorenz, the college is already doing many of the things included in the campaign, but these programs have not had a

central focus, or a lot of funding.

"We've never gotten to the point of having a formal, organized, planned effort to promote leadership among students or anyone else in the college. We want to raise this to the level where everyone is talking about

what it means to be a good, effective leader."

An official release about the Center will come in December, and programmatic pieces will begin in the early fall of 2006. More information can be found at <http://intra.alma.edu/campaign/leadership/index.php>.

"It's one of the few things on campus I've seen in the last couple of years that really has a lot of support and great ideas," said Professor Lemmon. "With something like this, when you're asked, you don't even think twice even though it's so much work."

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Students give back through alternative fall breaks

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Students wanting a taste of what the upcoming Alternative Spring Breaks are like got just that during last week's service trips.

As part of the Discovering Vocation project's Alternative Fall Breaks, two groups of students went to perform service centered around the themes of "Hunger and Homelessness" in Detroit and the "Hispanic Community" in Lansing.

Sally Scheide, assistant director of the Discovering Vocation project, said that the break trip showed how communities close to Alma can be helped.

"They help to open students' eyes to the communities around us," she said.

Scheide traveled with a group of nine students to Lansing last Friday and volunteered at a bilingual, multicultural daycare center.

Children in the program are from many diverse backgrounds and learn the basics in both Spanish and English.

A majority of the Alma

students who went on the trip are Spanish majors or minors. Students played with

liked that there were students at the center from many cultural backgrounds.

age."

A second group of nine students volunteered at the

with the church's Open Door program.

Every Thursday homeless persons are invited into the church where they can get a hot meal, a shower, new clothes and a haircut. The church also provides counseling and medical care. Students worked from 7:30 a.m. until noon and 470 meals were served.

Juliann Schaffer, AmeriCorps*VISTA, went with the students to Detroit.

"It was very direct," said Schaffer. "The students got to see who they were helping."

Rachel Eaton (06) liked how those she helped acted toward the volunteers.

"The people were very gracious and it was nice to give that back," she said.

Eaton also enjoyed hearing stories from those who had worked with the church for over 30 years.

This is the second year that the Discovering Vocation project has sponsored Alternative Fall Breaks and has additional trips planned for the following term.

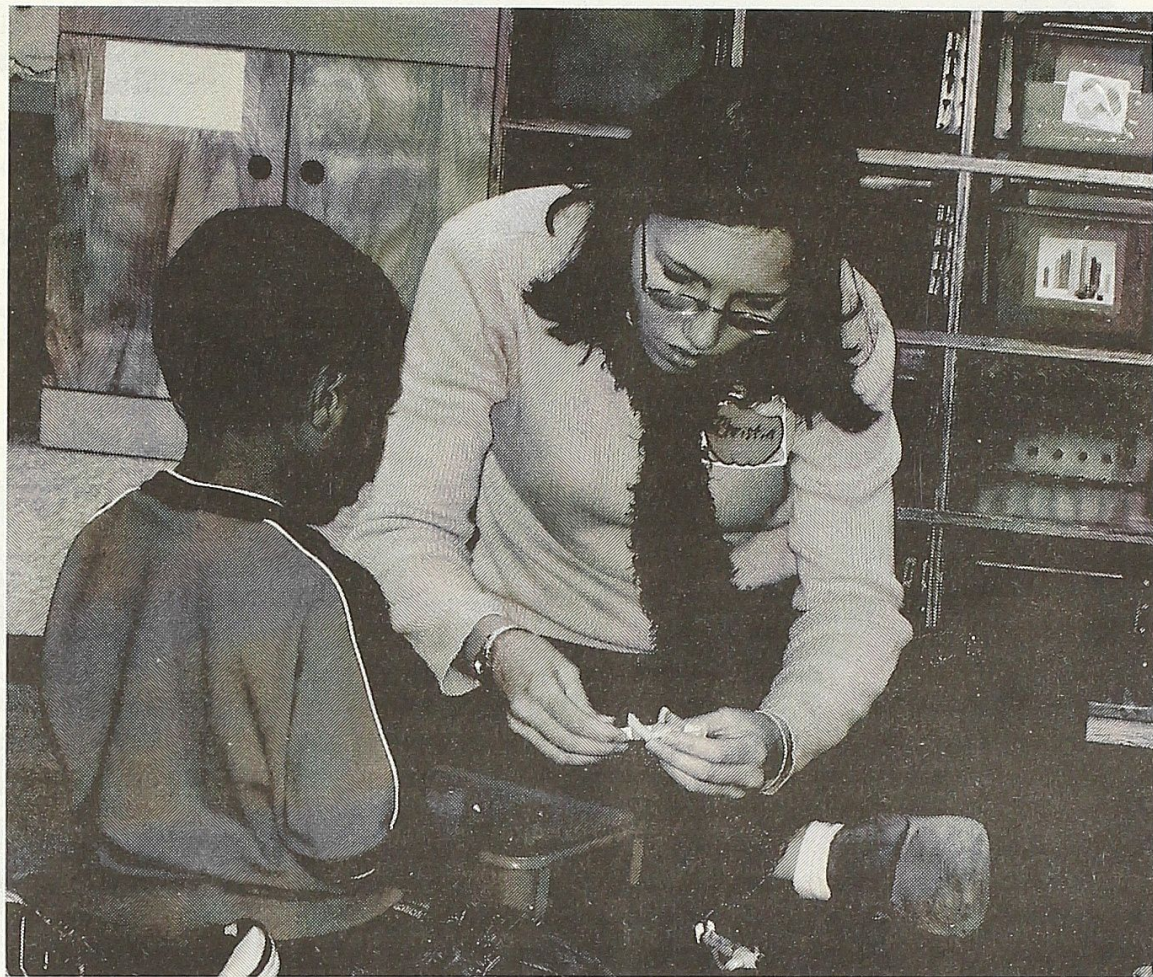


Photo by Kate Bruder

Christin Tomlin (06) was one of nine students who traveled to a multicultural daycare center in Lansing for alternative fall break. Combined with 9 who ventured to Detroit to feed the homeless, a total of 18 participated.

the children, read to them and helped prepare a snack.

Amanda Leppek (06)

"It was a good union of different people," she said. "That's great at such a young

Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. Student spent Thursday working

Those interested in Alternative Spring Breaks may contact Schaffer at x7971.

Campus uses facebook for entertainment, informative purposes

CASSIE GOODRICH
STAFF WRITER

Diverse backgrounds and experiences aside, there is one group most Alma College students belong to: facebook.

As of Monday, October 24, there were approximately 1023 Alma College student facebook pages. This means that almost every student on campus has a facebook page.

This is not a trend that has only local or even statewide popularity, however. As of September 2005 there were 4 million facebook users on over 1,500 college campuses nationwide, according to an article in the September 19, 2005 edition of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

What is Facebook.com? It is identified on its homepage as an "online directory that connects people through social networks at schools." Students have the option of including everything from their room number, interests, and even their relationship status.

Yes, students can post everything from their picture

to their favorite quotes. Users can post on their friends' message walls and receive reminders concerning their friends' upcoming birthdays.

Another interesting feature of Facebook.com is the ability of members to create

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their own groups. The groups can be open (anyone can join), closed (individuals must receive permission from the group administrator to join), or invitation-only (individuals must be invited to join by administrator). Alma College's groups include a range of interests and subject matters. There are the humorous ones, such as "I Love Alma College Squirrels," "IWrestled a Bear," and "Students to Save Nessy," as well as those for obsessive addictions ("Gilmore Girls addicts" anyone?).

Sometimes facebook groups are simply nostalgic. Erika Johnson (07), creator of the

"I Love the 80's!" group, explains some of the criteria for joining the group in a description on its homepage: "If Punky Brewster and Fraggle Rock are your favorite shows, you know every word of Bon Jovi's song 'Shot Through the Heart,' ... and you refuse to get rid of your mullet and Garbage Pail Kids card collection, this is the place for you!"

Student groups on campus are well represented also, providing good contact lists and quick access to group members. Facebook.com members can also send and receive messages, and give out party invitations complete with an R.S.V.P. feature.

Users may be surprised to discover that this network is relatively new, given the national popularity of the network. Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard student whose goal was to facilitate better networking on the college's campus launched the Facebook in 2004. Through advertising revenue, Zuckerberg has expanded the facebook to include a high school network.

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"Gunner Palace" (2005) Movie Showing hosted by Alma College Democrats

Information	
Party Info	"Gunner Palace" (2005) Movie Showing
Party Name:	Alma College Democrats
Hosted By:	Christopher Adamec
Created By:	Movie or TV Night
Party Type:	
Time and Place	
Date:	Thursday, October 27
Time:	9:00pm - 10:30pm
Location:	SAC 113
Message	
October 27, 9:00pm, SAC 113	
Gunner Palace(2005)	
"Support the troops - by seeing what their lives in Iraq are really like."	
-The Salt Lake Tribune	
"The must-see documentary Gunner Palace gives us the unfiltered and officially unapproved views of U.S. soldiers in Iraq, unhampered by Pentagon censors"	
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(Above) Many college organizations use facebook to contact members and advertise upcoming campus events, seen here by the Alma College Democrats. (Below) Students can, and do, create groups of varying interests. This is one of the most popular ways to connect with others on the

My Groups

You are in 18 groups.



Name: Advocates of the Nap (alma Chapter)
Size: 287 members

Group provides market for used games and systems

BRIANNA SCHUBERT
STAFF WRITER

The Alma College Association of Computing Machinery is the computer science club. ACM is dedicated to providing a group for those interesting in computing technologies to gather and utilize their skills to learn and help others. They provide seminars, individual instruction, and community outreach to help the campus.

Each year the ACM hosts a game exchange. "The game

exchange is a time and place for people to come and play/trade/buy/sell games," said **Charles Stuart Bachner (06)**. "Systems will be provided, hopefully, to try games on," said Bachner. The game exchange is arranged so that people can get rid of games they no longer need or want and perhaps find some new games that they would not have tried otherwise.

"To participate, show up with any old games you do not want or just come to see what is happening," said Bachner. The game exchange will be

held in the Rotunda in the near future, so watch for it.

The Alma College Association of Computing Machinery is a fairly small group of students. Charles Bachner is the president, **Rosemary Dutka (06)** is the vice-president, the secretary and public relations is **Karl Recker (08)**, and **Joshua Borgerding (06)** is the treasurer.

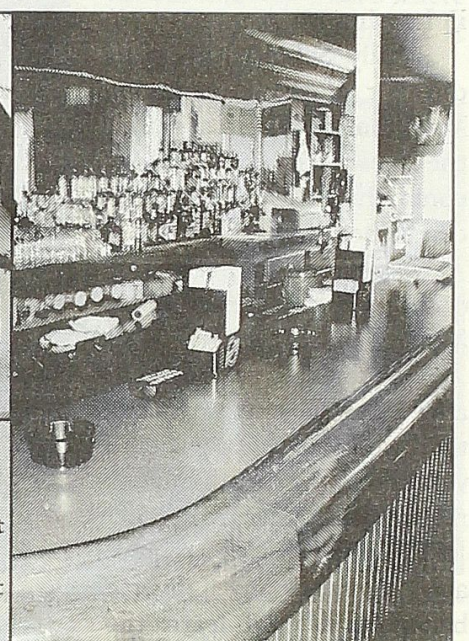
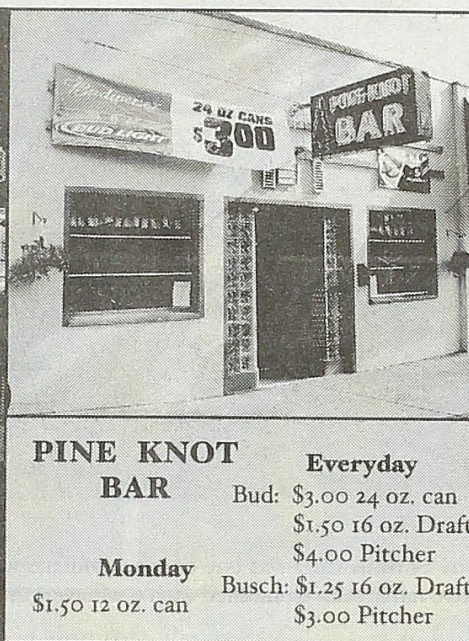
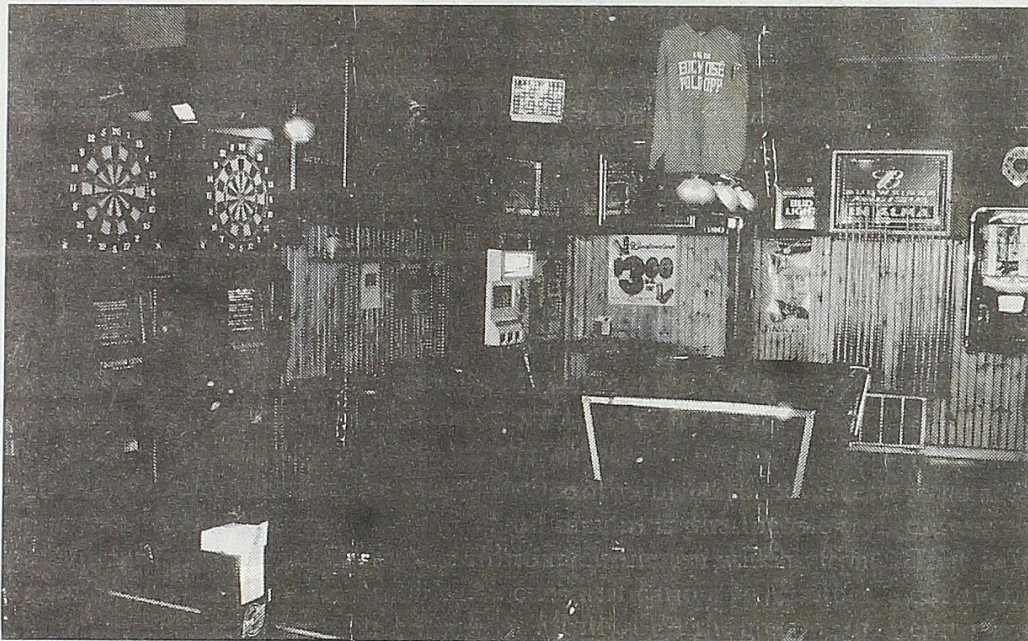
ACM does not just run an annual game exchange. According to their website (<http://www.alma.edu/organizations/acm/index.html>) they are creating a

Campus Computer Help site. Whether this is a genuine attempt to help the rest of campus out, or a way to cut down on Information Technology help! calls, it should be a great resource when it is finished.

"We are starting to compile a web page designed to give students on campus as well as off campus a resource to use to improve their computers stability and running conditions. This site will hopefully be consulted before an RCC [Resident

Computing Consultants] is needed to be called because it will contain the tricks that the RCC's use to do their jobs. The site is currently in production," the site said. It already has many helpful tips students can use, and can be found at <http://www.alma.edu/organizations/acm/comphelp.htm>.

For more information, visit the website or contact the Alma College Association of Computing Machinery at almacollege.acm@gmail.com.



The Pine Knot Bar, located downtown at 308 N. State St, is a small yet captivating bar. It offers regular, affordable service and recreation. It doesn't offer flashy specials or nights to entice its crowds. The PK, as it is nicknamed, has a very friendly staff and a local flavor. It is a great place to relax or to celebrate with a close group of friends. The PK t-shirts are also a town favorite.

Photos by Ryan j Pete

Local bars provide week-long fun

HILLARY SEA BARD
STAFF WRITER

The two bars that offer many different specials appealing to Alma College students are Braveheart's Pub and the new CrocRox.

Braveheart's pub is walking distance from the college, but CrocRox has a free shuttle for all Alma students. As a result of this and other bonuses, some, like **Kayla Trygstad (09)**, view CrocRox more appealing than Braveheart's.

"I like to be with my friends and dance," Trygstad said. "That's the only reason I go. CrocRox is really fun and they have a good D.J. and good music."

Open Wednesday through Sunday nights, CrocRox is a large club that, through its many different styles, can appeal to a variety of people, including those like Trygstad who are under 21.

CrocRox has eight main attractions, depending on what an audience desires, each with a different label.

While videos are playing, one can enjoy the two tier pop dance floor in the section that the bar took its name, *CrocRox*. For those interested in having fun retro style, there's *Bell Bottoms*, a disco and Motwon dance club. *Cowboys* is a country bar for those who want to have a good time listening and dancing to country western. For watching sports and television, there is the *GridIron Sports Bar* with eight large screen televisions. *GatorGrill* is a small food bar. *Croc Ugly Shot Bar*, *Gator Tequillas*, and *Beer World*, are also all available for different alcohol options as well as \$3 pitchers every night from 7-9 p.m.

Even with all the above specials from the new CrocRox, Braveheart's is still preferred to many Alma students, who would prefer a different scene.

Braveheart's is open longer than CrocRox from Monday thru Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. with daily specials Monday to Friday. Monday's

bring \$1 from 9 p.m. till close; Tuesday's are 50 cents off all drinks 8-11 p.m., Wednesday's are free pool and \$1 drafts from 10 pm till close, Thursday's are Karaoke Night and on Friday's Happy Hour is from 5-7 p.m.

It's specials like these that people like **Nathan Oliver (06)** find appealing.

"Two things that will get me to a bar are \$1 drafts and free pool," Oliver said.

Braveheart's might not have as much dancing as CrocRox to attract students under 21, but they do have a much large menu selection that includes entrees and appetizers that are college budget friendly. The most expensive entrée is \$7.95 and the most expensive appetizer is \$8.95.

Both bars have different styles that work well in accompanying different Alma College students.

For more information, to keep updated on specials or view updated pictures go to www.braveheartspub.com or call 466-2309, and www.crocrox.com.

"RENTALS"

romantic comedy *Fever Pitch*. Fallon is obsessed with the Red Sox, and Barrymore not so much. This creates friction and hilarity ensues.

Land of the Dead is a classic zombie flick. George A. Romero, who has made *Dawn of the Dead*, *Land of the Living Dead*, *Day of the Dead*, and

Night of the Living Dead, to name a few, delivers yet again in his specialty, the undead.

The line-up for the last week was fairly diverse, perhaps including so many horror movies because of Halloween. According to people outside the bubble, these movies are worth seeing, so make sure to hit up Chart Hits.

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Singletary directs 5 'n 10 performances to success

LAURA SACHJEN
STAFF WRITER

The Alma College Studio Theatre presented its inaugural performance with "5 'n 10," a collection of five ten-minute plays, last weekend.

The plays, directed by theatre graduate Matthew Singletary, provided an alternative for theatre students who had been used to larger productions. Each performance featured between two and four characters.

"The Studio Theatre was developed with a desire to offer opportunity for growth to as many of our theatre students as possible," said Singletary. "It's an approach about being opened to a partner."

Genres of the plays ranged from comedy to drama. In the comedy "The Battle of Bull Run Always Makes Me Cry," a woman recounted to friends her seemingly boring date with a Civil War buff. The more dramatic "Watermelon Boats" dealt with two friends as their relationship changed during the course of several years. These are only a few examples of the kinds of plays students had the opportunity

to perform in.

The combined cast of 13 rehearsed for four and a half weeks, and often used the Creative Writing House as another place to rehearse.

A main focus of the Studio Theatre performances was to get freshmen used to college-level work in acting. Another chance for small-scale theatre is the spring's One-Act Play

Festival.

"It was a lot smaller and more intimate," said **Melanie Truett (09)**, who performed in nine plays during high school. "I got to learn more

in this performance than I ever have before," she said.

Katherine Johns (09) has been acting for seven years.

"People take everything a lot more seriously than in high school," she said. "There are higher standards and it's a lot more intense."

Kimberly Marie Cross (09) also commented on the difference between high school and college-level theatre.

"You're with people who really want to be here and know what they're doing," she said. "We strive to feel the emotions rather than just acting."

Santana Vermeesch (07) has performed in several college-level productions. She liked the relaxed atmosphere of the performances.

"It was a chance to get to work on and renew the fundamentals," she said. "Really getting to know another person enhances what you're trying to do on stage."

Alma College's Theatre Program has grown to include more than 45 students pursuing majors, and more than 60 theatre scholarships offered. Each term the department has more than 100 students involved in theatre from all disciplines.

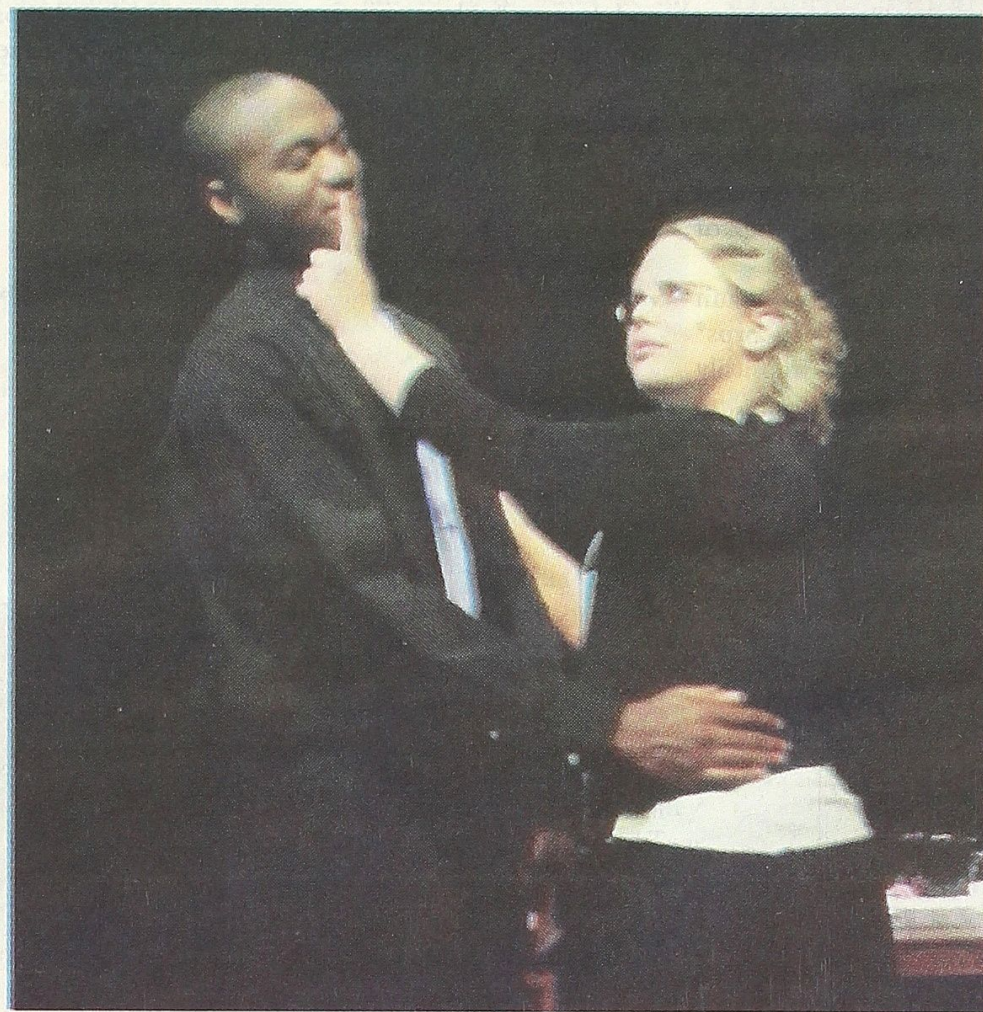


Photo by Hillary Bard

Okwara Uzoh and Nicole Stachura perform the ten-minute play "Perfect." Directed by Matthew Singletary, an Alma College theatre graduate, the plays offered a fresh approach to performing.

Chart Hits provides top rentals to Alma

BRIANNA SCHUBERT
STAFF WRITER

The top ten rentals in the last week at Chart Hits were...children's movies and games. Nationally, though, the top ten rentals this week were: 1. *Batman Begins*, 2. *Kingdom of Heaven*, 3. *The Interpreter*, 4. *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, 5. *The Amityville Horror*, 6. *The Longest Yard*, 7. *Kicking and Screaming*, 8. *Robots*, 9. *Fever Pitch*, 10. *Land of the Dead*.

Batman Begins, starring Christian Bale and directed by Christopher Nolan, was released in 2005. It is the story of how Bruce Wayne developed into Batman. The worth of seeing this movie is obvious.

Kingdom of Heaven, starring Orlando Bloom [Bailan] and directed by Ridley Scott, is about the religious crusades of the 12th century in Jerusalem. Women, the girl to envy in this one is Nathalie Cox, who plays Bailan's wife. This movie is worth renting because it treats the religious

aspect of the movie fairly.

The Interpreter, with the tagline 'The truth needs no translation,' stars Nicole Kidman. This thriller should be a favorite with conspiracy buffs. It deals with political intrigue and deception inside the United Nations and Kidman, the interpreter, overhears an assassination plot.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants is a feel-good movie for young women. It was based on a book by the same name by Ann Brashares. It deals with growing up, life changes, body image, and of course enduring friendships. Directed by Ken Kwapis, this movie probably has a limited audience, especially in a college setting.

The Amityville Horror was the 5th most rented movie the past week. A family moved into a house that was the site of a mass murder which turned out to be haunted, believe it or not. The family found the previous occupants. The plot of the *Amityville Horror* was not

completely solid but it serves its purpose—thrills and chills.

The Longest Yard, a star-studded flick about a football game between inmates and guards. Adam Sandler, Burt Reynolds, Nelly, and Chris Rock probably make this movie worth watching, and with a director like Peter Segal chances are it is pretty funny. He brought us *50 First Dates*, *Anger Management*, and most impressively, *Tommy Boy*.

Kicking and Screaming is a feel good movie about an underdog kid's soccer team and their underdog coach. The plot is predictable, as is the obvious Disney-esque outcome.

Robots, an animated movie with a lot of big-name voices, was quite humorous and also a little touching. Viewers can learn obvious lessons about trying and not giving up. *Robots* is cute and funny, and could appeal to the broader Alma College audience.

Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon star in the

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Rainy days need Sunshine right away: Thrift store offers unique atmosphere, retail

HILLARY SEA BARD
STAFF WRITER

Alma College students can get a great look for a great price if they dig through the treasure chest that is Sunshine Used Clothing, located at 301 N Mill Street in downtown St. Louis.

Amanda Rogers (09), a veteran of thrift stores but stranger to Sunshine, looks openly while second-hand shopping and is very excited to give Sunshine a chance.

"When thrift shopping I look for random stuff to see what I can find," she said. "Overall, I just like to see what there is, but I love looking for t-shirts from different places and old furniture too."

The Sunshine Center is more than just a used clothing store and has everything Rogers desires from "thrifting."

With an upper-level mainly stocked with shoes, an extra section devoted to furniture, and miscellaneous things including books, hats, scarves, ties, blankets and

fabrics, many Alma students might find Sunshine to be the best place when looking for an assortment of things.

Jo Mollhagen-Jaksa (09) fell in love with the store.

"I walked in and thought that it was just like the usual retail stores," she said. "You look around at first but then you have to search and it's amazing what you can find, especially at the Sunshine Center. It is a marvelous retail store, and I have been to many in my day."

The environment has a special quality as well.

"The store is pretty much a wide, open space and it's never very busy," Jaksa said. "It's fun to be able to yell to my shopping buddy upstairs to look at the treasure I found. It's never crowded so you don't have to worry so much about inside etiquette. Sunshine's atmosphere is as unique as their clothing."

Sadie Laponsie (09) also notices that Sunshine has a special feel.

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Sodexo, Chi Ly serve hungry through Community Café

JENNIFER ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

"It is Sodexo's goal to work with homelessness or help end hunger."

-Juliann Schaffer,
AmeriCorps* VISTA

You can donate a meal through Saga, but did you know you have the opportunity to see how one

meal can make a difference?

Each Thursday, the Community Café, located at the First Presbyterian Church provides a nutritious meal to 100-125 local people in need. Once a month, Alma College supplies the meal prepared by Sodexo and a group of volunteer servers.

According to Juliann Schaffer, AmeriCorps* VISTA, "the monthly donation of food by *students, faculty, and staff* through their meal points was Mr. Starkweather's idea (Mr. Smiley)." Schaffer believes

"it is Sodexo's goal to work with homelessness or help end hunger." Now you can see the faces your points go

student organizations are certainly welcomed, you do not need to be part of a formalized group to serve. All

"Even though tennis was my main motive to going, I loved the experience so much that me and a housemate of mine

The women's tennis team recently offered its time and services to Community Café, a charitable event striving to provide between 100 and 125 locals with a hot meal each week. Once a month the event is sponsored by Alma College, with Sodexo preparing student-donated meals. Through Chi Ly of the athletic program, the women's soccer team will join in on Thursday, Nov. 17.

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Philosophical Fancy



JENNIFER ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

I was walking to Joe's last night with Pam McClintic, when out of the blue she said something like, "You know what is really neat to think

about? Our lives are like a book—a big story where every thing we do makes a sentence that builds paragraphs, which develop into *pages* of our lives." What an interesting concept. I actually think about this quite a bit; this may be why Pam and I are such good friends. Honestly, though, think about the story you tell people when they ask about your life. Depending on whom your audience is your story will change. If you are asked for a biographical sketch when entering into Medical School, you might be more apt to mention your related accomplishments at Alma College and prestigious work you have done in the medical field. We adjust our story to what seems applicable or most important in the given situation. There may also be parts of our story that we have forgotten over time, or purposefully blocked out. But somewhere out there, our entire life story sits.

This is particularly interesting when I think of history. Many historians have questioned whether or not history should be considered a story. If we stay consistent with the idea that every thing we do adds to these pages of self identity, than it seems obvious to me that the compilation of events would comprise a *story*. After all, it's not as if some outside, omniscient being just placed the facts into history books; these are ideas that have originated from what people have chosen to pass along by word of mouth or pen. What, then, does history tell us? During times when women were oppressed or slaves were held captive, how do we know what they may have been thinking, feeling?

This brings up another concept that is much debated over: whether or not fiction, poems, and other pieces of literature should be considered history. How would we have the "fact" that women were oppressed, if we didn't have their story that told us so? Obviously, then, these people's stories, the parts of their lives they felt important enough to share, are part of a history developed by individuals who edit, insert, and delete sentences, paragraphs, and sometimes entire pages. The author may not fully be the persona created in the literature's story, but how often do we develop our own characters and personas in every day life? When thinking about these questions, consider the biographical sketch or story you most often tell. Is it the one you would want known to history? After all, *pages* need to be added—they have to come from someone's life, and you never know who could be listening.

toward helping.

Not only does serving give Alma groups the chance to volunteer, interact with community members, and share a meal, but it also provides relief for the weekly volunteers. Coach Chi Ly has already registered the Tennis Team, Soccer Team, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes to help serve. He has no other motive than "to give the players the opportunity to give back to the community" and welcomes the players' roommates and friends to join along side them. Having filled 3 of the 8 monthly volunteer options and wishing he could do more, Ly remains humbled and assures his confidence in the motivation of Alma College that "If [he] did not sign up, other groups would do the same."

Though sports teams and

you need is 10 people who are willing to help. Preparation and mingling with community members begins around 4:15 p.m. Meals are served from 5:00-6:30, followed by cleanup lasting until 7:00 p.m. at the latest. If you are interested in helping lead crafts, games, and activities for children, Kids Café is also another option to help with from 4:15-5:15 while serving at Community Café.

Thus far, twelve volunteers from ACCeL and Pre-term students served September 1st, ten volunteers from Greek Organizations served September 15th with a total of 106 served and 165 meals donated, and eight volunteers from the Tennis Team paired with members of SAE most recently served and washed dishes October 13th for a total of 96 community members.

that came have decided we are going to try and make it back at least once a month to help out," said sophomore Avis Groath.

There are three available dates for groups to work next semester: January 19th, February 16th, and March 23rd. Also, although Alma College sends groups of students monthly, students are also encouraged to volunteer on other Thursdays. "It is our hope that after students experience it once with a group of friends, they will continue to serve on their own," said Schaffer.

If you are interested in participating on any Thursday, please contact Juliann Schaffer at ext. 7971 or schaffer@alma.edu. It is a great way to make an extra effort in helping a matter of worldwide concern.

Sunshine... continued

"It's happy, friendly and cozy," she said. "It feels like a family run business. It's kind of unkempt in a happy comfortable way. It's not showy or flashy, just humble and nice."

It doesn't seem to matter how often one goes shopping as Sunshine; there will always be a favorite purchase.

"I love the coat I got there," Jaksa said. "It's cool and pretty and I wouldn't be able to find it anywhere else,

not to mention it was really cheap."

Laponsie recently snatched a unique article of clothing that she holds near and dear to her heart.

"My favorite purchase is this sweet green checkered blazer," she said. "It's comfy, great for autumn and I got it for close to a dollar."

If you're considering a Sunshine stop, Laponsie also strongly encourages it.

"Go do it," Laponsie said.

"Don't waste your money other places. You can buy so much more unique and creative things at Sunshine than going to Wal-Mart."

For those that are squeamish about used-clothing purchases there is much to gain by overcoming the fear and giving Sunshine a chance.

"No matter what kind of clothes or what kind of style you like," Jaksa said, "You can find something to suit your liking at Sunshine."

Water main break shows valuable lesson

JENNIFER ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

The water outage was a scare to most, a hindrance to some, and a valuable lesson for all. The water had been out only minutes before my residents were complaining about not being able to take a shower the next morning. "But I just got out of practice," "What do they expect us to do for class tomorrow?" "I am not leaving the dorm without a shower" were a few of the comments I heard at 12:30 in the morning. Granted, I have an entire hall of girls, but their gender does not change the fact that many students across campus felt hindered by the inaccessibility of a utility we most often take for granted. I can only picture all the "yea, buts" being heard in other areas of campus: "Yea, but we pay \$30,000 to go here; you think they'd at least give us water" among the most common. This is true, we do pay a large sum of money to go to school here, but that doesn't mean we can get blood out of a

turnip, pardon my cliché. I must admit, at one point I, too, was worrying about going to class the next day with "punk" hair; it had been Halloween night for RHA and "Punk for a Day" was

This new nine foot pipe and coupling were required near Mechanic and Park Streets after a 16 inch wide water main burst. The pipeline was replaced early Wednesday after it had been reported spilling nearly 5,000 gallons a minute.

Photo courtesy of Bill Pilmore, Alma Municipal Water



celebrated nationally, so I decided to combine the two and dress up Punk for my meeting. I soon realized that it wouldn't be such a big deal if I had to go to class with a head covered in hairspray—some do it every day, and no real harm was being done.

As people were getting more and more frustrated, I

thought about how grateful I am to have water at my availability. In some areas, it is a gander every day as to whether or not the residents will have water at all. It was ridiculous that so many

people insisted that they know there and now when they would have their water back. If we constantly assume this control, and we don't think we can live one day without water, I would hate to see our generation face any long-term devastation.

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Burger's beef

SAM STONEBERG
STAFF WRITER

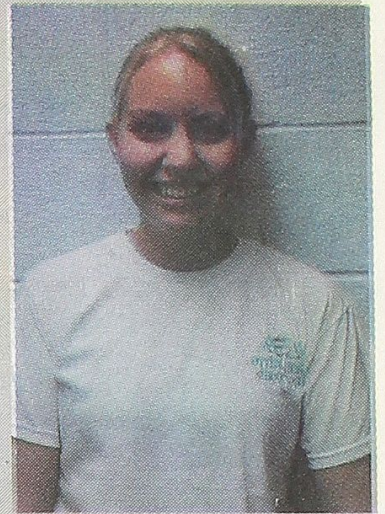
College is no cakewalk; in fact most times it seems more like walking the plank. Nobody knows this feeling more than we as first generation college students. Think back to kindergarten, do you remember playing the farmer and the dell? The best way to sum up how I feel as a first generation college student is that I'm the cheese that stands alone.

When I say the cheese that stands alone I mean that I'm stuck in the middle as everyone happily dances around me assuming I know exactly what I should be doing. Among those dancing around me, I find President Tracy with her hand locked to my mom's who is holding hands with my advisor and my classmates. For the rest of you first genies out there I'm sure you know how it feels when your parents and family is convinced that you are the next Einstein and everybody else thinks you're an idiot.

There's a special program for first year students, and that is called pre-term. There needs to be another special program for first genies to teach them how not to look like a clueless idiot.

For example, maybe if my parents had gone to college I would have known better than to go into the financial aid office and question about more possible financial aid. Because I didn't know any better, an hour of my life was wasted just to find out that I've got nothing unless my mom dies or my dad gets a limb cut off.

Explaining things to my family that so obviously make sense to me is probably one of the most frustrating things ever. To my mom and dad they think that Greek



life is a bunch of shady secret societies, and the only reason they knew what a secret society is, is because there was a movie about it a few years ago.

It did make me sad last spring when my parents attended my sorority brunch and a parent of one of my sister's asked my parents where they went to college and cringe as my mom tried to explain how they both kind of skipped that stage.

I love my parents and do not consider them stupid just because they did not attend college. I am so happy that I have this opportunity to be in college and for the most part am surviving, but I do not think that whether or not one attends college determines their worth in life.

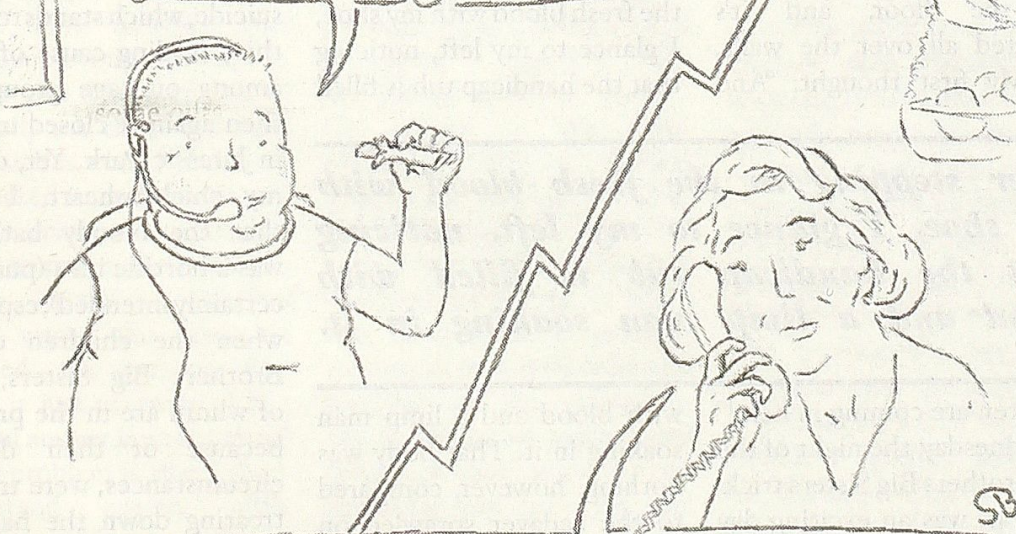
My mom and dad are from the generation who were able to enter into successful positions directly from high school. At times I feel like I could have done the same, judging by what I have learned here thus far.

I guess it could be worse; on those days when everyone here is making me feel like I have a negative I.Q. a quick call home to my mom makes me feel like I'm back on top of the intellectual world. Although on the rare occasion that my parents happen to perturb me I wish they were missing an arm.

Pass/Fail

STEVE BAILEY
CARTOONIST

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Responding to hyperbole

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One week ago, I realized it was time to bring attention to something I found concerning. Surprisingly, it all happened after reading a *Rolling Stone* article.

I don't think I ever noticed how well these articles were written and how they had a knack for capturing the emotional essence of a story that has no content relation to anything else in the magazine. Though it was well written

issue as entertainment news reports of mistakes increase.

If you do not believe the weight of this accusation, look at the studies. According to Nielson Media Research, the average American family views eight hours and eleven minutes of television a day and that number is increasing. It continues to start early and in a family setting. There may be knowledge obtained along the way, but these trends train people to rely on entertainment for facts.

Last I checked, the etymology of the word "information" involved more effort in thinking than what television uses to entertain. Concurrently, the definition of information involves investigation, study, or instruction. None of these are honestly achieved through any of the aforementioned media.

According to the Pew Research Center, only 26%

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to pull strings at the blaring blue heart, I would suppose it was no more than a feature on some poor girl's death as she was trying to fulfill her dreams. I'm sure there could never be anything wrong with that type of coverage. Right?

Well, I would actually argue there is a lot wrong with this situation because of the article's audience more than the journalist or the girl herself. Attention should be drawn to *Generation Now* and their reliance on questionable news media. They are the first to criticize the six degrees of separation between a corporate medium and some lobbying agenda while frequently quoting some pop culture opinion that is drastically less credible.

It is disturbing that whether they admit it or not, so many students formulate opinions quickly after watching *The Daily Show*, *MTV News*, or reading *Rolling Stone* magazine. Denial in this instance is not difficult because these may be staples in your brain's daily diet. I would even admit to being entertained by those I just mentioned. It could be knit picking, but the fact is that everyone should admit decreased appeal to an

of average 18-24 year olds read the newspaper and spent only nine minutes reading. Instead, 18-24 year old spent 17 minutes reading a magazine, and 26 minutes on television news. Think about the elements involved with creating television broadcasts, magazines, or newspapers. This alone should give you a sense of how much effort to entertain is involved, in contrast with giving cold hard investigation.

At a journalism conference last spring, a student even gave a report on a very important piece of military legislature and cited *Rolling Stone* as a source. How many Alma professors would take that seriously?

This makes me highly skeptical of the opinions students generate about public policy and worldly issues when they lean heavily toward entertainment sources rather than the more black and white presentation of something like the *Wall Street Journal*. Instead, they buy into every emotional interest story run in *Rolling Stone* or on the *CBS Evening*

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Sigma Chi Derby Days in need of extreme make-over

TIFFANY BALDUCCI
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing wrong with a little friendly competition, right? But what happens when this "friendly competition" turns sour? Derby Days might seem like a good idea at first - raising money for charity - but the infrastructure and overall set-up of the Sigma Chi Derby Days competition seems to be lacking.

A first look would suggest that it is an exact replica of Greek Week. Greek Week occurs in September, and here it is, only a month later, experiencing the exact same thing only called by different names. Specific shirts must be worn on specific dates, lists must be signed, points are awarded, more shirts must be bought, date auction is held, and finally there is the "Derby Rock", which doesn't even try to sound different than "Mock Rock".

Redundancy aside, the sororities are the only Greeks invited to participate - totally ignoring the other fraternities and closing activities to campus. These generic events are based on the idea that

the sororities work to raise money for Sigma Chi's various philanthropies, in hopes of winning a trophy and an opportunity to get a portion of what they raised back in order to donate to their own respective philanthropy.

According to the annual Sigma Chi Derby Days

witness to tears, outrage, and bad sportsmanship as a product of this "friendly competition". One sorority is accusing another of cheating, another sorority is making fliers mocking another. How does this appear to the campus and non-Greek community?

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newsletter, "all five sororities participate" and help "plan" the fundraising events; this however, is untrue. One sorority actually opted out of participating this year.

The newsletter also states "a great coming together of all five sororities" which precursors another point - what kind of coming together does Derby Days advocate? Many sorority sisters are

Regardless, every year, there is some falling out between sorority members because of Derby Days politics and structure.

Who is to blame? This isn't just Derby Days' fault; the sororities allow themselves to be overwhelmed by hyper-competition, rightfully so: they want some of that

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Not-so-happy Halloween

JIM ALLEN
FREELANCE WRITER

Blood, literally gallons of it, covers the entirety of the bathroom of first West Gelston. It's dripping from the sinks, it's splattered on the floor, and it's smeared all over the walls.

My first thought: "And

young children, were going to be coming through. Our corpses became simple tape outlines on the floor as we limited our interpretation of what Halloween should be.

Back to the bloody bathroom: After stepping in the fresh blood with my shoe, I glance to my left, noticing that the handicap tub is filled

leave extremely disturbed.

Now I'm the first to admit that I'm not a fan of scary movies. I only watch them with my girlfriend so that she can support me. Frankly, I thought it was too much, especially with the gruesome suicide, which stands to be the third leading cause of death among our age group. But then again, I closed my eyes in Jurassic Park. Yet, despite my chicken-heart, I think that the bloody bathroom was a horrific idea (pun most certainly intended), especially when the children of Big Brothers Big Sisters, most of whom are in the program because of their difficult circumstances, were trick-or-treating down the hallways.

However, before I opened into a tirade upon 1st West, I decided it was wiser to speak the mastermind of the bloody bathroom, **Jamie Diener (07)**. In his opinion, the situation was

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After stepping in the fresh blood with my shoe, I glance to my left, noticing that the handicap tub is filled with blood and a limp man soaking in it.

children are coming in here!"

Wednesday, the night of the Big Brothers Big Sisters trick-or-treat, was an exciting day for some dormitory hallways. Personally, my hall, second East Gelston, had a grand time the night before hanging up trash bags and covering the ceiling with cobwebs. Throughout the decorating, however, we kept reminding ourselves that children,

with blood and a limp man soaking in it. That body was nothing, however, compared to the cadaver sprawled on the shower bench. The cut noose still hanging from his neck tells me that he trouble doing what razor blade and his wrist eventually succeeded in doing. An explanation is even provided, scribbled on to the ceramic in black marker: I hate life, it says. I

'Halloween' continued...

handled well, considering that it was not intended for the little children.

"It's always been for the college students," Diener said firmly. In our conversation, he expressed that he was surprised he began to receive complaints, considering that 1st West has been doing this for six years. He also told me that someone was guarding the door who stopped little ones from entering.

Big Brothers Big Sisters and even President Tracy complained not only about the bathroom, but about the creepiness of the hall itself. Although, Diener, who grinned ghoulishly during my walkthrough behind a bed cage, said that they toned

it down for the children. "I started waving to kids," he said.

Basically, for first West, the bloody bathroom was not about desensitizing the fragile minds of the innocent as much as was about tradition (Diener reminded me that one Alma motto, at one point in time, had something to do with tradition). "It's not like we're looking to cause problems, we're just doing what first West does best," he said.

And in Diener's argument, I see resolve. The bloody bathroom in the context with a rated-R college student oriented Haunted Hallway is a brilliantly ghastly idea, the problem was that Wednesday night should have been a

rated-G 'nothing scarier than Scooby-Doo' hallway... if that.

Thus, I propose a solution (in an attempt to not imitate Michael Moore); there should be two nights of "trick-or-treating" festivities. One with Big Brothers Big Sisters, in which we can delight little ones with teeth-rotting sweets, and a second, in which we can impress our peers by creating and presenting the most terrifying and creative hallways in the history of Alma.

Separate nights would serve more purposes than simply sparing the children. It would also help bond hallways, make fun competition between halls and dorms, and mostly give us students something exciting to do that is physically safe, affordable and gut-wrenchingly entertaining.

'Hyperbole' continued...

News. The flaws in the idol-inspired and emotionally charged stories only come out later as passé background. Too often stories inflate an issue using a figurehead as some sort of popular product package, ready to be marketed with digital ease, and quite close to consumer heart.

The formula can be as simple as the *Rolling Stone* article that inspired my thoughts. Step one; start with one story idea resulting in tragedy. Check. Find a target market for article attention, one that is completely ready to bandwagon at the onset of a report about public dissent. Check. Write story from a subtle angle that is sure to paint a picture of how a distant and easily criticized public institution is awful. Check. Attach an extremely dignified photo of the now saintly individual, and

use a bold and catchy headline.

Harping on journalists for exercising the First Amendment would be very hypocritical and unpatriotic. The only truly democratic route would be to fight fire with fire and respond to the source of the market demand.

To conclude and provide some sort of remedy, you must first take entertainment with a grain of salt and only at face value. Second, investigate opinions about worldly issues reported in entertainment realms. It's rarely as simple as it sounds. Third, consider the elements of a tragic story, but don't let it form your opinion about something that has many more dimensions than some marketable and idol-based story. Finally, never regard *Rolling Stone* or its compatriots of entertainment as valid news sources.

Campus Greetings

HILLARY BARD
STAFF WRITER

One of my biggest annoyances on campus is what people say to me while I'm walking from one destination to another.

Mostly, I get the greeting of, "hey how's it going?" People don't really want me to answer how I'm actually doing. As far as I can tell, what they really mean is just plain, "Hi, Hillary."

When someone asks me how I'm doing, I want to actually tell them. This shouldn't come as a surprise; I've always thought that we ask questions to get answers. If I did truthfully answer, the simple greeting would go like this: "Oh, hey there [insert name] today has been total crap" and I would go into the list of how today is an inside-out underwear day because of my health, grades, or personal relationship drama. This, however, isn't what people want, or expect.

They also don't want me to truthfully ask them how they are, which is what I like to do after asked myself. It's sort of like returning a compliment. I tend to return the question. These question greeters don't want the question returned. Or, perhaps they do. Is it just accepted that a truthful answer is not coming?

The problem is that I don't understand exactly what they want. What is meant by this careless greeting ritual? Through trial and error, I've learned that a simple, "Hello" is a good response to their question. This leads me to believe that what they really mean by asking me how I'm doing is just to acknowledge my presence. It doesn't take annoying me

to show that my presence is being acknowledged.

Some people understand this passing ritual and don't find it horribly irritating. While studying others I've noticed that one will say, "Hey how's it going?" and the other will answer with, "What's up?" That is it. Two people ask a question, not caring about either answer. Am I the only one who finds this wrong?

My roommate thinks that asking the common question of, "How are you?" in various forms is just a reflex. Well, I'm here to declare that the reflex is wrong. It's wrong like gagging in the doctor's face while he/she has the Popsicle stick on your tongue and is looking at your throat is wrong. Some reflexes need to be controlled. For the sake of sanity people need to learn to stop the reflex of asking a question if they don't care about the answer.

There are plenty of other things people can do to acknowledge someone's presence while passing instead of asking a question. Take the plunge and say, "Hello". Or, engage in the slight physical activity of nodding your head, smiling, winking, and/or giving a high-five.

If I was having a bad day someone giving me a high-five, flashing me a smile, or winking at me would definitely brighten up my depressing day. It would be much more beneficial than annoying me by asking how I'm doing and then not caring enough to stick around for an answer.

For those of you guilty of asking questions while in passing, please, for the love of communication, do something else, unless of course you really want to know how your friend is doing. Then, by all means, ask and stick around for a lengthy answer.

'Main' continued...

After water returned that morning and signs were put up that the water was safe for showering but not for drinking, I thought the showers would be packed with both the nighttime and morning shower-takers and a nice lesson about our

privileges would have been learned. Though this lesson was there for all, I found people still very reluctant to put their bodies into water they could not drink. They must have thought the water would seep through their skin or something. Our water,

though maybe enhanced with a little extra DDT, is cleaner than in many places around the world. Refusing to use the water helps me put in to perspective what the expectations of people my age in this country are; this idea sickens me much more than Alma's water could.

Hamilton needs changes

Hamilton Commons has had quite a few changes over the years and it seems it is necessary for another one. Students constantly complain as long lines develop to gain entrance, as congestion becomes not just a minor dilemma, but a way of life, and as crowds develop around popular food items to make eating one of the most inefficient times of the day.

It seems there is already an attitude that disavows the importance of meals. Coaches schedule practice, the band rehearses, and many other meetings are held during or directly after the two hours of dinner during weekdays. Weekends are even shorter, only serving for one hour for dinner and one and a half hour for brunch. This often creates a need to stop and eat fast food when returning from an off-campus event. It seems most students are not getting their money's worth with campus meals.

Meal provision seems to be an opportunity for profit at Alma. It is the opinion of *The Almanian* that this should not be the case. This sort of culture seems to provide a sturdy base for

future problems with obesity, cholesterol, and stomach disorders, not to mention perpetuation of the disregard Americans feel toward the value of not just a healthy, but a restful and valuable mealtime.

Until administrators alter the meal system, students who are fortunate enough to get the chance should SAGA-sit for at least 45 minutes some night. Talk to your friends, forget about your deadlines if you honestly can attend them later, and just let your food settle some time. This can allow you to properly digest, drink the necessary amount of water, and maybe even allow time to evaluate what you are eating.

Change to Hamilton Commons should be a plan of the near future. The Bruske entrance (or a similar second entrance) should be opened for card swiping. This should be concurrent to the necessary adaptations needed for tray disposal.

With its current design, Hamilton appears to have potential for many fatalities if there were to ever were to be a fire on a busy weekend or some other unforeseen event.

There are numerous exits and praise should be given about that, however on the busiest of guest weekends, trampling seems like a possibility.

Also, it is evident during days where the band is let out early, multiple athletic teams release from practice simultaneously, or when the college has extra visitors, that Hamilton is just not big enough to be practical. Major congestion make spills and accidents more frequent while also culturing an environment of frustration for those who have little time and need to rush somewhere. Many students are irritated saying "I already pay to go here and this ridiculous amount of visitors are making my experience less enjoyable," or some expletive filled equivalent to that sentence.

Students don't want tuition to rise any higher, but they want evidence of responsible allocation of funds to fit their desires. It is time to plan updates Hamilton Commons.

Sincerely,
The Editorial Staff

A Response to "Hate speech alone doesn't justify punishment"

Dear Editor,

In opening, let me clearly state that, while I am not a member of PRIDE, I am against the distribution of the "PROUD" posters around campus. I understand that Ms. Goodrich's intent was to write an article designed to raise the concern that perhaps someone's first amendment rights were violated in how the school has chosen to deal with the aforementioned posters. However, I contend that neither her rights, nor the rights of those who printed and distributed the posters were violated. Let me explain.

First, let me unpack the situation for those to whom it is unfamiliar. The posters were designed to attract those rigidly against specific sexual orientations to meet at the same time and location as PRIDE, a group rigidly for tolerance of all sexual orientations. This to me is a clear attempt to incite a confrontation between PRIDE and those with opposite opinions on sexual orientation. The attempt to incite this confrontation shows clear contempt for PRIDE and its members' beliefs. This falls under example four from the student handbook harassment policy as quoted from page 58: "The use of telephone, electronic mail or paper mail (whether signed or anonymous) to convey hatred or contempt for persons on the basis of the attributes listed above." Posters (anonymous paper mail) that show contempt for PRIDE because of its members' sexual orientation are in clear violation of the campus harassment policy.

Secondly, I fail to see how the college's rules regarding harassment are vague. The student handbook does not stop at defining harassment as: "Spoken, written or symbolic harassment occurs when people insult, stigmatize or denigrate individuals or groups on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical ability." It further proceeds to give four examples, which are recognized as not being an "exhaustive" list, but are still meant to inform the campus community of categories of behaviors which cannot be condoned (these examples may be referenced on page 58 of your current student handbook). Additionally, the campus harassment policy and procedures for handling harassment continue from page 58 until page 66. The harassment policy implies a sort of common sense concept to harassment. Individual circumstances must be weighed and carefully considered in order to offer proper responses. It is not possible or logical for the administration of our college to spend countless hours of tuition-funded time working to list every possible word and action that could be construed as harassment.

Further, I believe that no one's first amendment rights were violated because no one was stopped from expressing his/her opinion. "PROUD", whomever they are, were not stopped from expressing that they are against tolerance of differing sexual orientations. They were stopped from showing open contempt for PRIDE. I believe that if "PROUD" wanted to organize as a campus group specifically to share their similar views, without showing contempt for opposing opinions, they would likely be allowed to do so if proper channels were followed. For example, our own Campus Democrats and Campus Republicans (with often intensely differing opinions) have gotten along for years without having to show contempt for each other. In fact, in last week's issues of The Almanian, they came together to write an opinion piece. This is clear evidence that groups of clearly different opinions can coexist on our campus without anyone's rights being violated.

In fact, the very act of what Ms. Goodrich and I have done is proof itself that first amendment rights are alive and well on Alma's campus. She chose to write an opinion piece stating her opinion. I have responded with a published piece stating my difference of opinion. Were first amendment rights being quashed on Alma's campus, how would she and I still be writing our dissenting opinions in an open public forum?

I leave you with one last suggestion. While the student life office should not and will not divulge any specifics of an ongoing judicial proceeding or investigation, what they can and will do is clarify campus policy. The staff of the student life office, whether you like them or agree with them or not, is paid to be the liaison between students and administration. Use them. I do admit that our handbook is not perfect (i.e. we didn't have an assault policy until this year) but, it is printed and in effect. We, as students, through enrolling at Alma have agreed to abide by its policies. Therefore, if we need clarification on or feel threatened by a policy, we must take the initiative to have it further explained to us.

Regards,

John M. Kruse (o6)

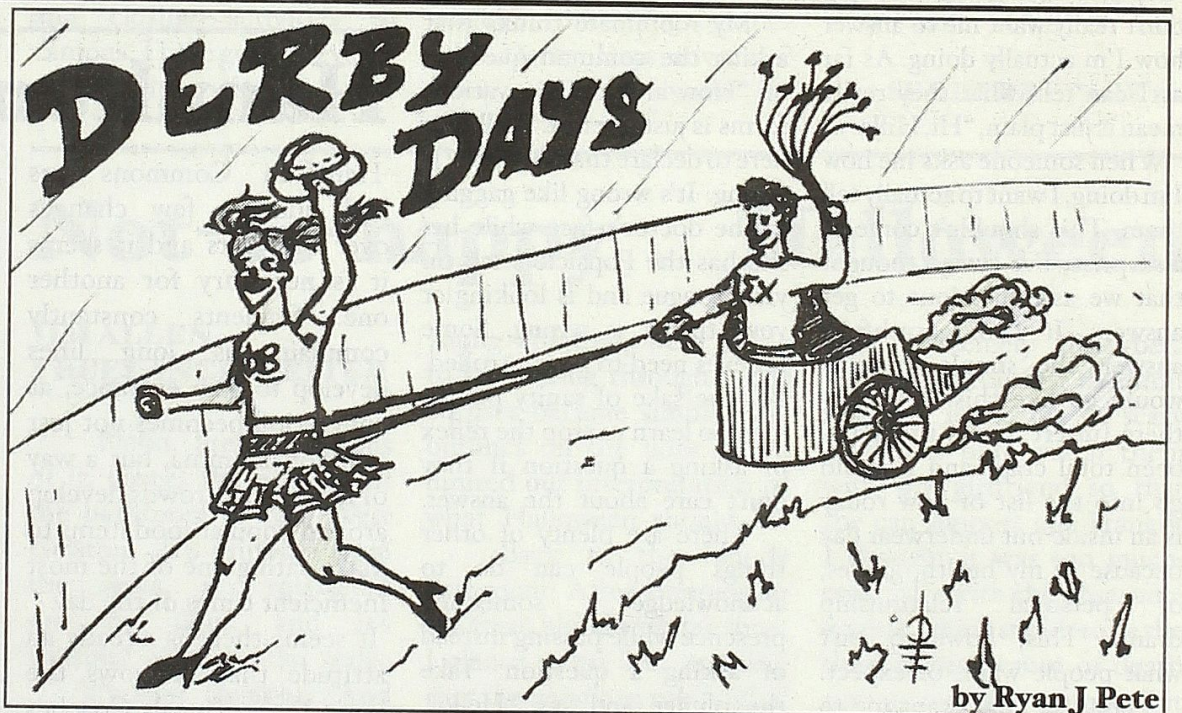
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money they worked so hard to raise back to donate to their own philanthropy to receive campus and national recognition. Meanwhile, first year students, non-Greeks, and non Sigma Chi brothers on campus are wondering what on earth a Derby is, why it is called Derby Days, what is Derby Days, and why are these sororities going crazy? Granted, there is a newsletter released the week of, but as pointed out before, the information is flawed and lacking.

It isn't that Derby Days is an undesirable event on

campus. Possibly the Sigma Chi fraternity should evaluate how they want to raise money for their charity and not rely on the sororities to do it for them.

If Derby Days is to continue, maybe it should be in the winter and not so close to Greek Week, be less competitive, involve more campus members and possibly even the other fraternities. Raising money for charity is very admirable, but one has to wonder how many of these charities would want the money after they knew what lengths sorority women go to raise it



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The Better Darn Sports Column is Back from Break

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Big surprise. Alma over Wisconsin Lutheran. Albion over Hope.

As if the race for the MIAA took a weekend off, we witnessed two sure fire victories in the race for the championship and a division III playoff birth. Granted, Hope had a chance to beat Albion, but really, who can stop the Britons on their home turf?

The ALMA SCOTS, that's who. A 34-0 Albion victory over Hope means nothing to me other than Albion might come to play Saturday a little bit softer, and although Hope will most likely win next Saturday against Tri-State, who in the league takes the Dutch seriously anymore?

Not this guy, that's for sure. Hope is 3-5 overall, and when compared to the Scot's two losses, one upset on the road and one to D II Tiffin University, the Dutch have lost to a hefty portion of the middle ranks of the MIAA.

Back on track: Albion. The Scots will invade Albion Saturday to determine the sole leader in the nation's oldest athletic conference. Coming off a huge victory over Hope won't phase the men purple jerseys, especially after losing to conference black sheep Olivet College late last year to let the Scots advance to the D III post season.

But wait! We forgot to mention the lowly Bulldogs of Adrian College still knocking on the door. Adrian is two wins back from the MIAA lead. If the Scots beat Albion, which they should, and assuming that Adrian can avoid being upset by K'zoo like the Scots were earlier this fall, Adrian sets the stage for a possible first place tie with the Scots.

How?! Here we go. If the Scots win out, and Albion gets upset by Olivet like they did to Travis Slight and the Comets last year, the Scots will be the outright champs. However, if they lose one, they will most likely share the title with Albion and Adrian. If they lose both, hang it up, boys.

GAME OF THE WEEK: Your Alma Scots at Albion College, Saturday at 1:00pm

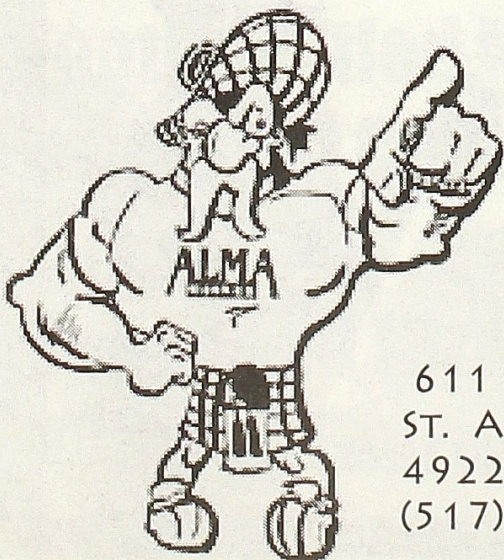
WHY? The winner takes a step further in the quest for the MIAA championship

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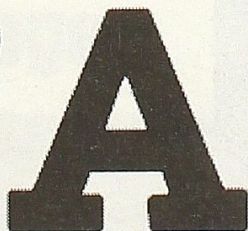
SCOTS TO WATCH: Anyone wearing Maroon.

PICK: This is going to be a war. Scots by 6!

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The Duck appeals to sports fanatics with new talk show

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Alma's own radio station, the DUCK, recently added a sports talk radio program to its rotation. 'The Sports Break' with **Josh Morgan(06)** and **Evan Beach(07)**, an overview of major sports in the United States and Big Ten sports, airs twice a week.

These two students discuss almost every major sport during their hour. They watch every game they possibly can to talk about it on air, so if you missed anything you wanted to see, they can fill you in! Hockey, football, baseball, basketball: you name it, they talk about it. Last Monday, Morgan and Beach talked about all the Big Ten games: Michigan State versus Ohio State, University of South Carolina versus Notre Dame, and University of Michigan versus Penn State. They also went through the

National Football League games and the National Hockey League games. "We try to cover everything, because we're interested in everything," said Morgan.

Morgan and Beach decided to do the show because they are both interested in sports-casting, and it shows "We know a lot about it. We love doing it. All of our opinions are based on watching the games, and we don't always agree," said Morgan.

Their show is charismatic. The duo works together to provide not only the final score, but an informed and qualified commentary.

"The show focuses on topics we can discuss—things we have different opinionson—in a reasonable manner," said Morgan.

Morgan and Beach team up to provide color commentary, sometimes even heated arguments that are sure to catch your attention, but both always

give solid logic behind their arguments. There is no 'you are wrong——' is horrible!" During the course of last Monday's show, Beach said several times, "Right, but I think..." and Morgan would contradict with "I don't know, I think..." There was no rudeness, just pure love of sports and genuine opinions.

"We do not know if there is an audience," Morgan said, "but it really does not matter, we love doing the show." If you love sports, missed a game, need some background information or really anything else concerned with professional American sports, call in during the show. The radio station extension is x7301, and they would appreciate feedback from the campus community. If you have any interest in sports at all, this is a show worth listening to. Catch a *break* Mondays at 8:00pm and Thursdays at 7:00pm, on 90.9 fm.

Swim Team Still Thirsty for First Victory

STAFF WRITER
JOEY ZEHNER

In search of their first win of the season this upcoming Saturday is the Alma College swim team, as they travel to Finley, Ohio to take on their next opponent. Coming off an opening lost to Calvin, the Scots are looking forward to another opportunity to win.

"We are hoping to win, but this meet will go along the lines of helping prepare us for the conference meet at the end of the season," said **Jim Abrams(08)**. "Everyday in practice we are training for the MIAA championship meet."

The team this season consists of eight swimmers and one diver. The team will add key member **Luke Livingston(07)** in January when he returns from school in Scotland.

This Saturday, the Scots will look to the strength of the team, which is in the individualistic performances. Although Alma does have solid relay teams, their strength relies



Emily Smith (08) makes a splash during the Calvin meet (Photo by Kate Bruder).

in individual contests.

"Our goals that we hope to accomplish for the season is for one swimmer to break a school record time and for one of us to qualify for Nationals," said Abrams. "By focusing on that, we think we are going to be better prepared to become a stronger team."

Abrams has been very close to accomplishing one of those goals as he is just a few seconds slow of besting the school record for the 100 breaststroke. His fastest time is this season has been 1:03.55

while the record stands at 1:00.55.

The team has been intensifying their training for their season in hopes that it can help end some of the losses that have been occurring over the past few seasons. The Scots are of course hoping for a victory this Saturday, but this team has its eyes on the season ending swim meet.

This Saturdays meet will take place at 1. The Scots return home on November 19 to take on MIAA rival Kalamazoo.

NCAA Regulations stir Scot athletes about Freshens Smoothie boosters

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STAFF WRITER

Allegations this spring of Alma College athletes using chemicals banned by the NCAA seems to have created quite a response from Alma College Athletics Administration.

Earlier this year it was brought to the attention of the Alma College administration that some athletes may have been using drugs banned by the NCAA. This fall, all athletes were to attend an informational meeting on randomized drug testing. Perhaps because of this meeting, student athletes have become more aware of chemicals that may be in dietary supplements, vitamins, or food products that may test positive on a drug screening. Some have wondered whether the fat burner smoothie sold at Joe's on campus contains any substance that may be banned by the NCAA.

A full list of ingredients in the smoothies sold at Joe's is available from Freshens, the company that produces the smoothie mix. The only ingredient that may cause some concern is caffeine. However, in order to test positive for caffeine, which is considered a stimulant by the NCAA, there must be an excess concentration of 15 micrograms/ml. Each smoothie that contains a fat burning booster has 100 mg of caffeine, and one would have to drink large amounts of that particular smoothie prior to testing in order to test positive.

Although smoothies sold at Joe's are really not much of a cause for concern, some common prescription and over the counter drugs are. Banned prescription drugs include Adderall, Anadrol, Androgel, Cylert, Dexedrine, Epogen, Lasix, Oxandrin, Provigil, Ritalin, and Testoderm. Among the over the counter drugs banned by the NCAA are Bronkaid, Ephedrine, Phenylephrine, Phenylpropanolamine, Primatene tablets.

Many athletes want to maximize their athletic potential by taking supplements that are meant to increase muscle growth, and reduce muscle fatigue. Obviously, anabolic steroids have been banned by the NCAA, and

many athletes are turning to supplements commonly available, such as supplements sold at GNC.

Student athletes need to be very careful when choosing to take such supplements, however, as many of them are banned by the NCAA, and many are not FDA regulated and can cause bodily harm. According to the NCAA's website, "nutritional supplements are not strictly regulated and may contain substances banned by the NCAA". Such supplements include Androstenediol, Androstenedione, Citrus aurantium, DHEA, Ephedra, Ephedrine, Ma huang, Norandrostenediol, Norandrostenedione, and Synephrine.

Some common name brand substances that are banned by the NCAA are Cell Tech, DHEA, Hydroxy-cut, Hot Rox, Red Bull, and Rock Star. NO₂, NO₂ Explode, V12, Turbo, Bolt, Acidophilus, and Whey protein are suggested to be used at the athlete's own risk.

Drugs that athletes need not worry about testing positive for, as they are not banned by the NCAA, include Prenisone, Tussionex Ext, Allegra-D, Augmentin, Albuterol, Flovent, Amazocort, Tylenol 4 with codeine, and Advair.

As many of the banned drugs are not commonly known as being against NCAA regulations, any athlete should check the NCAA Banned Drug List prior to taking any substance, whether or not it is a prescription, supplement, or over the counter drug.

"If students are interested in taking a supplement or are taking a medication and want to see if it may be banned before they take it, they can log on to www.drugfreesport.com/rec and enter the Division III password, ncaa3", said Cheri Daniels, Athletic Trainer.

"They should be able to inquiry about specific supplements or medications. Also, student athletes can contact myself, Diana Bray, Denny Griffin, or Joe Gelina, P.A. with any questions or concerns."



Alpha Xi Delta holds charity golf open

JOE ZEHNER
STAFF WRITER

Duffers and hackers from all of Alma College campus came out this past Saturday in support of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Golfers from all skill levels participated in the AZD open, a yearly charitable event that is put on by the members of the sorority. The event took place this year at The Winding Brook Golf Course in Shepherd, Michigan.

"The event was great because we were able to raise some money for a charity and any event that does that has to be considered a success," said **Mollie Smith(06)**, who helped with overseeing the golf open this year.

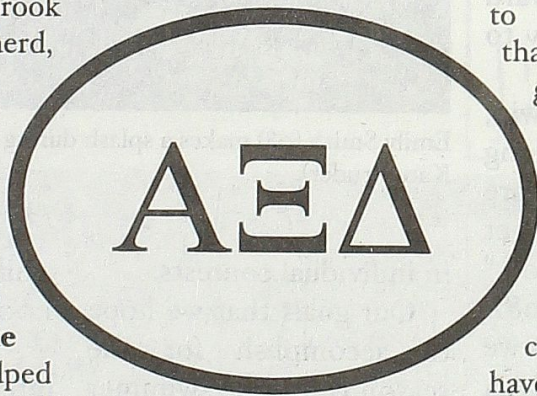
The tournament at Winding Brook consisted of over 100 players, most of them having the Alpha Xi Delta members caddy for them.

The event was not limited to only males on Alma's campus and had a strong showing of female participants. Family members and friends from other schools were also able to take part in the event.

"I had the chance to caddy for my dad and it

was a good opportunity to spend some time with him," said **Samantha Stoneburg(07)**. "We had a great group of guys and everybody braved the cold weather to make it such a fun time."

"My boyfriend was able to come back and golf in the event and that



made it a ton of fun, plus it was a good time with all of my wonderful sisters," said **Stacy Morey(06)**.

It was not just the caddies having fun at the outing.

"The golf outing was a lot of fun. My group kept hitting awful shots, but he had fun laughing at each other throughout the morning," said **Matt Almond(06)**, who is also part of the greek community on campus.

Like Almond, **Nick**

Green(07) was also able to participate.

"Our group played pretty well for it being so early in the morning. It was good to go out and lend a hand to charity and have fun while we do it," said Green.

There was no winner on the day because the players were out for fun and to contribute to charity. The money that the event raised was going to help children that were affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The charity, called Bags for Kids, creates bags full of toys and stuffed animals for certain kids who do not have anything left after the disaster.

The cost for the event was thirty five dollars which included nine holes of golf, a nice collared golf shirt, food, and of course having your favorite Alpha Xi Delta caddy for you.

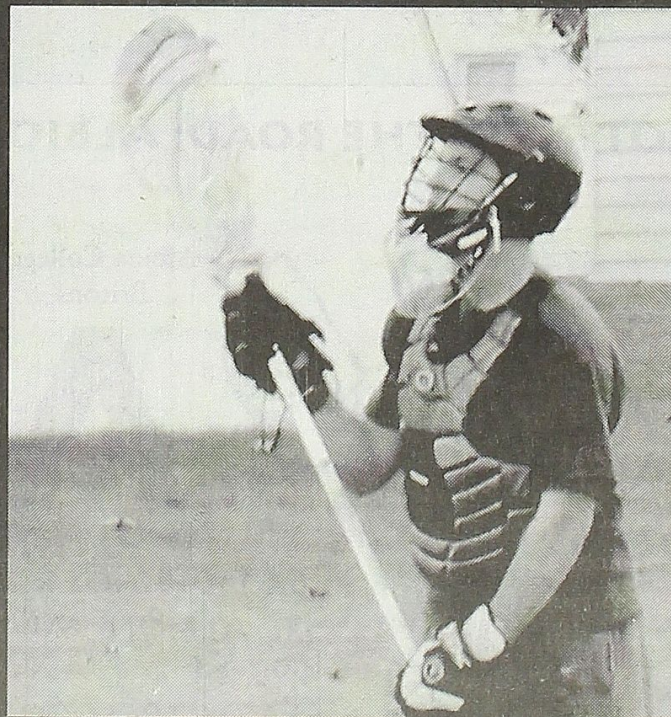
Smith would like to thank this year's participants.

"Thanks to everyone who participated in the event and I hope that everyone can play again next year and keep making it a special experience," said Smith.

GREAT SCOTS: SCOT OF THE WEEK

DREW COLEMAN (07) LACROSSE GOALIE

COLEMAN, A FIRST YEAR LACROSSE GOALIE, ALLOWED ONLY ONE GOAL IN THE SCOTS FIRST VICTORY OF THE YEAR AGAINST KETTERING UNIVERSITY. COLEMAN HAS SHOWN LEADERSHIP AND GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP ALL SEASON LONG. CHECK OUT COLEMAN AND THE SCOTS IN ACTION THIS FALL!



An Inside Look at the 05'-06' NBA Season

JOE ZEHNER
STAFF WRITER

The 2005-2006 NBA season is underway and the new season brings forth an opportunity for teams to try and dethrone the world champion San Antonio Spurs. While the Spurs got better during the off-season, adding depth to their bench, many other teams geared up with trades and free agent signings to get the chance to play in the NBA Finals.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

This could be the worst division out of the six in the NBA. The Boston Celtics won the division title last year, but after letting go of many veteran players, the team is making a youth movement. Don't expect the Celtics to repeat. Larry Brown will take over as coach of the New York Knicks after his messy divorce from the Pistons. It would take about 10 Larry Brown's for this team to make the playoffs due to too many guards and so few legit big men. The Toronto Raptors are already making plans on which power forward to choose with their 2006 lottery pick. That leaves the Sixers and the Nets to duel for the title, and with the combination of Jason Kidd, Richard Jefferson, and Vince Carter along with the emergence of a legit post threat in Krstic, I predict that the Nets will take the Atlantic.

CENTRAL DIVISION

In what is arguable the deepest division in the NBA, look for the Pistons and the Pacers to battle down to the wire, with the Pistons holding off the Pacers because of their starting five. Cleveland

should be dramatically improved with the signing of Larry Hughes and superstar LeBron James will not let this team miss the playoffs again. Chicago could take a step backwards after their surprising run last year.

SOUTHEAST

Last year's champion Miami Heat added a coup of players during the off-season. The team traded for Jayson Williams, James Posey, and Antione Walker. The three additions all sound nice on paper, but how a team with 5 legit stars can share one ball remains to be seen. The Heat could be challenged by the Washington Wizards who lost Hughes in free agency but gained a solid starter in Caron Butler. The Magic don't have enough depth to make a run at the playoffs while it seems that the age limit the league has now was put into place so the Hawks can't select the first ever eighth grader in draft history.

SOUTHWEST

The toughest division in the West should produce at least four playoff teams. The defending champion Spurs added Nick Van Exel and Michael Finley to a stellar bench. Those two key additions along with the starting five of the Spurs should help them return to the Finals. The Rockets added big man Stromile Swift to go on the front line with Yao Ming. The Mavericks again will be solid because of Dirk Nowtski alone, but he should have some help this year. The Grizzlies might struggle after losing several players in the past few months but Pau Gastol will be good enough to get the team into the

playoffs NORTHWEST

After winning the division crown last year, the Sonics lost a key group of free agent but were able to retain team star Ray Allen. Seattle's losses should open the door for the Denver Nuggets to claim the division title, especially in year two under the coaching pf George Karl. Kevin Garnett will not let his Timberwolves miss the playoffs two seasons in a row so expect another MVP season out of him. Portland and Utah don't seem to be playoff contenders, but watch out for a break out year from Jazz forward Andrei Kirelinko.

PACIFIC

With Amare Stoudamire out until the All Star break, the Suns could slide a few spots in this division. Watch for the Kings to take their place on top of the Pacific. The Warriors could be involved in postseason play for the first time since the early 90's as long as Baron Davis can remain healthy. The saga that is the Los Angeles Lakers will start a new chapter as Phil Jackson returns to coach superstar Kobe Bryant. Bryant couldn't led the team to the playoffs last year and it might be harder for him to do this year since the Lakers do not have a legitimate point guard on their roster.

PLAYOFF TEAMS

Eastern Conference: Miami, Detroit, Indiana, New Jersey, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, and Philadelphia
Western Conference: San Antonio, Denver, Houston, Dallas, Sacramento, Phoenix, Memphis, and Minnesota.

NBA Finals: Indiana over San Antonio

THIS WEEK IN SCOTS SPORTS

November 5th, 2005

Women's Soccer:

vs. Adrian
12pm

Men's Soccer:

@ Hope
2pm

Football:

@ Albion
1pm

Swim:

@ Findley
1pm

Volleyball:

Hosting the MIAA Tournament

Alma Club Lacrosse Gets a Grip on the 2005 Fall Season

EVAN BEACH
SPORTS WRITER

Although the "fall-ball" season is considered important, it is more of a tune up for the "real season" during the spring in which the lacrosse team expects big things.

The Alma College football team is not the only one here at Alma making strides. The Lacrosse team is striving for success as well. After a solid 5-4 record last spring against tough competition such as DI Eastern Michigan, the Scot Lacrosse team began practicing during the second week of the fall semester. The Scots started their season with a 13-1 victory over Kettering, a tough 15-0 defeat to the West Side Dragons, and a hard fought 5-7 loss to Great Lakes Cross.

While the Alma lacrosse team is very tough their competition often has the experience edge. Only 5 of the approximately 25 team members have had experience playing lacrosse prior to coming to Alma. Both Great Lakes Cross and West Side Dragons are made up of lacrosse coaches, refs and former players which make them very tough and experienced teams. "They are really good, most of their players have been playing

longer than I have been alive," says senior defenseman and Co-captain Jeff Horn.

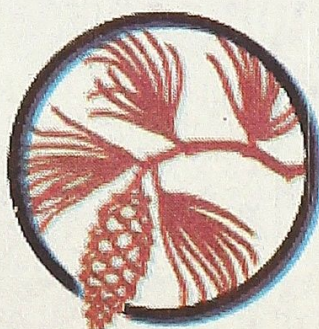
Although the team has been defeated in their last two games they feel like they are beginning to make some strides. "It was nice to get the victory against Kettering but they were too easy," says junior midfielder and Co-captain Ben Workman, "Great Lakes Cross and West Side Dragons were very tough teams but we played pretty solid against them and we showed a lot of improvement, so those were our best games so far." The team put together a solid performance against Great Lakes Cross. Jim Templin played tough defense, Haider Samhat scored 4 of their 5 goals and Drew Coleman had some great saves. The team is hoping that their improvement will continue this Saturday when they play in a tournament at Ferris State.

The team has been short on players so far this fall and they are always looking for players to fill out their co-ed team. If you are interested in playing for the team contact either **Jeff Horn(06)** or **Ben Workman(07)**, they always have a few extra sticks for new players.

THE RACE FOR THE MIAA

**Football (tied for 1st place)
vs. Albion College**

**Volleyball (3rd place)
@ MIAA Tournament**

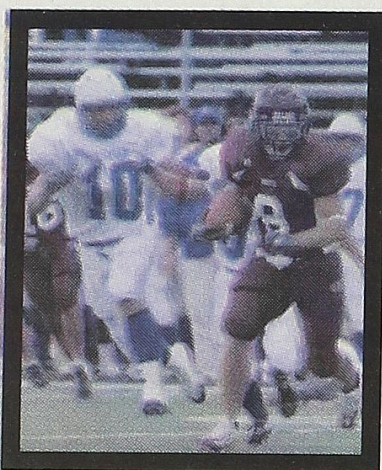


Scot-Gun Silences Tri-State, Albion Next on Hit List

ECHO SACKETT STAFF WRITER

While you were gone the Alma Scots football team successfully stopped the Thunder from Tri-State University on our home turf here at Bahlke Field, and suffered a heartbreaking loss at Kalamazoo College.

The Scots first improved their MIAA record to 3-0 when they defeated Tri-State 42-26. For his offensive supremacy, quarterback **Josh Brehm(07)** was



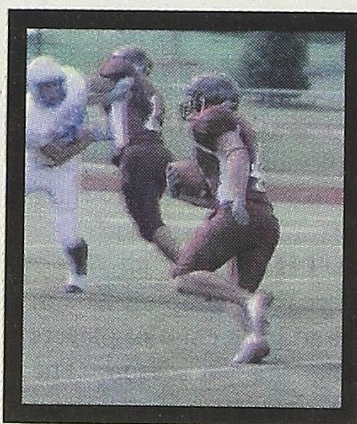
named the MIAA player of the week and was named to the football gazette team of the week. Brehm has recorded over 1,700 already this season, and amazingly enough he has averaged just under 40 yards rushing per game. Perhaps Brehm's biggest achievement is his outstanding average of 298 passing yards per game.

Brandon Shorter (07), who is on the defensive line, was pleased with the way

the game went.

"We just spent our practices running the plays. It's just a matter of the guys doing what their supposed to, and they did. Everyone performed really well," said Shorter.

Melissa Gorsegner (08) was one of the many loyal Scot fans that attended the Tri-State/



close and was intense for the first half. After that we all knew that we'd win," said Gorsegner.

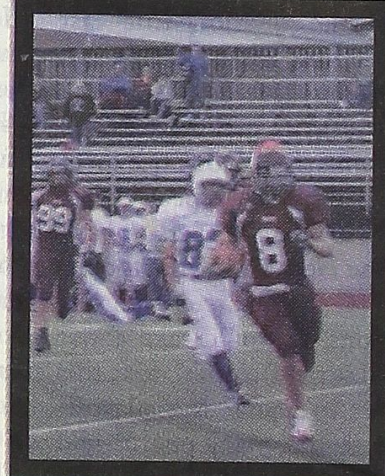
After their success against the Thunder, the Scots traveled to Kalamazoo college during our fall break recess looking to advance their chances of the MIAA title and a Division III playoff berth.

Brehm and the Scot Gun led 21-7 at the half time versus the Hornets, but after halftime the game was

all black and orange. The Hornets made a miraculous comeback and were able to sting the Scots late in the fourth quarter, winning by a single point!

Although the Scots lost at Kalamazoo, they are still tied for first in the log-jammed called the MIAA. Sharing the top spot are the Scots, Albion, and Hope College. The Scots will take on Albion College for a shot at the MIAA title this Saturday at 1:00pm.

(Photos courtesy of Alma.edu)



ALMA SCOTS VS. ALBION COLLEGE BRITONS (MIAA)

Head Coach:

Jim Cole

Mascot:

Fighting Scots

Colors:

Maroon & Cream

Location:

Alma, MI

Last year's record:

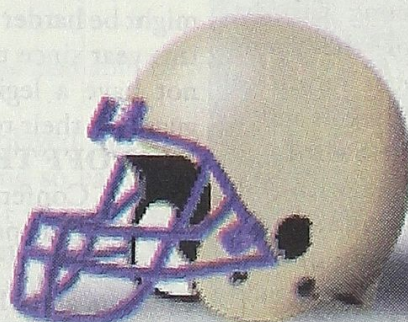
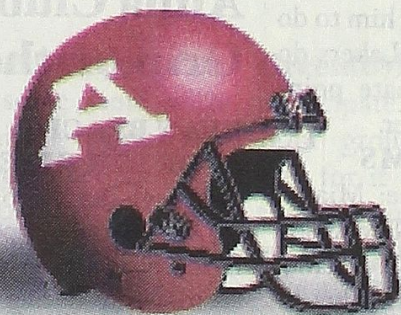
8-3(6-1)

Current record:

6-2(4-1)

Key players:

Josh Brehm, QB, Matt Lambourn RB



Last meeting:

November 6, 2004

ALM- 10, ALB-36

Game time:

Saturday 1:00pm at Albion.

Wear Maroon to show your support for the Scots!



Head Coach:

Craig Rundel

Mascot:

Britons

Colors:

Purple & Gold

Location:

Albion, MI

Last year's record:

5-2(7-3)

Current record:

4-1(5-3)

Key players:

Steve Wasil, QB

Bursting the Bubble! A look at the sports outside of the Alma Bubble

Detroit Lions:

The Lions will travel to take on the Vikings on Sunday. Who will start, Joey or Jeff?

Detroit Red Wings:

The red hot Wings will host Phoenix on Saturday. The game begins at 7:30pm.

Detroit Pistons:

The Pistons will take on the Raptors Saturday to cap off a solid first week.

Michigan Wolverines:

The Maize and Blue will hold onto their ranking as they host Indiana this week.

MSU Spartans:

The Spartans travel to West Lafayette to take on Purdue in Big 10 action.

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