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Laptops stolen from Admissions Office

By NIKOLE CANUTE
Staff Writer

On the night of Jan. 2, a break-in occurred at the admissions office.

Five laptop computers, along with their cases, plug-in adapters, and some wire hook-ups were stolen from the office sometime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Jan. 2, when employees discovered the missing equipment.

Paul Pollatz, director of admissions, said that at first he thought that the computer center may have taken the computers to upgrade or do repairs, but upon inspection of the offices, discovered differently.

Pollatz said, "I walked around the different offices, and in every office that was open, the laptop was gone."

Desktops, stereos and other equipment were untouched, which causes Pollatz to believe that whomever broke in was only interested in the laptops.

Upon discovery of the theft, Pollatz contacted Jerry Scoby, vice president for finance and administration. Scoby called the city of Alma police department, who sent an investigator to the site.

Pollatz said the investigator did fingerprint some of the offices, but fingerprints were not able to be obtained on the door knobs due to the material they are made of.

He said, "The only thing that could really have a physical fingerprint was the cord that plugs in for on-line access, because you have to physically take your fingers and pull that out ... and they fingerprinted that and nothing came off."

As a result of the incident, all employees lock their doors before leaving at the end of the day.

"Typically these offices are left open, because if you have the exterior entry locked there is no reason for it. We have since changed that and everything is locked at the end of the day," Pollatz said.

College security declined to comment on the situation, saying that it remains an open investigation to them.

Kolenbrander moves in

By DONNA PAPPAS
Staff Writer

Harold Kolenbrander has two goals to accomplish during his time here as interim president. The first is to work with faculty and staff to prepare for the arrival of a new president. The second is to spend more time with faculty, staff and students than a president normally gets to do.

This is Kolenbrander's first time serving as an interim president. He previously presided at Mount Union College for a period of fourteen years. Kolenbrander and wife, Laurie, moved into the president's house late last month. His first visit to Alma came in November.

"I was very impressed with two things. I thought the campus was rather attractive and while I was making every effort not to be too conspicuous, I found all kinds of people who said hi to me, so I thought, kind of a friendly place," said Kolenbrander.

Already Kolenbrander has had a chance to meet with administration and many faculty members. The position of Vice President of Admissions does still remain open, however. That position will be filled when the new president is named and is able to participate in the decision making process.

This past weekend Kolenbrander welcomed the Leadership Conference and on Monday he had his

first meeting with Student Council.

"I hope to have a chance to get to the cafeteria and do a variety of things. I hope to get to know the students," said Kolenbrander.

As an interim president, Kolenbrander will function as a

normal president as it relates to the operations of the institution in a day to day administrative way. In the development area, he will have less influence, since he will be doing very little fund-raising.

"People with a lot of resources are going to wait to see who the person is who will be here for a longer period. They are more interested in knowing the answer to that question," said Kolenbrander.

Kolenbrander is looking forward to his role as interim. He said, "I wouldn't be interested in this if I

had to go to all the national meeting, which I always enjoyed, but I am really here to be here. I hope to have a lot more time to spend with faculty, staff and students that a president normally gets to do."

Kolenbrander is also looking to the future of this college. "I think

this is a very strong institution, and I think that there are about 900 liberal arts colleges in the country and my guess is that there are a lot of people, faculty and staff, at a whole lot of those institutions

said, "No, because nobody out there owes us a living. But I have every confidence that the people that are here have the determination, ability and commitment, to not only have Alma College continue, but to have it continue with increasing success."

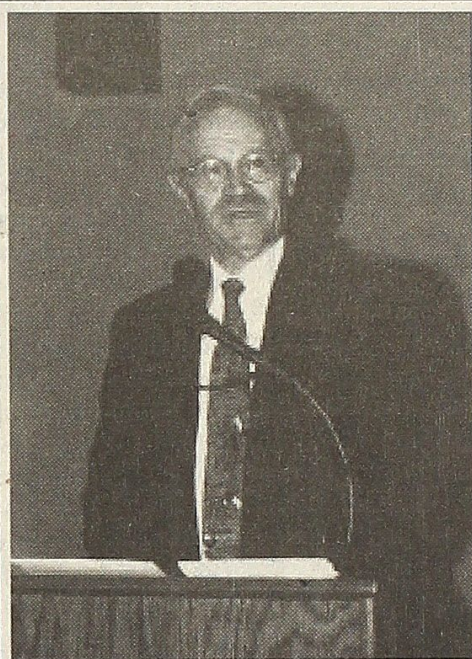
During his presidency at Mount Union, Kolenbrander remembers a story of a student, a cheerleader for the football team, who became his guardian angel.

After every touchdown during Mount Union football games, the cheerleaders do push ups equalling the score on the board. About ten years ago, the team asked Kolenbrander if he would come down and do push ups with them. He agreed to participate for the first touchdown, and continued to do so throughout the rest of his career there.

"A couple of years ago, one of the first-year cheerleaders looked at me, and looked at my gray hair and said, are you sure you won't have a heart attack? And I said, Sam if I have a heart attack, you call the ambulance," said Kolenbrander.

Sam is a senior this year, and Kolenbrander went down to the championship game in December. He again participated in first touchdown push ups.

"Sam sent me a picture reminding me of her status as my guardian angel. That's one of the fun things that I did with students over the years," said Kolenbrander.



Bryan Waugh

Kolenbrander addresses students at last weekend's leadership conference

who think that the opportunity to teach or be a part of administration here is a pretty nice thing to be invited to do. I see the future of the college as very bright," said Kolenbrander.

Does that mean that this institution cannot falter? Kolenbrander

Campus celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By AMANDA LONG
Editor-in-Chief

Alma students welcomed interim president Harold Kolenbrander and celebrated the life and times of Martin Luther King Jr. in the second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day convocation Monday morning.

Provost Reginald Avery introduced Kolenbrander, who is serving as interim president through the winter term, to staff, students and guests from Saginaw middle schools.

"He is already having a significant and important impact on the college," Avery said.

However, as Kolenbrander reminded students, faculty and guests, the purpose of the convocation.

"Our opportunity this morning is an important one ... to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr.," Kolenbrander said. "The importance of Dr. King's message and life goes on."

Sonia Sanchez, an award-winning poet and author, spoke on "The Life and Legacy of

Martin Luther King Jr." Catherine Swender, visiting instructor of English, introduced Sanchez.

"Her poems are meant to be read aloud, and are even better read aloud in a community," Swender said. "... Surely she is one of the most influential writers of the Black American literature movement."

Sanchez focused on the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement, recalling her own experiences as an African-American woman in the 1960's. Sanchez also shared her hopes for the future of the country and the world.

"This new millennium is a new music ... a mastering of techniques of a lifestyle of peace."

Sanchez also shared her experiences as an African-American woman writer and the effect it has had on her life. An experienced writer, Sanchez is the author of 14 books, a contributing editor to several journals, an editor of two anthologies, and the winner of many awards, including the American Book Award, the Lucretia Mott Award and the community

service award from the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

Sanchez conveyed the feeling of Martin Luther King Jr. Day for many when she said, "As a people we must actively change the direction of the country and the world."

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Fraternity house suffers break-in over holidays

By **DONNA PAPPAS**
Staff Reporter

A couple of fraternities are questioning whether it was a prank or theft that led to the loss of many valuable items from their houses over winter break. “Throughout last term, stuff was periodically missing and the fraternities and sororities have a

long history of doing pranks on each other and taking each others composites, paddles and what not. So for the most part, my assumption is that it is all Greek related and it is all done as a prank,” said Martin Stack, associate dean of students. But this time, one of the fraternities, Sigma Chi, is missing personal items as well.

“A fraternity prank is usually, ha we have your composite, and it would soon be returned to you. It’s gotten to the point where no one is getting their stuff back and it’s not funny anymore,” said Bill Devers, Inter-Fraternity Council president. And even holiday locks, which security placed on all of the small housing units, were unable

The Sigma Chi fraternity suspects the items were taken on the night of Jan 5. Senior Chris Porco visited the house during the day on Jan 4 to make house improvements. Porco said, “I got in through the front door, and didn’t really notice anything missing. I locked the house up and left that same day.”

It was on Jan 5 when house members returned to find items were missing. Senior Nick Holiday was the first to arrive and found the front door slightly ajar and one of the back doors unlocked. Along with fraternity related items, playstation CD’s, a vacuum, pool balls and pool sticks were also taken. All fraternity related items were returned to the porch of the house on the morning of Jan 8. Personal items are still missing and have been reported to the police.

News Briefs

A rhesus monkey, ANDi, is the first primate to be genetically modified by carrying genes from another species. Born three months ago, he is a scientific first that contains multiple copies of a jellyfish gene. For scientists this event could open new avenues for medical research.

THE HAGUE- Former Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic pleaded not guilty to nine counts of genocide and crimes against humanity Thursday, Jan. 11. By involuntarily turning herself in the “Ice Queen” is hoping for a lenient treatment. Her surrender could help prosecutors in key cases against other war criminals such as Slobodan Milosevic, the recently defeated Yugoslav president.

WASHINGTON- With President Clinton’s last day in office fast approaching, reaching a sustaining Middle-East peace agreement will end acknowledging that they have to continue with the incoming Bush Administration. Peace talks are now focusing on a format to guide future negotiations such as those that will take place under the new administration. Another factor that could influence the future of the peace talks is Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak facing re-election on Feb. 6.

WASHINGTON- President-Elect, George W. Bush, is vigorously defending his nomination for attorney general, John Ashcroft. Ashcroft is under fire from liberal and conservative groups over his positions on abortion, civil rights and criminal justice. Bush backs Ashcroft because of his record as attorney general in the state of Missouri, which he was elected to twice.

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EHS program loses accreditation

Class of 2004 may not be accredited upon their graduation

By **NIKOLE CANUTE**
Staff Writer

Changes are taking place for the athletic training certification tract of the exercise and health science major.

The National Athletic Training Association, which grants certification to athletic trainers, has changed the requirements for schools wishing to offer the tract.

In the past, Alma has offered an internship program that required some classes as well as 1,500 hours of volunteer work with the college athletic teams. When students fulfilled those requirements, they were then allowed to sit for an athletic training certification exam.

The National Athletic Training Association is now requiring curriculum based

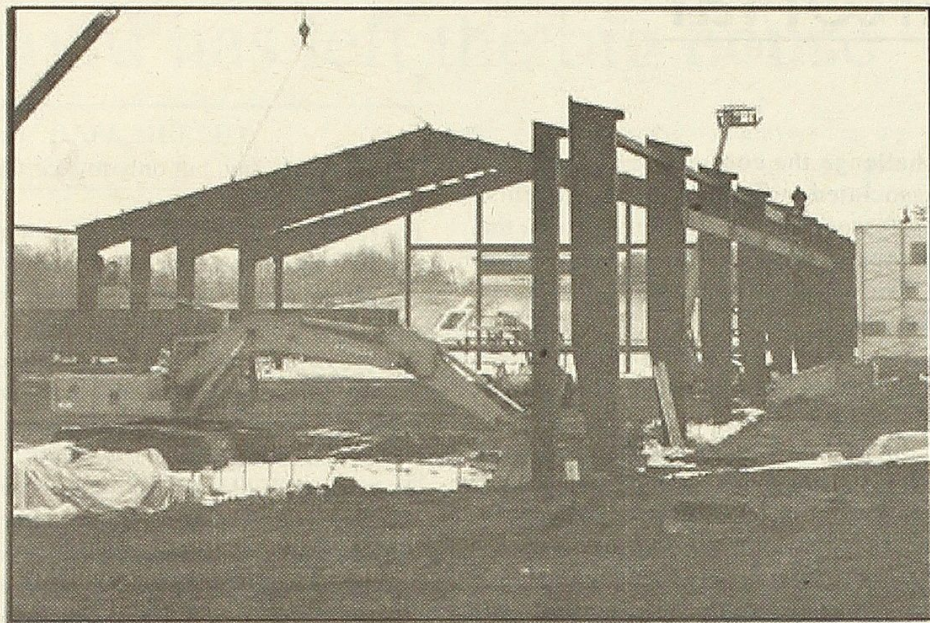
programs, and due to the change, Alma College’s athletic training program is no longer accredited. Without that accreditation, students who graduate from Alma will not be allowed to sit for the certification exam.

Athletic training students in their sophomore, junior and senior years will not be affected by the changed requirements, but students in the class of 2004 are not guaranteed that the college will be accredited upon their graduation.

Each year the exercise and health science department graduates approximately 40-50 students, and 5-10 of those are in the athletic training tract.

In order to adapt as quickly as possible to the change, Alma has already applied to the National Athletic Training Association for candidacy for accreditation. The next step in the process is a self-study, involving examining facilities, internship sites in the local area, types of classes, and

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Dan Joyce

The Alan J. Stone Center for Recreation is progressing nicely through the winter months. Students were met with the beginnings of the new structure when they returned from break.

Warm clothes drive a heartwarming success

Phi Sigma Sigma collects clothing for the Salvation Army and the Purple Heart

By BILL LOTT
Staff Writer

From January 8-16, 2001, the sisters of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority held a Warm Clothes Drive. They were holding the event as a charity function to benefit both the Salvation Army and the Purple Heart.

Just because it was a drive for warm clothes, all clothes were appreciated. "Even though it's called a Warm Clothes Drive, we'll take anything," said Aimee Williams (03), the Philanthropy Chair for Phi Sigma Sigma. "Every little bit helps keep people warm."

Students, faculty and members of the community were urged to donate clothing in one of several ways. Collection boxes were placed in nine locations around campus, including all of the dorms, the Swanson Academic Center, the Dow Science building, the Heritage Center, and in the Tyler-Van Dusen building. Clothing could also be donated directly to members of the sorority.

"The results are just phenomenal," said President of Phi Sigma Sigma, Kristi Pykosz (02). "I thought things were going to slow down as the days went on, but they're not."

Clothing collected include everything from coats and

sweaters to shorts and tee-shirts. "It's amazing," said Williams. "Every day there's something new in the boxes."

According to Williams, in fact, there was a small room filled with clothing as of last Friday, with several days still to go. Pykosz estimated the total to be approximately 20 large trash bags full of clothing.

"Everyone has been very helpful in this endeavor," said Pykosz. "We have had support not only from the students, but also the faculty, staff and members of the Alma Community."

This is just one of the many activities that keep the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma busy during the year. "We have a Philanthropy Committee that is just awesome," said Pykosz. "We're a young organization and are searching for several worthwhile philanthropic events to hold on a yearly basis." Other activities of Phi Sigma Sigma include working in baby pantries and soup kitchens.

All of the donated clothing will be given to the Salvation Army and the Purple Heart. The Purple Heart, which is not a well-known organization, gives some of the clothing to disabled veterans. The rest is sold at discount stores, the profits of which go toward veterans and their families.

New design sparks life into Alma website

By BILL LOTT
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, January 9, the Alma College home page was given the final touches in a revision that began nearly nine months ago. After several months of planning and setting up infrastructure, the self-proclaimed Web Team showed off the end product.

According to Publications and Web Editor Jay Walterreit, there were several reasons for the change in the home page. Most immediate was to add the News and Events section on the primary page of the site. "The integration of the News and Events section is a good step forward," he said.

"Before this," added Web Master Rob Hertenstein, "it was hard to access this information because it was buried so deep into the system."

Another key aspect of the new design is the layout. "There is a great visual appeal," said Walterreit. The goal, according to Walterreit, was to attract people to the site and hopefully keep their attention.

Also, the new layout helps viewers to find what they are looking for quicker and easier. "The new layout," according to Hertenstein, "should be able to help funnel people down in a more organized manner."

"It is definitely easier to find things with the new menu," said Danialle Wiltsie (01), who has been involved in implementing the new design since the beginning of the summer.

"It's also a lot more modularized," said Hertenstein. "It's a lot faster so that you can get to what you want to see quickly and efficiently."

Another new feature is the secure site. "We do have a secure site," said Hertenstein, "that allows for E-commerce so that student's can pay their phone bills and

tuition on-line." The secure site has been fairly successful, gathering in \$63,000 worth of electronic payments. "Approximately \$1,200 a month is collected electronically for payment toward phone bills."

The process of redesigning the site began in April when the Web Team met for the first time. Members of the team include Hertenstein, Walterreit, Dr. John Ottonhoff, professor of English and Faculty Coordinator for Information Technology,

and Philip Warsop, the acting Director of Information Technology. The Web Team was helped by student assistants that completed much of the implementation of the new web design. The students include Wiltsie and Paul Vitantonio (01), and have recently been joined by Sara Bickler (01).

The team began this process by contacting

Ms. Kisten Keeton of KJK Design. "We worked with her to come up with the first draft of the design," said Walterreit. The team then proceeded to make changes until it was exactly what they wanted.

However, even with all of these improvements, the work is not done yet. "This is a multi-staged process," said Walterreit. "This is just the first step in a continual process of design."

"The web is an ongoing process," said Wiltsie. "It's always changing. However, with this new layout, it's really easy to change the look now."

"The internet is the most immediate type of technology there is," said Walterreit. "It's dynamic, which makes it a real challenge sometimes."

For more information on the secure site, you can visit it at https://www.alma.edu/commerce/business_office or contact Hertenstein at webmaster@alma.edu.

"Before this it was hard to access this information because it was buried so deep into the system."

-Rob Hertenstein
Webmaster

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faculty. The final step will be a site visit by the Association.

According to John Davis, professor and chair of the exercise and health science department, two years from now is the soonest the program can be certified.

Davis said, "The good news is, if we get the certification, everyone should be okay, including the freshmen that entered this year."

Obtaining that accreditation will require the college to offer more classes and in turn will require that at least one more faculty member be added to the program.

Enrollment numbers for next fall may also be affected.

"When I'm talking to seniors in high

school right now to come to Alma next fall, I can't tell them for sure that they are going to be certified as athletic trainers at the end of their four years," Davis said.

The admissions office is not positive of any effect on next year's enrollment numbers.

Paul Pollatz, director of admissions, stated, "With something like that it is hard to tell if that's the reason the numbers are the way they are."

Several schools in Michigan are affected, and not all of them are converting to the curriculum program.

According to Davis, "There is a possibility for us to actually recruit more students into the program...we feel good about the process, in the fact that we're going to be certified, but we're not entirely sure."

Staff Editorial

Got Pride?

Pride. What is pride? What can you take pride in?

Can you take pride in berating individuals taking a different stance on issues than you do?

Can you take pride in turning in mistake-filled papers?

Can you take pride in turning in mistake-filled newspapers?

Can you take pride in throwing trash onto the ground instead of placing it into a garbage can?

Can you take pride in stealing?

Can you take pride in hating?

Can you take pride in complaining about everything without doing one thing to improve yourself, your friends, your

classmates, your school?

Can you take pride in whining about difficult assignments when you are going to school to learn?

Can you take pride in saying one thing and doing another?

Can you take pride in sitting around, wasting the precious gift of time?

Can you take pride in not giving one hundred percent effort in everything you do?

Do you take pride in this school?

Do you take pride in this country?

Indeed these are scathing questions. Let it be known that it is not The Almanian's intent to act as a condemnatory journalistic enterprise. Obviously humans are not perfect. It is our intent, however, to

challenge the conscience of everyone associated with this school: students, professors, faculty, administration, the newspaper, organizations and everyone else.

Pride is lost in many actions we do nowadays.

Most of us get bogged down with life's daily routine and feel that doing enough to squeak by is sufficient.

But can you take pride in that?

It is enticing to not put a hundred percent into homework, into relationships, into jobs, into life.

Maybe that is simply because we are all humans and figure that it is impossible to garner enough energy to put all our effort into everything we do.

That is fair to say, but only to a certain point.

For if we do not try our hardest at what we do, we are falling far short of what we, as people and as a collective community can attain.

We are designed to be great. We have plenty of gifts, plenty of talents, plenty of resources. But we fall short.

Do we apathetically say, "Oh well?"

Or do we try harder the next time?

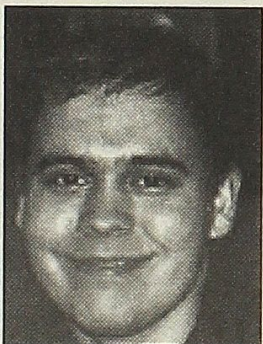
We at The Almanian, are challenging ourselves, and are challenging the rest of Alma, to do work that we can be proud of; work that is something that will affect all of us in what we do, in what we think, and in how we act.

Viewpoints

What did you think
about President Stone?



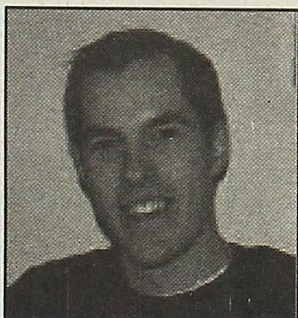
*"President Stone's
hair was interesting.
It never moved."
~Sarah Towne (03)*



*"I heard that
because of his
fundraising, we
have lots of money
for financial aid."
~Jon Becks (04)*

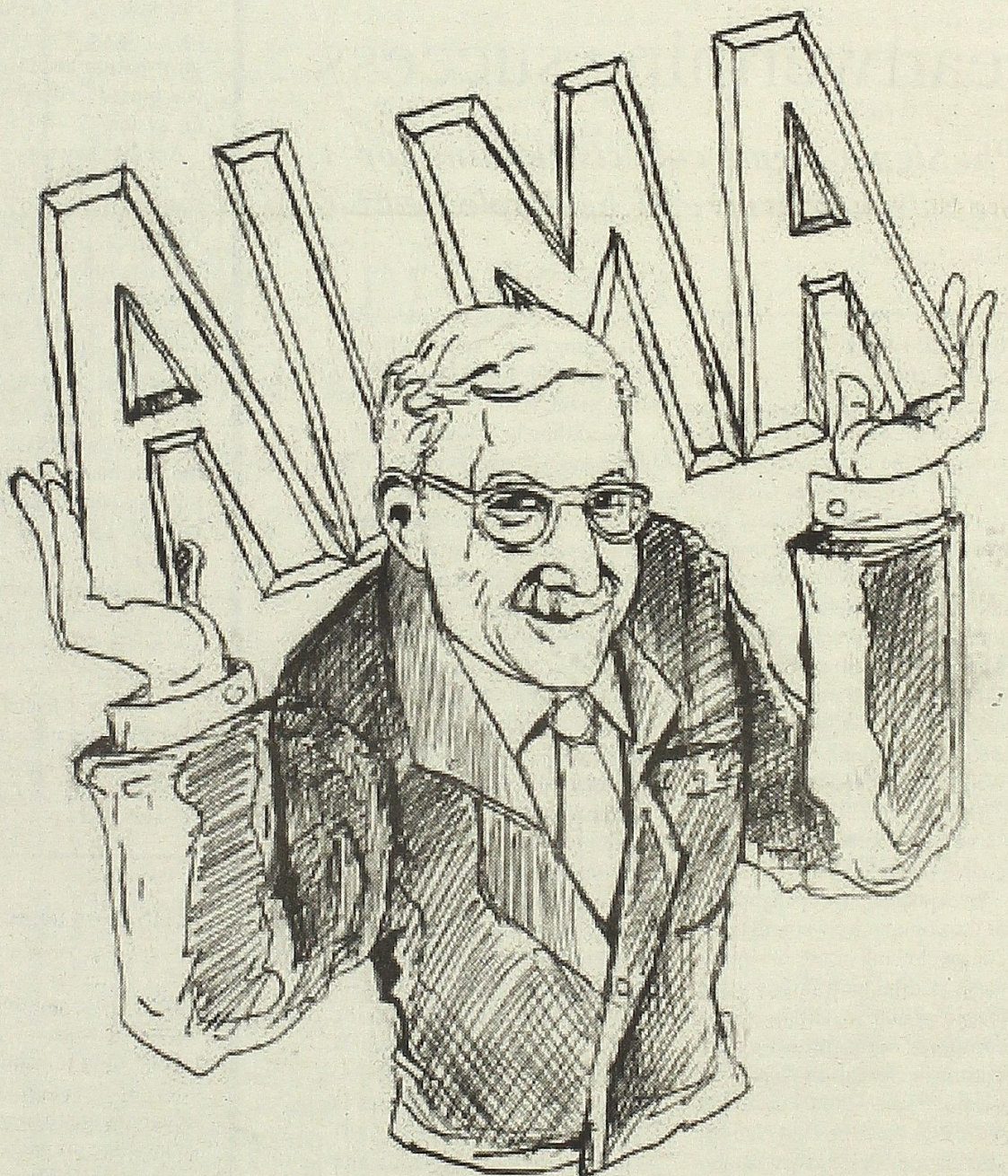


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known for"
~Melissa
Courturier (02)*



*"I think he made
many good
improvements at
Alma."
~Steven Sheperd (01)*

CARTOON CORNER By BILL CHALTRAW



Carrying Alma through
a time of transition.

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Chaltraw*

Sports Track

David has left the big house

By MICHAEL MURPHY
Opinion Editor

Earlier this month, David Terrell, junior star wide receiver for the University of Michigan football team, made his decision to enter the 2001 National Football League draft. Of course, as is the usual case with players entering the NFL or NBA early, some fans became disappointed with Terrell. Their self-interests belong to Wolverine football and the success it reaches. If Terrell stayed at Michigan, Michigan's offense would have been phenomenal once again, as Terrell is a special football player, illustrated in the fact that he is projected as an early first round draftee.

Still some fans get mad and irritated at players leaving early. Why? Well, because they want their team to be the best possible and therefore only care about wins.

Well, do they care about the player at all?

Sure, they may argue that players leaving college early sometimes do not enjoy success. For example, Ryan Leaf has basically fallen off the map. Many others have followed the same path.

Furthermore, fans irritated at early draft entrees quickly point out that players should finish their degree. Interestingly, only players that raise eyebrows for leaving early are basketball and football players. For some reason, people never become irritated over the hundreds of athletes that graduate high school and forgo college to play professional hockey and baseball. Why is it that they do not catch as much flak as college football and basketball players leaving early are?

Although I detest the exorbitant amount of money professional athletes make nowadays, I cannot condemn Terrell for saying that he is entering the draft partially because of the money. He would be a liar if he denied that.

I will be honest with you. Right now, if I was being \$5-million to immediately leave school and enter into my profession, I think I would leave early. Who wouldn't?

Plus, Terrell has other worries than the money. He wants to buy his mother a brand new home, thus allowing her to move out of her Richmond, Virginia house. Furthermore, Terrell must worry about career-ending injuries that may occur his senior year if he decided to stay.

Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick, another highly projected player, was trying last week to decide whether to enter the pros or not. His coaches told him to stay, agents told him to leave, businessmen told him both, family members told him one thing and friends another. This is an enormous amount of pressure on one student athlete.

Yet, everyone prodding him in one direction had something to gain from his decision. If he stayed, the Hokies were going to

be great again; if he left, they would not be so great. If he stayed, businessmen holding interest in the Houston Texan expansion team would have first grabs in the 2002 draft; if he left, the Chargers would more than likely take him, hoping to cure their floundering quarterback woes ironically caused by Leaf. If he leaves, a lucky agent will receive a nice piece of Vick's salary.

This kind of vulture activity has seemingly swooped in on sports nowadays as large interest groups are playing pivotal roles in deciding one man's future. The agents, the businessmen, the friends, the coaches, the family, the fans. Who will these athletes listen to? Sometimes they listen to the right people and enjoy success. Sometimes the opposite occurs. But one thing sometimes gets lost through it all, and that is the inner voice of the athlete himself, not the chaotic voices of those seeking to benefit from his decision.

His Story / Her Story

I'll tempt you to view

By BRYAN WAUGH
Photographer/Staff Writer

Have you ever watched a show on television and said to yourself, "What the heck were they thinking?" When I watch FOX, this thought enters my mind about every five minutes.

Hey, I have a great idea let's get some ugly, money-hungry women together and have some rich psycho loser marry one of them on national television.

How about this: we get my grandpa, your dad, a couple friends and that guy that walks around naked all of the time; we drop them on a tropical island and see what happens.

Or even better: how about we find some conceited young couples that have had long-lasting relationships, split them up and again drop them on an island. Then we make them date some really hot men and woman. Next we get them really drunk, videotape them and send it to their boyfriends/girlfriends. That way they will get irate; then we will have a show people will want to watch.

Hey, we can call it *Temptation Island*, and to prove how we are truly idiots, we can spell the title wrong on the first big episode.

watch? Do you really think people are going to waste their time lying on the couch when they could be wasting their time lying on the couch watching reruns of the *Golden Girls*? What else does the majority of the public have to do?

Three months from now we won't be bothered with *Girls Gone Wild*, *College Co-eds*, infomercials at three in the

By RACHEL KUHL
Staff Writer

Here's the premise: four unmarried couples travel to an exotic island to test the strength of their relationship as they are each tempted to cheat on their significant other. Plus, for our viewing enjoyment, Fox will make sure that all the juiciest moments are caught on



show somehow captured a few of the less discussed qualities in modern day relationships. Are there limits to the amount of trust in a relationship? How much can you, will you or should you forgive? How much forgiveness and trust do you expect from the one you love? People talk about this stuff all the time, but these couples are not just talking about it. They are testing it. They are testing themselves, their partners and their relationships.

Now, do I think this testing and tempting is right? No I don't, but it's sure as heck interesting to watch. It is interesting that before the couples arrived on the island the women only talked about the guys being the ones who would have to resist temptation, somehow assuming that the 16 fellas chosen to seduce them would be no challenge. Interesting that each couple has different "rules" for what is acceptable behavior and what is not. Interesting that when the couples split from each other for the 12 day tempt fest, the women spent the evening consoling each other, while the men got right down to business.

I love to see the public rejoicing on the lamentations of others. This is what makes the world go around.

Come on, what is with all of this crap in television? Have all the good writers died? Maybe it is because they all moved to California so they can smoke marijuana for medical purposes claiming, for example, writer's block.

Do you really think that these people are being honest when they say that they really want to know whether or not "they were meant to be" and that this test is the way to find out? Of coarse not! They are saying screw you, I am going to be on national television, hang around with hot men or women because there is no way my ugly butt could get anywhere else so I might as well take advantage.

Do you think people are really going to

morning. It will be *Girls Gone Wild*, the unedited version of *Temptation Island*.

A show wholly dedicated to the deviation from rectitude. While we watch the internal struggle of moral degradation always rooting for the desultory of the supposedly morally intact personality.

Let's face it, people don't watch television for mental stimulation. It is a way to zone out; does anyone actually remember anything they watch on *Animal Planet*? Not me, I am just waiting for that annoying Australian to get bit by a deadly snake and drop dead. However, until that happens I can honestly say there is no such thing as quality television, especially since Mr. Rogers has gone off the air. But seriously, all I can really say about *Temptation Island* is that there is going to be a whole year's worth of Jerry Springer Shows to follow it up.

tape for all to see.

Okay, so my first response to this teaser was pure disgust. We're talking about a show that takes the worst qualities of *The Real World* and combines it with the trashiest pieces of *Baywatch* and then expects viewers to cheer as couples' self-destruct before their eyes. I could not believe TV was that desperate for a new reality show.

Then I watched it. I watched and I realized that Fox actually had something that was maybe, just maybe, worth watching. Aside from the bikini-clad temptresses, the

I honestly question why any couple in their right mind would want to do something like this on national television, but I guarantee I will be watching to see which couples make it and which couples do not. Humans are curious by nature and I think it is fair to say that everyone has had those moments of "what if's" whether single or in a committed relationship. *Temptation Island* takes this concept and pushes it. Not only do the couples get to wonder what if; they also get to act on it. As viewers, we get to make predictions, judge each person involved, swear we would never do such a thing and try to convince ourselves that this is nothing more than trash TV.

Temptation Island

Channel: Fox 66

Time: 9:00p.m.

When: Wednesday

Point / Counterpoint

Studying Abroad

By MICHAEL MURPHY
Opinion Editor

There is little doubt that opportunities abound throughout campus. Studying abroad for an entire term is one such opportunity providing students with experiences they would never receive at Alma.

Students majoring in a foreign language must travel to a foreign locale (Mexico, Spain, France, Germany and so on) to receive highly concentrated lessons in their field of study.

Students not majoring in these courses are not required to study abroad for a term.

However, many take opportunities provided by our International Office to study in locales such as Scotland, Australia, Austria and other countries.

To be sure, this single opportunity is one that should be taken advantage by all students if they can arrange it in their tight academic schedules.

It is a difficult and trying step leaving the comfortable surroundings of Alma, friends and family. It is difficult leaving your customs, your food, your country and your regular life.

But that is what college is all about. It is about exploring, and studying abroad gives ample opportunity to explore new customs, new food, new countries and a new you.

Unfortunately, some classes taken at a foreign university fail to meet expectations of students used to the high level of challenge here at Alma.

Sometimes classes are too large, professors can be inaccessible, grading techniques are different, classes are ran differently and other factors equate to some students becoming disenchanted with the education they receive abroad.

However, education extends beyond the four walls, two blackboards, chalk and lecturer normally associated with learning.

Education involves learning what you can do what you previously thought impossible.

Education is learning how much you love the United States, or how much you dislike it.

Education is learning the perspectives of students from countries such as Spain, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Canada, Ireland and Scotland.

Education is learning what excites you most, whether it be traveling, living in a city, living in a different country or living back home.

Education is immersing into a whole new world apart from the friendly confines of Scotland, USA.

Alma offers countless opportunities for students on campus. This is obvious. But, like all other things, it only offers so much.

Luckily for us, we have an entire office and staff willing to devote time and effort into helping students decide where they will spend four, five, six, twelve months of their life.

Alma can only do so much. It cannot force all students to study abroad. For those that do, they experience things they would have never imagined. For those that don't, well, who knows?

By SCOTT TIMMRECK
Staff Writer

Look ... another opportunity, courtesy of Alma College. A few meetings, no dues and the chance to disappear from the bright red brick buildings' shadows dominating Alma-World in the middle of the mitten.

You are looking at studying abroad, a fabulous chance to jump on a plane and travel across the United States or across the Pacific Ocean. You have Scotland, Australia, Germany, Spain, Mexico, France, England and numerous other choices. That's quite a vast panoply of options, assuming you have money and some time to spend away from campus.

Do it. Studying abroad is a terrific experience you may never get to engage in during the short period of life. You can meet the most interesting people. You can watch a sunset from the wrong side of the Atlantic. You can eat dinner at the top of the Eiffel Tower or you can take a cruise down a crocodile-infested river. You can learn to appreciate your car, your significant other and most importantly, where you come from.

All these things are good. I am not against studying abroad. I highly recommend getting away from the beautiful but all-too-familiar United States landscape, with its two-party system and endless golden arches that stretch down eight-lane roads used by gas-guzzling motor vehicles.

But please, be wary when opening the door to the International Office and announcing to Chris Musick, director of international education, that you want to jump on a 747 and jet into foreign lands.

Those lands are not Alma; obviously, or you would not go to them. But you will lose something, no matter how much you gain. Most likely, you will lose a quality education in favor of a poor substitute.

For example, at the University of Wollongong, my linguistics professor got around to teaching the class what a verb is in the fourth week of session. My journalism teacher gave an 'A' to a student who did his formal presentation on the life of Mel Gibson. The presentation included a discussion of Gibson's dual citizenship and then a list of his credits. My roommate's US history class spent three weeks discussing the work of Al Capone.

Most likely, you will lose touch with the work you were doing at Alma when you left. Dedicating yourself to something, even if it is just an academic major, and then taking off leaves a hole in what you could achieve thanks to the resources at Alma.

And unfortunately, you can be disappointed. For me, Australia was not the wonderful place I expected it to be. It was America on an island with a different name and a leader apparently as confused as ours currently is. Despite the nearly magical events that took place between July and November, nothing stands out as drastically different from things that I might experience over here someday.

Granted, education will come outside the classroom. Your work at Alma will be here when you get back. And perhaps your country of choice will be culturally, intellectually and socially stimulating. I hope so.

I am just one college kid. Do not take my word for all I have said. Study abroad. Prove me wrong. Have the time of your life.

Lettersto the Editors

To the Editors:

After reading the letter to the editor, appearing in the November 21st issue of the Almanian, I decided to voice my opinion. Before I do so, however, I would like to commend the author of the letter, John Gardai, in writing in a non-hateful, non-attacking manner. John is entitled to his opinion, and I respect but do not agree with it, just as he and others will not agree with mine. My intention is not to condemn his opinion, to argue that mine is correct, to state that mine is superior to everyone else's, or to attack John or any other; my intention, pre-stated, is to merely present another viewpoint and to encourage thought.

The definition of the term "ally" in the article is only one person's interpretation, and is probably not the intended interpretation of the Safezone Project. To present my perspective of the term, which is not necessarily one Safezone utilizes, an ally is someone with whom I know I can trust to build a friendship without the need for guesswork as to whether they will be supportive of my lifestyle. No one said that an ally could not be a friend.

The article states, "Homosexual relationships are both socially destructive and morally evil." Homosexual relationships are only socially destructive to those who wish to destroy/eliminate them. The article also states the Bible "is very clear" in regards to homosexuality. Perhaps, but the Bible is also very clear when it sanctions devices such as slavery, prostitution, polygamy, and the treatment of women as property; and it is just as definite when it condemns such things as intercourse during menstruation, celibacy (yes, celibacy, read on), naming sexual organs (such as we have done with naming the male and female organs, penis and vagina, respectively), nudity (with certain exceptions), birth-control, etc. Should we also abide by these rules because they are made clear in the Bible? The Bible states "Love

thy neighbor" and "Thou shall not judge," and, as presented in Romans 14:14, "I am absolutely convinced, as a Christian, that nothing is impure in itself; only if a man considers a particular thing impure, then to him it is impure;" why is it that not all Christians follow these simple rules? Celibacy, as regarded in the New Testament (I Timothy 4:1-3), was abnormal; and compulsory celibacy was regarded as heresy. People argue that God created man and women for each other in order to procreate, and because the relationship between members of the same sex is not procreative, then it goes against God. This would mean that childless couples, single persons, priests, and nuns would also be going against God. Does this mean that Jesus, who remained celibate (or at least that is what is assumed), was going against God? The world is overpopulated as it is. Perhaps that is why not everyone is heterosexual.

Homosexuality is not unnatural; as Alfred Kinsley once said, "The only unnatural sexual act is that which you cannot perform." Homosexuality is also not purely human; all species of animals have and do show signs of homosexual behavior; humans are animals, as well. Does God punish those animals that have committed such acts equivalently with those humans that engage in the same? According to the Bible, immorality is to be judged only by God. And to my knowledge, one has to go through a little process called death for their judgement to begin; if you are judging the morality of the actions or lifestyle of someone who is currently breathing, chances are they are not dead. This does not mean that I am saying that once a person has passed away that it is okay to judge them – the primary point being that only the supreme being has the right to do so.

In regards to the article's comment about NAMBLA (North American Man Boy Love Association): pedophilia is a lifestyle that interferes with the lifestyles of small children who are not of legal consenting age; diversity has noth-

ing to do with such organization, it is a matter of its legality. Just as those men who march around in white, pointed hoods and kill innocent victims because their interpretation of the Bible says that God justifies those very actions – it has nothing to do with diversity, but is a matter of the legality of the practices of the Ku Klux Klan.

Personally, I live by my heart; and I (note that I am stating this as my opinion) believe that the world will only find peace when each person follows the teachings found inside their heart instead of those found in a book. If they're the same, then so be it, but at least take the time to discover such. But that is just one of 1,400+ different opinions found on this campus, and exactly the point I wanted to make. Everyone is different; everyone has a right to live their own lifestyle, and similarly entitled to live such lifestyle in peace. To those of you on this campus who are not aware, I myself am bisexual, and I am not afraid to say so. My being bisexual neither directly nor indirectly affects anyone, nor is it anybody's business but my own. I do not try to push my lifestyle upon others, nor would I want anyone to attempt coercion of their lifestyle upon me. Why is it that some members of some religions believe that it is their obligation to coerce others into believing what they believe? We are each given our own lives to live; live yours, and I will live mine. I did not choose to be the way I am. I would not choose to be persecuted, think about it. I would not choose to be a member of a culture that is hated, damned, and slaughtered. I can't change the way I am, and if an omnipotent creator does exist and does not agree with the way I am, then it is the only existence that has any reason meddling with my life. Thus far, such hasn't happened; I have only been persecuted by society. Throughout high school I was persecuted on the assumption that I was gay, which

Entertainment Briefs

Wedding bells or just a few bad notes?

A duet between Britney Spears and Madonna is in the planning stages. Spears has often been quoted saying that Madonna is a big influence in Spears' music, and as for Madonna... well... we know she has a sense of humor.

They should have gone with Madonna...

Hollywood is known for marriages that are often shorter than a good vacation, but InStyle Magazine was still a bit surprised when Ally McBeal's Courtney Thorne-Smith couldn't stay married long enough for their wedding issue to hit stores.

No Five, Just Ben Folds...

Following in the footsteps of Jon Bon Jovi—who learned that letting your band use your name can come back to haunt you when you take off for a wildly successful (ahem!) solo career—Ben Folds will release a solo album later this year. No word yet on what the difference is between Ben Folds writing all of the songs and playing nearly all of the instruments solo or with the Ben Folds Five.

Harmonica junkies...

The Blues Travelers will release a new album this march. The band has revamped since their last recording—and no, that does not mean a haircut and shave for John Popper, it just means that all band members who have died of drug overdoses (oh, how cliché), have been replaced.

It seems like everyone wants to play monopoly lately...

Bill Gates is still nursing his wounds, so the US government decided that an ounce of prevention against monopolies is worth months, and months of costly litigation. The government passed laws to keep AOL-TIME Warner (who now own a large stake in every media medium except the Catholic Church) from crushing the competition. Just one question—what competition?

He's therapist is gonna love this...

Calista Flockhart has decided to do the single mother thing. The Ally McBeal star, 36, adopted a baby boy.

Album Review by Dan Joyce

Coldplay debut is a must

Forming only two years before their first release, Coldplay has broken through to the front-line of mainstream. The British quartet's debut album, *Parachutes*, floats, drifts and soothes.

From step one, the album takes you on a relaxing, almost sublime journey. The album kind of says a lot about their career thus far.

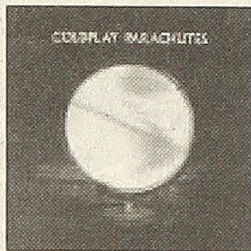
As a matter of fact, they first recorded a three-song set, entitled "Safety EP," as a demo. All parties involved were so impressed that it was released commercially.

A couple of other small, three-song releases followed until finally *Parachutes* landed.

Each song just grabs hold of you and won't let go. The lyrics are very well written, but they seem to be almost an afterthought. Sometimes they even get lost in the voice and sounds, not the words.

Don't just blow the lyrics off though. "And if you think that all is lost / I'll be counting up my demons, yeah / Hoping everything's not lost" from "Everything's Not Lost," *Parachutes*' final track, is only one example of the well-written songs.

Musically, Coldplay weaves piano, drums, guitar, vocals and the like to create one of the best debut albums. Technically, there are no awe-inspiring guitar solos or other standout performances. The music is solid and extremely well mixed.



Album Review

Parachutes Coldplay B+

Some people may be bothered by the lack of change in the music. Most of the songs sound quite similar, but are still very good.

The album is not completely original or earth shattering. Coldplay's style is a mix between Travis and Sarah McLachlan with Dave Matthews on vocals.

Let's not forget, this is a debut. A band has to establish itself in our music culture today. After 'making it big' they then develop their

own sound (or at least are thought of as such). Often, the band does not really sound different, but other bands start being compared to them.

The video for the first single, Yellow, has become an MTV and especially MTV2 favorite. In its four weeks on the Billboard 200 albums chart, it has reached 84 with a gain of almost twenty in one week.

Overall, *Parachutes* is a must for any music fan's collection. Give it a listen and you too will be biting your nails waiting for Coldplay's next release.

Rating: B+

Suggested Tracks: Yellow
Shiver, Spies

For fans of: Dave Matthews
Band,
Travis, Sara McLachlan

Recording Label: EMI Records
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Movie Review by Olga Wrobel

Castaway

Hanks, volleyballs, and Oscar nods



Imagine being stranded on a deserted island for four long years, with nothing to eat but coconuts and fish, nothing to do but draw on rocks with smaller rocks, and no one to talk to but a bloody deflating volleyball. This is the overall premise of Robert Zemeckis's new film *Castaway* starring Tom Hanks in the main role.

Castaway begins in the year 1996, when Fed Ex messenger Chuck Noland (Hanks) is involved in a small plane crash over the Atlantic Ocean, and finds himself as the only survivor on a small island in the middle of nowhere. As he waits for help he focuses on his girlfriend Kelly (Helen Hunt), who is waiting for him at home and has no clue of what has happened to him. Days turn to months, which turn to years and Chuck is still stuck on the island by himself. Of course he learns to survive on his own using the usual Boy Scout methods, making fire, building wooden huts, exploring the mysterious caves...and becoming best friends with Wilson the volleyball, who has the potential to become the first non-human Oscar winner for best supporting actor...who knows.

After living on this island for four years Chuck is rescued, but

that it not the end of the film. The ending is a surprise, but not a very good one.

One of the weakest parts of the film was the ending, and it may disappoint the audience. The film dragged on quite a bit, and it was too long being a lot over two hours.

However, the majority of the film was a positive experience. Hanks does a fantastic job as the cast away, and he may have a third Academy Award out of it. He became his character so well that he lost forty pounds in order to fit the role of living on this environment.

The story itself was a little surprising, and the strength that Chuck uses on the island to survive is truly applaudable. Director Robert Zemeckis stated that "*Castaway* is not about the survival of a human being, but the survival of the human spirit". This film really exaggerates the cliches, and the important human characteristics of having faith in oneself, and never giving up.

Castaway may have been a tad long, but really kept me hoping for the best for Chuck. It was a realistic view on how life would be for someone in that position, and made a good impact on the viewer.

Grade: B

(Letter from Page 6)

was amazingly ironic because I never had a public relationship with another male but instead had public relationships with females. So, to remove all assumption, I am now declaring to everyone – Yes, I am bisexual; it doesn't bother me; and if it bothers you, it is your problem, not mine. If you can't handle reality, I'm sorry. The reality is that there are more in my situation... even on this campus. I am not saying you have to agree with my lifestyle; I don't agree with all of yours – but the fact remains that I respect and celebrate that we all are all the same, and yet we are all very much different. I am neither asking for your approval, nor the approval of any omnipotent creator. And by telling me that I am going to go to Hell truly does nothing. If, by chance, I go to Hell, why is it anybody's concern but my own since it would be me, and not them, who would be doing so. Please respect that I am not you. I am Me, and it's the only person I can be. I did not choose to be bisexual just as I did not choose my skin color. But even if it were a choice, it would be that individual's choice to make and not your obligation to choose for them; it is their life, and only their life to live – you cannot live it for them. Kahlil Gibran says in *The Prophet*,

If he is indeed wise, he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind. The astronomer may speak to you of his understanding of space, but he cannot give you his understanding. The musician may sing to you the rhythm which is in all space, but he cannot give you the ear which arrests the rhythm nor the voice that echoes it. And he who is versed in the science of numbers can tell of the regions of weight and measure, but he cannot conduct you thither. For the wisdom of one man lends not wings to another man.

My point in writing this letter, in short, is to point out that Christianity is not the only religion that exists, and using the Bible to support any claim that homosexuality is immoral is bogus; the Bible can be used to support most outlandish claims such as the ones I have presented in this letter – the passages were not used to prove anything but. I did not use the Bible to back-up my beliefs, as I am not Christian. I used it to make the point that the Bible can be interpreted in infinite ways; instead of arguing over which, if any, interpretation is correct, some people need to recognize that everyone is different, and the world will be at peace when individuals seek supremacy within themselves instead of supremacy among others. As Kahlil Gibran also writes, "Say not, 'I have found the truth,' but rather, 'I have found a truth.'"

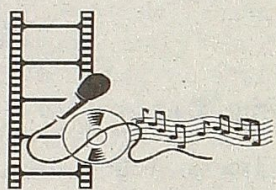
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Top Box Office

(From www.movies/excite.com)

1. Cast Away
2. What Women Want
3. Traffic
4. Miss Congeniality
5. The Family Man
6. The Emperor's New Groove
7. Vertical Limit
8. Wes Craven Presents
9. Dude, Where's My Car?
10. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon



Top Five Albums

(From www.billboard.com)

1. **The Beatles**
2. **Shaggy**: Hotshot
3. **Various Artists**: Now
4. **Snoop Dogg**: Tha Last Meal
5. **Limp Bizkit**: Chocolate

Book Review by Ginger Davis

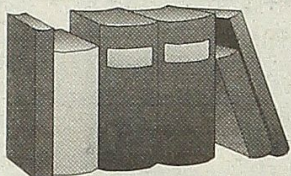
Hunting, fishing, and fun for all

More often than not, the New York Times Bestseller list is like a high school reunion—the names are all old and familiar, and you're sick of most of the people on the guest list. Every now and then, something new and good makes the list. One such book is *The Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing* by Melissa Bank.

The title is a bit misleading—intentionally so—but the stories are priceless. The book is a collection of short stories, all but one of which are narrated by Jane Rosenal, a delightfully witty, Carrie Fisher-esque narrator, at different periods in her life. The subject, searching for the right man, is nothing new, but Bank's way of looking at relationships is a treat.

The book is a bit strange; because it can best be described as not quite a novel. Although the book is divided into short stories, rather than chapters, they all could have been chapters except for one story in the middle of the book—"The Best Possible Light"—which

has new character and a new narrator. It is a good story, but it has nothing to do with the



Book Review

The Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing

By Melissa Bank
Penguin Books, 1999

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rest of the book. The fact that it is a good story is not reason enough to include it in what would have otherwise been a smoothly flowing novel. Banks would greatly benefit from reviewing the old Highlights children's magazine exercises on "Picking the one that doesn't belong."

The stories are arranged pretty much chronologically, so the reader can watch Jane grow and change as a person. The stories are

wonderful, not because Jane's thoughts and life are that original, but simply because she articulates her struggles so well.

The best story is the last one—"The Girl's Guide to Hunting and Fishing." The story is the biting funny story of all of the problems that occur when Jane picks up a copy of *The Rules* and tries to follow them religiously. The writers of *The Rules* become little devil's advocates that sit on her shoulder and spout advice.

In the book, Jane is an editor who spends most of her time reading manuscripts and making changes. The great part about Jane's occupation is that the author takes all of Jane's advice and

applies it to *The Girl's Guide*. When Jane reads a book that her ex-boyfriends wrote about the two of them, she comments, "Most of it is true, too, except that the hero quits drinking and the girl grows up." True or not, watching Jane grow up is about the most fun you can have in 274 pages.

Grade: B.

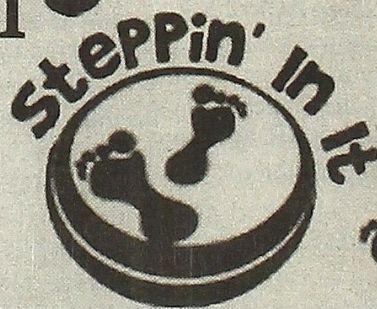
Other suggested titles: *Summer Sisters* by Judy Blume. And, if you want a guy's perspective, *High Fidelity* by Nick Hornby.

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Alma student selected as Rhodes finalist

By SCOTT TIMMRECK
Staff Writer

The buildings at Oxford University are special. They are beautiful enough that they do not need an association with such a prominent university to stand out in the English countryside. However, they are also special because they will soon feel the footsteps of 32 American Rhodes Scholars recently selected to receive the prominent award.

One individual has done research in New Delhi and Ghana, studying malnutrition and sickle-cell anemia. Another worked for NASA and was selected as a delegate to the United Nations Climate Summit. A third, who is legally blind, has done community service in Ukraine.

Rhodes Scholars are selected through analysis of a number of factors: high academic achievement, integrity of character, a spirit of unselfishness, physical vigor, respect for others and potential for leadership.

Through recommendations by colleges and universities as well as a rigorous application process, each of eight regions throughout the country eventually selects ten students to proceed to the next level of competition from

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~Jen Gibson

an original application pool of 950.

For the first time, an Alma student qualified as a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship. Senior Jennifer Gibson, who

recently received the coveted Truman Scholarship, flew to Chicago twenty-four hours later for the regional interviews. At the regional interviews, Gibson again went through an interview process that included a reception with a panel as well as a fifteen minute interview.

“The regional interview was extremely nerve racking due to the fact that I was asked to participate in a call-back interview. Shortly after I finished my call-back interview, they came out and announced that myself and another student from Westpoint Academy were selected to go on,” stated Gibson.

Gibson did not receive the Rhodes Scholarship, but, she has other paths to follow. This summer, she will evaluate various social programs at the United States mission to Namibia in Windhoek, the capital.

“Although I was disappointed to not be selected for the scholarship, I was extremely excited and honored to make it as far as I did. I owe a lot to the numerous faculty members who helped me prepare my application,” Gibson said.

How to start a new organization on campus

By DAN JOYCE
Staff Writer

During the “Leadership for a Changing Society” conference in VanDusen on Saturday, students learned how to gain and increase leadership skills through numerous seminars.

The seminars were taught by students and alumni along with speakers from other institutions. The talks ranged from topics that included starting a campus group to running a meeting.

Following are pointers from Associate Dean of Students Marty Stack, Student Congress president Melinda Messmer (01), Student Congress president and J.R. Logan (02) during a session on starting a campus group.

First, a little background. There are over 100 student-congress funded campus organizations. An official student organization must be registered with the Student Affairs Office and Student Congress.

Step-by-step process to start a successful campus organization:

1. Pick a topic that your are strongly interested in.
2. Check at the Student Affairs Office to see if there is already an operational group with the same interests.
3. Write down any related ideas. Add to the list as time goes on.
4. Talk to others and promote interest in the proposed group.
5. Start attending Student Congress meetings to get a feel for the way they are run. Later, you will need to present at the meetings. Student congress meets every Monday night at 6:30 in SAC 113. Those meetings are open to any students.
6. Timing! Think about when the best time of the semester or year would be best to start really pushing for your group meetings. Keep in mind that the beginning of a semester is often less hectic.
7. Choose a time and day, along with a room for your

- group’s meetings. Many rooms are available in the residence halls and academic buildings. Ask at the Student Affairs Office and they will help you locate an open room.
8. Publicize your meetings. Know the advertising rules.
 9. In your early meetings, set up goals and objectives. Outline both long- and short-term goals.
 10. Keep the momentum you first had going. Fight through the logistics even though you may not seem to be getting anywhere.
 11. Keep your goals and full spectrum somewhat narrow. Otherwise, your group will start to overcommit itself and you will not accomplish specific projects.
 12. Apply for recognition with the Student Affairs Office and Student Congress. Acceptance by Student Congress will allow for funding.
 13. Look around and make connections with others involved in similar groups. This will most likely include nonstudents.
 14. Enjoy what you do and work through difficulties.

Methods to advertise new organizations

Here are some seldom-used advertising methods. Make sure to check on the rules that apply to each before you utilize them.

1. The Alma College public access television station, channel 15. Ask at the Student Affairs Office for more information. (You don’t even need cable to get channel 15. Just hook your television up to the cable input in your room.)
2. Mass e-mail.
3. Sheets hung from the Library railing.
4. Chalk on the sidewalk. Make sure you know which sidewalk and rules apply.
5. Table tents (centerpieces) in Hamilton.
6. Write in dry erase marker on bathroom mirrors.
7. Give RAs posters to hang up.
8. Ask the copy center for ideas and rates.
9. As always the Almanian offers low, low advertising rates to please your advertising needs.
10. BE CREATIVE!

Women ballers on a roll...

Women defeat Olivet for seventh straight win

By **DARBY CORNELIUS**
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team extended its winning streak to seven straight games after defeating Olivet 60-38 at home on Saturday.

The Scots are on their way to tying the eight wins in a row record from the 1996-97 season. They currently have four conference wins under their belt, a feat which has not been accomplished since the 1994-95 campaign.

Their standings will be challenged in the upcoming conference match-up against Hope who is 12-2 overall and 4-0 in the league.

Both Olivet and Alma posed tough defensive play. With no shortage of scoring opportunities, the halftime board displayed a short score of 20-15 in Alma's favor. Both teams shot less than 27 percent from the floor.

The second half started in a power struggle with continuous turnovers due to the high level and intensity of defensive play.

The first ten minutes of the second half did not prepare Olivet for the shocking strike to come.

Two free throws by sophomore Shelly Ulfig began a shooting spree that boosted Alma's lead to 11. The Scots continued to score with confidence while working defensively to achieve a 21-point lead for the win.

The Scots had an increase in shooting percentage from 26.7 percent in the first half to 58 percent in the second.

Ulfig and sophomore Janell Twietmeyer led the Scots with 11 points each, while senior Joy Horton added 10 points. Sophomore Kristie Gehrs contributed in the second half with two

free throws and a three-pointer, while first-year student Colleen Trybus added a pair of free throws and a lay-up. Senior Julie Whitmore led Alma with nine rebounds while Twietmeyer had eight.

The Scots out-rebounded the Comets 41-30 and kept Olivet at just 13 percent from behind the three-point line.

"Our defensive play held us in the ball game. Once we relaxed a little and focused on shooting we extended the lead for the win," said coach Charlie Goffnett.

In basketball action at Kalamazoo last Wednesday, the Scots posted a 67-61 victory on the road.

Ulfig led the scoring with 22 points and 14 rebounds on 7-of-14 shooting, with an 8-for-12 performance from the free-throw line.

Senior Joy Horton scored a season high of 16 points and first-year student Julia Payne recorded a season best of four points, three blocks, and nine defensive rebounds.

The close game left both teams in a battle for more than a six point lead.

The Scots shot 37 percent from the field, as the Hornets shot 36 percent. Alma was on the free throw line 40 times in the game making 24 attempts.

"We played tough, aggressive defense and had patience offensively, which led to the win," said Goffnett.

Horton earned MIAA Player of the week honors for her performance in both games. These victories leave the Scots league record at 4-0. They are tied for first with the Hope Flying Dutchmen whom they play today at 7:30 p.m. in Cappaert Gymnasium.



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An Alma Scot fights for the ball during last week's game against Olivet.

Bateson brings experience and knowledge of tradition to men's soccer team

By **AMY NOVAK**
Sports Editor

After finishing the 2000 season second in the MIAA, interim men's soccer coach Jeff Bateson (98) was hired as new head men's soccer coach. Bateson coached the Scots to an 11-6-2 record overall, 8-2-2 in the MIAA.

"I'm very excited about the position," said Bateson. "It's basically a position I have wanted for years. Especially after serving as interim coach for a year, I became even more interested."

Bateson served as assistant coach for two years under former head coach Scot Frey.

He also played four seasons on amateur teams in Colorado and Michigan prior to his hiring as head men's coach.

While attending Alma College, Bateson earned a degree in elementary education, earned MIAA-MVP award for the 1997 soccer

season and was the first Scot soccer player to be named All-American.

In serving as head coach, Bateson will bring his knowledge of the game as well as familiarity with the traditions of both the team and Alma College.

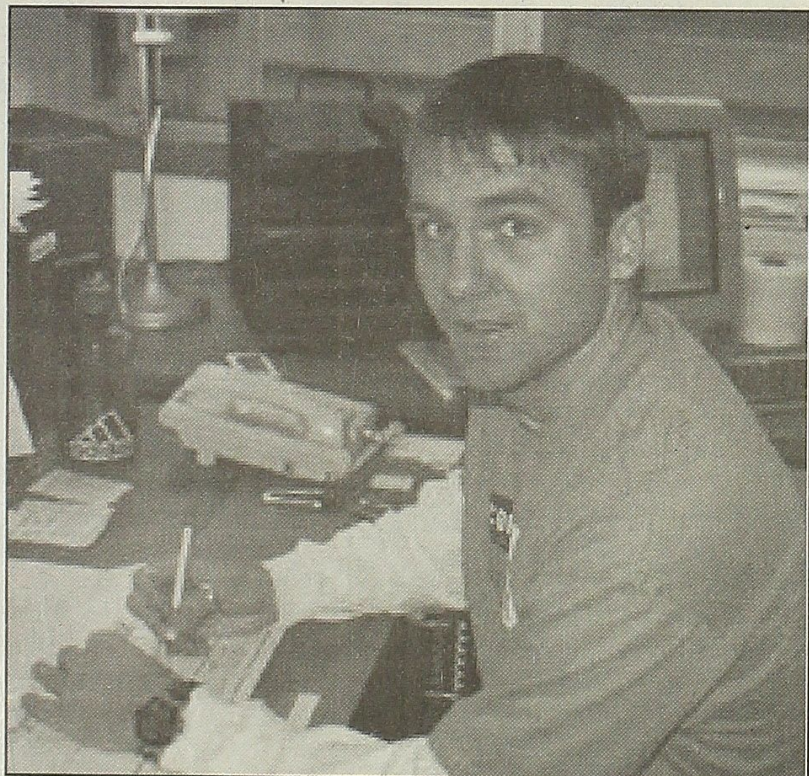
"Being a former player allows me to bring the knowledge of the traditions and history of the team," said Bateson. "I also know the traditions of Alma in general; that's something that an outsider wouldn't have."

As far as playing goes, Bateson's goal for next year's team is to win the MIAA championship.

"We want to win the MIAA," said Bateson, "but we also want to maintain the current level of the program continue its growth."

Bateson also holds the positions of junior varsity basketball coach and assistant track coach.

He will begin teaching classes for Alma College next fall.



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Jeff Bateson (98) was recently hired as head men's soccer coach.

FAST Stats

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Men's Swimming

- 1. Kalamazoo 3-0
- 2. Calvin 2-0
- 3. Hope 2-1
- 4. Alma 0-1
- 5. Albion 0-2
- 6. Olivet 0-3

Women's Swimming

- 1. Calvin 3-0
- 1. Hope 3-0
- 3. Kalamazoo 2-1
- 5. Alma 1-1
- 4. St. Mary's 1-2
- 6. Albion 0-2
- 7. Olivet 0-4

Men's Basketball

- 1. Calvin 3-0
- 1. Hope 3-0
- 3. Albion 2-1
- 4. Olivet 2-2
- 5. Alma 1-2
- 6. Adrian 1-3
- 7. Kalamazoo 0-4

Women's Basketball

- 1. Alma 4-0
- 1. Hope 4-0
- 3. Calvin 3-1
- 4. Kalamazoo 2-2
- 5. Adrian 1-3
- 5. Olivet 1-3
- 5. Saint Mary's 1-3
- 8. Albion 0-4

Swimming and Diving teams continue to improve

Women earn first dual meet win of season

By OLGA WROBEL
Staff Writer

The Alma women's swim team had much to celebrate last Saturday night when they won their first dual meet of the season, defeating St. Mary's in Notre Dame, Indiana.

It was a very close meet; the women won by one point with a score of 116-115.

The women worked extremely well together. Some highlights of the meet were swims by junior Sarah Vandermeer, first-year students Liz Smith and Megan King, and senior Rachel Dowdney, who dove for Alma. Vandermeer came in first in the 200 yard IM with a time of 2:22.94 and first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:11.71. Smith led the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.70 and Megan King conquered the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 2:03.70. Dowdney won her fourth straight diving event, with the streak starting last Thursday. She dove in the three and one meter competitions with scores of 198.55 and 204.85.

There were numerous other excellent swims on Saturday, including the swims of

senior Andrea Carlson who won the 1,000 freestyle with a time of 11:36.85, first-year student Melissa Kegler, and senior Christene Doyle.

The most important part of the meet was

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-Coach Greg Baadte

the fact that the score was so close.

"Swimming is an individual sport, but this shows that the team work is also very important," said coach Greg Baadte. "The team has been on an emotional roller coaster all season, but things have come together, and we never gave up at this meet"

There were a few mishaps during the meet, including a missed turn, and a pair of goggles falling off, but this did not stop the girls from coming together and splitting the points.

"The team worked very well together," said sophomore Jennifer Georges.

The swim team also had a meet last Thursday at Wayne State, which ended in a double Scot loss with scores of 117-105 for the women, and 105-63 for the men.

Smith, Vandermeer, and King all had great finishes; Smith came close to achieving a lifetime best for the 200-yard freestyle.

For the men's team, junior Mike Porter earned second in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:06.48, and swam a lifetime best as a member of the 400-yard free relay, with a cut time of 50.20.

Junior Joe Harris also had an excellent swim, coming in first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:05.74.

Last Wednesday the swimmers had their first morning practice since before break so they were very sore on Thursday, but coach Baadte said,

"They swam pretty well in both meets," said Baadte, "especially for having a morning practice."

The men's and woman's swimming and diving team swim next at Calvin today.

Scots heard 'round the world. . .

WMLM web broadcasts allow all Scot fans to listen live

By AMY NOVAK
Sports Editor

Scot basketball games can now be heard live on the web. On Jan. 29, WMLM 1520 AM began airing their entire broadcast day on the internet. This live web broadcast currently includes the men's and women's home basketball games and began with the Alma-St. Louis Rotary Classic on Jan. 29 and 30.

The games were previously heard only on the radio; however, the decision for live web broadcasts was an easy one to make.

"Web broadcasts opens wider avenues for listeners," said Greg Siefker, WMLM General Manager. "Many of our listeners work at their desks all day. Web broadcasting allows them to work and listen at the same time."

The decision to broadcast on the web was one made by the station in order to provide for a larger listening audience. The technical changes were made at the station and required no extra efforts on the part of Alma College.

WMLM went on the air in 1977 as a station dedicated to full time country music. Since then, the station has seen many changes,

mostly in content and programming. WMLM now includes over ten local news broadcasts per day, local weather reports with special attention to farming conditions, and daily agriculture reports that analyze farming conditions. WMLM also covers local sports for the towns of Ithaca, St. Louis, Breckenridge and Alma.

In covering Alma sports, WMLM is the "Voice of the Scots," airing coverage of many Alma College teams. These include football, men's and women's basketball, and softball tournament games.

Web broadcasting also allows listeners and fans around the world to hear coverage of Alma sports.

"We have a large number of Alma College followers," said Siefker. "We have a lot of Alma College hits as well as hits from California, Chicago and Grand Rapids."

In addition to men's and women's basketball games, you will also be able to hear the softball team tournament games this spring and football games next fall.

The only program needed in order to hear the web broadcast is a media player which can be downloaded for free in less than a half an hour. To listen, visit www.wmlm.com.



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Men show strength in second half play

By DARBY CORNELIUS
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team suffered a 92-75 loss against Olivet on Saturday afternoon, lowering its record to 6-8 overall, 1-2 in the MIAA, currently placing them fifth in the league.

Olivet broke out early in the game to take a 52-29 halftime lead which they held for the remainder of the game. The Scots made several attempts to catch up, but the point deficit was too high for a real battle. Olivet stood strong, shooting 64 percent in the first half as well as out-rebounding the Scots 44-26 for the game.

The second half was more of a challenge for the Comets, as Alma outscored them 46-40 and outshot them 53 to 45 percent.

Junior Andrew VanSchoick and sophomore Bill Johnson scored 11 points a piece, while junior Ryan Knudsen contributed ten points. VanSchoick led with five rebounds and junior Jeff Hosler added six assists.

"We had a big problem with inconsistency this game, and we had trouble matching Olivet's intensity," said coach Kevin Skaggs. "The experience of their nine seniors gave them an edge that was hard to compete with."

In men's basketball action on Wednesday, the Scots defeated Kalamazoo at home for their first conference win of the season. The 81-70 victory dropped Kalamazoo to 5-10 overall and 0-3 in the MIAA.

Senior Sean Dick led the scoring with 20 points, while VanSchoick added a career-high of 12 points as well as eight rebounds, with six on the defensive end.

The Scots forged ahead in the first half with a 15-4 lead. The Hornets put up a fight, bringing the score to 38-38 at the half, with 16 turnovers in the last 15 minutes of the first half.

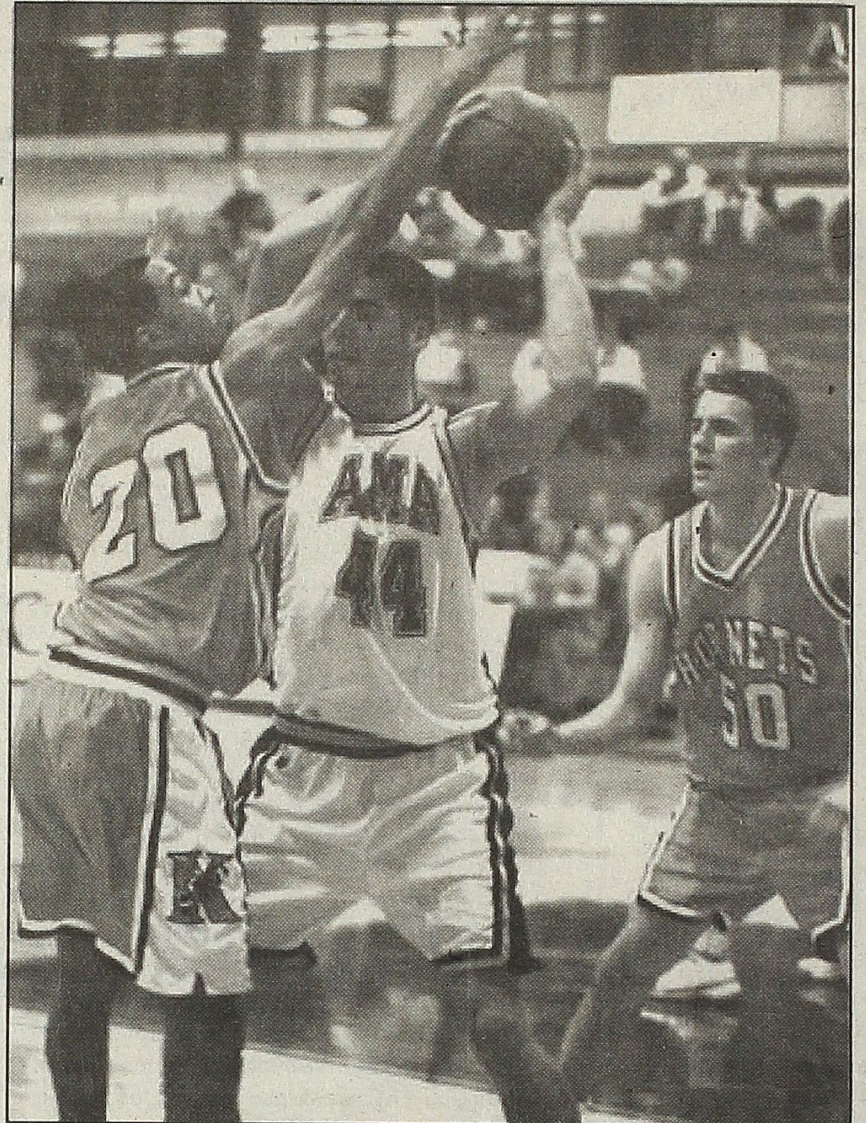
Alma owned the second half with a 12-point advantage of 55-43 at the 12:10 mark, but Kalamazoo would not let up. With 7:49 left in the game, the Hornets shifted the lead to 62-60. The Scots answered with a 18-6 run to reclaim the game for the win.

Knudsen posted 19 points and a career-high three blocks; Hosler led the offense with seven assists and four steals while sophomore Matt Johnson added 12 points.

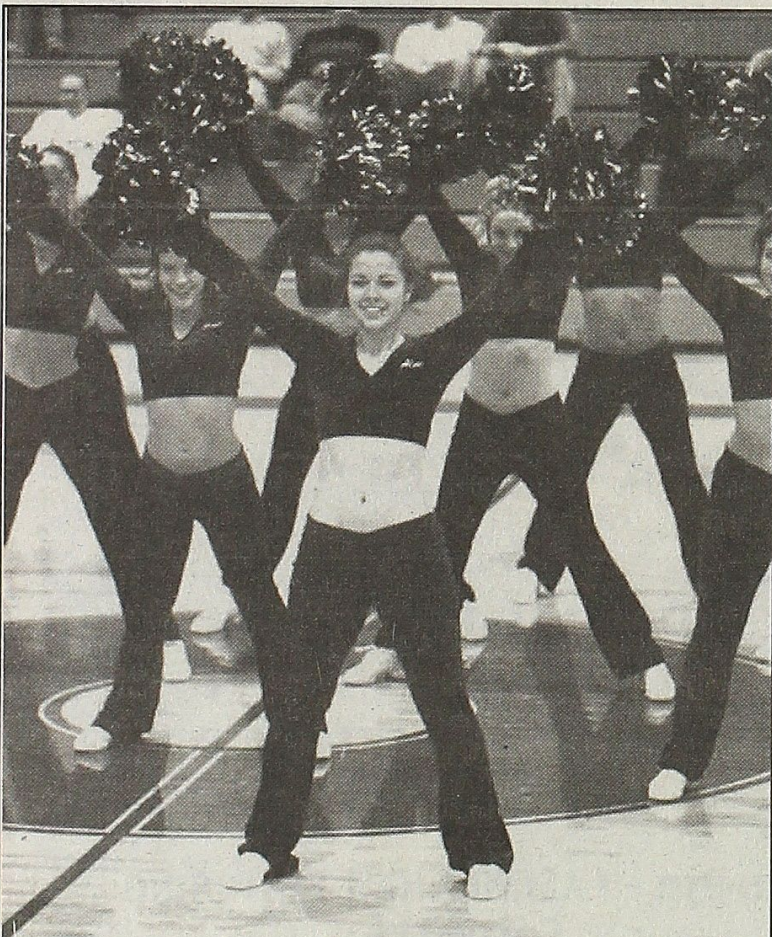
The Scots out-rebounded Kalamazoo 32-36 and had 15 assists as a team, while the Hornets tallied only seven assists. Alma outshot Kalamazoo 56 percent to 39 percent. The three point line was a hot spot for Alma in the second half, scoring four shots of five attempts for 80 percent on the half.

"Andrew VanSchoick played a strong game for us and we received strong play from a lot of players," said Skaggs, "It was a good conference win under our belt."

The Scots travel to Hope today for another conference game.



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Bring it on! The Alma Pom Squad performs during the half time show at a basketball game last week. This is their second year as a squad and they bring a nice addition to the Alma College environment.

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