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Service Learning House offers new housing options

By NIKOLE CANUTE
Staff Writer

Beginning in the Fall of 2001, a service learning house will become an option for students wishing to live in small housing.

The multi-cultural house will be replaced by the service learning house due to its lack of utilization. Two years ago the house was closed for a term because of too many open spaces, and interest has not increased much since.

James Kridler, dean of students, said "We have not been able to fill that house. There hasn't been enough interest in that living environment... if interest returns in having a Multi-Cultural House, then we will try to fill that need."

The house's new emphasis will be volunteerism, service learning and civic engagement. Students who live there will have a set of responsibilities focused on increasing service activity both on and off campus.

"I think it is a good idea to incorporate a service learning house into the campus, but I also believe that the multi-cultural house is a key factor in improving the diversity on campus," said Shannon Boven (02).

Anne Ritz, service learning coordinator, is in charge of the Service Learning house.

"We're looking for students that are active in service learning or want to increase their activity," Ritz said.

There are seven spots available in double-occupancy rooms for students to live in the house. No student will be accepted if they do not have a grade point average of 2.70 or above. Preference will be

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Bryan Waugh

Member of Alpha Xi Delta celebrate their new pledges during Walk Outs on Friday night. For more pictures and information about Greek Recruitment 2001 see page 9.

The search continues for new faculty in several departments

By NIKOLE CANUTE
Staff Writer

Starting next fall there will be new faces at the front of some classrooms. Currently, there are faculty positions open in the education, exercise and health science, history, chemistry, business administration, and English departments. In addition, the college has openings for a new Director of Information Technology and Dean of Faculty.

The business administration and education positions are new, and have been added in response to the Evergreen Plan, which states that two new positions will be added to the college each year.

Dean of Faculty is a title that is technically new, but the job responsibilities have been performed by the Associate Provost in past years.

This position entails assisting the provost by handling grants and contracts, as well as working very closely with the faculty.

Each position is tenure tracked, as the committees are hoping to provide consistency for students by hiring faculty members that

will remain at the college for a long period of time.

Reginald Avery, provost, said, "We want people to come here who are gonna stay here."

The process for hiring new faculty and administration members includes first forming a search committee of faculty members.

Currently, each search committee also includes a student representative.

Avery said, "I think it is critical that we have student representation in our searches."

When the search committee decides to endorse a candidate, it sends their recommendation to the provost. Following agreement between the provost and the search committee, the provost is authorized to extend an offer to the candidate; however, the provost must also confer with the president, as he is the only person authorized to hire new faculty or administration members.

"Some departments have already brought candidates to campus, and as we speak I have a couple of offers on the table," said Avery.

Each candidate that is brought to campus is scheduled to meet with both Avery and President Kolenbrander.

Alma is advertising the openings in

publications such as the Chronicle of Higher Education and Black Issues in Higher Education.

In an effort to increase diversity, each advertisement includes a statement encouraging women and minorities to apply; however, the college does not have a quota system in place that dictates the number of women and minorities to be hired.

Avery said, "We have no quota systems in place and we obviously don't want any."

March is the month in which the positions are hoped to be filled, including having contracts completed and signed.

If the positions are not filled before the fall semester begins, Avery said that the school would have to rely on current faculty taking on an overload of classes, which means they would teach more classes than are expected of them, or part-time faculty would have to be hired.

There are no plans to remove any courses from the schedule in that event.

"We do not plan to drop any courses and if we have to go to temporary or part-time faculty, we will do that," said Avery.

Computer and Mass Media Services suffer with the loss of three employees

By BILL LOTT
Staff Writer

Members of the Computer and Media Services department are under a great deal of stress right now as they are currently three members shy of a full team. Network Technician Jeff Cobb left the department during winter break, leaving three vacancies in the staff. The other two vacancies include the director of the department and the Coordinator of User Services.

However, just because three members of the team are missing does not mean that nothing is getting done in the department. "I think everyone's working really hard to fill in for the missing people and to keep things going," said Philip Warsop, Interim-Director of Computer and Media Services. Students have been noticing the difficulties with the server lately, but Warsop says that it is not the fault of being short-staffed. "Whether we had lost Jeff or not, we would still be

having problems with the network. It is my job to work on getting the network fixed." Mitchell and Newberry Halls have both suffered from these mysterious network problems. "I've put a lot of effort in there," said Warsop, "and Mitchell and Newberry are working a lot better than they were. It just takes a lot of time and patience." The lack of staff has caused the entire staff to work a little bit harder though. Technical Support Specialist Mike Thomas and Media Services Coordinator Susan Clark are helping with upgrading the system while Office Associate Anne Franich and Clark are taking over the job of the Co-ordinator of User Services. As for Warsop, "the buck stops here. I get to fill in where other people aren't."

Klumpp, who is chairing the search committee. "The leadership skills this person has is critical for both the computer center and for the student-body as a whole." For this reason, they reopened the search this winter and have started back at the beginning. "We're taking a different approach this time," said Klumpp. This different approach includes emphasizing personal contacts and sending out word of the opening to directors of other computer and media departments at schools similar in size and stature as Alma College. "This is truly the best network of resources."

Though it is not optimal for the search to be going on while the department is short-staffed, Klumpp does not feel that it will be harmful to the search. "We are looking for someone that can look at the big picture of Alma being on the edge of doing new things. We're looking for a true leader that can bring the folks in the computer center together and look at the big picture of Alma's future." Also, the other two positions should be filled by the aimed June/July starting period of the new director. "I'm posting the jobs and running searches for the other two in my spare time," said Warsop. "We should hopefully have these jobs filled very soon."

U.S. and World News in Brief

NEW YORK- Several U.S. companies announced they will be cutting jobs Jan. 24 to Jan. 29 either through layoffs or attritions. Companies include DaimlerChrysler, Xerox, Sara Lee, WorldCom, AOL Time Warner, Hewitt-Packard, Boeing and Lucent. The announcement called that DaimlerChrysler will cut 26,000 jobs over the next three years in a weakening economy and the high costs of launching new vehicles and a competitive U.S. market. The company expects the cuts to come through retirement programs.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.- The manhunt for the Texas escapees ended with the final surrender of the sixth and seventh man. It lasted 42 days, with authorities chasing thousands of tips. The two men agreed to give up if they could make live broadcast statements. Three of the men were arrested earlier, another surrendered and the other shot himself.

BHUJ, India- A 7.9-magnitude earthquake hit India Friday, which put costs at 5.5 billion dollars and will put the death toll past 50,000. Tremors lasting 30 seconds continued to shake India on Monday. The government is seeking financial and humanitarian assistance from outside sources.

PUETRO BAQUERIZO, Ecuador- An international team consisting of the U.S. Coast Guard, Ecuadoran National Park Service volunteers and the Ecuadoran navy are struggling to prevent further damage from the wrecked tanker the spilled fuel into the open sea. The Jan 24. spill put 180,000 gallons in the water 2,000 feet off the island of San Cristobal. Winds put the ecological emergency near Galapagos Islands at ease carrying the fuel into the open sea and away from the island's shores.

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given to students involved with campus and community service organizations, and to those students who are willing to commit themselves to living in the house for the entire academic year.

Students that are chosen to live in the house will be required to sign a contract outlining their responsibilities and goals. Each term students will be evaluated by themselves and by representatives from the Service Learning Task Force and the Office of Student Affairs.

Students currently living in the Multi-Cultural House will have the option of remaining there under the new house emphasis.

"We feel that there is a large enough pool of students that we could fill the house," Kridler said.

Students Offering Service (SOS) will relocate its office from the basement of the chapel to the Service Learning House. Other student service organizations, such as Alpha Pi Omega, a national service and volunteer organization, will also have the opportunity to have offices and hold meetings at the house.

Applications are available at the Service Learning Office below the library, and they are due by February 15, 2001. Interviews will take place the week of February 19.

Ritz encourages students to contact her if they have any questions about the house and/or the application process.

Correction

In the January 16, 2001 issue of The Almanian, a headline incorrectly stated that the EHS Department is losing accreditation. The story correctly stated that Alma College's athletic training program is no longer accredited. The Almanian regrets the error.

Adventure Club receives grant

By JENNIFER GIBSON
News Editor

One of the campus' newest student organizations recently found out that its hopes of bringing the community, students and Pine River together would be aided by \$5,000 in grant money.

The Adventure Club, created in the Fall 2000, was notified this month that they have received a \$2,500 Michigan Campus Compact Venture Grant and a \$2,500 grant from the Youth Academic Council to use for creating a canoe trail on the North Pine River.

"The goal is to create a more positive image for Alma and the Pine River. The part of the river that we are planning on using is not polluted and is really natural," said J.R. Logan (02), Adventure Club president and founding member.

The organization will use the money to purchase equipment, such as canoes, weighters, and signs, needed to turn the selected area into a canoeing trail. When applying for the Michigan Campus Compact Venture Grant, the group had to specify exactly what they would purchase with the money. However, the Youth Academic Council grant allows the group much more flexibility with how the money is to be spent.

"The purpose of Youth Academic Council grants are to work with community members to put an educational component to a project and get younger kids involved," said Logan (02). "It doesn't specify exactly how we have to do this, though. Although we haven't decided yet what we're going to do with this money, we're most likely not going to use it for equipment. We'll probably use it to make the project better and on things, such as publicity."

Before canoes can be put in the water, however, the group must first work to clear all of the fallen trees and debris out of the water. They hope to begin this project right after the first thaw in early spring and have already received a number of volunteers from local community members.



Photo courtesy of Adventure Club



Photo courtesy of Adventure Club

"The plan is to make this a big community project," said Logan.

When the project is complete, the canoe trail will run from Luce Road all the way up to Lumberjack Park and will take a full two days to canoe from beginning to end. There will be a variety of access points throughout the trail and eventually the organization hopes to put a campground somewhere along the trail.

"I am excited to start working with the community," said Janay Anderson (03), Adventure Club member. "It is a great project to bring everyone together."

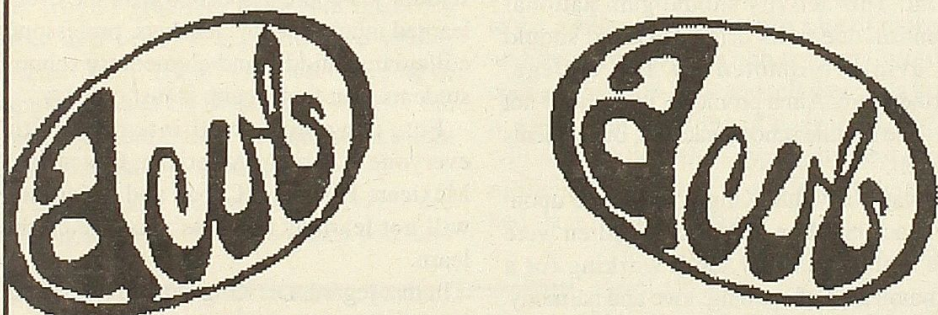
The area of the Pine River planned for the trail has been cleaned up before with the same goal in mind, but was never maintained. The Adventure Club hopes to make its cleanup a project every year, so that the trail remains open.

In addition to the river project, the Adventure Club also participates in a number of other activities. Its goal is to provide students who have an interest in outdoor activities a chance to meet, talk about their experiences, plan a few group trips and also have some type of interaction with the Alma community and its surroundings.

This Wednesday, January 31, 2001, the group will be holding a bonfire and campout in MacIntyre Mall.

"There will be a bonfire and we are going to be cooking smores and banana boats. Everyone is welcome and it is a good chance for people thinking about joining the Adventure Club to talk to people who are doing it," said Logan (01).

Logan has been amazed at how quickly the idea of an Adventure Club and creating a Pine River canoe trail have taken off and said that his biggest hope is that the members, campus and community remain as supportive as they have been thus far.



Alma College Union Board Presents:

Karaoke Night

Sun. Feb. 4th

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

In Joe's Place

Performers will be judged on creativity and performance. Cash Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.

2000 Annual Library Report

Additions to the collection:

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| Books | 6,695 |
| Bound Periodicals | 937 |
| Gift Books | 417 |
| U.S. Documents | 61 |
| Videocassettes | 644 |
| Compact Disks | 91 |
| Other Media | 437 |

Collection use, by item type:

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| Books | 22,827 |
| Periodicals | 848 |
| Paperbacks | 637 |
| Videocassettes | 5,339 |
| Audio | 578 |
| Media | 606 |
| Other Materials | 285 |
| Downloaded Materials | 15,500 |

Most Popular Feature Films on Video:

1. Grosse Pointe Blank
2. Twelve Monkeys
3. Clerks

"All-Time" Most Popular Videos:

1. Lethal Weapon
2. Amadeus
3. A Clockwork Orange

Most Popular CDs:

1. 1812 Overture
2. Rodeo... (Copeland)
3. The Planets (Holst)

Public Photocopiers Usage:

227,479

Library Exits:

126,492

Total Expenditures:

\$635,798

Department receiving the largest share of non-serial expenditures:

Humanities and Social Sciences

Interlibrary loan items borrowed: 2,689

Interlibrary loan items lent: 2,157

Most interlibrary loans completed by department:

1. Biology
2. Psychology
3. English

Most number of interlibrary loans delivered per departmental major:

1. Sociology
2. Psychology
3. Biology

Staff
Editorial

Academic Departments should evaluate course selections

As students progress into Winter Term, the snow flies, tests come and go, and students begin thinking about their future. Some students daydream about graduating, graduate school, getting their first "real job," or finding that special someone. Other students look towards the rest of their college careers. Before we know it, the registrar will send out their forms and the work of selecting courses will begin anew.

Students who have worked their way through the Alma College system of finding classes, being rejected, and looking for more, have come to one startling realization: the same classes are offered year after year.

Opening up the course book given to every incoming student, classes are described that are never offered. In each major there are classes in the curriculum that are not offered

for years by the department. Most students can name at least one class in their major field that sounds interesting, but as far as they can remember, is never offered.

A little investigation by a student will reveal that professors and instructors choose their own classes to teach every term. Although there are a certain number of introductory level courses and required courses that are fit into the curriculum every semester, professors choose their own elective courses. There are some obvious benefits to this system, however, the consequences outweigh the benefits for students.

The most obvious benefit of this system is that professors teach classes that they are passionate about. Most students, whether they are filling a distributive requirement or

fulfilling a major requirement, find that classes are the most rewarding when the professor is passionate about their subject.

The other main benefit that students gain from this selection process is that professors are able to offer classes to students that they feel will enable them to succeed in graduate school or the real world.

However, while these scenarios sound wonderful, with a lack of instructors in some departments and requirements that must be met, students get the short end of the stick.

Students often find as they advance in their education that many of the classes offered are available for students looking to fulfill a distributive requirement. This leaves a select few classes for major students to choose from, or if the tables are turned the other way, a select few classes for other students to choose from.

This often leaves students struggling to fit a class that they "must have to graduate" in the final term of their senior year or taking independent studies to fulfill the requirements.

This is a bad scenario for seniors lining up in the latter part of their senior year for senior clearance. There are too many seniors at Alma College that are struggling to find that class that is only offered once every four years or to find those final four credits for their major in a class they have not taken yet.

This cycle is damaging to students. Alma is currently in the process of finding new faculty for over seven departments, which will correct some of the problems that students are facing. However, departments should be urged to re-evaluate the way that courses are offered at Alma College.

Three Decades after King

By **MICHAEL MURPHY**
Opinion Editor

Extending invitations to Webber and Central Middle Schools in Saginaw, students from these schools collaborated with Alma College students to put on a great display of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15.

Coordinated by Sue Root, professor of education, one Alma student combined with either one or two middle school students to plan a lesson about a biography regarding King. Then, the two or three-person team traveled to elementary schools in Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis to instruct the planned lesson to elementary school children.

This event benefited countless people. First, elementary students benefited from

seeing students just a few years older than them read about one of the most important individuals in American history.

Second, middle school students had the privilege to visit a college. Students unfamiliar with a college atmosphere received an excellent idea about what college is like. They saw classrooms, dormitories, dined in Hamilton Commons and walked around campus. They also had the opportunity to see the poet Sonia Sanchez.

Furthermore, these students had the opportunity to learn about the teaching profession. Planning a lesson, they saw what their teachers did and now they can begin contemplating whether teaching is for them.

College students similarly benefited from this endeavor. They essentially taught two

groups: they helped a middle school student learn how to plan a lesson, and then they team-taught elementary students. They got experience in the classroom and also had the chance of being a role model for students they may have never met.

Alma also stands to benefit from this event. This activity should gain national attention due to its originality and should be avidly promoted by the college. Furthermore, Alma promoted its name to not only the middle school teachers, but students as well.

It was a day that King could smile upon, for black children and white children were one with each other, both working for a common goal of learning, love and harmony.

This is just one day, however, out of 365. Unfortunately, this is a reminder of how

separate black and white lives still are. One cannot deny this. All but a few students from the Saginaw schools were black. All but a few students from Alma College and the surrounding elementary schools were white.

And so we remain separated from each other, except for these large events that occur seldomly. People associated with the event learned much that day: teachers, professors, collegians, middle and elementary school students. But this, again, is just one day.

For, if we do not all integrate with everyone – African American, Caucasian, Mexican, Hispanic, Cuban and Asian, we will not learn as much as what we could learn.

In that regard, Dr. King's dream is still far from being attained.

The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta would like to congratulate and welcome the pledge class of Winter 2001!

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Sports Track

Super Bowl, super dud

By MICHAEL MURPHY
Opinion Editor

So it was that time of year again: the Super Bowl.

Yee haw! It was a time when friends and family gathered to watch the two best football teams in the world. It was a time of pizza, pretzels, pop, popcorn and beer.

It was a time to celebrate the end of a long, hard-fought season. It was a time to celebrate sports.

Oh yeah, it was also a time to enjoy those 30-second hilarious commercials costing companies a whopping \$2.4-million to run.

Yup, talk about cliché after cliché when speaking about the Super Bowl nowadays.

Despite its glory of being one of

the most, if not the most, watched sporting event of the year, it still fell and continues to fall far short of all the hype it receives.

Analizers have been for weeks examining everything about each team. The players, the coaches, the owners, the wives and whatever else about the two sides are over-analyzed to a disgusting extent.

Heck, the pre-game show was longer than the game itself. Six hours before the game, a bunch of broadcasters in crummy looking suits gather around a table and discussed every angle about the game. Give me a break! It is ridiculous when a pre-game show lasts longer than the game itself.

It is here where the problem surfaces. People overanalyze the

game. The game gets too hyped. Then the game falls far short of expectations built from all the glorious drama displayed in advertisements, commercials, magazines and so on.

All the glitz and glimmer about the Super Bowl detracts from the teams and the heart of the matter of deciding what team wanted the Lombardi Trophy the most, what team battled through a difficult, long season and what team stuck together displaying what it means to be a team.

The hype surrounding the Super Bowl stems from the exorbitant amount of money pouring into this single shrine of a game.

Her eminence Britney Spears accompanied N'Sync during a

halftime performance live from the 50-yard line.

What does this have to do with football?

Nothing, it was just a stab in the dark by the NFL, television and the advertising octopus to strangle every cent out of this almost religious event. This takes away from the game once again. We try to take everything a step further. And then we hype it more. People's hopes get high; then when it does not meet expectations, hopes tumble down.

Furthermore, many spectators at the game were not fans from New York or Baltimore traveling to Tampa Bay to watch their Giants or Ravens play. Rather, it was the corporate money machine men

having enough cash to fork over for luxurious seats at the 50-yard line. So the little fan cannot cheer for his team. And the aura of the stadium fills with almost apathy as these money men have no stake at who wins and go just for the show.

Now they can say they went to the Super Bowl.

So anyway, is the Super Bowl a game anymore between two teams? Or is it a game between who has the most money?

We were drenched with all the juice, all the angles, all the headlines about the Giants and the Ravens. When it was all over, none of those new angles really mattered. Only the game mattered.

Well, at least I thought so.

His Story / Her Story

Junior time

Two Alma College Juniors share their memories of the first half of what has been an interesting Junior year.

By BRYAN WAUGH
Photographer/Staff Writer

As a Junior, I am suppose to be looking at graduate schools and maybe even jobs so that when I graduate I can join the work force and become a productive young citizen. Well, I don't think that is going to happen. I have no idea what classes I am going to take next term let alone what I want to do with the rest of my life.

I think many Juniors like myself are thinking about all the money they will have

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to pay after graduating. Not to mention getting health insurance, an apartment or maybe even a house. Then you have to deal with paying for your water, electricity, and your food.

Growing up really sucks; sure you get your freedom. However, your freedoms get trapped in a dead-end job paying bills and trying to raise kids for the rest of your life. Then when you finally get rid of those nasty little rug rats, you have to work for another ten years just to get yourself out of debt.

Finally you tell yourself that you can relax and retire but then you realize that they pushed back your pension ten more years because of those doctors and the technology that lengthens the lives of everyone so that we now can be productive until age 70.

So when I think of what it is like to be a Junior, I get depressed, so I would rather not. However, if everyone wants to know

what it is supposed to be like, I hope my example of growing up did not sugar-coat it too much.

Worrying about your future is totally useless; so many people work their tails off to get a 4.0 so they can make a lot of money and be successful. Then they get out of college and look back and tell their kids that it will be the best time of their lives. They will wonder how the supposedly best time of their lives pasted in a blink while they had their heads in a book.

Now, I am not saying that you should drop out, work at McDonald's and knock up your girlfriend; but you should look around and enjoy what time you have left in college, especially if you are a junior. You still have the time to enjoy yourself without worrying too much about getting a job and setting yourself up for post-college disappoints when we realize we are not all going to be

rich and retire young.

I feel like smacking some sense into people that are getting married or even talking about. It seems that Juniors start to talk about marriage and then Seniors are actually planning it. For so many years we are locked away in school making our way, dare I say laying our track for the future. People are trying to live their lives before they even begin.

As a Junior myself I would advise you to do what you want. Be corny and tell yourself that you want to follow your dreams because that is the only way you will ever be happy. Or you can just ignore everything I just said and probably live an easier life.

I would like a quote to conclude with this statement: Some of the most interesting people I know, still don't know what they want to do with their lives.

By RACHEL KUHLM
Advertising Manager/Staff Writer

Do you ever feel like time is running away from you, and just when you think you are about to catch it, you trip over your feet and have to start all over? I think that is what junior year is all about. You can see the finish line to the race and despite all the hurdles, you still have a chance to catch up to you nearest competitor: time.

Sometimes I secretly envy those people who spend their time at college enjoying life, while I'm stressing about things that are still a year away. You know the type; those who spend five days a week drinking, have gone through ten different majors and still have no clue what they want to do with their lives. It is a good thing they like college so much, because they will most likely be here for six or seven years.

I enjoy college too, but I sure do not want to spend any more time (or money) here than is absolutely necessary. I try my hardest to live life to the fullest each day, but I am constantly looking forward. There are applications that must be turned in now for things occurring next year. There are national tests to take, internships and field experience to look at, and money to be saved. It baffles me sometimes that so many people can get to this point in college and still be going

through the motions.

I think Junior year is about acting on your expectations. During Freshmen and Sophomore year, there are so many opportunities to explore while also deciding what goals and expectations you want to set for yourself. Junior year is when you actively strive toward them.

For me, college has always been a means to an end. Sure, I want to have a good time while I am here, but the goal, the purpose of it all, is to prepare myself for the real world. This is not the real world. For the

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first time, the end is in sight, things are falling into place and I can feel the margin between myself and time growing slimmer with each step. There is still a little over a year left, but I know I am in the homestretch. There are things to do, decisions to make and still a few good times to be had, but I am ready to catch up, ready to be done and ready for time to be catching up with me.

Do you have an issue you would like to see debated in He Said/She Said? Email your suggestions to almanian@alma.edu

Point / Counterpoint

To clone or not to clone?

By SCOTT TIMMRECK
Staff Writer

*A*s the pace of genetic research accelerates, so does general interest in human cloning. The interest, however, have become distinct and one-sided, as evidenced by the outrage expressed over the recent British legislation to amend a ban on human cloning and effectively allow scientific research on embryo cells. That research is a gateway to human cloning.

Since Dolly the Sheep dominated the covers of Time, Newsweek, and whatever other media thought the animal worthy of notation in 1997, religious organizations and interest groups have spoken out about human cloning.

Scientists love it because it's their shot at fame and fortune. Genetic engineers want to sell it because they know rich Americans will buy it. Ethicists are not exactly sure what to think about it because they need more data. Religious right-wingers hate it because it's against their doctrine. And the previous leader of the free world banned federal funding to research it.

The main objections to human cloning are based mainly on morals. Some people do not want science taking the place of the gift their god has given them. Some people insist that a human clone would live under a psychological cloud. And some people just plain get sick over the idea of replicating a human being through scientific procedures.

Fine. Moral objections are fair enough and are not fundamentally different than the objections to abortion since both rest on the issue of the creation, birth and eventual existence of a human being.

But honestly, what makes a human clone

worth so much effort and money?

Vanity? No way.

Infertility? See adoption of the numerous other means of having a child.

Medicine? Honestly, can you imagine making a clone of yourself just to take an organ from it? Don't forget that clone you created just to take a heart or a kidney from would need to be born, raised and loved like any other human being.

Do you want to make another Napoleon or Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King Jr.? A genetic copy of any of these individuals would be a mere twin with a different background than the people we call heroes.

Once again, what makes a human clone worth so much effort and money? After all, the natural method of making a person has been effective and very well liked for generations.

Those arguments aside, we need to check up on the 3-year-old Dolly. Her genes are showing signs of wear and she may be susceptible to premature aging and disease. All chromosomes are capped with tips known as telomeres that prevent a cell's genetic fraying. And when those telomeres wear out, they tell cells to die. Well, Dolly's telomeres are going black faster than then average sheep out on the Scottish hillside.

Geneticists say that Dolly6 could age faster and run a higher-than-usual risk of cancer. Granted, we do not know if the case would be the same for a human.

But if that did become universal, perhaps we find the biggest argument against cloning: the loss of biological heritage. That wild and vigorous past we can now document so well thanks to the Internet would just stop existing. We would have no bloodline.

That's scary. Human cloning is scary. Let the debates rage on.

By DONNA PAPPAS
Staff Writer

*S*ince the birth of dolly, the genetically cloned sheep in a laboratory in Scotland, scientists have cloned other mammals including mice, pigs and monkeys. Should this technique be legalized for humans?

The cloning of mammals is of great medical importance in the production of proteins for those humans in need. Protein drugs are important for human insulin and clotting factors difficult to manufacture.

Protein production takes place through the insertion of human genes into the DNA of certain mammals. Some females may in turn express the human gene in their mammary tissues and secrete the protein in their milk. The number of females whose eggs survive the technique and whose milk contains a sufficient level of protein, however, is very slim.

The cloning process would allow pharmaceutical companies to copy those females who are high protein producers in order to increase the supply of these proteins and decrease the price of proteins for patients who depend on them for survival.

animal cloning also provides researchers with the ability to study specific disease and their processes. If cloning will enable the extinction of harmful and even deadly disease, the benefits of this process would be immeasurable.

The advantages of human clones proves even greater. Infertile couples would be allowed the opportunity to produce a genetically related child. This opportunity is an amazing scientific breakthrough that should not be prohibited.

President Bill Clinton banned the use of federal money for projects related to human cloning. Even a few states have passed laws

banning human cloning at this time. In 1997, there was a five-year moratorium enacted on human cloning, which was passed by the Society for Developmental Biology.

The government has no power to interfere with the ability of a couple to have a genetically related child. If these techniques become available, they should be used for the purpose of allowing these couples their right to raise a family.

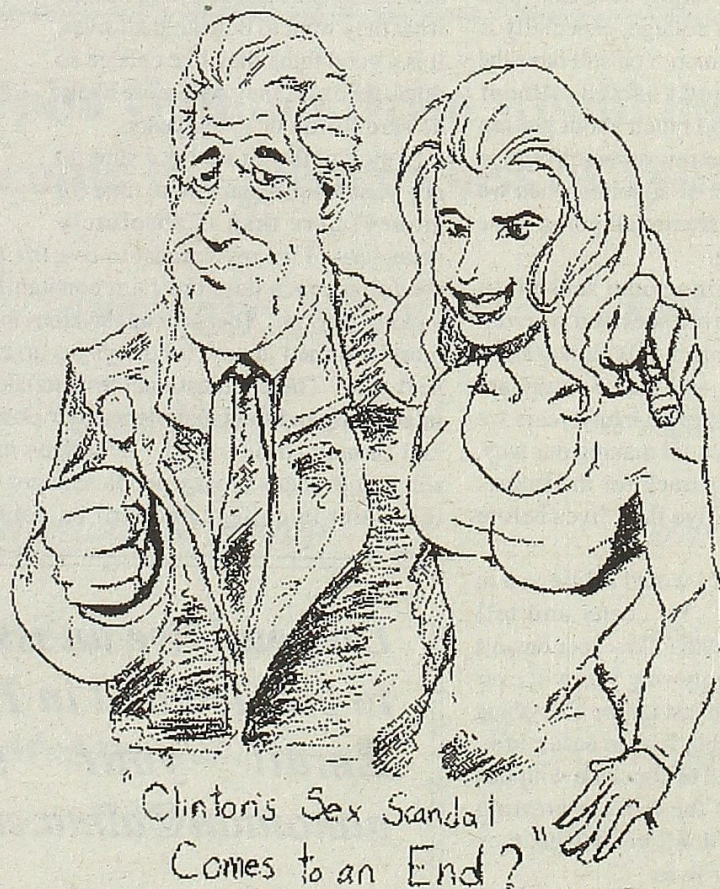
Advancements in the science are also an advantage to human cloning. through the reproduction of body parts for transplantation that are not immunologically rejected, humans would have the ability to live more secure lives. Those patients who are in need of a heart transplant would not have to worry about whether they will receive a heart "in time." A heart could be cloned for their need.

There are many ethical and moral questions surrounding the cloning debate. Is it ethical to clone a human? But before you answer that questions, consider this: Is it ethical to withhold treatment to a patient dying of heart disease, if within our society we have the means of producing its cure?

In evaluating the cost and benefits of this technique, it is clear that cloning prevails; the benefit of a human life is greater than any cost this technique could possibly pose to society.

Do you want to see a topic debated by our opinion writers? Email your suggestions to almanian@alma.edu

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By BILL
CHALTRAW

Entertainment

Briefs

He may not be able to talk but, apparently, he can dance

During a concert at the Lincoln Memorial Ricky Martin got the new leader of the free world to shake his bon-bon. The concert was the beginning of four days of festivities to celebrate George Ws victory.

And yet another actress who thinks she's a politician...

Barbara Striesand, singer, actress and self-proclaimed political activist is so upset that George W. named John Ashcroft, former Senator of Missouri, a secretary of state that she is now calling Senators and asking them to vote against Ashcroft.

Lopez a no show for the Grammys

Although her appearance at last year's Grammys and her inventive use of double-sided tape were infamous, Jennifer Lopez does not plan to attend the award show this year. Maybe she realized that there was no way she could show more skin than she did last year, and that took all of the fun out of attending for her.

But, that takes all of the fun out of it...

The guy who never says sorry has finally turned a new leaf—Bill Mahr apologized or making offensive remarks for his commentary regarding the mentally disabled on his show, "Politically Incorrect."

No one would want to see the pick of that litter, anyway...

Marilyn Mason and Rose McGowan have cancelled wedding plans and separated. Somewhere, Courtney Love is laughing.

Movie Review by Olga Wrobel

Stiles Saves the Last Dance

Seeing previews for *Save the Last Dance*, one might worry that it might be another teeny bopper flick, sort of like *Center Stage*, but in an urban back street setting. Two teenagers spend all day dancing, falling in love, and conquering the world...the same old cliches. However, the film really strays away from the shallow plots that most teen movies have today. It focuses on sensitive topics, such as death, crime, and inter racial relationships, but does it in a realistic and straight forward manner.

Save the Last Dance starts off with 17-year-old Sara Johnson (Julia Stiles) taking a train to Chicago, where she will be moving in with her father. Sara's mother has recently died in a car accident, and Sara blames herself for it. She has always been a passionate dancer, sort of a prima donna, and it was on the way to one of her dance auditions that her mother was killed. She has decided to give up dancing, and has been forced to move to inner city Chicago, a complete change from what she's always known.

Once Sara starts school, it is evident that she is one of the only white people attending. Immediately she befriends Chenille (Kerry Washinkton), an unwed mother in her class, and her brother Derek, played by Sean Patrick Thomas. These two give her refuge by taking her to clubs, where Derek teaches her how to dance to hip hop, and she finds herself falling for him.

Throughout the film each character has many personal issues to

face, such as Sara's desire to dance ballet again, Chenille's relationship with her baby's father, and Derek's conflict between choosing a life of trouble or a successful future. One of the major problems in the film is Sara and Derek's love for each other, and how no one can look past their skin color and accept them as a couple.

Save the Last Dance had a great balance of dancing, music, comedy and drama. The dialogue between the characters was more than just small talk; they were much more intelligent than one may have thought, and much more intelligent than most teenagers act in today's movies. The three main actors had great performances as well. Julia Stiles definitely has a successful future ahead of her, and Thomas and Washinkton were also great for their roles. The chemistry between the actors was so believable that there were more than a few parts in the movie that made most people actually cry. The dancing scenes were also fun to watch,

because the actors were actually good at it

There were a few weak points in this movie, but not too many. First off, it may be given the title of a "chick flick" since the previews show dancing and romance more than anything, and the movie may be more appealing to females overall. The plot was also a little predictable when it came to decisions that the characters had to make. However, overall the pros outweighed the cons.

Grade: B+

Album Review by Dan Joyce

American Town: Five for Fighting

Since the age of two, John Ondrasik has been playing music. His mother taught him the piano as a toddler. Where has this led him? To the spotlight.

Five for Fighting is a band to keep your eye on. Their first release, American Town, has already turned numerous heads.

The album tackles major issues that apply to our society. "Shotgun fire...anybody home / I got two dimes in the telephone / Alright...It's not easy tonight," comes from a track entitled "Easy Tonight." This track, about suicide, opens the album and is one of the best on the album.

But who is *Five for Fighting*?

Well, mostly, they are just one man, John Ondrasik. he has been formally trained in opera, learned piano from his mom, taught himself guitar by listening to Peter Frampton's live set "Frampton Comes alive," and writes his own lyrics.

What does the listener get out of this UCLA educated musician? A superb album. From front to back, this album is all an album should be.

The 12-track masterpiece is perfectly writ-

ten. The lyrics are very controlled. The bass sounds perfect. the guitar chimes in at just the right times. The percussion fits perfectly.

Many of the tracks on *American Town* are very heavily reliant on a piano. "Superman" is one of these.

In "Superman" the lyrics are very cute. they

fectly. the guitar work is probably the strongest on this track.

The track confronts the sociopolitical stance of America, as seen by Ondrasik. "I know I should be happy in your land / It's not all that wild to me /Not that I want to be any other where / I know its hell out there."

Now, Ondrasik is not really a new face on the music scene. He produced on other album under a different name. So, in a sense, this is his sophomore release.

Five for Fighting takes rock back to its foundation. each track is carefully crafted and produced, but most of all, the lyrics are strong. In a time of "Write for the radio," Ondrasik follow his favorites; Elton John, earth, Wind & Fire, Journey, and others that influenced rock and roll.

America Town is an album hat is a shoe-in for hits, as well as being mentioned years down the road. this is not an album that is just a fad.

Ondrasik write songs that speak to us here and now, but remain timeless. We may just have someone to stand beside

Bono and the rest of U2 a decade or two down the road. how many other top 40 bands will remain?

America Town is a must for any music fan.

Five for Fighting
American Town
Aware/Columbia
Records
Grade A

bring out the fact that everyone has some desire and some need to fit in: "Only a man in a funny red sheet/Looking for special things inside of me."

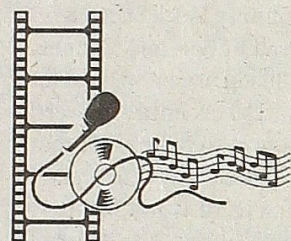
The very next track is one of the most consuming of the album.

The title track puts everything together per-



(From www.imdb.com)

1. Save the Last Dance
2. Cast Away
3. Traffic
4. Double Take
5. What Women Want
6. Thirteen Days
7. Finding Forrester
8. Miss Congeniality
9. Wo huzang long
10. The Emperor's New Groove



TOP 10 ALBUMS

(From www.billboard.com)

1. The Beatles—1
2. Shaggy—Hotshot
3. Various Artists—Now 5
4. Creed—Human Clay
5. Limp Bizkit—Chocolate Starfish...
6. Sade—Lovers Rock
7. OutKast—Stakonia
8. Snoop Dogg—The Last Meal
9. Lenny Kravitz—Greatest Hisses
10. Dido—No Angel

The poet, the educator, the activist: Sonia Sanchez

By GINGER DAVIS
Feature Editor

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, inspiration walked the halls of Alma College. Inspiration in a petite package adorned by brightly colored hats.

When Doctor Sonia Sanchez, renowned poet and educator, visited Alma she shared not only her poems with the college but she also shared the joy of poetry and insight as to writing and writing well for her goal, while visiting Alma, was not only to share her poetry, but also to share the fire and joy of writing.

Where is your fire? I say where is your fire?

Can't you smell it coming out of our past?

Many people are used to seeing poems as merely two-dimensional-as nothing more than simply the letters on the page. Sanchez added two additional dimensions to her poetry-sound, which gave the poems a new life and background. With each poem Sanchez preformed in the Heritage Center on Tuesday, Sanchez gave a background as to the circumstances under which she wrote it.

Many students were surprised by her explanations of her poetry. A group of students at Sanchez's Tuesday lecture read the poem "to whom it may concern" and thought that it was some type of reprimand.

you gon know you done been touched by me
this time.

The story was simply a love poem for the man who would be her husband, Sanchez explained.

Sanchez shared some of her theories on poetry and poets with the college.

"I believe poets are born" Sanchez said.

However, she argued that the ability to write

language.

Everything has been said before, Sanchez told a group of students during a lecture on Tuesday. It is up to you to say it better.

Although much of her poetry is in the form of free verse, Sanchez has practiced and mastered many forms of poetry. One of her favorites is the Japanese Hiku. Many poets use Hiku for descriptive poetry, but Sanchez has mastered the art of injecting a lot of meaning into only 17 verses.

if I had know, if
i had known you, i would have
left my love at home.

Sanchez also writes a lot of blues poetry. Some of her poems have even been set to music and recorded by a women's a cappella group.

She advised students to be listeners, to hear people and hear them entirely.

"That's the jog of that thing called poetry. We all speak poetry, sometimes," she said.

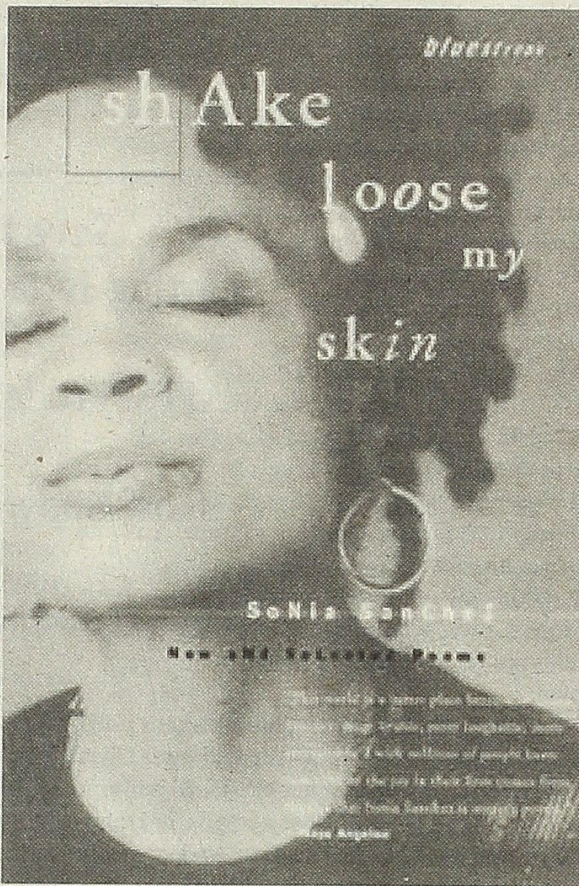
In addition to being a writer and professor at Temple University, Sanchez is also an African America rights activist. Her poems, in themselves, are a form of activism.

watch out
for the full moon of sonia
shining down on ya.

Sanchez spoke passionately of the future of people, and race.

"This world will not support the kind of disagreements we have with one another anymore... This universe will not support the kind of respect we give one another," she said.

Poetry excerpts from shake loose my skin by Sonia Sanchez. Beacon Press 1999.



poetry is not a gift, it is a responsibility. To be a good poet, one must practice, seek out muses instead of waiting for inspiration, know and appreciate the mechanics of the many forms of poetry, and, above all, a poet must love the

The first lady of Alma, Laurie Kolenbrander

By RACHEL KUHLE
Staff Writer

One of the first things Laurie Kolenbrander told me as we sat down for our interview was, "I'm much better at chit-chat". So with that in mind, the well thought out interview turned into a two hour long chat about her life, her art, her family, obstacles she has overcome, and her hopes for both Alma College and the world in general.

Laurie was born and raised on a farm in Nebraska. She and Dr. Kolanbrander both worked their way through college, marrying between their sophomore and junior year. At that point it Laurie decided to leave school and get a job to help cover the financial burdens the young couple faced. "We were so poor. My grandmother, bless her heart, had given each of the grandchildren when they married a twelve piece place setting of sterling silver. Well, we had nothing to eat off it, but by golly we ate with class."

She returned to college once her children started school, but feeling no pressure to earn a specific degree, Laurie spent the time learning for the mere enjoyment of learning. "I loved to go to school... and I would still love to go back to school." For the time being, Laurie finds challenges and enjoyment in her art, which happens to be one of her many majors. She is a metalsmith and has a studio set-up in the President's house so that she can continue working during their stay here at Alma College.

The Kolanbrander's have been married for forty-two years and, according to Mrs. Kolanbrander, she and her husband are total opposites. "I often describe our marriage

as a yin and a yang, where one is strong where the other is weak and vice versa, but together that's an orb. That is strong."

Strong enough to make it through three children, several grandchildren, and Laurie's life-threatening illness. "Nineteen years ago I was supposed to die. It was a brainstem tumor, non-operable... I love something I was told by a teacher sometime back, they said, 'God put me here to complete a couple of things, and with the way things

"Even when I was very ill and supposed to die I thought of all the people I knew or would not yet meet at forty-five years of age before I died and it was okay."

~Laurie Kolenbrander

are going, I'm may live forever.' We have a marvelous family, even when I was very ill and supposed to die I thought of all the people I knew or would not yet meet at forty-five years of age before I died and it was okay. I knew people who had been so careful, they had eaten this, or done this and they could live to be 145 and would not have lived a day."

"When I was in the hospital there was a little old mop lady all bent over and she walked into my room at about 3:00AM in the morning and she saw that I was awake. She

came over to my bed and leaned over her mop and said, 'What's wrong with you honey?', and I said 'Well, its been diagnosed an inoperable brain stem tumor'. She leaned over her mop and said, 'I ain't never known nobody that wasn't smart that got one.' And I figured, I have to live just to figure out all those double negatives!"

"I wish, oh how I wish, that each of us took time and really considered our brothers and sisters, the important part of this life... We think its so important to make money, to be important, to have power, whatever, and people really are so fantastic, so different, there is such variety." One experience that reinforced the idea of such variety in life was when she gave a speech and asked her audience the question, "If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be?" Everyone choose different types of trees and gave very different reasons for their choice.

That same day, someone else asked the question, if you were a flower what kind would you be? "One of the first women to speak was sure she would be an orchid, because she had always been told she was very exotic. Oh my, I wanted to throw up. When it finally got to me I said I would probably be a dandelion. You could find me anywhere, and the older I got, the fuzzier got my hair."

Part Two of Rachel Kuhl's interview with Laurie Kolenbrander will appear in next week's issue.

Greek Recruitment 2001

Alpha Xi Delta

Nicole Cardenas
Miranda Dellert
Katie Douglas
Lauren Giordano
Stephanie Goodell
Jenny Greyerbiehl
Jessica Greyerbiehl
Holly Huizinga
Lindsey Kane
Stephanie Krieg
Elizabeth Kunkle
Christina Leonard
Brooke McKenney
Jennifer McNamara
Rebeka Noss
Heidi Ventline
Katy Ylisto

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alexandra Bartlett
Crystal Davis
Anne Dorf
Kathleen Lawrence
Anna Long
Michelle Monsour
Rebecca Monsour
Megan Richards
Corinne Wagner
Laura Waligore

Gamma Phi Beta

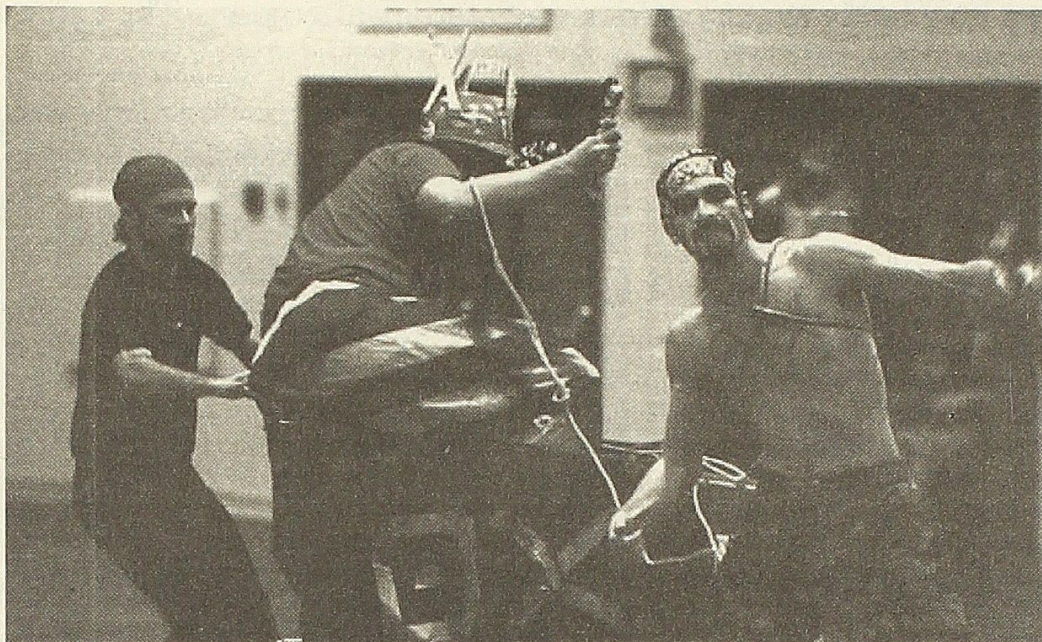
Lauren Eliason
Becky Kinney
Danielle Halstead
Danni Poulson
Sandy Patrick
Amber Nash
Kristin Shea
Kristin Dubenion Smith
Kari Douglas
Sara Fusion
Alaina Stewart
Bree Brownless
Emily Grantner
Meredith Henry
Jen Sanders

Kappa Iota

Darby Cornelius
Melissa Kegler
Danielle Calzun
Meghan VanWitt
Kristin Brindley
Lindsay Derenzy
Katherine Cleland
Kris Grinwis
Kim Slatterback

Phi Sigma Sigma

Jessica Camp
Courtney Cuttily
Claudia Eaton
Sara Ellis
Terry Guinther
Sarah Heirvey
Sarah Hayes
Beth Horgan
Diane Kirby
Kristen Koenig
Jenna Martin
Sara Monsere
Robyn Paige
Carrie Schmidt
Emalee Sutherland
Becky Swender



Bryan Waugh

Members of the Theta Chi Fraternity enter the gym during Saturday night's Run-Outs.



Bryan Waugh

The Gamma Phi Beta's celebrate the arrival of new members during Run Outs on Friday night.



Bryan Waugh

Members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity enter the gym during Run Outs on Saturday night.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Garrett Bensinger
Tom Devore
Scott Hall
Christopher Heikkuri
Nicholas Izydorek
Andrew Jones
Mark Kato
Andrew Leonard
David Mosey
Aaron Wallace

Theta Chi

Ethan Dereszynski
Brandon DiGia
Jeremy Olsen

Zeta Sigma

Mark Ferguson
Ralph Griffith
Alan Kast
Matthew Kujawski
James Oswald
Chad Rowell

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Aaron Aguilar
Demtrius Dielman
Jeff Garlick
Ryan Lueker
Steve McIntosh
Bo Teal

Sigma Chi

Mark Demarest
Marc Kai
Travis Kohl
Travis Crawford
David Mihalek
Jack Haze
Ray Vansteenkiste
Ian MacDonald
Ryan Triplett
Andy Kibbe
Matteo LoPiccolo
Andy Talik
Kevin Brady
Joe Phillips
Mark Zuziak
Brett Zubeck
Joe Bush
Ross Alexander
Rob Nicholson



Bryan Waugh

Sigma Chi Chris Harrington celebrates with his brothers during Run Outs.

Scots lose 90-84 against Adrian Knights

The men's basketball team fought a long battle against Adrian on Saturday afternoon. The entire team

By **DARBY CORNELIUS**
Staff Writer

The Alma men's basketball team suffered a 90-84 loss to Adrian on Saturday afternoon in Cappaert Gymnasium for their second straight MIAA loss. The Scots are 7-11 overall and 2-5 in the league.

The Scots struggled in the first half, with a 47-34 deficit as they headed for the locker room. They came back on the court in full force to outscore the Bulldogs 50-43 in the second, but could not overcome the lead.

Cory Heitsch (03) played an exceptional game going 6-for-7 from behind the three-point line and 7-for-9 from the field, totaling 21 points and just missing the Alma record of seven three-pointers in a game.

The Scots lowered the Bulldog lead to four points (55-51) with 11:53 left in the game, but several crucial turnovers paired with Adrian's tight inside game left no hope for Alma. Scoring opportunities were many and Matt Johnson (03) tallied 19 points, including a dunk with 7:17 left in the game. Rob Taylor (03) added 15 points while Nick Duflo (04) had 10 points in the losing effort.

Johnson led the Scots in rebounding with eight, while Jeff Hosler (02) had a defensive effort of five assists and three steals.

Adrian shot 57 percent from the floor

(32-for-56), but the Scots dominated in three-pointers, completing 67 percent (8-for-12).

"Cory Heitsch had a great game offensively that kept us in the game," said coach Kevin Skaggs, "But our defense didn't play that well at all."

Wednesday's home game against Calvin was another disappointment for the Scots. Once again, they fell twelve points short in the first half (48-36) and spent the rest of the game trying to make up for the deficit.

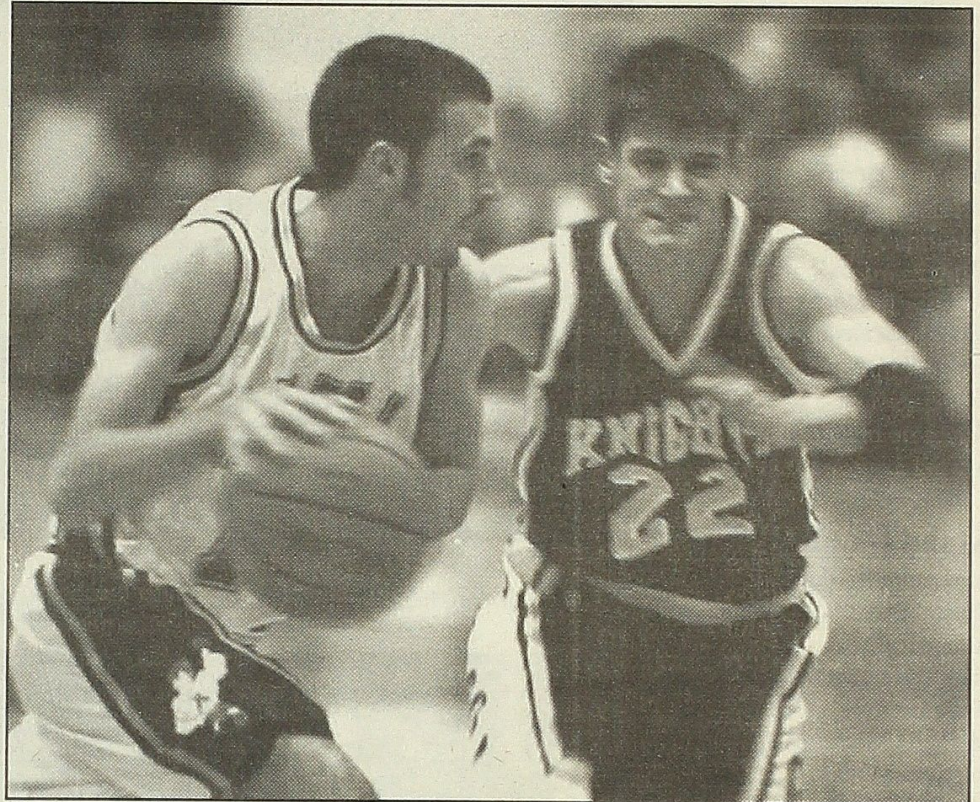
At halftime, Skaggs said, "We have to focus on aggressive rebounding with more consistency."

The Scots came back with a scoring run with 7:47 left to play. Duflo, who led Alma with 21 points, started a string of three straight three-pointers at 7:27, followed by a Hosler three at 6:57 and another by Duflo at 6:44 to close the gap to 72-70. Taylor, who played an intensely physical game, added to the run with two straight inside jumpers to give the Scots a 74-72 lead. Needless to say, Calvin answered for the victory.

"When we came back to take the lead by two, we couldn't keep the momentum," said Taylor.

The Scots played a hard offensive game with Bill Johnson's (03) 12 points, as well as 12 from Taylor and Heitsch. Sean Dick (01) added 10. Taylor had eight rebounds and three monster blocks, while Duflo added seven assists.

This MIAA game had both crowds



Bryan Waugh

An Alma Scots fights for the ball during last weeks basketball game against the Adrian Knights. The Scots lost the battle with a score of 90-84.

roaring for various reasons. One of the controversies stemmed from frequent foul calls on the Alma team. Calvin shot 41 free throws which gave them an edge from the line.

"We made a run and stayed focused. We have to play consistently at our best and if we don't we can't beat a team like Calvin,"

said Skaggs after the game.

In last week's action, the Scots beat Albion 74-66 on the road Saturday. They lost to Hope 88-69 Wednesday. The Scots travel to Kalamazoo for a 3 p.m. game on Feb. 3.

NOW HIRING! Highland Festival Coordinator

The Alma College College Conference Office is now accepting applications for the position of Highland Festival Coordinator.

Responsibilities Include:

- *Reserving rooms
- *Processing payments
- *Supervising student staff
- *Coordinating guest registration
- *Residence hall cleaning
- *Position will begin in mid-February and last through Highland Festival Weekend.

Good organizational and communication skills are a must! First or Second year students preferred with the expectation of handling responsibilities for more than one year.

Interested students may apply at the Personnel and Conference Office, Reid Knox building by February 2, 2001

Attention!

Applications are now being accepted for *The Almanian* Editor-in-Chief for the 2001-2002 school year and the WQAC General Manager for the 2001-2002 school year. Applications are available in the Student Affairs Office.

Super Bowl XXXV ends with a victory for Baltimore

By AMY NOVAK
Sports Editor

Ray Lewis is on top of the world. Just a year ago he faced murder charges that came dangerously close to ending his career in the end of the world. Now he is basking in the glory of a Super Bowl ring and the title of MVP for the game.

Mark 2001 as the year that the Ravens became the newest NFL team that came from nowhere to win the championship.

Lewis led the Baltimore Ravens to the huge 34-7 victory over the New York Gi-

ants in Super Bowl XXXV. With the help of teammate Trent Dilfer, who only a year ago was unsure of his status as quarterback for the team, the two aided the Ravens franchise to their first Super Bowl victory since the team moved to Maryland in 1995. The win marked the second championship for a Baltimore team, going all the way back to a Colt victory in Super Bowl V.

The win will remain in history books as a victory for the team with one of the greatest defenses in league history. Allowing only one Giant touchdown that occurred on a special teams kickoff return, the Ravens defense forced Giants quarterback

Kerry Collins into throwing a Super Bowl tying record four interceptions.

In terms of time and scoring, these two teams played a rather warped game. With a little over four minutes left in the third quarter, the two teams tied the record for most punts in a Super Bowl. Later in the third, three touchdowns were scored in 36 seconds of playing time.

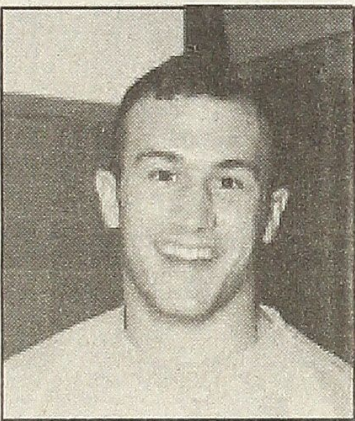
But never mind how the Ravens won, the victory still marks a historic moment for both the team and individuals. To many, the Most Valuable Player title redeems Lewis for the previous year's charges. Lewis received much vindication as the NFL com-

missioner who issued his \$250,000 fine for his post-bowl actions in Atlanta last year claimed Lewis is among the greatest linebackers ever.

Looking to the Ravens future, the next challenge that lies ahead is the repeat. Despite their impressive defense, the challenge of next year's title for the Ravens is a huge one. Remember the St. Louis Rams were just as excited last year about their offense; they did not win a single playoff game this year.

As for Lewis' future, he was given a 2001 Ford Explorer and has received offers from many potential advertisers.

Who is going to win the Super Bowl?



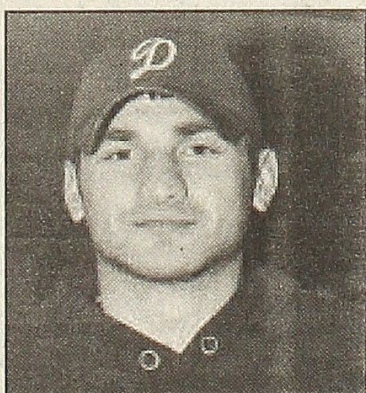
"The Ravens. They have a better defense than the Giants offense."

Kevin Vermpersche (04)



"The Ravens will win because they had more offensive yards in the regular season."

Angela Zubeck (02)



"The Ravens. The Giants won't score on their defense."

Kris Ernst (02)

Highrollers



"The Ravens will win. They have an incredible defense that will counteract any Giant offense."

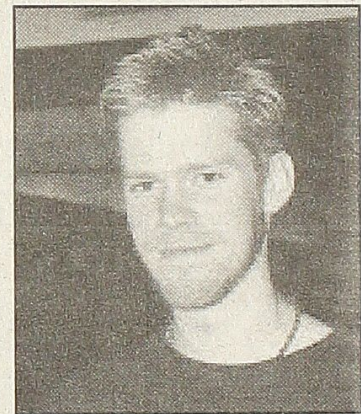
Kristen Babbitt (02)



The Ravens will win because they have the best defense in the NFL and for some reason they can always pull a miraculous play to open the margin. But that's all they need, one play and great defense."

Colin McLaughlin '04

Don't Bet on Them!



"The Giants will win. That way the city of New York will have two national titles."

Jonathan Buist (03)



"The Giants because they are big."

Heather Svejara (02)

Photos by Bryan Waugh

Women's basketball team defeats Adrian

Team increases record, holds second place spot in league with a two game lead

By **DARBY CORNELIUS**
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team capped Adrian 73-59 on Saturday afternoon in Adrian to increase its record to 12-5 overall with ten victories in the last 11 games. Alma holds a two-game lead for second place in the league with Olivet trailing in third (5-3). Hope remains in first place with an 8-0 record.

Janell Twietmeyer (03) scored a game-high 22 points, while Joy Horton (01) added 15 for the win. Shelly Ulfig (03) posted 11 points and ten rebounds, and Julia Payne (04) hit a season-high five blocks.

The Scots started off with an impressive 14-point lead in the first half (38-24), with Adrian closing the gap in the second half (51-49). Alma's intense defense won the game by holding Adrian to just 32 percent shooting from the floor (20-for-62) in comparison to the Scots' 78 percent from the line (28-for-36).

"It feels great to continue to win on the road," said coach Charlie Goffnett. "Our defense and key free throws down the stretch proved to be the difference. It was a closer game than the score indicated."

At Calvin on Wednesday, the Scots took down the Knights on their home court. The 52-45 victory was their first in Grand Rapids since the 1993-94 season.

The Scots played sharp defense and despite their lack of a high shooting percentage (34 percent), they came away with the win. The Knights only shot 30 percent from the field due to Scot defensive play.

Ulfig contributed 16 points while Twietmeyer and Horton each added ten. Horton played a strong game with no turnovers and seven rebounds in addition to her offensive grant.

Alma outrebounded Calvin 42-29 and shot 16-for-20 from the free throw line, compared to the Knights' 5-for-9 performance.

Last week the Scots beat Albion 77-50 at home on Saturday. Twietmeyer led the Scots with 16 points, while Ulfig contributed 12 points in the winning effort. Karen Hall (04) recorded ten points and shared the team-lead in rebounds with five, along with Twietmeyer.

An intense game against Hope at the Cappaert Gymnasium last Wednesday led to a hard 68-61 loss for Alma. The conference loss stymied the Scots' seven game winning streak and dropped them to a tie for second in the league. Ulfig scored 18 points and nine rebounds while Horton added 12 points in the effort.

"We can't let any more conference games slip away," said Goffnett. "We have to take each experience and build on it to see if we can peak at the end of the season."

The Scots host St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31.



Bryan Waugh

Joy Horton (01) goes for a lay-up in the Scots' match up against Hope last Wednesday.

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