

# The Almanian

*serving Alma College since 1907*

## New president praises Alma's culture

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Editor-in-chief

Dr. Saundra Tracy began her duties as Alma College's 12<sup>th</sup> president on August 1 after being unanimously selected by the Board of Trustees to replace interim president Harold Kolenbrander, who served Alma for seven months.

"I was seeking a special kind of presidency," she said. "And there are some really special things happening at Alma. We have things that differentiate us from other colleges."

One of those things, she believes, is Alma's intellectual atmosphere and overall culture. "Ideas and excitement about what people are learning are more prevalent [at Alma] than in places where learning is packaged into typical classrooms," she said.

"I'm not sure we brag enough about our culture," she added. "If you compare us to similar colleges, we have significantly more activity going on. If a faculty member recognizes that you have an interest or a talent, you're encouraged to expand on it."

That sort of culture, one that former Provost Leslie Brown tried to express in words with the phrase "quality ethos," is something Dr. Tracy wants to bring together into a single community where faculty members look out for the staff and students are involved in most aspects of running the college.

"I'm dreaming about making sure we're working well together as a community," she said. "And

I wouldn't have come here if I didn't think Alma was ready to be very optimistic about its future."

Alma's recent past is gray with administrative shifts as well as consistently low morale among numerous faculty and staff members, but Dr. Tracy sees a bright future.

"I don't feel the college is derailed right now," she said. "We can improve the ways that we bring together the good things that happen on this campus."

Myles McNally, professor of computer science, is optimistic as well. "I'm excited by the prospects of having her as our president," he said. Melissa Hovey, circulation desk manager at the library, says Dr. Tracy "seems pretty strong. I have high expectations for her."

But a bit troubling for some members of the College is this year's lower-than-expected enrollment. According to Dr. Tracy, exact numbers will not be available until the third week of September, but approximately 350 new students have joined Alma's community. "When I last heard, that would be about 50 below what the budget called for," she said. "We will be under-budget this year," she added.

Jerry Scoby, vice-president of finance, is working on the budget numbers, Dr. Tracy said, and he will have those figures by the third week of September. "I don't know where cuts will be made," she stated, "but we're not considering layoffs. It's not a crisis."

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Photo by Dan Joyce

President Tracy and Provost Avery both spoke during Alma's annual Opening Convocation. Dr. Tracy began her duties as Alma College's president on August 1. "There are some really special things happening at Alma," she said. "I hope I'm the right match for the college."

## Dorm breakins welcome first-years to Alma

Ryan Cannon  
Staff Writer

Two as-of-yet unidentified intruders greeted first-year students during Preterm by attempting three robberies over the course of the week. The lone successful theft was in Gelston Hall, and the two failures took place in Newberry Hall and Bruske Hall.

On August 24, a Gelston resident left the door to her room open while she left to shower. When she returned, her purse was missing and a student noted a suspicious person loitering in the Gelston courtyard. The purse was later found, the cash inside stolen and everything else left behind.

Later that week, an intruder matching the description of the loiterer attempted to steal a wallet out of a room in Newberry. The occupant, whose position hid her from view, grabbed the intruder as he snuck in her open door.

Both incidents were reported to security, and administration circulated an email describing the thief to students.

On their way to lunch on August 30, RAs Colin McLaughlin (04) and Lisa Miller (03) saw a young man who matched the description in the email wandering through south Bruske. They both greeted him and received no response as he walked past.

"He just looked shocked that we were talking to him," Miller said.

The two RAs began to follow the stranger, who they described as around 19, with dirty blonde hair, a thin mustache and goatee. McLaughlin said

the stranger wandered around the halls, but found they were too active to make a stealthy break-in. The potential thief walked to north Bruske, and when McLaughlin addressed him, the stranger ran off.

The two RAs immediately called the student affairs office and gave a detailed description of the man. Claire Brady and Jerry Scoby later confronted him, taking his name and demanding that he leave campus and not return.

Although the intruder gave a false name, administration called Alma's police, who are currently investigating the crimes. The intruder in Bruske was not the same man who students saw loitering in Gelston, and police are now searching for two individuals.

Dean of Students Jim Kridler says break-ins "happen now and then." Kridler blames Alma's safety for lulling students into a false sense of security. "People feel so safe they prop open [residence hall] doors and leave [room] doors unlocked." He insists that break-ins can be prevented if the students' doors were not left open unattended. "If the doors had been locked or even closed, the situation could have been avoided."

Should a student ever see someone committing a crime in a residence hall, that student may immediately call campus security at x7777 or police at x9911. The security team begins its work at 4:30 p.m. and if an incident occurs before then, as the Preterm break-ins did, students may call the student affairs office at x7147.

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# NEWS

## Alan J. Stone Rec Center opens

Rob Nicholson  
Staff Writer

The Alan J. Stone Student Center for Recreation officially opened its doors for the first time to Alma students on Friday evening under a gray sky after twelve months of construction that made the area immediately east of Bruske Hall a work zone.

Construction began on the Center with a groundbreaking ceremony a year ago last weekend. Initially, construction was ahead of schedule, but a cold winter put the brick masons behind. Additionally, in May, hot and rainy weather resulted in a moisture level too high for the state of the art sport surfacing that has been applied to the floor.

The facility was supposed to be complete by August 3, marking a less-than-one year finish. The construction process did not exceed the \$5.5 million allotted to the project.

The Recreation Center features four multiple activity courts, which can be used for basketball, volleyball and tennis. One of the courts has a specialized harder surface and four foot walls that allow for indoor soccer and floor hockey. A three-lane track on the second level and a 24-foot high by 30-foot wide climbing wall are additional features. Fitness rooms include a multipurpose aerobics room and a weight room equipped with machines, free weights and cardiovascular equipment.

Despite some opening problems such as cableless televisions, the Recreation Center was running well. "With any new facility there are going to be problems, but part of the challenge is to find and fix these problems," said Amy Blackburn, the Center's director. Over the semester, the college plans to add batting cages to the facilities, replacing the ones where the new varsity weight room is now located.

The Recreation Center is scheduled to have hours that extend beyond those of the Physical Education Center. While the PE Center was open on weekends from only 2-5 p.m. last year, the Recreation Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. During the week, the facility will operate from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.. To keep the facility open for the expanded hours, Blackburn plans to employ around 100 students in various capacities. Positions are still available.

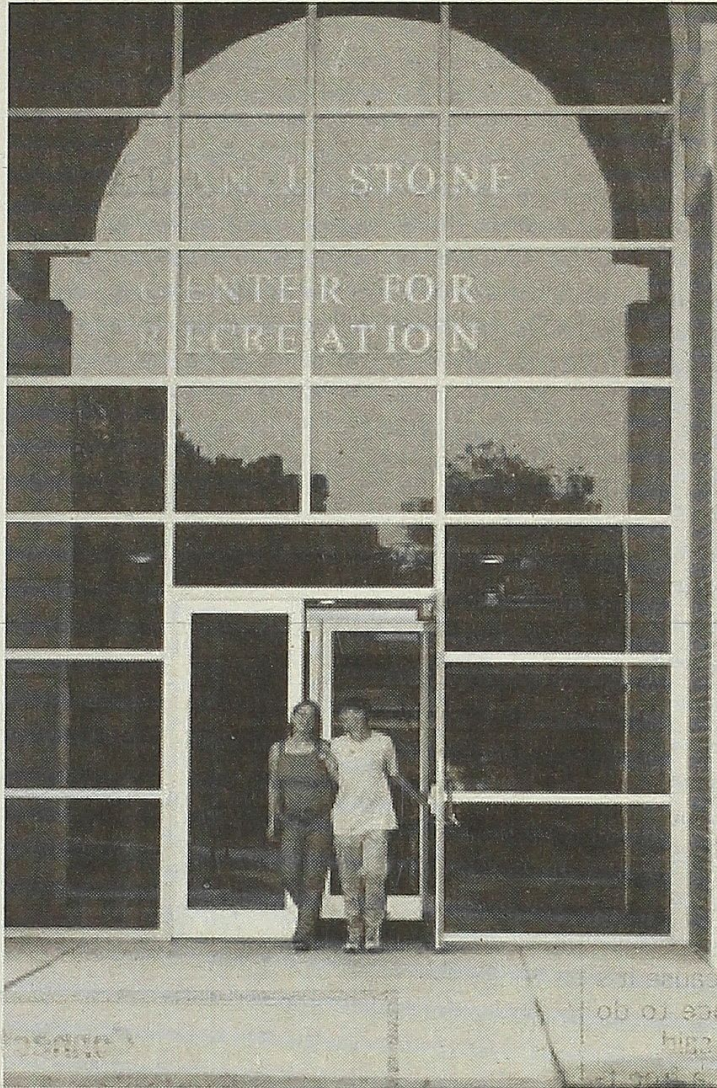


Photo by Dan Joyce  
Andrea Ballinger (03) and Gabriel Purrenhage (03) pose in front of the Rec Center, now open to students and the Alma community.

Intramural athletics will also receive a boost from the Center, thanks to its extended hours. "I'm glad that regular students won't have to wait until midnight to ball it up," said Dan Markiecki (03).

Indeed, thanks to the building's hours and facilities, a host of new leagues and activities has already sprouted. The Recreation Center administration will accept petitions for usage by organizations on campus.

"I hope the students take ownership, make this their facility, and make suggestions to improve it," Blackburn said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Belfast, Ireland —

Two police officers were injured Wednesday when a bomb was thrown outside of the Catholic school they were guarding. Located in a small Protestant area of Ardoyne, a Belfast neighborhood, the school has been surrounded by rioting since three days prior to the incident. More than 40 police officers have been wounded since the rioting began. The Ulster Defence Association, an outlawed Protestant group, is being blamed for the attacks, which violate a cease-fire negotiated as a result of the province's 1998 peace pact.

### Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

District Attorney Wes Lane announced Wednesday that Terry Nichols will face a state trial in Oklahoma as a result of his involvement in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995. 168 people were killed in the blast. Nichols, 46, is already serving a life sentence on federal convictions related to the eight federal law enforcement officers who were among those killed. Lane plans to seek the death penalty in the upcoming trial where Nichols will face a variety of charges, including murder, related to the other 160 people killed in the blast and more than 500 who were injured.

### New York City —

In a statement on Thursday, the Justice Department decided that it will not pursue a breakup of Microsoft in the next phase of its antitrust case. Court-ordered changes in the software maker's business conduct will be sought instead. In late June the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia overturned a ruling by a lower court that Microsoft be broken into two companies., but upheld the court's conclusion that Microsoft is in violation of U.S. antitrust laws by holding a monopoly in the computer operating systems' market.

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Regarding the college's future, Dr. Tracy said that long-term plans will begin soon. "We need to look at reaching beyond Michigan, and [the number of students] is something we really have to look at," she said.

"We are not Oberlin, but we were not founded like Oberlin," she added. "It's very hard to dramatically change who you are as institution."

Also on Dr. Tracy's plate of issues is Greek life. "I treat Greek life as neither a positive or a negative," she said. "It very much depends on its purpose and activities and how it is carried out."

Additionally, students have already raised parking, lighting and security concerns to Dr. Tracy, but David Smith (02) says that she will

listen to their wishes and perhaps act upon them. "She's willing and able to follow through on her statements," he said.

Indeed, Dr. Tracy has made clear that students are key to why she's here. "My passion has to do with the experience that you students have on this campus," she said. "I want you to have a challenging experience. I want you to have an experience that does not create a very narrow focus. I want you to have the skills and knowledge that will help you in a very dynamic working environment. I want all students to come out of here with a commitment to giving something back."

Dr. Tracy has worked with students in her previous positions at

Butler University, where she was the dean of the College of Education, and Lehigh University, where she served as a professor and associate professor of educational leadership.

Dr. Tracy has a Ph.D. in educational administration from Purdue University, a M.Ed. in foreign language instruction from the University of Pittsburgh and a B.A. in Spanish with minors in sociology and education from Carroll College in Wisconsin.

Now, as the president of Alma, Dr. Tracy hopes that her leadership style will mesh with the campus climate. "This is a high-quality school," she said. "I hope I'm the right match for Alma College."



# NEWS

## First-years organize and sponsor service opportunity

Chris Machnacki  
Staff Writer

Four Alma College freshmen, veterans of the recent McGregor Colloquium, have taken what they learned during that session and organized a service opportunity for College students at the AIDS Walk in Lansing on September 30. The AIDS Walk will raise money for research related to HIV/AIDS and will offer a chance for family and friends to show support for those infected with the disease.

The McGregor Colloquium introduced twenty-five freshmen with superior academic performance in high school to the rigors of advanced academic research and brought them into contact with Alma faculty and experienced researchers from the class of 2002.

Building on their experience from that session, the first-year students became involved in the AIDS Walk. Before and during Preterm, they conducted a publicity campaign and enlisted the help of the Center for Student Development and the Diversity Enhancement Team in organizing the College's participation. April Lacroix (05) and Rachel Miller (05), both avid admirers of the AIDS Walk, expressed gratitude for the help that both of these organizations provided, noting that assistance is readily available for students who become involved in similar projects.

"I'm really excited about the AIDS Walk because it's giving myself and other students the chance to do something that makes a difference," LaCroix said.

Participants in the AIDS Walk will receive a free t-shirt and transportation to Lansing. As of Friday, forty people had signed up for the Walk. Anyone interested in doing so can sign up at any time at the Center for Student Development or in Hamilton Commons during lunch or dinner on September 12.

The McGregor Colloquium examined issues surrounding the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in a multidisciplinary setting with emphases on both public policy and scientific aspects of the disease.

Dr. Michael Vickery, Professor of Communication, was one of the faculty members involved in the Colloquium and was impressed by the students' willingness to engage themselves not only in hard intellectual work but active community service. Ultimately, however, "working with bright, motivated students is rewarding in itself," he said.

The first-years had a chance to meet with members of the Lansing Area AIDS Network (LAAN), where they learned first hand about living with HIV/AIDS and caring for infected people.

Members of the College community familiar with the organizers are confident that the AIDS walk will turn out fine. Andrew Oleszkowicz (02), who helped out during the Colloquium, said, "I was impressed with the students in the McGregor Colloquium from the start. They have an outstanding work ethic that will no doubt make participation in the AIDS walk a success."

Other participants in the Colloquium included Dr. Derick Hulme, associate professor of political science, Dr. John Davis, professor of exercise and health science, and Alicia Halligan (02).

## ACUB All-Nighter to hit or miss

Weather a key factor for event's success, says Brady

Rachel Kuhl  
Staff Writer

The theme for this year's September 14 ACUB All-Nighter is "Hit or Miss," as ACUB co-ordinators hope the event will be a "hit" and bad weather will "miss" Alma this year.

"After last year's rain fiasco, we have a back-up plan in case of bad weather," said Claire Brady, Assistant Dean of Students and ACUB advisor. "The several events will take place outside on the Chapel lawn, but almost all of them can be moved indoors to (Tyler) VanDusen."

Brady also said that the same company that provided equipment last year is providing equipment this year, allowing ACUB to get a "great deal" and offer more activities.

Scheduled events include the talents of comedian Eric Nieves, previously seen on both HBO and Comedy Central. Nieves will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in Tyler VanDusen. "I had the chance to see him perform at a conference I attended and he was really funny," Brady said. "I think the students here at Alma will really enjoy it."

Outdoor activities begin at 8:30 p.m. and

offer a variety of inflatable options, including Water Tag, Laser Tag, Velcro Wall and Bouncy Boxing. In the event of rain, the only activity that cannot be moved is Laser Tag, but all others will go on as scheduled in Tyler VanDusen.

Other scheduled activities include Airbrush Tattoos, Old Time Pictures and Wax Creations, a unique activity that allows students to mold their own critters or creations out of colored wax. Said Brady, "There is a real diversity of things to do, and you get to leave with a bunch of stuff."

The All-Nighter kicks off at 7:30 p.m. with Nieves, and the outdoor activities follow at 8:30 and roll until midnight. All activities are free of charge and all students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The All-Nighter serves as the end of the campus' Greek Week activities and an opener for Parents' Weekend. Michelle Reineke (02), ACUB Major Events Coordinator, said, "We hope this will be a great start of a successful season of ACUB events."

For more information on ACUB, or if you are interested in becoming an ACUB representative, please contact the ACUB office at x7329.

### Connections 2001 ! Exploring Service and Careers Wednesday, September 19

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### Freshmen

Total  
320

Average GPA  
3.50

Average ACT  
24.96

STATS

7% are not from Michigan  
62% were in the top 20% of their classes  
38% were in the top 10% of their classes  
50% were involved in National Honor Society



OPINION

Staff Editorial

President Tracy will handle Alma well

Alma College's last president, Alan J. Stone, once stated that his primary goal at this institution was to raise money. If members of the Board of Trustees wanted me to do something besides fundraise, he said before retiring, they should have explained themselves.

But in his far-reaching and extensive efforts to acquire riches for Alma, Stone often neglected the key reason for the money he worked so diligently to get: the students who make up this college.

Dr. Saundra Tracy, Alma's newest and 12<sup>th</sup> president, will not neglect the students. During her preliminary visits to campus earlier this year, she praised the depth of commitment to the students by the faculty and staff, calling it "quite extraordinary in the world of higher education." Her presence at A-Z during Preterm as well as the Labor Day picnic indicated that she wants to understand how student life works on this campus in order that she might make it better.

Additionally, Dr. Tracy's outspoken passion about students' experiences at Alma blends well with the liveliness that fills the dorms and buildings and houses that make up the campus. She hopes students have a challenging time at Alma, and one that does not create a narrow focus leading only to a job and a set income. Her interest in broadened perspectives and worldly experiences meshes nicely with the number of students whose interest in foreign countries and peoples continually bubbles into Alma. She has also expressed a desire to see all students leave Alma with a desire to give something back to the world and its citizens.

The concept of community also sits on Dr. Tracy's mantle of ideas. Especially refreshing after a tumultuous two years of generally low morale among faculty and staff, a sense of togetherness and an environment where library administrators go to bat for cleaning ladies is quite welcome.

In a place where the faculty can be comfortable teaching and the administrators don't have to worry if their offices will change within the next six months, everyone, especially the students, benefits. When the physical plant staff is finally cozy with its medical plan and the members of the security team are snug with their hours, more people are happy.

Although not everyone may be instantly pleased by Dr. Tracy and her plans, and although her ideas and the benefits that stem from those ideas may not flower for some time, the future of Alma is just as important as the present. After all, the state of the college in 2021 will reflect on the degrees that seniors will leave with in 2002 and the freshmen will obtain in 2005.

Though she may not be the fundraising machine Stone was, Dr. Tracy's commitment to students will make Alma a happier place, her community will eventually fall into line, her leadership style will mold with the campus climate, and she will flourish at Alma College.

A Letter from the Opinion Editor

Reannon Broekema

The temperatures are ready to flow down, the leaves are about to do their dance from green to orange, and school is back in session. We have a new recreation center, a new president, and new paths to follow. Welcome to Alma College, circa 2001.

And welcome to the *Almanian*, the best medium for the student voice on this campus. This is your newspaper, not only because you pay for it, but because you read it and because you learn from it. We write and publish because we like to, but it's yours and you can, like Murray Borrello said during Opening Convocation, make a difference. So, have some chats with your friends about what's going on in your world, inside and outside of Alma, and then let us know what you're thinking.

Each week the *Almanian* flows through Alma's campus and community. It's our job to inform you about what's going on at the College. Often people read the paper and toss it aside, noting certain events and catching up on campus news and sports scores. This year we want to keep bringing this information to you, but we also want you to talk back to us.

In each edition we'll try to stimulate reader interest by discussing issues that you, the students at Alma College, feel are important. You'll see a "Question of the Week" in each edition to which you are invited and encouraged to respond. These questions are targeted right at you - they will be questions about life at Alma, life as a college student and life in the world around us. Some of the questions you may not care about, and others may affect you deeply.

The week after we publish the question, we will publish responses. Hopefully the questions and responses will bring about more discussion and inform you about your classmates' thoughts on certain issues. If you see something in the paper that you agree or disagree with, write us. Our goal is to print controversial issues that may make you mad. What fun would we have if we pleased everyone all the time?

The bottom line is that this is our world and our college, and we should use the rights we have as students to talk about what's happening. If you have something to say or you feel we aren't covering an important topic, shoot us an email or a letter and tell us about it. Our job is to inform and share your opinions with the community - it's your job to let us know what you're thinking.

Best of luck with the 2001-2002 school year. Study hard, but don't forget to have fun. We're only young once, and college is the best opportunity to have the time of your life. Don't waste it.

Those first year jitters, Alma style

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Staff Writer

Student Day, scholarship auditions and other things. But there has always been something that set this particular campus apart. The immediate thing—and a deciding factor—was that students, even after ascending from prospective student status, are greeted with a genuine smile and by name. As Claire Kramer (05) reflected, "It seemed like a place where people were nice and friendly."

When I met Mike Deegan, Assistant Director of Admissions, I first mentioned to him a few of the activities

Perhaps it was the sort-of soft pink of the brick that softened the shock of the campus to me. Perhaps it was the smile I received from my roommate in the torrential downpour that shouted, "We're here!" without a single word needing to be said. Whatever it was, my impression of Alma College was one filled with expectation and wonder.

Move-in was not my first time at Alma. I had visited on multiple occasions after being accepted, for Accepted

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# OPINION

## The Left

## is Right

Chris

Machnacki

## Where exactly are the 'honor' and 'dignity' that Bush talks of?

Despite its promise "to restore honor and dignity" (or was it dignity?) to the White House, the Bush Administration has found itself in the middle of two embarrassing lapses during the past several months.

If President George W. Bush wants to talk a big game about ethics, he needs to enforce one in his administration.

Karl Rove, a Texan, is the White House domestic policy guru, and virtually every important administration initiative bears his imprint. Therefore, one would expect Rove to be careful not to cross any ethical boundaries like he did when he met with Intel representatives to discuss a merger, despite owning \$100,000 of the chipmaker's stock. But Rove is the minor problem.

The biggest legal problem facing the Bush Administration arrived courtesy of Vice President Dick Cheney in May 2001.

Cheney, the former CEO of Halliburton, a major energy company, convened a task force early in the Bush Administration to draft a new national energy policy which, Bush and Cheney unconvincedly assured us, we desperately need. Cheney's task force issued its recommendations earlier in the year, prompting outrage from environmentalists, Democrats, and even some Republicans for its reliance on increasing energy

supply while ignoring conservation efforts.

The General Accounting Office (GAO), the non-partisan investigative agency of Congress, has spent the last couple of months fruitlessly attempting to identify the members of Cheney's task force and the industry representatives they

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have met. The response of the White House has been very simple: no.

Everyone should be worried about the Administration's refusal to cooperate. Cheney's silence demonstrates a belief by the administration that it can operate without reference to the law. Little doubt exists that the GAO has the right to this information. Cheney

will likely find himself in court soon, explaining to a federal judge—hopefully a Clinton appointee—why he cannot divulge this information.

Additionally, the unwillingness of Cheney to come clean about who met with his task force, let alone its members, raises a very disturbing question: What did this task force do that makes an embarrassing court battle seem preferable to public disclosure of basic information? Bear in mind that this administration, run by former energy executives, raked in millions in campaign contributions from Big Energy in 2000—\$26 million—and will doubtless do so again.

Clearly, Big Energy largely wrote at least some, and possibly most, of the Bush energy plan. Bush, fearing the public outrage that could result from disclosure, has illegally decided to withhold this information.

These shenanigans by the Bush White House affect us all. Under the Bush plan, we will ultimately end up breathing dirtier air from the inevitable increase in carbon emissions that will follow this plan while Bush's campaign contributors continue to gouge us with every car fill-up and heating bill we pay.

If this administration is really about honor and dignity, it needs to lose its hypocrisy and come clean immediately on Rove and Cheney's actions.

### Jitters, from 4

in which I participated. He snapped his fingers and said something like, "Oh! You're Jenny! I remember you saying that in your essay." A few minutes later, I noticed that my nametag was concealed under my coat.

How many college admission officers can do that? By the end of the term in high school, I had looked at six colleges and only Alma's people had known me by name. Here I had found a college with an excellent program in my area of interest and the quality people to care enough about the student to read and remember what they say. That statement was even louder than the Heritage Center's bold architecture.

"I hate this place," was the first thing that went through Angela Locklear's (05) mind. Her opinion has since changed, but she did have a good reason to dislike Alma. She, like all of us first-year students, had entered into an alien situation. The room I had seen on one of my various tours had been decorated a bit; the staff really did try to make it look comfortable, but it still looked foreign. A few of us panicked. But that wasn't the only reaction. I could see many of my fellow prospective students crack their mental knuckles and get their brains to work on ideas to make it a home that coming autumn.

Battling the starkness, the heavy but stackable furniture and the downpour rain with bright blankets, innovative set-ups suggested by OCs and RAs, posters, pictures and Christmas lights, the 3<sup>rd</sup> North Newberry hall quickly transformed into a home for the twenty-some students.

Alma has become a home to the class of 2005. While the majority of us probably won't remain in Bruske, Gelston, Mitchell, or Newberry, it's our home now.

## And so ends the latest summer

Tim Slade  
Staff Writer

This fall marks the second time I have packed up my life, turned in the freedom of summer for the bondage of academics, and made the long and boring trip to scenic Alma, MI. I join 1400 students in bidding farewell to summer and turning grimly to face the eight months of term papers, examinations, excessive reading assignments, sleep deprivation and stress. Eight months from now, I will return home approximately \$25,000 poorer and totally unaware of the state of the world outside the 'Alma Bubble' but for what little could be gleaned from the news ticker atop my instant messaging program.

Back home, my younger brother and his posse are continually bemoaning their misfortune at having to give up their idyllic summer days of loafing, chasing girls and wearing out the soles of their golf shoes with 36 holes each day. Apparently, returning to school is not high on their lists of favorite things to do. Why then did I find myself constantly yearning for the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to come around so I could drive back up to a small Midwestern town 13 hours away from home?

While I covered the 677.1 miles between Alma and suburban Royersford, Pa., I tried to figure out why I was so gripped with excitement that the end of summer had finally come and I was back at school. I gave up daily contact with my beloved family, which has been the focus of my social life since I was a freshman in high school. I exchanged a large, comfortable room with a waterbed and deep carpet for a cramped room, small wooden beds scarcely softer than the logs from which they were hewn, and a roommate who wakes up for classes at 7:30 on my days off.

I lost the constitutionally-guaranteed, inalienable human rights to free laundry and home-cooked meals. Worst of all, I suddenly found myself no longer making money; rather, I have started shelling it out in massive and disturbing quantities. The more I thought about it, the less sense it made for me to be excited.

My epiphany came on the evening of Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, coinciding strangely with the arrival of all my friends. Suddenly, my gloomy outlook was totally reversed. Yes, talking to my family will now cost me ten cents a minute on nights and weekends thanks to the wonderful folks at Sprint. On the plus side, my best friends in the world now live a few hundred yards away instead of a few hundred miles.

Yes, I no longer get to eat my favorite Salvadoran meal of black beans, tortillas, and fried plantain bananas; in its place I have all the bagels, cheesecake, and hot soup I can eat. The great thing is that I don't have to put forth effort to make any of it. Best of all, I now get to participate in enough deep discussions on 'life, the universe, and everything' to last me a lifetime, not to mention the occasional midnight games of Truth or Dare with my sugar-intoxicated friends.

As I sit in front of my roommate's computer, trying frantically to read chapters for my economics, organic chemistry, and French, the next few hours are beginning to look like hell in a bottle. On top of all that, I need to get to bed early enough to make it through my 5 consecutive hours of class, which start at 8:30 tomorrow morning. The more I think about it, the crazier I feel for choosing this over home; in the end, however, I know I will sit down, look around, and thank God for my good fortune in being here. Goodbye, summer, and good riddance.



OPINION

His Story / Her Story

Check out the new freshmen

Bryan Waugh  
Photographer

Thank you almighty one; the freshman girls are here! Is there anything better in the world than young women running around with barely enough clothes to stitch a sock; I think not.

This is a very important time in a young man's life. The start of a new school year; it brings tears to my

I think, no, I demand that we take it upon our selves to knead these young minds into mush so never again will they be able to compete for jobs with us

But here you are, away from home. And there are girls. Lots and lots of girls, willing to do anything for a new friend. My advice to you is "Carpe Diem."

However, there are more important things than just scandalous woman to talk about when it comes down to the freshmen class. At least there should be. This is a very important time in these young adults lives. This is the turning point on the great highway of decisions that is life.

They have to decide whether they can hack it; if they can drive on, or verge off onto the exit of failure that leads to a promising career as Head of Janitorial Services at your local A&P. This is college.

As upper-classmen, it is our responsibility to help mold and shape these young men and women into a promising group of adults, who can lead a new generation to greatness.

But what would we do that for? We should put them through the same freshmen garbage that we had to go through. It is only fair. Who are we to break tradition?

I think, no, I demand that we take it upon our selves to knead these young minds into mush so never again will they be able to compete for jobs with us. Good riddance, you freshmen scum.

May the world be your selfless denial of failure.

On second thought, maybe we should look back at our own stupidity and self-loathing that has made us into what we are today; great leaders of this little society from which we draw our strength.

Let's be the better men and as we turn our backs on childish things, and let's try to remember that we are doing it for our children or some other nonsense reason. However it may be, just remember that freshmen are people too.

Rachel Kuhl  
Advertising Manager

The curse of every class is to slowly forget what it was like to be where the new class is. Like anything else involving the mind, age slowly but surely chips away at memories, leaving fragments or pieces of the whole. What I'm trying to say is that, by the time you're a senior like me, you remember being a freshman, but you don't necessarily remember what it was like to be a freshman.

I use this as a disclaimer because I don't want anyone to think that I didn't make my own mistakes or flubs as a first-year, because I'm sure I did. It's just an issue of not always attaching the feeling of being thrust into new experiences with the actual experiences themselves.

Remember how you felt as a junior or senior in high school and you first laid eyes on the new freshmen? Those thoughts of, "I was never that naive", or "Did I really look that young", or "Can you believe they did this/that?", kept popping in your head the first couple of weeks? Those are the same type of thoughts many upperclassmen, including myself, are having now when we look at the incoming class.

It is such a rude awakening to be the top dog seniors one day and the bottom of the barrel freshmen the next.

You don't know what to expect, you're nervous, excited and hopefully, anxious to jump right in and feel comfortable again. Well, be assured, it will happen, I promise. However, there is a right way and a wrong way for the process to take place.

First of all, RELAX! Quit trying so hard! Ladies, you will be getting bombarded by invites to all of the fraternity parties soon enough. They already see you as fresh meat, so don't encourage that notion by

dressing like it's bar night for your ten o'clock class. I'm not saying you can't dress nicely, or cute or stylish or whatever if you want, but minis, halter tank tops and body glitter tend to scream freshman if the clock has yet to reach 10 p.m.

A word of advice: anytime you are deliberately trying to draw attention to yourself, just remember it will most likely stick with you. Alma is a small campus and unfortunately it is difficult to change your reputation

Be yourself, sure, but be smart about it. Impress us with sincerity, and dazzle us with your sense of humor

once you earn one. So guys, while being loud and "funny" while wearing unique apparel such as, oh lets say, a cowboy hat, might be cute now; how cute or "funny" will it be in another year or two, when that is the first thing people assume or expect whenever they see you?

Also, and this goes for both genders, DO NOT assume that just because you were the star football player, or President of your class or Editor of your school paper that you know more than the people holding those positions here. -You don't. Yes, I'm sure you did a great job there, and I'm sure you have great ideas/moves/suggestions, but you still do not know more than they do. You just don't.

So be yourself, sure, but be smart about it. Impress us with sincerity, dazzle us with your sense of humor or fun ideas, listen to our stories (learn from them), get involved with a positive attitude, and chose wisely how you want to be perceived. We want to like you and we will, but you don't have to force it.

?? Question of the week ??

Should Alma College reorganize Preterm?

If you have an answer to this question and would like to be featured in an upcoming issue please send any and all responses to the Almanian's office located in the basement of Newberry Hall, or email them to [almanian@alma.edu](mailto:almanian@alma.edu)



# Greek Life

## Greek Week 2001 rolls along

Kevin Goodwin  
Staff Writer

Social fraternities and sororities are currently taking part in Greek Week, running today through Saturday. The week, which includes many fun-filled activities and competitions, is designed to give Greek students “a chance to mix and celebrate their similarities,” says Assistant Dean of Students Marty Stack.

Some of the festive activities for Greek members include an ice cream social on Monday, bowling at 300 Bowl on Tuesday, a block party and Greek Olympics on Saturday, and dress up days for each day of the week. Monday will be “wear Letters Day” followed by “Tye Dye Day” on Tuesday, “Switch Letters Day” Wednesday, “Rock Star Day” Thursday, and “Past and Present Greek Week Shirts Day” on Friday.

Greek Week also hosts a number of activities that are open to the entire campus. These include a mock version of MTV’s dating show “Singled Out” on Wednesday, a Mock Rock show on Thursday, and ACUB All-Nighter on Friday, and Battle of the Bands and a BBQ on Saturday.

The fraternities and sororities also use Greek Week to participate in service-oriented activities. “Penny Wars” is a week-long activity in which Greeks ask their fellow students for donations of spare change during dinner. Each group then donates the money they raised to their respective philanthropy. The Hunger Banquet co-sponsored by the Intra-Fraternity Council, takes place on Tuesday night from 7-9pm. This event is designed to raise awareness regarding world hunger and is open to the entire campus. Money raised during this event will support OxFam.

Greek Week will wrap up on Saturday with the block party from 5-8 on Center Street, which is a special treat according to Marty Stack since “this is the first time in a while that the city will allow this event.” This grand finale will allow fraternity and sorority members to relax and let loose after a week that was not only lively and fun-filled, but also helped those in need.

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### GrEEK WeeK 2001 Schedule

#### Today

Tye Dye Day  
Hunger Banquet 7 - 9 Van Dusen  
Bowling at 300 Bowl 9:30  
Penny Wars at dinner

#### Wednesday

Switch Letters Day  
Singed Out 9:00 p.m. Chapel  
Penny Wars - Dinner

#### Thursday

Rock Star Day  
Mock Rock 9:00 p.m. Chapel (open to campus)  
Penny Wars at dinner

#### Friday

Wear past and present Greek Week Shirts  
ACUB All-Nighter  
7:30 Comedian Eric Nieves  
8:30 fun and games  
Penny Wats at dinner

#### Saturday

Block Party 5 -8  
BBQ 5:30  
Greek Olympics  
Battle of the Bands/Talent show  
Mud Volleyball  
Music and Prizes  
Announcement of Winners

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## Extras

## Theatre department makes changes over summer

### Adds three new faculty members and sets schedule for school year

Jen Bussell  
Staff Writer

The Alma College Theatre Company will be busy this year, as they have meet many changes and are adapting to the new year. Midway through last Winter Term, the theatre faculty had an idea of who the incoming students would be and decided who would be directing. Knowing this, the faculty could narrow down their choices for the coming year.

“I’m excited,” said Joe Jezewski. “This is one of our stronger groups of first-year students coming in,” The Director of Theatre is looking forward to the dramatic new changes from this last season. Not only is there a brand-new base of students, both under and upperclassmen, but the Theatre Department also took on a new three new faculty in addition to some of the existing faculty settling down.

Scott Harman has come back to Alma, this time as Technical Director. , and Kristeen Crosser is now the Designer. The former Technical Director left near the end of the previous year and the college had to fill his place with two others.

Though this is a temporary situation, staff and students alike are embracing the change. Their job will be handling the sets, props, lighting work and a variety of other things backstage and behind-the-scenes. Scott Harman will be teaching a class on Theatre Crafts.

For the past three years, Alma has had a Theatre Intern. This year Matthew Singletary took the position. Like the previous three interns, he is also a graduate of Alma College. However, unlike the previous Theatre Interns, Matt waited a year before applying for the position. The duties of an intern differ from year to year, as they are tailored around the individual’s abilities and the strengths that they need to gain. He will be directing three plays this year, one in the One-Act Play Festival and two later on this year, in addition to assisting in both the acting and directing classes.

The One-Act Play Festival will be showcased September 28-30. This year’s pieces will be *Misreadings* by Neena Beber, directed by Andy Talik; *Lou Gehrig Did Not Die of Cancer* by Jason Miller, directed by Matthew Singletary; and *The Author’s Voice* by Richard Greenberg, directed by David Young. These plays are very different

from those in previous years, as are the upcoming productions.

In early December, Alma College will put on *Picnic* by William Inge. *Picnic* was the winner of the 1953 Pulitzer Prize and Critic’s Circle Award. The Valentines’ Day season will bring *The Actor’s Nightmare* and *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All For You* by Christopher Durang. These two longer one-acts are typically performed together, and Alma College Theatre is not breaking this tradition. In the works for February is a compilation of short works boldly called *The Vagina Monologues*, various pieces directed at drawing awareness to women’s issues. The final details are yet to be worked out, but the definite is that it will be done in the month of February. Finally, the last production of the year will be the classic, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* by William Shakespeare in mid-April. This masterpiece will present an interesting challenge to the Costume Shop and the student actors as well, as it has been a long time since another Shakespeare play has graced the stage.

For more information including audition dates, visit the Heritage Center Theater Department and talk to Jezewski.



FEATURE

A Success

Olga Wrobel  
Feature Editor

Every year Alma College helps first year students adjust to college life by organizing the Preterm program. Not only do the students have a week to get to know the school before classes start, but there are upperclassmen, student the same and

PRETERM

Students arrived on Saturday, August 25, greeted by school spirit and hospitality. The Orientation Committee (OCs), headed by Jay Frey (02) and Jessica Kotas (02), and the resident assistants moved the students into their new small homes.

"They were very helpful," said Sarah Stempky (05). Once the students became settled, they had plenty of meetings involving them and their parents, including the Preterm opening session, where they became acquainted with Dr. Saundra Tracy, as well as a quick meeting with academic advisors.

Once families left, students had a chance to get to know each other at the annual first-day picnic following their first class session. Preterm is known for offering unique courses like this year's "The World According to Forrest Gump" and "Positive Psychology." Class work was inevitable, and so many students were preparing for what was to come once official classes began.

On Sunday students had the day off from class and attended the kilt-laced Traditions Dinner,

where administrators explain the history of the College as well as its heritage and numerous traditions. The OCs took on "Pieces of the Puzzle" Sunday night as well, introducing the students to the different aspects of campus life using different creative art forms. This was the last time "Pieces of the Puzzle" will take place.

Things settled down after the introductory weekend, but campus life was indeed busy the week of Preterm, with classes lasting for 3.5 hours a day in addition to some sort of organized activity.

In addition to taking multiple tests and studying for classes, the new Scots could participate in volunteer work through SOS, visit the President's house, and attend ice cream socials and a movie night with "Gone In 60 Seconds," "The Wedding Singer" and "Empire Records."

A key highlight of the week was "Alma College A to Z", the Orientation Committee's poke-fun-at-the-college theatrical performance.

"A to Z was hilarious. It was a lot of fun," said Matt Oberlin (05).

ACUB put on its first coffee house, studded by rising singer Jen Cohen.

"There was a huge turnout," said Aaron Rycroft (03). "Jen Cohen was great."

The athletics were also popular, highlighted by the campus olympics, complete with a volleyball tournament followed by a whipped cream fight. Even though ultimate frisbee was an unofficial sport, it was, as always, very popular.

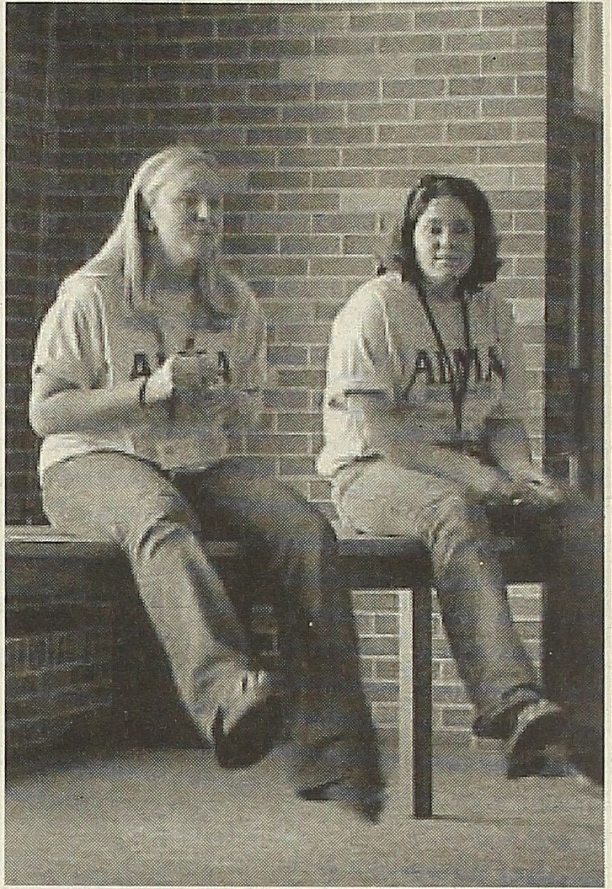


Photo courtesy of the Scot Orientation Committee members Danelle Barber (02) and Michelle Monsour (04) sit and listen to first year students during a game. Both OCs did their parts to keep first years busy by means of constant visits and endless encouragement to attend campus events

"Ultimate frisbee always plays a prevalent part in Preterm," said Rycroft.

Even though students had plenty to choose from, and the College provided a lot of entertainment, the most important parts were the new relationships the first years found.

"The best part of Preterm had to be being able to get acquainted before everyone else moved in," said Stempky.

Joe Dey (05) agreed. "My favorite part of Preterm was the relaxing situation, just going around and meeting new people."

With the help of assistant dean of students Marty Stack, all the faculty and professors, administration, the Orientation Committee and resident assistants, Preterm was a success once again.

2001 Orientation Commette Members

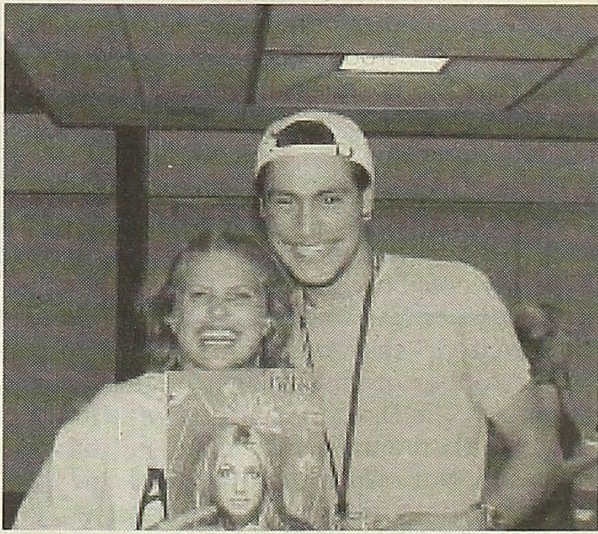
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Jay Frey (02)  
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Matthew Baleja (04)  
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Tara Braun (03)  
Emily Brookhouse (02)  
Nicole Cardenas (04)  
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Travis Kohl (04)

JR Logan (02)  
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Michelle Monsour (04)  
Michael Murphy (01)  
Robyn Paige (04)  
Betsie Richards (03)  
Aaron Rycroft (03)



Courtesy of the Scot Orientation Committee member Thyra Folk (03) and Jason Duika (05) share their love for pop queen Britney Spears at the ALA ice cream social.



# FEATURE

## A grand showcase of absolutely amazing performances and hilarious hijinks, OC style

Tim Slade  
Staff Writer



Photo by Scott Timmreck

OC Bill Dever (02) attempts to avoid the rain in his quest to help the first years move into their new and somewhat dry and cozy homes.

## A first-year's take on this thing called Preterm

Matt Helmus  
Staff Writer

Preterm: the week-long series of classes and events put on by Alma College faculty and the ever-popular Orientation Committee. Possibly. After all, many first years mistook Preterm for a weeklong party with a class on the side. (After all, it's only worth one credit. That's what, 1% of our total GPA?)

The location of the library, the origins of Pizza Sam's "special sauce" and the name of the incoming president were definitely important things to learn, but were they worth coming up to school a week early? Many first years would say yes.

Preterm allowed first years to get to know each other both inside and outside the classroom. People made friendships and countless boyfriends and girlfriends were left in the dust. Second North Mitchell achieved the same name recognition as "Dirty" SouthBruske. No one dared to cross into the dreaded no-man's land (that'd be south of Superior Street). First years were introduced to campus slang (as well as a little too much OC skin) during the great A to Z presentation. Resident Assistants laid down the rules and made sure everyone got along with their roommates.

Preterm provided a fine learning ground for first years to get used to balancing classes and, well, "other" activities. The classes, many of which involved work, were meant to instruct first years on how to use the library, how to write a decent paper, and how to sit through a class

which exceeded an hour in length. Subjects ranged from dancing to building web pages to learning about Forrest Gump. Many first years were frustrated with the thought of doing such hard work so early in the year.

To break up the strenuous activity of classes, the College faculty and OCs planned many activities throughout the week. Concerned students ventured into picturesque St. Louis to help clean up the banks of the beautiful Pine River. Many more attended a "Pieces of the Puzzle" presentation where they were urged to experience new things while staying true to themselves. Some even went to the all-nighter, which became too rowdy for the average student around 10 p.m.

Many first years would be quite willing to drop their new 16-credit load schedules and head back to the good old days of Preterm. It was an easier life when class didn't start until well after noon. They spent mornings sleeping and nights hanging out with friends. Studying - one of the last things on the brain. But everything good must come to an end, and so it was with Preterm.

First years will carry the memories of a successful Preterm with them for the next four short years and beyond. Ninety percent of the learning may have taken place outside of the classroom, but Preterm did achieve its goal of letting first years get their feet wet in college life. The College faculty and the OC's did a great job of providing a receptive atmosphere for the incoming class of 2005. Their work won't soon be forgotten.

Alma College is home to many fine, time-honored traditions, and none is held in higher regard by the student body than the annual 'Alma College: A to Z' presentation by the Orientation Committee. This year's A-Z fell on August 31, and once again served to mark the end of the incoming class' week of schoolwork. The event was a rousing success, owing not only to the excitement the first-years felt following their first full week as college students but also to the large number of upperclassmen in attendance and the skilled improvisation of the OCs who put it on.

The majority of first-year students appear to agree with Tien Huynh (04), who said "A to Z"? Yeah, it was awesome." Many felt that the controlled mayhem that appeared on stage helped them to relax a little and be at ease with their own craziness. The tension released by watching the highly tongue-in-cheek introduction to the special 'ins and outs' of campus life was especially important for the numerous students who found the crammed schedule of Preterm to be somewhat nerve-wracking.

Despite the general feeling of satisfaction with the show by many first years, there were some dissenters.

Bethany Doran (04) and Gabe Purrenhage (02) represented a significant minority of the student body when they expressed their feelings that 'A to Z' was "crude...some of the jokes were in poor taste." President Tracy, while expressing over-approval for the idea of 'A to Z', said "If it's gotten towards first-week freshmen, I think we think about what they need at that point...as OCs] do this as a spoof, as a 'Saturday Night thing, I'm not sure all of those freshmen differentiated [between the satire life]."

als who felt that some of the scenes between humor and poor taste, Jesse the OC co-chairs, was quick to point actually occurred onstage was ad-ten script...a couple of parts so they may have been lewd." Any

all tar-need to they [the Live' sort of sitting out there and real campus

For those individuals who crossed the line between humor and poor taste, Jessica Kotas (02), one of out that a portion of what libbed. "There was no writing weren't rehearsed in practice, rehearsed portions of the show thought to be potentially offensive were discussed at length by the Orientation Committee in an attempt to cut down material that might bother the audience.

Nevertheless, OCs made the concession that there would always be material that at least one sufficiently touchy person might find offensive. It would be impossible to produce a perfectly 'safe' and p.c. presentation while maintaining a humorous, slightly "crazy" attitude.

The OCs hoped first years would view the evening as one of such extremes that no one would take it as a truly accurate representation of life on campus, a sentiment shared by President Tracy.

"[The OCs were] just a fine group of campus leaders, as far as I could tell; some of the things that were portrayed didn't really portray probably [sic] either the values or the behavior of that group of students."

For those upperclassmen who were not part of the large contingent of older students who helped the first years take up every seat in Presbyterian Hall, the 'Alma College: A to Z' lineup looked like this: A - Alma College Welcome; B - bookstore; C - choir; D - dance; E - exams; F - fraternity Parties; G - getting the lingo; H - housing; I - intramurals; J - jungle juice; K - Kiltie Band; L - library; M - Med Shed; N - neighbors; O - Orientation Committee; P - Pizza Sam's; Q - Queen of Scots; R - recycle; S - Sunday brunch; T - today and yesterday; U - uniforms; V - vacations; W - WQAC; X - X-rated; Y - Yikes! Fire drill!; Z - ze end.

As the previous years' interpretation of each letter come up for re-evaluation each time 'A to Z' is performed, there may be some slight changes made to that list. On the other hand, some are 'oldies but goodies' which keep coming back again and again.

Have some ideas as to the best way to represent your college? Apply to be an OC, and try to make next year as big of a hit for the incoming youngsters as this year.

It would be impossible to produce a perfectly safe presentation

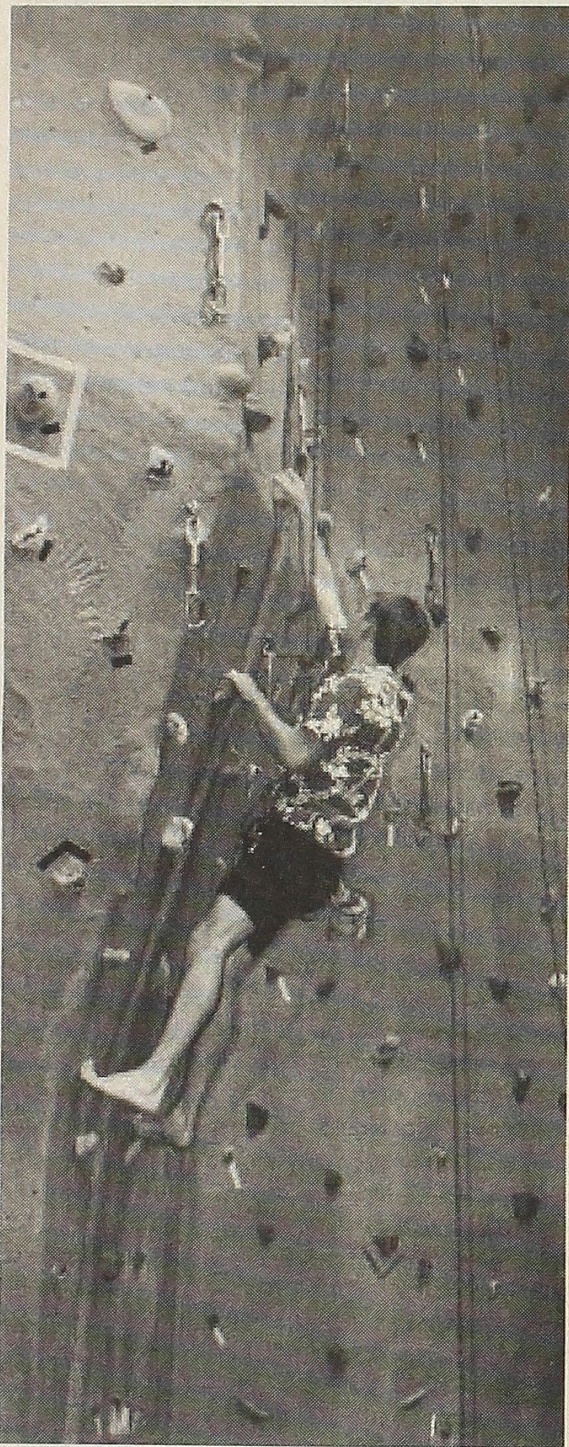


# SPORTS

## Rec Center to provide more venues, practice times, fun



Story by Rob Nicholson  
Photos by Dan Joyce



With the opening of the Alan J. Stone Student Center for Recreation on Friday, Alma College gained a facility with the potential to greatly impact its varsity sports program if the sports teams are able to utilize it.

The multiple activity courts can accommodate basketball, volleyball, and tennis, while runners can use the suspended track. Additionally, the facility sports pole vault and long jump pits as well as batting cages. Men's track coach Chris Curtiss feels "If we can use the Recreation Center for a few hours a day, it will have a tremendous impact [on the track team]."

However, the problem lies in scheduling the multipurpose facility. The center must accommodate both the interests of intramural student recreation and varsity sports. For a five-week stretch during winter, the softball, baseball, track and tennis teams, as well as students, will be vying for time to use the new facility and the Hogan Physical Education Center.

Amy Blackburn, the director of the Stone Recreation Center, said that she will "treat athletics as any other organization that wants to use the facilities."

She noted that sports teams will have to apply in advance for specific practice times and will have to practice during non-peak hours. Even when

teams are practicing, Blackburn said that at least one multiple activity court will be available for student use. If practice times are hard to find and official practices are limited, athletes will still be able to use the facilities on their own.

"I would use it regardless of whether or not the team was practicing" said track runner Andrew Kibbe (02).

Even if problems persist with scheduling conflicts, the new facility will benefit sports teams as a recruiting tool. The recreation center will enable the volleyball program to bring more students on campus for high school volleyball tournaments.

The expanded intramural program should also help to bring more all-around athletes to the campus. In addition, many of the features of the recreation center, such as the climbing wall and inline skating court, were built in response to student input.

The new recreation center has also affected the physical education center. The small gym has been converted into a weight room, and the former fitness center upstairs will eventually be converted into a training room. The new training room will also increase the size of the athletic training facilities as well as open up space for an expanded women's locker room.

Top Left: Aaron Rycroft (03) scales the climbing wall.

Left: Emily Breczinski (04) works out on one of the new exercise machines.

Right: Students hoop things up on one of the basketball courts.





# SPORTS

## FASTStats

### Football (overall)

	W	L	P	F	P	A
Adrian	0	1	7	45		
Albion	2	0	56	34		
Alma	0	1	21	41		
Hope	0	1	14	21		
K-Zoo	1	0	39	37		
Olivet	0	2	22	58		

### Women's Soccer (overall)

	W	L	T	GF	GA
Adrian	2	1	0	11	4
Albion	4	0	0	21	2
Alma	3	2	0	9	5
Hope	3	2	0	16	8
K-Zoo	1	2	0	3	5
Olivet	3	1	0	9	3
St. Mary's	0	2	0	2	6

### Men's Soccer (overall)

	W	L	T	GF	GA
Adrian	0	2	1	2	8
Albion	2	2	0	8	14
Alma	1	4	0	6	22
Calvin	1	2	2	6	9
Hope	4	0	0	11	1
K-Zoo	4	0	0	11	3
Olivet	1	2	0	2	3

### Volleyball

	W	L	W	L
Calvin	2	0	5	1
Albion	1	0	8	2
Hope	1	0	3	6
K-Zoo	1	0	5	4
Adrian	0	1	2	3
Alma	0	1	3	3
Olivet	0	1	1	8
St. Mary's	0	1	1	5

## Women's Soccer Team Wins Two Games

The women's soccer team improved to 3-2 overall after winning two games at the Thomas Moore Invitational in Kentucky on Sunday and Monday by defeating Centre College 2-1 and then Thomas Moore College 1-0.

In the match against Centre, Angel Bushor (03) and Sarah Satterly (03) scored goals, while Megan Karchon scored the only goal in the game against Thomas Moore, in which Paula Schwarz (02) recorded her first shutout of the season.

-Amanda Baushke  
Co-Sports Editor



## Team Profile Men's Cross Country

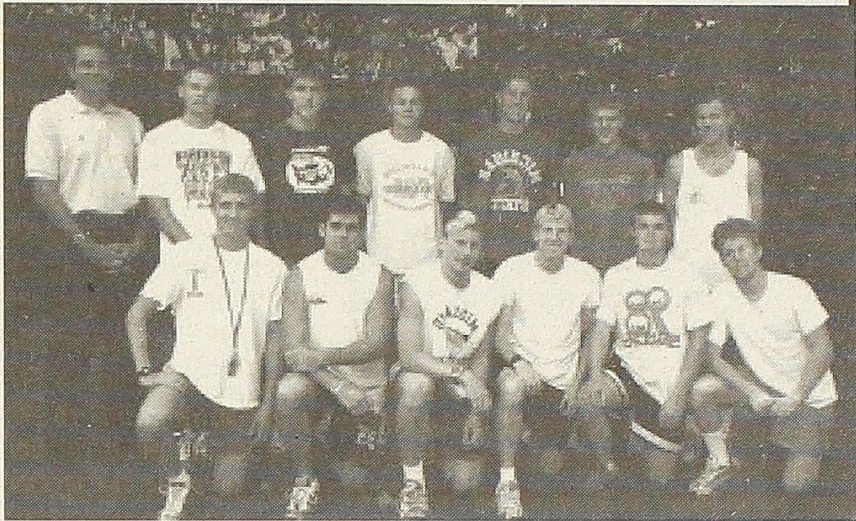


Photo by Bryan Waugh

Left to right top row: Ed Kohtala, Jason Manke, Adam Sudia, Ryan Rau, Joe Bush, Head Coach Dan Gibson

Bottom row: Nate Belill, Mark Iszak, Tom Sterling, Reid McGuire, Brendan Conboy, Andy Kibbe

Janay Anderson  
Amanda Baushke  
Sports Editors

The 2001 men's cross country team consists of one freshmen, three juniors and seven seniors.

"Our team will work hard to improve despite the fact that we have small numbers," said Adam Sudia (03).

A great deal of work goes into cross country before the season begins. Each team member runs a great many miles over the summer in order to prepare for the season's races. And although the races are eight kilometers, most runners complete a 300 to 500 mile summer running program.

The team's head coach is Alma College alumnus Dan Gibson, who has coached the team since 1987. He has many goals for this season, including getting team captains Andy Kibbe (02) and Ryan Rau (02) to the all-conference team.

"We hope to surpass the fourth place conference title that was missed by four points last year, and place in the top ten teams at regionals," Gibson said.

Kibbe has high expectations for the team. "Calvin is a difficult team to compete with," he said, "but we feel as though we have the potential to be the number two team in the conference.

"Calvin has been the reigning champ for 14 years," Kibbe added. "We have six of our top

seven runners back from last year and we are only going to get better."

"One of the best things that I have learned from the cross country experience is discipline," Rau said. "Discipline is not only important for an individual, but also for a leader. While cross country is a sport for individuals, and you get out of it what you put into it, you must strive to reach the team goals as well."

The team's new faces include Jason Manke (02), Tom Sterling (03) and Nate Belill (05). Also new to the team is assistant coach Ed Katula, who will coach men's basketball in the winter.

"[Katula] is very personable and genuinely cares about each member of the team," said Sudia. "I know his expertise will be an asset to our team."

Throughout the season the team recognizes individual team players by presenting eagle awards, which recognize outstanding performances as well as positive attitudes and personal achievements. Each year Gibson presents a bright yellow t-shirt to the first eagle award winner, who autographs the back and then passes the shirt onto a teammate the following week.

This year, the team has taken fifth place at the Hope invitational and third place at the Northwood Invitational. Its next meet will be at Ferris State University. "It's not the most glorious sport to watch but any support from the college, especially girls, will be most appreciated," said Kibbe.

### 2001 Schedule

Sept. 14	Ferris State Invitational	Big Rapids	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	MIAA Jamboree #1 at Hope	Holland	11 a.m.
Oct. 6	Huntington Invitational	Huntington, Ind.	10:15 a.m.
Oct. 12	Michigan Intercollegiate	Kalamazoo	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Alma Invitational	Alma	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	MIAA Championships	Grand Rapids	11 a.m.
Nov. 10	NCAA Regionals	Kalamazoo	11 a.m.



SPORTS

Football team suffers tough loss

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Staff Writer

The football team ran into a hot and humid environment on Saturday and an even hotter opponent in Wilmington College, as the Scots lost their season opener 41-21. Quarterback Steve Slowke (03) was feeling the heat all day as he was sacked six times as temperatures on the field reached close to 100 degrees.

The Scots went down early as Wilmington's offense scored two touchdowns in the first quarter. But Alma, not to be denied, scored 21 points in the second quarter, starting with a 7-yard touchdown pass as Steve Slowke hit Brian Burgtorf (02) in the back of the endzone.

The following defensive series saw Mike Abbey (03) intercept a pass and return it 35-yards for a touchdown, making the score 14-13. "The Defense rallied on several drives but must be more consistent," said defensive lineman Kevin Hockenberry (02).

The defense did its job by halting the Wilmington offense late in the second quarter. The offense then responded with a drive that saw Doc Trumble (03) punch in a 3-yard touchdown run and score the two point conversion as the Scots went into halftime tied 21-21.

Injuries and heat bogged down the Scots in the second half as right tackle Andrew Myers (04) went down with an ankle injury early in the third quarter. The offense could not get the ball rolling in the second half as Wilmington scored 21 unanswered points that eventually led to the 41-21 victory. "We showed that we can battle in the

first half from 14 points down, but realized in the second that we must improve on offense," said Slowke.

The game looked promising as Justin Mchugh intercepted a pass in the Wilmington endzone in the middle of the third quarter. The Scots thought that they could capitalize on the interception but ran out of steam as the offense went scoreless in the second half.

The Scots played one of their toughest non-conference opponents in Wilmington College but must improve on both sides of the ball if they are to challenge MIAA ranked Wittenberg University next Saturday in the season's home opener.

Despite the loss, there were some bright spots Saturday as freshman wideout Clayton Simms caught a couple of passes for significant gains. The 5'6" Simms was undoubtedly the smallest man on the field but provided some of the biggest plays in the Scots offensive attack.

The Scots will try to maintain their perfect home record against Wittenberg University next Saturday. Undefeated at home during the past two years, the Scots have not been beaten on Bahlke Field since 1998.

"We must play like we did in the second quarter the entire game if we are going to beat Wittenberg," said Slowke. "Saturday's game by far will be "one of the toughest challenges we've seen at home," he added.

The Scots will look to bounce back and notch one in the win column on Saturday. The non-conference game against Wittenberg begins at 1:00 p.m.

Intramural Sports Schedule

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| Money Ball September 16            | Field Goal Kick September 23    |
| One-on-One Basketball September 16 | Sand Volleyball October 6       |
| Three-point Shootout September 16  | 4-player Volleyball October 15  |
| Free-throw Contest September 16    | Flag Football October 22        |
| Tennis (doubles) September 17      | Floor Hockey November 5         |
| 3-player Basketball September 17   | Swim Meet November 12           |
| Ultimate Frisbee September 17      | Roller Rally November 17        |
|                                    | Badminton (singles) November 26 |

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Bowling Wars @ Alma 300 9:30
- Wednesday**  
AIDS Quilt Display @ Heritage  
Clive Jones @ Heritage 8:00  
Singed Out @ the chapel 9:00
- Thursday**  
AIDS Quilt Display @ Heritage  
Mock Rock @ the chapel 9:00
- Friday**  
AIDS Quilt Display @ Heritage  
ACUB All Nighter  
Eric Nieves @ Van Dusen 7:30  
Activities @ Van Dusen 8:30
- Saturday**  
Parents Day  
Athletic Open House
- Monday**  
Study Survivor Workshop  
@ the Center 4:00
- Tuesday**  
Resume & Cover Letter Workshop  
@ the Center 2:00
- Volleyball**  
vs. Kalamazoo College  
Thursday @ 7:00
- Women's Soccer**  
vs. Kalamazoo College  
Saturday @ 12:00
- Football**  
vs. Wittenberg University  
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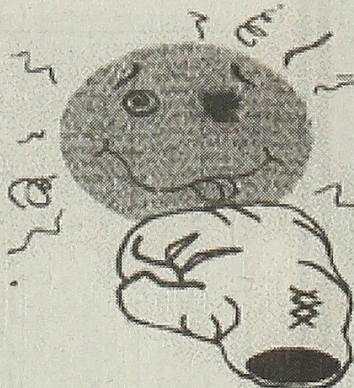
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