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Gilbert's new book dissects humor

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Research papers; by now all of us know the ups and downs of them and most of us will agree that the process can at times be nothing but evil. If one is motivated a simple ten page research paper shouldn't take longer than ten days to complete. Correct? Now, think about a research paper that takes ten years to complete, and is thirty times the size of the typical ten page paper. This is exactly the process Joanne Gilbert, associate professor of communication, took in writing her new book *Performing Marginality: Humor, Gender, and Cultural Critique*. What began as her doctoral dissertation - basically a three hundred page research paper, which was only to be read and critiqued by an audience of five - has finally become a book intended for scholarly studies, which will be available between January and March in 2004.

When questioned about the ideas for the book Dr. Gilbert explained her fascination with the ability of members of certain marginal groups, especially women but also others such as African Americans, Latinos, Jewish people, homosexuals and how they use humor to gain rhetorical power. As a former stand-up comedian who performed in New York City, Dr. Gilbert believes that the way female stand-up comedians construct and perform they're act is empowering.

Initially a book about humor and how it has the ability to give the "marginal groups", as she like to call them, power seems a little odd. When thinking of stand up comedians, especially those of marginal groups Dr. Gilbert mentions, many of you may realize that those type of comedians play on their faults, which traditionally are the most humorous. For example "One of the differences between women and male comedians is that many of the women joke about visiting their gynecologist, you don't hear many male comedians talking about visits to the proctologist." Gilbert explained, "What the women are actually doing, though, is metaphorically explaining what happens to females in our culture."

Another interesting fact Gilbert pointed out was "Comedy is unique; people can attend a play, which may be dramatic, but regardless if they leave crying or not doesn't mean the play was any more or less dramatic than intended. Comedy, however, is legitimized by the audience who judge the level of humor with laughter. Just as George Carlin once questioned 'is comedy really comedy without

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Class of 2007 elects student representatives

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Elections for the 2007 class officers took place last week. The newly elected officers are President **Scott Weir**, Vice President **Jamie Marsh**, Secretary **Mollie Smith**, and Treasurer **Lucas Livingston**.

The officers were all happy to learn about the outcome of the election.

"I was excited. It was a really close election and a long campaign," Scott Weir said. "I'm glad it's all over."

Jamie Marsh shared Weir's excitement, but she did feel some disappointment.

"I was glad I won, but I was disappointed that I had no competition," Marsh said. "It would have given more true results if someone would have run again me. With no competition, it was obvious I was going to win."

This year's officers bring with them a lot of experience. All of the officers were very active in high school and were involved in student government. The officers look forward to continuing being involved helping out their class in a leadership role.

Scott Weir was president of his class in high school, and he is eager to take on the same position at Alma.

"I decided to run because I wanted to further my involvement in student government and take on a leadership role. I feel that I will be a good asset for the class," Weir said.

Lucas Livingston was class treasurer for two years in high school. He was also treasurer of his high school's Student Council.

"I decided to run because I like getting involved in my class, and I thought it would be a fun thing to do," Livingston said.

Jamie Marsh was vice president of her high school class and was very involved helping out.

"I thought it would be interesting to run here," Marsh said. "It's a new experience because college is a lot different from high school."

Mollie Smith was very active in a number of different things at her high school, in addition to student congress. She agreed that being a class officer in college would be a very different experience from being a class officer in high school.

"I know college is a completely different ball game. I decided to run because I wanted to meet as many people as possible," she said.

The officers are going to have a meeting that will give them the chance to discuss their goals for this year and talk to other students in the class of 2007.

"I want to get a feel [for] and see what everyone wants and then work together to accomplish that," Jamie Marsh said.

While they do not have any specific plans yet, the officers already have a few goals in mind they want to achieve. Among their top priorities will be to raise some much needed money.

"I want to raise money to have some sort of all-freshmen activity, like a pizza party or a game night," Weir said. "I also hope to establish a fund raiser; either a charitable donation to the college or to a non-profit organization."

Another goal the officers have is to bring the first-year class closer together to break the ice and get them involved and working together.

"I want to have everyone meet each other, get to know each other and avoid cliques," Smith said.

"Our goal is to get as many people involved as possible," Livingston added.

Having leadership with so much experience and many goals, the class of 2007 has a very promising year ahead.

Computer "zombies" attack Alma server; IT responds promptly

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For many people on campus especially students the network has been a constant nuisance. **Sean Galloway (06)** said, "I just wish they would get the damn thing fixed. It sucks sometimes." This year the network problems have largely been a result of virus infections on individual computers. However, the few network disruptions that occurred last week were for an entirely different reason.

Last week, beginning on Tuesday afternoon, the network was overrun by what David Reed, Director of Information Technology, called zombies. This does not refer to the living dead. Computer zombies are executable files much like any other program that anyone has on their

computer, such as a game or word processing program.

Zombies will sit on someone's computer and effectively lay dormant until a specific time and date. When that time occurs the zombie activates and begins to send out requests for a specific website's information. This has two consequences. First, the website that is being attacked simultaneously from many areas is forced to shut down, which is often the purpose of the creation of a zombie in the first place.

Second and more importantly, the zombie will essentially eat up all of the bandwidth connections on the network. Alma College's specific problem originated from three computers that had the same zombie on them. On Tuesday, September 30, the zombies on three campus

computers were activated and effectively denied a connection to the rest of campus.

The disruption initially lasted from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and was caused by two of the three computers. The Information Technology Department detected this problem and quickly turned off the ports that were responsible. About an hour later, the third zombie infected computer was activated paralyzing the network. Again, the I.T. Department was able to restore the network within an hour and a half. Dr. Reed said, "The good news is we were able to isolate and contain the problem quickly and efficiently."

Zombies can infect a computer much the same way as viruses: through the exploitation of certain vulnerabilities such

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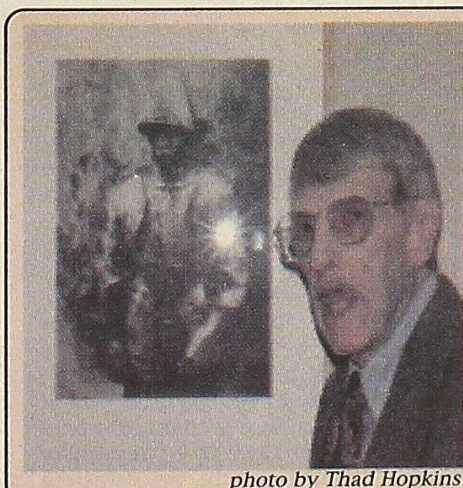


photo by Thad Hopkins

Kent Kirby comes to Alma College

The show opened Monday October 6, 2003. Kirby is a Charles A. Dana professor emeritus of the art of design. Gallery is open Monday-Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m. There is a special Homecoming reception on Saturday October 11 from 11a.m. to

3p.m. The show documents Kirby's 30-year exploration of collotype as a fine art printmaking medium and includes over 50 prints. Most of Kirby's images combine photographic and drawn elements.

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Clothesline Project set for October 21-23

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The MacCurdy House and Wilcox Medical Center's annual Clothesline Project is set for Oct. 21-23rd. Events will be held in the Dow lobby.

The Clothesline Project is a visual display that bears witness to violence against women. It gives women an opportunity to break the silence about violence by creating shirts that give voice to their personal experiences. Shirts are hung shoulder to shoulder for public viewing.

All of the shirts being displayed at the event were made over the last 5 years by Alma students and faculty members.

Aside from the shirt project, organizers will be making signs to tie in with the issue of domestic violence against women. They will also show a video and hand out information on what you can do if you are being confronted with physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.

Anyone who wants to make a shirt can go at any time to the Wilcox Medical Center. The MacCurdy House is also sponsoring shirt making days.

The MacCurdy House was originally established as a women's residence for women's studies minors. However, resi-

dents do not have to be women's studies minors. Men are allowed to live in the house if they fit the admissions criteria. Residents must be committed to the issue of women's studies. Applications for residence are available in the Medical Center.

Students who live in the house enjoy the experience of it. MacCurdy resident **Erin Murphy (05)** said, "It's nice to get away from the dorms."

In addition to being a residence, the MacCurdy House has a small lending library for resources related to women's issues. They also sponsor the Women's Issues Advisory Board. The WIAB will be hosting an introduction and open house on Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the MacCurdy House to explain what they do. Anyone interested in women's studies is encouraged to attend.

The MacCurdy House—as well as the Medical Center—serves as a safe house for anyone who is in a crisis. The house can get people where they need to go in order to get further help.

Another project that the MacCurdy House is planning is radio show interviews on WQAC with DJ and MacCurdy resident Mike Newton as host. The radio show will involve women's issues. It will

take place once a month starting in November.

The MacCurdy House also sponsors several events during Women's Month in March. These include a labyrinth and guest speakers. The house sponsors even more events throughout the rest of the year. By way of a small budget from Student Congress, the house sponsors dinners with the president and guest speakers to appear at both MacCurdy and places on campus.

MacCurdy residents are excited about some of the things they are helping to put into place. "We're really excited to do something lasting on campus, like the emergency buttons," said resident **Amber Elenbaas (05)**. The MacCurdy House is currently trying to get an emergency button established along fraternity row.

The members of the house also try to make a patchwork quilt every year. The quilts include statistics and other topics related to women's issues. One of their quilts is displayed in the library beside the copier room door.

MacCurdy House advisor and Wilcox Medical Center nurse Diane Crites is excited about the students who live at the house. "This is a great group of young adults to work with," she said.

Cold war phone taps continue into 21st century

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How many times have you heard the words, "I really bombed that test"? Did the words happen to be by phone, e-mail, or direct conversation? Unless the phrase was said to you face-to-face, the person who uttered that common statement likely entered the world of Echelon.

Echelon is a series of supercomputers that survey telex communications worldwide: this means that all e-mails, fax messages, and phone conversations are monitored. The computers work by processing messages that contain targeted addresses, voices, phrases or words like "bombed". The messages run through computer "dictionaries" until they are determined harmless or dangerous.

Currently, the National Security Agency (NSA), the signals intelligence arm of the United States Government, runs Echelon. The supercomputer system was conceived during the Cold War to keep tabs on Communist countries. During this time, the alliance of Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, and the United States positioned electronic-intercept stations and deep-space satellites to capture all microwave, satellite, cellular and fiber-optic communications traffic. These stations and satellites are still in use today, sending the captured signals to the dictionaries. Each individual state in the alliance is specifically assigned a list of countries to monitor.

Echelon, in the past, was used the interceptions to give commercial advantages to Fortune 500 companies. The NSA transferred economic data to the Commerce Department, who then sent the information to the Office of Intelligence Liaison. By using a series of offices, the NSA was not in direct confrontation with the law. Furthermore, companies such as Lockheed, Raytheon, and Boeing are all known to manufacture many of the spy components that make Echelon: the NSA often benefited from the interceptions released to these companies.

One of many examples of economic espionage is from 1981. The Canadians accidentally intercepted a \$2.5 billion grain sale the US was working on with China. The Canadians in turn used this to outbid the US and get the deal.

Former employees associated with Echelon have accused the NSA of illegal eavesdropping. According to Peg Newsham, a previous employee of the Menwith Hill station in England, she believes she once recognized a particular southern American dialect: the voice of Republican Senator Strom Thurmond. She believes that the Menwith Hill station had been listening to conversations taking place in the US Senate Building.

Critics have doubted the effectiveness of Echelon considering its inability to alert intelligence officials about the plans for the September 11th World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

Peg Newsham also mentioned how this can affect everyday people. Over the phone, a US mother once discussed how her son "bombed out" of his college entrance exams. An analyst then documented this woman's name on a list of possible terrorists. It was only much later that the situation was cleared.

ACOG fires up for new year with Mt. Pleasant Gaming Convention

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The Alma College Otaku and Gamers (ACOG) are already hard at work preparing for a joint convention with the Mt. Pleasant Gaming Association to be held on Feb. 7th at

University Center in Mt. Pleasant. This is the 2nd year that ACOG has participated in the convention, as well as the 2nd year it has existed as an organization at the College.

The club grew out of a mutual interest for Anime and gaming. A few people got the idea to start a club for their interests, the basic structure was worked out, and ACOG became an organization in a little less than one month. One of the goals of the club, said

club secretary **Jen Bussell (05)** is to create a network of people who have similar interests.

Since it's inception 2 years ago, ACOG has grown to include 31 members. "We think that's pretty impressive for a second year organization," said Bussell. 10 of those 31 members are female. "Females are a rarity everywhere else but here," she said.

ACOG members are enthusiasts and fans of Anime and gaming. Anime is Japanese animation and gaming refers to role-playing games. Role-playing games consist of paper and dice strategy games or collect-

ible card games. Trying to find a way to describe how the game is played Bussell said, "It's kind of like improv acting at a table." Some role-playing games that are popular among fans are Dungeons and Dragons, Werewolf,

Vampire: The Masquerade, and 7th Sea.

ACOG engages primarily in the role-playing type of game. This is basically how the games work. One person is the game master. The game master comes up with the

story concept, helps players who are unfamiliar with the system, and plays everyone else in the game. The players create their own characters based on what is in the book that comes with the game. It is a game with no rules, but there is a system that must be followed. The actions that players decide to make have good and bad consequences for their characters.

Another exception to ACOG that Bussell noted besides an abundance of female gamers, is that the club has female game masters. This is a rarity in gaming. There will be officially two female game masters next semester.

ACOG's members try to get together whenever they can to play. The club's meetings are made up mostly of business. They plan campus events and come up with t-shirt designs. ACOG put on the recent Akira and Cowboy Bebop movie nights. Besides planning fun events, the

club also recruits players for role-playing games.

February's convention is open to anyone who wishes to attend. At the event, there will be showings of the Anime movies Princess Mononoke and Ninja Scroll. There will also be pre-registering for slots in role-playing games.

As well as the convention, the club has a video game tournament planned for Jan. 30th and an Anime night on Feb. 6th.

ACOG president **Colin Ryan (05)** noted the kind of recognition that gaming gets from the general public. "It's got an undeserved stigma that it's something nobody does," said Ryan. He went on to say, "It's not a discriminating thing. All you have to have is imagination and dice."

Any students interested in Anime or gaming are encouraged to attend a meeting of the club. ACOG meetings are held once a week on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in SAC 103.

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laughing?"

In her new publication, which is being published by the Wayne State University Press, Gilbert has used over ninety women comedians as examples. Some of the women include Phyllis Diller, Rosanne, Ellen, and even Rosie O'Donnell who once advised Dr. Gilbert to "never ask the audience a question you already know the answer to."

Dr. Gilbert pointed out that humor has always been a part of her life, "Coming from a loud Jewish family, the only way to get the attention at the dinner table was to crack a one-liner funnier than one previously told." After ten long, yet fulfilling years of working on a book that she'll now be able to use the next time her class "Humor, Culture and Communication" is offered, she affirmed that she "Grateful for the support from the faculty and students" here at Alma College.

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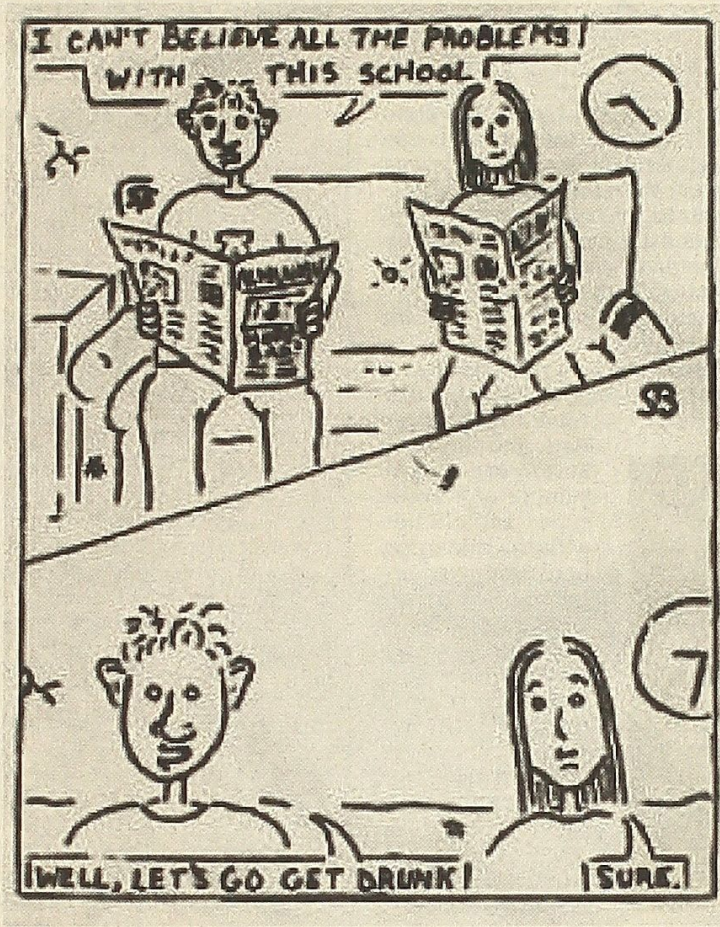
as staying on the web for an unusually long time, going to high profiling sites that require many cookies and going to unsecure sites. However, unlike viruses zombies can lay dormant for weeks, even months. This was what happened with these three computers.

The firewall that the I.T. Department has in place prevents anyone from preying on these vulnerabilities. Therefore, these zombies infected the computers long before they arrived on campus and have been lying dormant since then. Dr. Reed said, "We are going to put out information to help with this problem."

The I.T. Department is also hoping to prevent this type of problem along with any normal virus infection using what Dr. Reed called Network Registration. Network Registration will be a process that students must go through once they return from summer or Christmas break. It will involve registering information about their computer and scanning them for common virus problems. Dr. Reed stressed that only then can a student can get connected to the network. The I.T. Department hopes to have Network Registration up and running by the time students return for the winter term.

OPINION

Pass/Fail by Steve Bailey



DRINKING from page 6 — activities. One student even listed “the internet went down” as his reason for drinking. While students admit to drinking illegally, they also have noticed negative impacts on their lives they attribute to drinking, such as strained parental relationships, unfortunate sexual encounters, interference in relationships, and a negative impact on academics.

As always, The Almanian features a weekly poll based on student and faculty opinions. To offer a suggestion for a poll topic or to participate, e-mail us at AlmanianOpinion@yahoo.com or Almanian@hotmail.com. Next week, the topic will be “Alma Pride,” in honor of Homecoming.

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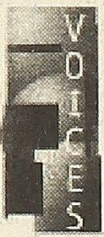
Reproductive health committee reconvenes, sparks debate

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President Bush has announced his plan to select Dr. W. David Hager to head up the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee. This committee has not met for more than two years, a time long enough to conveniently allow its charter to lapse. Now President Bush has the ability to stack all eleven positions with his radical Christian cronies. These positions do not require approval of congress. The Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee makes decisions regarding topics such as obstetrics, gynecology, hormone therapy, contraception and pregnancy termination. Dr. Hager’s views of reproductive health care are far outside the mainstream of reproductive technology. Dr. Hager is a practicing OB/GYN who describes himself as “pro-life” and refuses to prescribe contraceptives to unmarried women. Hager is the author of “As Jesus Cared for Women: Restoring Women Then and Now.” The book blends biblical accounts of Christ healing women with case studies from Hager’s practice. In the book Dr. Hager wrote with his wife, entitled “Stress and the Woman’s Body,” he suggests that women who suffer from premenstrual syndrome should seek help from reading the Bible and praying. As an editor and contributing author of “The Reproduction Revolution: A Christian Appraisal of Sexuality Reproductive Technologies and the Family,” Dr. Hager appears to have endorsed medically inaccurate assertion that the common birth control pill is an abortifacient.

Women rely on the FDA to ensure their access to safe and effective drugs for reproductive health care including products that prevent pregnancy. For some women, such as those with certain types of diabetes and those undergoing treatment for cancer, pregnancy can be a life-threatening condition. We are concerned that Dr. Hager’s strong religious beliefs may color his assessment of technologies that are necessary to protect women’s lives or to preserve and promote women’s health. Hager’s track record of using religious beliefs to guide his medical decision-making makes him a dangerous and inappropriate candidate to serve as chair of this committee. Critical drug public policy and research must not be held hostage by antiabortion politics. This committee should be made of medical professionals who are appointed on the basis of their medical knowledge, not their political and religious views. Bush has been very vocal about his views on religion and abortion. It is obvious that the appointment of Dr. Hager was no accident. This is completely unacceptable. His use of the FDA to promote his own agenda is inappropriate and seriously threatens women’s health. As a member of Alma’s Women’s Issues Advisory Board, I find this to be an outrage. Bush needs to know that he needs to put someone in this position who has a history of making medical decisions based on science and not religion. I am calling upon any person who feels the same as I do to email or call the White House and share their anger. E-mail President Bush at president@whitehouse.gov OR: Call the White House at 202-456-1111

How do you feel campus will change in light of the new rules imposed on Greek life?



Parties will be crazier because that will be the one outlet for everything.
Jamie Zimmerman (04)



Zimmerman



High

I think people should get a life of their own instead of relying on the Greeks to do it for them.
Ashley High (04)



Odette

Enrollment will decline further because there is less opportunity for social interaction. It sucks!
Jessica Odette (06)



Natke

The interest and involvement in Greek life will decrease, and school spirit displayed at Run-outs will disappear.
Jeff Natke (04)



Steinburg

I feel the college will lose a lot of money from Greek alumni.
Luke Steinberg (05)

FEATURE

School of Rock combines comedy and great music with unoriginal story line

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Rating: B-
Running time: 1:48
MPAA Rated: PG-13
Stars: Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Sarah Silverman, and Mike White
Director: Richard Linklater
Producer: Steve Nicolaides and Scott Rudin
Screenplay: Mike White
Distributor: Paramount Pictures

It's been a long time since I have had the chance to go to the movies, but this film left me pleasantly surprised. The movie's main character is a deadbeat rocker wannabe named Dewey, played by Jack Black. Dewey's hopes of becoming a rocker are dashed when his heavy metal group kicks him out of the band after a bad gig weeks before "the battle of the bands," a concert which Dewey thought would be the band's big break. Dewey's problems get worse when his friend Ned (Mike White), from whom Dewey has been mooching a place to live, is forced to demand rent money by his shrewish girlfriend (Sarah Silverman).

Dewey's situation seems hopeless until Principal Mullens (Joan Cusack), the principle of a very prestigious and pricey preparatory school, calls looking for Ned, who is a substitute teacher. Dewey realizes that this is his chance to score a high paying "gig" as he calls it, and agrees to come in and work.

Dewey forces the snobby students to go to recess for the first few days, but the students eventually get antsy and ask to learn. Dewey finally agrees, and teaches them about fighting "The Man." His lectures are sermon-like and angst-filled until he discovers the musical talent of his 5th grade class. He decides to turn the class into a rock band, which he plans to take

to compete at "the battle of the bands." By convincing his students that they are practicing for a statewide competition that will leave them with a win on their "Permanent Records," he gets the students to agree to play.

The students who have musical talent are band members, and their classmates fill in as roadies, security, groupies, tech crew, a costume designer, and the brainiest grade-grubber of the group is the manager. Dewey teaches the students with

times, I even laughed out loud. The child actors, many of whom were chosen mostly for their musical talent, seemed somewhat inexperienced, but charming and adorable. The catchiness of the music combined with good choreography and excellent delivery made the music scenes my favorite parts of the movie.

Although I enjoyed the film, I would not classify it as original by any means. The plot followed a very formulaic model (think of a combo of *Mighty Ducks* or *Little*

Giants with Sister Act), and the characters are an ensemble of stereotypes and clichés with the underdog hero among an array of other often-used characters. Jack Black, who I see as more of a supporting actor, is lovable in his eccentricity, but often a little too much to handle. Also, the movie, made by independent film director Richard Linklater, seemed somewhat forced in its attempt at mass appeal, but I think it will be still be enjoyed by most.

The movie does stray somewhat from its formula with a surprisingly truthful ending which leaves the viewer happy. Overall, I classify this movie as a pleasure to see, and I recommend it for anyone who doesn't mind a little regurgitation of plot and loves comedy and rock and roll.



photo courtesy of IMDB.com

Jack Black teaches snobby prep school students the basics of Rock and Roll in *School of Rock*.

elaborate charts of rock history, homework assignments of listening to classic rock CD's, which he provides, and daylong practices. The movie builds up to the battle of the band concert in which the child actors actually play their instruments.

The film was a feel-good comedy that I liked because it allowed me to relax and enjoy. It was light and humorous - a few

Step Afrika! brings culture and dance to Alma; students invited to participate

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Step Afrika! left Alma College students tapping their toes and ready to dance. The show was put on Saturday night by a group that has traveled to over forty states in the US, as well as abroad to Europe, the Caribbean, and Africa. It was a mixture of acting, song, and dance that proved as educational as it was entertaining.

At the beginning of the show, the dancers taught an excited crowd about the roots of stepping in the US through a skit about African American Fraternities and Sororities. African American Greek groups were actually the ones who came up with this art form in the US. Oddly enough, a similar dance form (known as Gumboot dancing) developed independently in South Africa. Step Afrika! gave Alma College students a taste of both, and left them wanting more.

The learning and fun continued throughout the show as Alma College was exposed to cultural traditions from South Africa as well as some Zulu language - in the form of song. The dancers remained high energy throughout the show, and the energy radiated off the stage, making everyone want to join in the fun. One very extraordinary thing about Saturday's show was the level of audience interaction/participation. Many student and adult volunteers were taken on stage to "help out," and some students even got to try stepping on for size. Some of the

student participants were Hyo-Jeong Kim (07) a foreign exchange student from Korea, Samuel Capasso (06), and Nokuphiwa Langeni (03).

Capasso was proclaimed king of the Zulu village on stage, and the performers did a special dance to honor him, and Kim, known as Monica on campus, said she hopes Step Afrika! will make Asia next on the tour list. Kim says, "I really like the

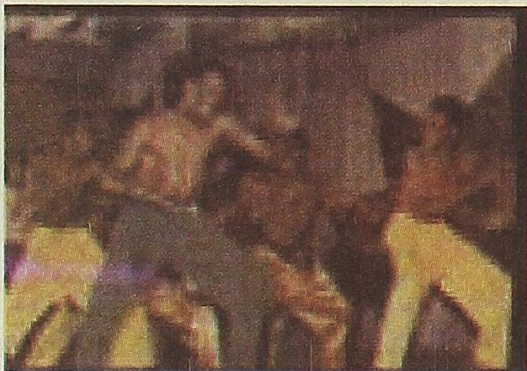


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Step Afrika! amazed students with their unique dancing style

rhythm and the choreography, [even more impressive because] they have just six members." She says that the stepping and the Gumboot dancing remind her of a Nanta performance in Korea which is another polyrhythmic art form. Langeni was especially excited about the performance because she is Zulu; she was born in Durbin, South Africa.

After the show, the performers took time to sign autographs for and talk with Alma College students. Langeni and her mother Delile were first in line to talk with the group. The group sang songs with Delile, and even talked about South African soul food. When asked about the experience the mother daughter pair seemed very happy. Delile said, "I think they did well." She went on to translate some of the songs that the group sang during the performance from Zulu to English (Humba-Go, Bantu-people/black people, Jiki Jela-throw...). Langeni was equally delighted, and plans to start her own gumboot dance club at Alma College. Anyone interested can contact her at 03nslang@alma.edu.

The group began in 1994, and is currently on their fourth annual tour. Step Afrika!, based in Washington DC, has many talented group members. The dancers who performed at Alma were Jason Nious, Dawn Hobbes, Antuan Davis, Steve Powell, Genia Monty, and Brian Williams. Williams, the founder of the group, took time out to explain the purpose and goals of Step Afrika! He says, "Step Afrika! wants to use stepping as a way to link cultures; to connect with people from all over the world. Stepping is helping us break down barriers, do good shows, and make good friends along the way."

To learn more about Step Afrika!, visit the group's web page at www.stepafrika.com.

Rising campus group advocates peaceful involvement

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The Alma College Peace Coalition is a group committed to fighting for peace and other international political issues that they feel strongly about.

The group was started up last year during winter term by Brenda Wickline (05). Wickline came to Dr. Joanne Gilbert, an associate professor of communication, who had previously been involved in on-campus protests, with the idea to start an anti-war movement. Gilbert liked the idea and she helped her get things started. The coalition began by sponsoring a rally protesting the war in Iraq, and they marched with signs down Superior Street. As a result, the protesters were featured on the front page of the *Morning Sun*. They also held several candlelight vigils and protested every Wednesday during last March and April.

While the coalition is primarily run by the student members, Gilbert now serves as their advisor, offering guidance when they need it. She encourages students getting involved and fighting for important causes. "I believe it is important to get students involved not just professors," she said.

The coalition is not recognized as a student organization on campus and is not supported by Student Congress, but they named their group the Alma College Peace Coalition because they wanted to form a union that would be able to have a campus organization name to legitimize their reason for being. They have just recently begun working hard to make a name for themselves, and are planning on having weekly Thursday night meetings.

Last year, the group protested against the war with Iraq at city hall. Even though there is no war, the group feels that there is still a necessity to fight for peace. They are now striving for peace in all of the different nations.

The coalition is currently working on planning several events related to peace and other political issues. They have already generated a number of ideas.

"When my dad was in England, he saw a protest where people put out a bunch of baby dolls on the street to represent the dead babies in Iraq. We are planning on doing something like that," said Erin Murphy (05).

They are working on getting a group together to have a rally against Donald Rumsfeld in Washington D.C. Also, they are trying to get professors together to have a forum on Bush's presidency, during which they will discuss what people think of the decisions he has made as president. In addition, members of the coalition will be talking sometime this week with Bob Alexander, who is working to get Kuchnick for president, to start up local Michigan peace activities. On October 25th, they will hold an Anti-Occupation of Iraq rally in Washington D.C.

"Right now it is an important time to think of issues of peace and security," Kristin O'Neill (06). "We are obviously not out of the conflict in Iraq. We need to continue striving for peace and security in the international system."

The group is very much focused on fighting for peace and other political issues in all nations. According to Gilbert, they are a small but very committed group.

FEATURE

Wainwright's third album focuses on personal themes

KARI JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Released on the 23rd of September through DreamWorks Records, the new Rufus Wainwright album, 'Want One', consists of 14 tracks, but is made of only half of the actually recorded tracks. His next album, 'Want Two', which is set for release within the next year, contains the remaining 15 or so. Produced by Marius de Vries who has worked with Bjork, Massive Attack, Madonna, and David Bowie, this album contains variations on Wainwright's trademark style.

Similar to his last two albums, 'Poses', completed in 2001 and his Self-Titled album from 1998, Wainwright knows that less is more. There is no need for grandiose lyrics or a meticulous thought process in his songs. There is no excess, but rather just enough to fill. It is his honest and thirsty voice that serves as the backbone for his work.

"Oh What a World", the first track and first single to be released, begins with his voice playfully humming along with accompanied sounds from a tuba and some change. He speaks of "...straight men/Oh what a world we live in...Life is beautiful on the New York Times/Men reading fashion magazines..." and the song is very circular in substance. The repetitive sound and chorus drill the mundane aspect of life into the listener, preparing them for the tracks to follow.

The second track "I Don't Know What It Is" contains unexpected transitions and although they flow together well, they are consistently surprising. Again it is his dry, offhand, but matter of fact voice that provides the foundation for his music. The song is eager, hopeful, and climaxes at a striking crescendo following the second verse. With a clash of sound in a minor key that reverberates at the end, the track ends leaving the listener slightly unsettled. We are left in a tailspin, but if nothing else, we are more sensitive to what will follow.

While the third track, "Vicious World" supported by blended background vocals

and a manipulated keyboard, we are again immersed in a hazy state of intermingled sounds. Unfortunately, the fourth song, "Movies of Myself" disappoints by containing a repetitive and tired pulse from a drum. While his voice brings a slight variation to the monotonous song, it is not enough to help the song recover from its four and a half minutes of banality.

The only other remaining track that serves as album salvation is on the eighth track, "14th Street" where he sings, "Home of the brave and of the weak/Why'd you have to break all my heart/Couldn't you have saved a little bit/Why'd you have to break all my heart/Couldn't you have saved a little part?" Here the background vocals and lyrics are strong and the music is upbeat.

The song possesses a proud and declarative voice complemented by the fervent echo of piano. However, the banjo at the end played by Wainwright's mother, musician Kate McGarrigle, accentuates the song's purpose in addressing American issues. This track is the album's peak; it is the track that all other songs on the album encircle.

"Want One" focuses on Wainwright's individual perceptions of everyday life in the world rather than universal subjects of love or loss like his previous two. Also, the perspective from where he writes tends to shift from a first-person narrative to second and even third person. Wainwright recognizes the small and strange complexities that surround us in the world. His music and rhythm are day-dreamy and serve to lighten the already casual sound, but it also possesses the caliber and capability to startle a listener with acute clarity.

If you like these particular artists, then this album will serve you well: musically-Jeff Buckley, Leonard Cohen, Will Oldham, and David Gray; lyrically-Ani DiFranco, Fiona Apple.



photo courtesy of rufuswainwright.com

Wainwright's next album, "Want Two" will be released in early 2004.

Once

by Lynn Rather

Once
when i was underground
i felt the world's dark pulse,
and roots and tendrils, pebbled seams
sang their beind into place,
and the earth dreamed.
i musst honor the deep space within

once
when i was undersea
i heard her weighted water
shifting and truning in the night.
beneath belled buoys i fell,
i heard storied only water can tell.
i must love my darkness back up to light

the drifting

by Lynn Rather

Furiously the wind howls,
driving snow and debris before it.
Gusts scream eerily through cracks.
Pictures shudder on walls.
On nights like this I think
I have not loved enough,
I have not given as much as i could have.
Snow blows and drifts across fields.
That is what it does
The wind roars and then is gone.
That is what it does.
They give themselves utterly,
and move on.

Homecoming 2003

Students: Vote in Saga this week for Homecoming King and Queen. Winners will be announced at Saturday's football game.

Nicole Cardenas	Mark Demarest
Jessica Karbowski	Chris Heikkuri
Amber Millikin	Travis Kohl
Michelle Monsour	Colin McLaughlin
Emalee Sutherland	Paul Sibbald

Songfest 2003

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We'd love to hear
you.

Applications are now
available at the ACUB
office for this
year's Songfest,
November 7.

OPINION

The Almanian's VIEWS

BRENDAN GUILFORD
Editor-in-Chief

"Parties." "My room, parties." "Anywhere I can." Check out the poll the Almanian's poll for this week. These were the responses given by students when asked where they did the majority of their drinking of alcohol on campus. The fact that these responses all came from students ranging in ages 18-20 should come as no surprise to our readership.

Our student body has long known that "there's nothing to do at Alma," besides drink. Our school has been called a "suitcase campus" for a great deal of the students' pack a bag and leave campus during the weekends to go home, go to Central Michigan, or Michigan State. Anyone who sticks around town knows that if you don't party (and you know what I mean when I say that) you will be dreadfully bored. Sure, we have a movie theater, a bowling alley, and a really nifty scrap yard, but these amenities couldn't possibly provide any sort of staying power for a large number of students. Alma College's student union board (ACUB) works very, very hard to provide students with programming that is current and interesting to students. Unfortunately, budgetary concerns, the rising cost of programming and a substantial lack of communication between student groups and administration have caused Alma's weekend activities to become quite limited. The activities we do see annually on campus, while sometimes entertaining, have not changed dramatically in several years. These events aren't helping to curb students away from the bottle. Anyone who walks around campus late at night, particularly on weekends is bound to see at least one pack of unruly students, drunkenly terrorizing some facet of the Alma College experience. We no longer have garbage cans outside the south complex residence halls. Please don't tell me their removal was due to lack of garbage, as there is plenty all over the ground outside. We have fewer decorative rocks on campus each semester; party-hounds have spray painted colorful phrases on everything they can reach. Sometimes, if I'm really quiet in my room, I can hear the howl of wolves outside as they throw bottles and call out to their friends.

I think many people's first inclination would be to blame the Greek system at Alma College for all of our alcoholic woes. After all, don't they fit all the stereotypes of Frat boys and Sorority girls? Let's be real for one moment. It is a tragic mistake to believe that the Greek system promotes drinking excessively or provide alcoholic beverages for partygoers. In fact, Greeks have restricted themselves in order to reduce the amount of liability that Alma students have brought upon their houses and personal safety. The fact that they have been willing to take the legal liability and social responsibility off the shoulders of administration for so many years should be cause for lauding and thanks. So let's not blame the Greeks, they didn't start this problem nor have they promoted it.

Maybe it's the student body as a whole. If they didn't want to drink- they wouldn't! Right? I'm not about to argue that students are forced into imbibing beer. I do feel very strongly however, that students quickly learn that there is very little for them to enjoy socially. Further, students are coming of age; they want to explore the things that they felt they never were allowed to at home. Anyone who thinks that drinking- excessively and illegally isn't the first thing on underage students minds is naïve. Administration is trying to compensate. Hall director Kate Brock is spearheading Alcohol Awareness week, a series of programs to highlight the negative aspects of alcohol consumption. I hope it works; I hope the programs are well attended. But these things alone will not solve the fundamental problem behind Alma's love affair with booze.

Letter to the Editor: Tracy administration making progress

Matt Kwapis (05) submitted a letter to the editor last week that made some valid points regarding the perception that Alma is losing ground in relation to other MIAA schools. While I agreed with most of the statements he made, I felt the need to respond to a few assertions on his part that I believe are off-base. I will address them not in order of importance, but rather simply in the sequence that they appeared within his letter.

I must agree that Alma's technology situation is not necessarily where it needs to be. While Mr. Kwapis largely addresses our lack of a quality website, I wish to mention some other things before getting to his statement. Yes, we struggle with constant network failings, but current juniors undoubtedly remember many of the troubles that plagued our network two years ago (01-02). Viruses were vastly more prevalent, the network crashed with at least equal frequency, and connection speeds were significantly lower than those we currently enjoy. I have spent more time doing research and classwork online this year than ever before, and that amount of time still pales in comparison to the quantities of my day that I used to waste browsing the net, making online purchases, playing Scrabble or Boggle at games.com, and downloading music. Even so, I have been able to access everything I needed to find; my classwork has not been substantially inhibited by the network situation. There have been times when lack of access was inconvenient, but it was never crucial. Certainly there is room for improvement, but it is not as though we are at a huge handicap here.

As regards our website, Mr. Kwapis is absolutely correct. It is abysmal. It is rarely updated, it is often counter-intuitive, and simply lacks the polish of myriad other schools' websites. To illustrate, our campus organizations page lists Clare Brady as the ACUB advisor (she left last year; Dave Blandford is in charge now), Kerri Wendling as Alpha Mu Gamma advisor (the group is on hiatus, and Dr. John Arnold is the advisor anyway) and Bob Perkins as advisor or co-advisor of BACCHUS, MEGA, and the Diversity Enhancement Team - I could be mistaken, but last I checked Mr. Perkins was no longer on campus, much less advising those groups. Is there a reason these things have not been updated? Given how many people do college searches online these days, this kind of inaccuracy on our website cannot be allowed to stand. Further, many of the schools' most appealing features cannot be accessed easily from our site. Over the last year and a half, a great emphasis has been placed on our "New Media" project, and rightfully so. Much of the work done for the project is interesting and worth publicizing, and yet there is no easy way to get to the newmedia.alma.edu site if you don't already know it's there. This is truly silly, and easily remedied. Now, I recognize that not all important changes that get made while overhauling something are

immediately visible to external observers, but in the time since our new webmaster Aaron Kerr (01, I believe) has come onboard, I have seen disappointingly few changes. I hope this is merely because I lack an insider's perspective, because I had high hopes for Mr. Kerr's term as Webmaster.

As regards our Greek life, I cannot agree with Mr. Kwapis' statement that "...you will find a campus with some wonderful Greek life that is slowly being phased out due to the administration's distaste for it." Greek life is indeed central to Alma campus life - I do not recall the exact figure, and I no longer have access to it, but last year something like 15 percent of our campus population was Greek. However, I don't believe the administration is trying to "phase it out." If the statement was made in response to SAE's probation (which also elicited the "Free SAE and Greek Life!" banner outside the library), one cannot take it seriously. When a clearly stated college policy is violated and the culprit is sanctioned, that is not an attempt to phase them out. I have yet to see other evidence that the administration has a hidden agenda as regards the Greek system, and I have very close friends in nearly all of the Greek groups on campus. Yes, some groups have lower numbers than before, but that is to be expected. Organizations in general do not maintain a consistent participation, regardless of their purpose; as interest ebbs and wanes, so does the population of Greeks. Fear not - I am sure the Greeks are here to stay.

Furthermore, the assertion that "there would hardly be any outlets for a student to become a part of an organization that they can align themselves with" is patently absurd. A five-minute search on our website reveals 21 honor societies, 52 campus organizations, 9 performing arts groups, 4 media groups, at least 5 faith-based organizations, and at least 5 student-government or political organizations. If my math is accurate, that makes at least 96 groups with which a student can affiliate herself; while I don't want the Greeks to leave campus, I doubt the loss of 10 social fraternities and sororities will mean that "social gatherings on this campus would be no more." If the issue is one of invisibility (which I doubt, given the extent of involvement in most of those groups), perhaps the members of these groups need to start wearing matching t-shirts and sweatshirts so options are clearly visible to everyone.

I am disappointed to hear Mr. Kwapis so liberally assigning blame to the Tracy administration. Dr. Alan J. Stone retired from the Presidency effective Dec. 31 2000, and Dr. Harold Kolenbrander served as Interim President until Dr. Tracy's appointment effective Aug. 1 2001. Contrary to Mr. Kwapis' implication that the college has declined since Dr. Tracy took over, and that it is time for her to step aside, I feel she has done a tremendous job. Now, I am not one to say

that we should laud our leaders unquestioningly; I am a big proponent of criticizing those in power to keep them honest, effective, and motivated. However, I feel Mr. Kwapis' statement that "Most of the responsibility falls on the Tracy administration. It's time to shape up or ship out." to be out of line. Dr. Tracy has been vastly more approachable during her short time here than Dr. Stone was, in my experience, and I have heard fewer grumblings from faculty and staff during her tenure than during Dr. Stone's; there were a few sighs of relief on his departure. What is more, if Alma's problems are really as deep-seated and pervasive as Mr. Kwapis seems to think, it is ridiculous to assume that Dr. Tracy could completely overhaul this institution in a term that is only now entering its 27th month. Change takes time, especially if it is to be the well-planned kind. If we want the changes that Dr. Tracy must institute to be long-lasting, we cannot expect them to take place overnight. She could change things willy-nilly, if that were her wont, but that would be far more damaging in the long run than it would be productive.

Mr. Kwapis, I agree with you on many points. There are aspects of this college that need to be changed, and it would certainly help a great deal if we had greater funding from our alumni to help improve our sporting teams, the quality of our media outlets, and hire a few more faculty and staff. I, like you, want to be able to look back on Alma once I graduate and be proud of my alma mater. Alma currently enjoys prominence among those that count (i.e., grad school admissions counselors and employers), despite being virtually unknown outside the Midwest by Joe and Jane Doe. I would love to see that change, to have Alma's name be mentioned in the same breath as other elite or at least high-level institutions. I simply do not believe that criticizing the current administration is the proper way to attain that goal, especially when its tenure has been so short. If Dr. Tracy is still around in 15 years and nothing has changed, then go ahead and burn her in effigy - however, I am certain that such will not be the case. Many of my peers and I have a good feeling about this administration, and I am sure that time will prove us right.

Finally, Mr. Kwapis, I wish to commend you for having taken the time to submit your letter to the editor. Although I disagreed with you on some points, it is refreshing for a student to care so deeply about the school to have taken some action on behalf of his convictions. It is especially refreshing that you chose to take some time and think about this issue rather than dashing off a quick letter without any forethought or prior investigation. I can only hope that you will serve as an example and inspiration to others to get their thoughts out and try to be a voice for change.

Tim Slade (04)

Poll suggests majority of underaged Alma students drink at least once a month

This week, *The Almanian* polled underaged students about their drinking habits in an unscientific survey. 43 students responded, ranging in age from 18 to 20.

How often do you consume alcohol?
Never: 31%

1-2 times per month: 26%

Once per week: 24%

2-3 times per week: 12%

4 or more times per week: 7%

About how many alcoholic drinks do you tend to consume in a sitting?

0: 33%

1: 9%

2-3: 21%

4: 14%
5 or more: 23%

Approximately how many alcoholic drinks do you need to consume in an evening to feel a buzz?

Not applicable: 32%

1: 9%

2-3: 34%

4: 16%

5 or more: 9%

Approximately how many alcoholic drinks do you need to consume in an evening before you consider yourself drunk?

Not applicable: 30%

1: 2%

2-3: 4%

4: 9%

5 or more: 45%

The same students, when asked where they tend to consume the most alcohol, listed their dorm rooms and dorm housing as major locations. While most students agreed on where to drink, reasons for drinking varied greatly. Some students simply chose to drink because alcohol is more available on campus, to relieve the stress of classes or poor test grades, or due to a lack of other available recreational

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SPORTS

End of the season nears for men's and women's golf teams

JOEL RENDER
Staff Writer

The Alma Men's Golf Team had a somewhat disappointing finish of 6th place out of seven teams last Saturday October 4, at the Lenawee Country Club in Adrian. The team shot a combined score of 337. This was only eleven strokes behind the number three team of Olivet. The only Alma golfer to finish in the top ten was Justin Desjarlais (04), who shot a relatively impressive 80 and tied for seventh place.

This latest finish has allowed Alma to maintain their narrow fourth place lead over Albion. Alma's total number of strokes is now at 1929, just two ahead of Albion. Olivet is situated directly above the Scots with 1875 strokes.

With only one MIAA Jamboree remaining, it seems unlikely that Alma will be able to improve their finish. However, with a solid last meet at the Watermark Country Club in Grand Rapids, the Scots could maintain their fourth place finish above Albion, Adrian, and Kalamazoo, and below Hope, Calvin and Olivet. Just as with

any sport, though, anything can happen.

The Alma team and coach Mark Starkweather can be proud of some of the individual efforts of members of the team. Currently, the team has four players in the top 21 overall. Ryan Munro (04) has made a solid effort all season although his play has fluctuated a little. He has shot a 76, an 80, a 75, an 83, another 76, and an 85. This averages out to a 79.2, which is 8th in the MIAA player standings.

Justin Desjarlais (04) has consistently scored an 81, an 84, a 78, a 78, and two 80s. His average of 80.2 is 13th out of all the players. Ryan Riley (05) and Chris Lowry (07) have also had relatively good seasons so far. Ryan has an average of 81.0, and Chris has garnered an 83.0. After the last MIAA meet in Calvin, the Golf team will travel to the Tri-State Invitational held in Angola, Indiana on Saturday October 18, which will conclude their season.

The Women's Golf team has completed their three MIAA Jamborees and is currently sitting in a comfortable fourth place. The Lady Scots have 1144 total strokes and an average of 381.3. About

25 strokes behind is Olivet, and Calvin is nine strokes behind Olivet. Only 18 strokes ahead of Alma, is Albion. Hope is above Albion with 1038 strokes, and St. Mary's is currently leading the field with 1029 strokes.

At their last MIAA Jamboree, which took place on September 27, Alma took fourth place with a total score of 374 strokes. Courtney Rheinhardt (05) tied for third place with an 84. Alma was only 13 strokes behind Albion, who finished with a team total of 361 and 22 strokes behind second place Hope.

Playing hard for Alma as always is Courtney Rheinhardt (05). Her scores of an 83 and two 84s and an average of 83.7 puts her in third place out of all of the league leaders. Alma's possible fourth place finish is rather impressive given that they were not able to field a team last year. Certainly, Lady Scots Golf is looking up since the addition of four new first year students this year. The MIAA Championships are coming up for the team on October 10 and 11. The last meet of the year involves a two day tournament and of course will decide the final standings in the MIAA.

Best darn sports column ever

MATT HELMUS
Sports Editor

Ah, Homecoming week. What could be better than having alumni return to help cheer the football team on to a victory against traditional pushover Olivet?

To begin with the Comets are no longer the cream puff they used to be. This year's team is sitting at 3-1, only 1 point away from beating Albion in their MIAA opener. The team is allowing only 8 points a game, while racking up 35 a game on offense. They also average just fewer than 400 rushing yards per game.

It will be interesting to see how the Scots respond to their loss last week at the hands of the Flying Dutchmen. Hope played well enough to win, keeping the Scots without a point for the first time in 9 years (82 games).

While Alma's defense held their own, the offense was not able to get things going during the game. They mustered 120 yards in the air to go along with three interceptions. In their defense, they were without their top three quarterbacks. This led to a situation where Will Eubanks was forced to start his first varsity game on the road against a very tough Hope defense. This is not exactly the position the Scots wanted to be in at this time. They now must rely on other teams in the conference to beat Hope and give them a shot at another MIAA title.

The team never gave up in the game and that fact bodes well for their next contest. Olivet is a tough team, but they are beatable. This week's game should be a hard fought game that may come down to one key factor: home-field advantage. Ask any fan who traveled to Holland for last week's game, it can be the deciding feature in a game.

On a more positive note, the volleyball team is still on a winning track. They are now tied at the top of the conference with Hope and Calvin. Their win over Calvin proves that they can hang with the top MIAA teams. This week the team gets to face Hope on their home turf. The Flying Dutch are the only team to defeat the Scots in league play this season.

I can't possibly leave without mentioning other college football teams in the state. It seems that only one of Michigan's Big 10 teams has only one loss and it's not the team many people thought it would be. The Spartans were able to keep their momentum from a big win a week ago and beat on Indiana. Meanwhile the Wolverines continued their lax play on a road trip to Iowa. This proved not to be a good idea as the Hawkeyes showed why they were ranked so highly until last week. My biggest question was how Iowa could let Michigan back in the game when they had a ten-point lead with around three minutes left to play.

In other Michigan action the Lions once again made a valiant effort on the road but came up short against Steve Mariucci's former team. I'm just glad that they made it worth staying awake for almost four quarters of action. Although I do miss the Sunday afternoon naps that I used to take after watching the Lions fall far behind in the first half.

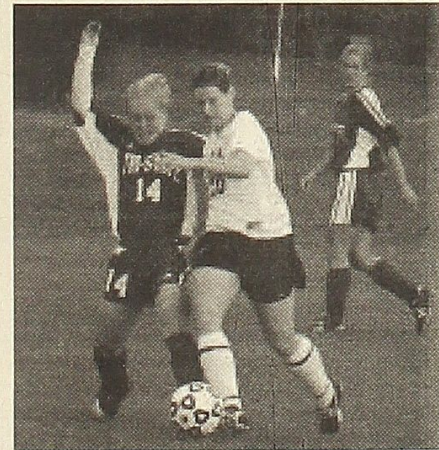
Scots drop league matches



Photos by Melanie Szewczyk

Above: Anna Lukezich (04) is chased by a Tri-State player. Lukezich currently leads the MIAA with 6 goals scored on the season.

Below: Megan Karchon (04) tries to get by a Tri-State defender in the Scots' 1-0 victory.



ANDREA RADTKE
Staff Writer

Both the Men's and Women's Soccer teams at Alma College had a tough week in the MIAA conference. The women traveled to Hope College on Wednesday, October 1st, and took a tough loss. The men traveled to Kalamazoo College on Tuesday, September 30th, and also lost.

The women engaged in a defensive battle with the Flying Dutch, playing through rain, sleet, and hail. They were scoreless until the 88th minute of the game, when Hope scored what would be the only goal of the game. Head Coach Chi Ly commented that the goal was the result of a bad call by the official and the Scots were just "unlucky". The resulting penalty shot hit the post and went in. "It was really the only chance they had" said Coach Ly, "things just didn't go our way". The Scots dominated the duration of the game, especially through the worst of the sleet and hail. Everyone was very disappointed with the result because the Scots played so well. Coach Ly said "I'm happy with the way we played," and expressed that the score did not reflect the game.

At Kalamazoo College, the Hornets scored twice in the first half to take the lead going into halftime. Just when it began to look as though the Scots might not be able to pull it off, Luke Oostindie (05) sank a goal in the 83rd minute. Jamie Shooks (05) got the assist. The Scots had nine shots on goal.

The women beat Tri-State University on Saturday, moving their record to 9-3. They are 5-2 in the conference. The men also played on Saturday. They lost to rival Albion College. The men's record is currently 2-7 overall and 0-3 in the conference.



Photos by Melanie Szewczyk

Above: Scot defender Josh Morgan (06) fights with an Albion player for control of the ball. The Scots play Adrian at home on Wednesday and travel to Olivet on Saturday.

Below: Goalie Kyle Lieberman (05) attempts to grab the ball from an Albion attacker in the Scots' loss. Alma was defeated 2-1 on Saturday at Scotland Yard. The team is now 2-7 overall and 0-3 in conference competition.



Cross Country Scores and Events

MEN'S		WOMEN'S	
1. Calvin	17	1. Calvin	25
2. Albion	55	2. Hope	65
3. Hope	78	3. K'zoo	74
4. K'zoo	106	4. Albion	127
5. Olivet	151	5. ALMA	130
6. ALMA	153	6. St. Mary's	145
7. Adrian	DNF	7. Adrian	180
		8. Olivet	DNF

The next Cross Country league event will be the MIAA Championship Meet at Albion on Saturday, November 11. This Saturday they will compete at the Michigan Intercollegiates Meet in Grand Rapids.

SPORTS

MIAA
STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

	MIAA	Total
Adrian	1-0	4-0
Albion	1-0	2-2
Hope	1-0	2-2
K'zoo	0-0	4-0
ALMA	0-1	2-2
Olivet	0-1	3-1
WI Luth	0-1	1-3

VOLLEYBALL

	MIAA	Total
ALMA	7-1	17-3
Calvin	7-1	14-4
Hope	7-1	12-7
K'zoo	4-4	13-8
Adrian	3-5	9-8
St. Mary's	2-6	10-9
Albion	2-7	7-14
Olivet	0-7	3-16

WOMEN'S SOCCER

	MIAA	Total
Hope	6-0-0	9-0-1
ALMA	5-2-0	9-3-0
St. Mary's	3-1-2	6-1 -2
Albion	3-2-1	4-5-1
Calvin	3-2-1	4-4-1
K'zoo	2-5-0	4-7-1
Olivet	1-5-0	1-8-2
Adrian	0-6-0	0-10-0

MEN'S SOCCER

	MIAA	Total
Hope	3-0-0	6-2-2
K'zoo	3-0-0	7-1-2
Albion	2-1-0	3-5-1
Calvin	2-1-0	6-4-0
Olivet	1-3-0	2-8-0
Adrian	0-3-0	1-8-0
ALMA	0-3-0	2-7-0

MEN'S GOLF

	Strokes
Hope	1826
Calvin	1866
Olivet	1875
ALMA	1929
Albion	1931
Adrian	1978
K'zoo	2082

WOMEN'S GOLF

	Strokes
St. Mary's	1029
Hope	1038
Albion	1089
ALMA	1144
Olivet	1169
Calvin	1195
K'zoo	1278
Adrian	DNF

Scots pound Calvin to force
a 3-way tie atop MIAA

ANDREA RADTKE
Staff Writer

They came, they saw, they conquered. The Alma College Volleyball team rocked Calvin College Tuesday night, sweeping them in three games to tie for first in the conference. Head Coach Steve Humm commented that his team was "well prepared" for the match. "We knew what we had to do and were able to do it."

In the first match, the girls absolutely pounded the ball at the net. The Knights were outwitted by the savvy and smarts of the Scots, who dominated the match. The Scots controlled the pace of play with focus and determination. Coach Humm commented that the pace of play was "exactly the way we wanted" and that "we controlled the tempo." He also explained that the strength of the defense, especially during serve-receive, was able to kick start the offense. "We came in very focused, and being at home helped." The Scots took the first game 30 to 21.

The second match was not so easy. The Knights came into the second match scrapping and clawing for a win. From the very beginning, the Scots and the Knights battled point for point in a game that was super fast and intense. Either team would begin to pull ahead by a couple of points and then the other would come stomping back to tie once again. Towards the end of the match, the Scots dug a little deeper and focused harder to add another win to their side of the scoreboard. Coach Humm complimented Lindsay Baker (05) who did a "nice job setting up her hitters" and was "solid". The Scots took the second game 30 to 25.

We took the early lead in the third match, but the Knights quickly came back to tie it up. Through many mental lapses and miscommunications on every side of the court, the teams went point for point in a battle of wills. This was the most intense game of the night. Coach Humm commented that "it could have been anyone's game". The Scots won the final match of the night 31 to 29.

Alma College is now tied for first place in the conference along with Calvin and Hope. Overall, the defense had an outstanding night, with everyone playing well. The outside hitters also had a fantastic evening, with 23 kills between the two girls. Coach Humm was impressed with sophomore Erin Fralick, who not only posted 2.5 blocks and 14 kills, but was also a "dynamic" and "enthusiastic" player who added energy and options to the offense.

Baker had yet another excellent night, posting 43 assists and 11 digs. Kristin Judson (05) helped the Scots along by pounding out 18 kills and 17 digs, while sister Kerri Judson (05) also had a great night with nine kills and 15 digs. Kelly O'Conner (05) had eight kills and 1.5 blocks, while Caitlin Deis (05) added five kills and 20 digs. Last but not least, freshman Kelsee Krull added ten digs.

The Scots travel to Adrian College on Saturday, October fourth for their next conference meet. However, they will be back home on the ninth to battle Hope College. Hope is currently tied with Alma and Calvin atop the conference so this could be the battle for the conference title. The match will begin at 6:30.



Photo by Melanie Szewczyk

Erin Fralick (05) spikes the ball against Calvin on Tuesday. The Scots are now in a three-way tie for the MIAA lead with Calvin and Hope.

Upcoming Matches

Thursday (6:30) - Home v. Hope

Saturday - @ Thomas More College Quad

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Tuesday, Oct. 7

9 - 10:15 p.m. - Trinity Bible Fellowship (Jones Auditorium)

9 - 10 p.m. - RHA (Fireside Lounge)

Wednesday, Oct. 8

4 p.m. - Men's Soccer Home v. Adrian

Thursday, Oct. 9

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball Home v. Hope

7 - 7:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer Service (Chapel)

8 p.m. - AC Theater Presents "Our Country's Good" (Theater, Heritage Ctr.)

Friday, Oct. 10

1 p.m. - Women's Golf @ MIAA Championships (Battle Creek)

4 p.m. - Men's & Women's Cross Country @ Michigan Intercollegiates (Grand Rapids)

8 p.m. - Alma Symphony Orchestra presents "Mostly Mozart" (Presbyterian Hall, Heritage Ctr.)

8 p.m. - "Our Country's Good" (Theater, Heritage Ctr.)

Saturday, Oct. 11

HOMECOMING

9 a.m. - Women's Golf @ MIAA Championships (Battle Creek)

11 a.m. - Homecoming Parade

Noon - Women's Soccer @ Albion

1:30 p.m. - Football Home v. Olivet

2 p.m. - Men's Soccer @ Olivet

8 p.m. - AC Choirs Homecoming Concert (Presbyterian Hall, Heritage Ctr.)

8 p.m. - "Our Country's Good" (Theater, Heritage Ctr.)

Volleyball @ Thomas More College Quad (Crestview Hills, KY)

Sunday, Oct. 12

10 - 11 a.m. - Homecoming Worship Service (Chapel)

3 p.m. - "Our Country's Good" (Theater, Heritage Ctr.)

3 p.m. - "Mostly Mozart" (Presbyterian Hall, Heritage Ctr.)

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Mass (Chapel)

9 - 10 p.m. - Worship Service (Chapel)