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Budget shortfall is \$1.7-\$1.8 million

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Editor-in-chief

Alma College will endure the consequences of a budget shortfall ranging between \$1.7 and \$1.8 million due to an 80-student drop-off in enrollment that former president Alan J. Stone, who prepared the budget, did not anticipate.

When devising this year's budget, Stone estimated that 1,360 students would pay Alma for tuition, fees, room and board, but only 1,280 students currently study here and pay in some way to do so.

College president Dr. Saundra Tracy and vice-president of finance Jerry Scoby have been challenged with finding ways to compensate for the shortfall. Tracy highlighted their solutions at last Monday's Student Congress meeting and with faculty and staff later in the week.

According to Scoby and Tracy, savings in various areas of the college's health care plans, including some changes in its prescription drug program, will net the College \$120,615. The lack of a need for part-time faculty members will save \$193,050, and because of the lower enrollment, savings in financial aid will be approximately \$415,000. The college will also apply a one-time gift of \$600,000 to compensate for the shortfall.

Additionally, in late August, Tracy asked the college's three vice-presidents, Carol Hyble (development), Reginald Avery (academic affairs) and Jerry Scoby (finance) to reduce their budgets by a combined \$300,000. Scoby has insisted that any reductions the vice-presidents have recommend have been "targeted," and are not set percentages "across the board." On October 2, the college's executive staff, consisting of Tracy, Hyble, Avery and Scoby will meet to finalize their reductions, which Scoby indicated may come in places such as supplies, travel, student wages and food. The administration does not plan to make cuts in utilities until it can bring in a team of experts to specify where cuts may best be made.

Tracy's plan also points to Student Congress' budget. Although Student Congress heads are currently unclear about how Tracy's plan affects the funds available to student organizations, president Matt vanderBerg (02) and treasurer Andrew Pomerville (02) are toying with their numbers to be sure organizations are not greatly affected.

"I don't think students will lose," said vanderBerg. "There will still be programs that benefit them."

According to Tracy's figures, tuition and fees will account for 61 percent of

Male athletes encouraged not to pledge fraternities on campus

Kevin Goodwin
Staff Writer

First year male athletes involved in baseball, track, soccer, basketball and football are restricted from pledging any fraternity during their first year on the Alma College campus. According to a memo given to all first year male athletes, anyone who wishes to join a fraternity will lose his eligibility as an Alma College student athlete. Head football coach Jim Cole says he has been involved in a fifteen-year debate on whether or not allow student athletes should be allowed to join Greek organizations during their first year on campus.

"Pledging a fraternity as a freshman athlete has a dramatic impact on grades," says Coach Cole. "Students should learn time management skills during that first year," he adds. "A full calendar year of fair evaluation of the campus may allow them to make a better judgment."

Assistant Dean of Students Marty Stack has no quarrels with the decision but was surprised by the memo. "Coach Cole has been frustrated for years and has not seen any systematic approach to fix the problem," he said. "I was surprised when change was initiated without consulting administration first."

Stack also referred to the fact that student athletes are investments that the college has made. "Alma College puts in time, money, and effort to recruit these athletes," he said. "It seems like a waste of those resources if players can't come back" for their sophomore season.

Many administrators and coaches alike are

concerned about underground pledging. Administration members fear that if first year students are not allowed to officially pledge, they may decide instead to secretly pledge underground. "There are occasions of underground pledging, which is very difficult to monitor," said Stack.

Many fraternities on campus, including Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣAE) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), believe the ultimatum mentioned in the memo casts a negative light on their respective organizations. "TKE has been concerned with the diminishing number of pledges already. This rule has the potential to eliminate two-thirds of possible candidates," says Nic Ford (02), member of the TKE fraternity. "The Greek community will continue to support all sports teams, but believes the decision is a disappointment to the Greek community," he adds.

Similar sentiments are shared throughout the Greek community. "This rule definitely deprives first year student athletes of a chance to experience college life to the fullest," says Travis Powers (03), a member of the ΣAE fraternity. "It should be an individual choice," he said. "We respect the decision, but think that they are making a big mistake."

The decision not allowing first year students to pledge fraternal organizations looks like it is not going anywhere, at least for the time being. "Administration trusts the coaches' judgment and need," said Stack. "This is not a ban on Greek involvement in sports," he adds. "There is absolutely no need to overturn the decision."

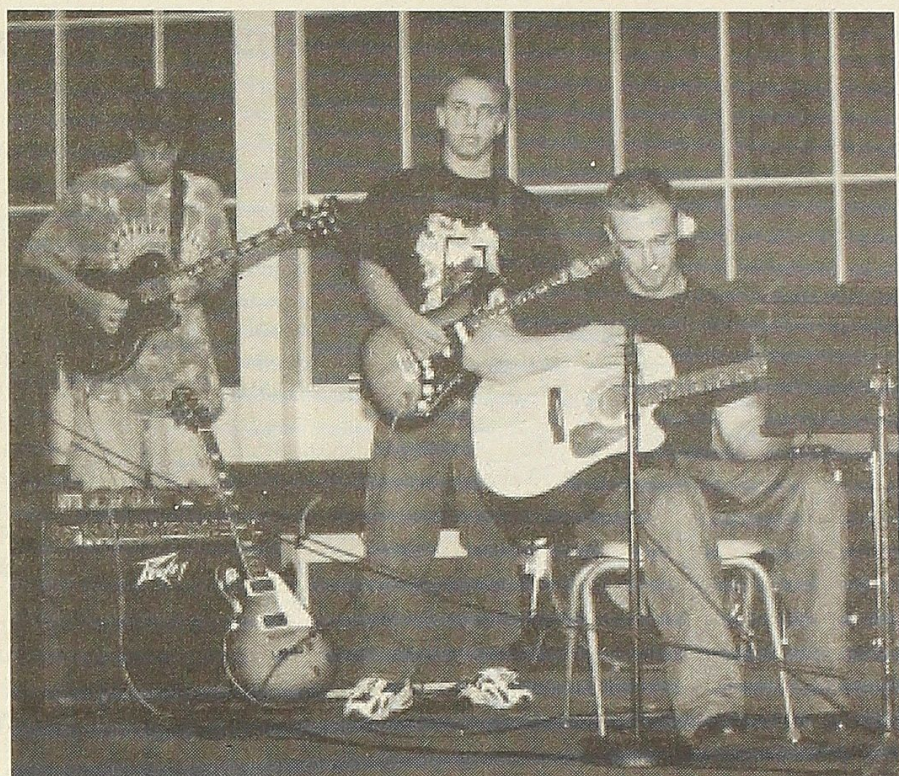


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"Imagine" was Tuesday's benefit concert theme. See the complete story on Page 9.

the college's income this fiscal year. Food accounts for another 10 percent, and housing gets 9 percent. The endowment is 15 percent of the puzzle, and gifts/other make up the final 5 percent.

The lack of funds isn't a crisis, she says. "Students' experiences at Alma won't be impacted by the reductions."

But students aren't so sure. "It's definitely going to affect Physical Plant, so in that respect, it's going to affect students," said Colin McLaughlin (04).

"Smaller organizations may take a hit," said Jason Fox (04).

According to Tracy, administration is not considering any layoffs, and the college will continue to improve.

"There are still opportunities for professional growth," she added.

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NEWS

Terrorist attacks will not disrupt upcoming spring terms

Musick warns Alma students overseas

Kari Joy Johnson
Staff Writer

The recent terrorist attacks will not affect student travel during Spring Term, according to Chris Musick, director of international education.

Musick said that students on campus who are deeply interested in traveling internationally this spring will not face any challenges as long as terrorist events remain within the United States.

"Only if problems occur overseas will Alma reconsider the program to travel abroad," said Musick. "These acts of terror have all been in the United States, none of them overseas where our students are."

Musick is more concerned with his "greater fear of beligerent, ignorant, drunk people attacking" the approximately thirty international students on campus, whom he contacted and met with throughout the week.

To help quell any confusion and commotion about what took place on September 11, Musick sent an e-mail notifying all the international students about what safety measures they should take to best ensure security, including avoiding hostile people within the community.

"Many times when tragic events occur, people will look for the nearest and easiest person or thing to blame," said Musick.

Musick intended the message to serve as a precautionary warning encouraging the students residing within the dorms and especially in the international house to "exercise heightened caution."

Mini Kang, a first-year student from South Korea, said "No problems have come up; here it is calm and I feel Americans are on our side."

Sun Yong Lee, a first-year exchange student from Ewha University, Korea, said, "I think Alma is safe, at least the school feels safe."

All overseas directors where Alma College students are located received a notification from the international education office stating, "Although it appears Americans and American sites overseas are not targeted, please encourage our students to exercise heightened caution. Overt displays of items which identify students as being American should be discouraged."

"Here at Alma, we like it to feel safe for everyone; it's what we're here to do," Musick added.



ISRAEL

The United States has been putting pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to continue with the Peres-Arafat meeting. Government officials believe that this meeting may ease tensions between Arabs and Muslims and the United States. Sharon has postponed the meeting due to an apparent ambush in Israel. During the ambush a woman was shot dead in her car. Her husband, who was driving the car, was unharmed.

HARRIS COUNTY, TX

Andrea Yates has been deemed competent to stand trial in the drowning deaths of her five children. Yates was indicted in July by a Harris County grand jury. Trial is the next step in this case. If Yates is convicted, she may be eligible for the death penalty. Yates' attorney has said that she suffers from postpartum depression and has been treated for mental illness in the past.

CINCINNATI, OH

Officer Stephen Roach faces up to nine months in prison after shooting and killing Timothy Thomas, an unarmed black man. The shooting sparked three days of riots in the city. Thomas was the 15th black man to die due to Cincinnati police since 1995. Mayor Charles Luken has appointed a commission to improve the lives of black people in the city. The commission is working with black leaders to reduce violence.

MIAMI, FL AND MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Two hurricanes have been plaguing North America for the past week. Hurricane Humberto, in Miami, is the eighth storm of the season for the Atlantic-Caribbean region. The storm passed Bermuda Sunday and then reached the Florida mainland Monday. Winds topped 85 mph on Monday, which was down from 100 mph Sunday. In Mexico City, Hurricane Juliette could threaten Mexico's Pacific coast. Juliette has reached winds of 115 mph. Hurricane winds reached 30 miles from the center and have caused squalls, damaging communities along the Mexican coast on Sunday.

The latest on the attacks and the aftermath

- President Bush signed an executive order Monday to freeze the U.S. assets of suspected terrorists. Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda network were named in the order, as well as 27 organizations, individuals, groups and corporations with suspected ties to terrorism. Transactions with those named are also frozen. "We will starve the terrorists of funding. We will turn them against one another," said Bush during a press conference Monday.

- Reward money for capture of those terrorists behind the September 11 attacks has been raised to \$25 million. The reward money is part of the first \$5.1 billion of the \$40 billion emergency aid package approved by Congress and Bush on September 14.

- U.S. authorities are seeking extradition of a man detained in Toronto who was found with false documents and papers written in Arabic after his flight was diverted to Toronto on September 11 in response to the terrorist attacks. Nageeb Abdul Jabar Mohamed Al-Hadi is believed to be connected to the attacks, and was charged, although absent, in a Chicago courtroom with carrying false documents.

- 300,000 troops were called upon by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban to defend against possible U.S. attacks. Mullah Mohammed Omar, leader of the Taliban, warned the U.S. that conflict will be avoided only if the U.S. stays out of the Israeli-

Palestinian conflict, withdraws its military from the Persian Gulf, and leaves Islam and Muslims alone. In a statement issued to the Qatar-based news network al-Jazeera Omar said, "If they choose otherwise, they are looking for an endless war that will burn America and America only."

- The Bush administration is asking for secret court authorization for wiretaps, longer jail terms for terrorists, access to users' Internet information without a court order and authority to review telephone voice-mail messages with only a search warrant. Additionally, the administration is looking to attain the authority to indefinitely detain aliens suspected of ties to terrorists.

The American Association of Women branch in Gratiot County has scheduled a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Alma.

Proceeds go to graduate fellowships for women at the national level and undergraduate scholarships for women locally.

Books are reasonably priced.

NEWS

Cubberley intrigued by research opportunities

New chemistry professor enjoys student-faculty interaction

Ryan Cannon
Staff Writer

Dr. Mark Cubberley, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, is the newest addition to Alma College's chemistry department faculty. Cubberley brings with him some exciting ideas, including interdisciplinary work, innovative laboratory research, and a unique view on student-professor relations.

After doing graduate study at the University of Texas at Austin, Cubberley decided he wanted to teach at a smaller school similar to his alma mater, Eckerd College, in St. Petersburg, Florida. The "sheer masses of people walking from building to building" were unattractive to him; he likes the idea of getting to know people and seeing familiar faces around campus.

In addition to the small size, an aspect that attracted Cubberley to Alma was his ability to do research at the college. He is interested in macromolecular chemistry, a branch of organic chemistry that involves creating large molecules with the potential to do great things—possibly cure cancer or even the AIDS virus. Students will be helping him with his research, and may have the option to continue study over the summer.

Another of his goals at Alma is to get involved with

interdisciplinary teaching. He believes that there are many different ways to make connections between the natural sciences and the humanities and that this can benefit both natural science and non-science majors alike. In his opinion, scholars of the sciences and of the humanities come from completely different backgrounds, and their combination can lead to intriguing work and interesting classes. In fact, the ability to pursue interests outside of one's major is, in his opinion, one of Alma's greatest advantages for students and professors. He says, "Even though I'm teaching chemistry, I'm still a student in the sense that I want to learn other things."

Cubberley also has a unique approach to the student-professor relationship. He believes it is important for professors and students to have a connection outside of class. Holding some office hours outside of the Kapp building in informal areas like Joe's Place is one of the ways he plans on bringing students and professors together in a less sterile, academic setting. Cubberley feels that students and professors need to have interaction outside of the classroom as well. "It's one thing to talk to a student in class, it's another to play a student one-on-one in basketball."

Cubberley also brings his wife and eleven-month-old son to the Alma community.

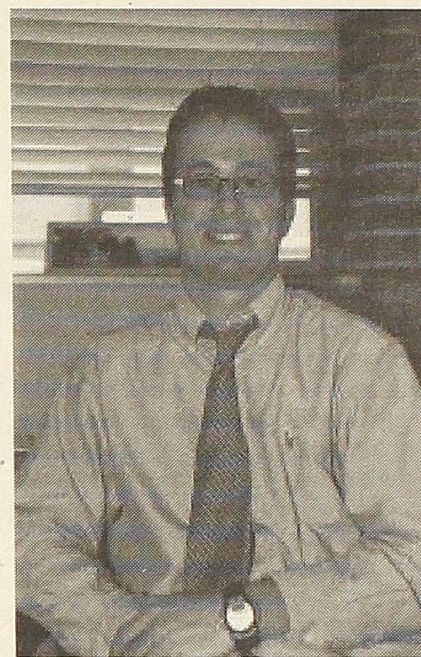


Photo by Bryan Waugh

Alma Highland Dancers place first and second in the nation

Anne Mabbitt
Staff Writer

Alma students Kira Cogswell and Bree Brownlee were awarded high honors in the United States Highland Dancing Championships, which was held this past summer in Long Beach, California. Both competed in the 18 and over category, where Cogswell placed first and Brownlee placed second.

The competition in Long Beach took place during a three-day weekend. Each dancer was required to perform four highland dances: the fling, the sword, the trows, and the reel. Judges came from United States, Canada, and Scotland. Competitors are judged on their ability to hold proper foot positions, have proper timing, and have proper arm and figure positions.

There were eighteen competitors from the six United States regions involved in the National Competition. All competitors dance to a live bagpiper.

Cogswell and Brownlee dance primarily on Saturday and were then invited for a night on the Queen Mary. Once aboard the girls enjoyed a theme of 1940s music and dress.

Cogswell and Brownlee have been dancing competitively at the Alma Highland Festival in May for several years, which is the regional qualifying round for highland dancers wishing to continue on to nationals.

Cogswell, who is currently

studying in Aberdeen, Scotland, has been competing at the National Highland Dancing Championship for the past eleven years. She is originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, and met Brownlee through Highland dancing when they were both under the age of five. Her local coach is Christie Freestone.

Brownlee (03) has been competing at the National Highland Dancing Championship for ten years. Brownlee has also qualified for the World Competition. In 1999 she took fourth place. She is currently majoring in both communication and dance. One of her dreams is to dance at Walt Disney World for a few years after graduation. Brownlee is coached locally by Bill and Liz Weaver.

Bill Weaver said, "Kira and Bree are hardworking and dedicated to the art. Both are good representatives of Highland Dancing. Alma College is lucky to have them both there."

Over the same weekend the Queen Mary Championship was being held. In this competition, Brownlee received top honors for winning first place in all four of the highland dances.

Because of their love of highland dancing, Alma College attracted Brownlee and Cogswell. They viewed the college as a perfect place to continue their art. Brownlee is currently a member of the Alma College Dance Company and is a cheerleader. Both girls are members of the Alma College Kiltie Dancers.

"You can take Highland dancing two ways," Brownlee said, "you can get out of it learning commitment and balancing your time, or you can get out of it the friendships. It's nice to go to other countries and know people — all over the world."



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Bree Brownlee (03) performed at the National Highland Dancing Championship in Longbeach California.

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OPINION

Staff Editorial

May the budget cuts go well

President Sandra Tracy has performed admirably so far in her handling of Alma's approximately \$1.7 million budget shortfall that has resulted from a lower-than-expected enrollment, and hopefully she will continue to shine.

Despite the 80-student shortfall, Tracy is sure that the college will get through the potentially problematic situation "without getting hurt." To stress her point, Tracy has appeared before Student Congress, the faculty and the staff with a fabulously detailed slideshow presentation explaining where money floating around this college ends up, and where we are going to find the money to be sure that stellar programs like Model United Nations are not underfunded and improvements in computing technology are not pushed to the back burner. Her transparency in detailing the finer points of the shortfall is appreciated.

Additionally, her commitment to hiring a new vice-president for enrollment by January shows she is keen on making sure budget shortfalls do not carry into future years. With a large graduating class this year and a comparatively small one that just entered Alma, recruitment becomes a key factor in a balanced budget and a comfortable college.

But the larger part of the budget shortfall problem still looms, and hopefully Tracy will handle its solution as adroitly as she has handled the shortfall's initial bite. Although the shortage will be covered mainly by savings in financial aid and health plan changes, a \$600,000 one-time gift and no current need for more part-time faculty, Tracy's planned solutions to the problem include a \$12,800 reduction from somewhere in Student Congress and \$300,000 in "sector reductions," a phrase which seems to loosely translate into "departmental cuts." Tracy asked vice-presidents in early August to discuss their priorities with budget managers, and the presidential advisory committee met earlier today to offer input on the vice-presidents' proposals.

If all goes well, the completed proposals, to be finalized and approved by the college's executive staff on October 2, will not include any cuts for the college's aging but still functioning computer network, along with the computer center staff that operates it. Specialized small housing should also escape cuts, as those units are key to furthering the experiences students have in classrooms. Cuts should not affect students who present their work at national conferences or strive for a nationally competitive scholarship, which the college has historically supported. Additionally, the international office, supporting a continuing influx of students interested in studying outside the U.S., should also be absolved of any cuts and reductions.

Each of these areas is critical to maintaining the college's reputation and its recent rise in *U.S. News & World Report's* college rankings. Known for its commitment to quality education in the classroom, experiences outside the classroom on a local, national and international stage are important as well.

Although Tracy has promised that budget reductions won't impact students' educational experiences, we can only hope that she's right. We'll find out soon.

Have some fun, build that resume

Reannon Broekema
Opinion Editor

Do you ever wonder if there is anything to do at Alma? Does your life ever seem dull and boring? Do you go crazy sitting in your room or the library every night? If you answered yes to any of these questions, I suggest you get involved around campus.

While life at Alma can be dull at times (I'm writing this on a Friday night, woo hoo), there are many fun and interesting things you can do to keep busy. Joining an intramural sports team is one easy thing to do. I was just reading the list of all the IM sports that the new rec. center provides, and I was very impressed. They have everything from swim meets to badminton to ultimate frisbee to a roller rally. Even if you have missed the deadline or can't make the game dates, go work out at the center. It was put there for us to use; don't let it go to waste.

If you are not into sports or working out, try joining a campus organization. Alma has a wide variety of organizations from nature to political groups. If you do a little bit of investigating, I am sure you will find a group that interests you and one you will enjoy.

Maybe you want to join a bigger group, say a fraternity or a sorority. No problem, we have five of each, and each has a unique identity. If you decide to join a Greek organization, you now have the option of becoming an officer in your group. And if that's still not enough, you also can become an officer for either the Interfraternity Council (IFC) or Panhel, the two bodies that govern all Greek organizations. Simple enough.

But maybe Greeks aren't for you, and you don't like sports. Have no fear, welcome to the world of "on-campus jobs." We attend college, and there are lots of college offices. Most offices hire student workers to keep their budget down and to give students real work experience. Places such as the public relations office, admissions office, the library, and the student affairs office all hire students, as do others. Maybe you qualify for work-study, maybe you use it for an internship, or maybe you get paid, but working at a campus office is a great way to keep yourself busy and become informed about what is going on at Alma.

As you can see, there are many things you can do to become more involved at Alma. Any one of these activities would give you something to do instead of sitting around your room and playing video games (although that is fun and often serves as a good stress-reliever). Becoming involved not only benefits the people or cause you are working towards, but says a lot about your personal character. It takes a special person, one with dedication and drive, to take the kind of initiative to do something for themselves or someone else. It's rewarding when you work out and lose those few pounds you wanted to, and it's rewarding to see your organization make a difference in someone's life. It's also VERY rewarding when you earn some extra cash from that on-campus job you decided to take.

If nothing else, becoming involved in campus activities is a good resume-builder. When faced with a decision between someone who was involved in college and someone who wasn't, employers will pick the one who was involved almost every time. It just looks good.

No matter what your incentives—looking better, earning money, fattening up your resume—I recommend everyone become involved in something around campus. Not only does it give you something you want, but you will meet many new people and become more aware of what is going on at Alma. After all, what fun would it be to watch college go by from the window of our dorm room?

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New Spring Term World Ceramics: London

There will be an informative session for the new Spring Term course World Ceramics: London on Thursday, September 27 at 4:30 p.m. in Clack Theater. For further information, contact Professor Carrie Parks-Kirby at x7285 or parks@alma.edu

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OPINION

The Left _____ Is Right

Finding the limits of force

Chris Machnacki
Staff Writer

It is now nearly certain that the United States will be commencing military operations against Afghanistan in an effort to either kill or apprehend Osama bin Laden, the well-known terrorist thought to be responsible for the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11. These operations will be difficult for the United States no matter how things proceed.

During the Cold War, the U.S. military was designed to fight a high-tech war against the Soviet Union and was extremely well equipped for the task. Unfortunately, the strategic thinking that went into that design is nearly useless against Afghanistan.

Consider the equipment that we would be taking into battle. In an invasion of Afghanistan, the army would rely primarily on the M1A1 tank, which performed brilliantly against the Iraqis. Over one thousand American tanks were sent to fight in Desert Storm, and not a single one was destroyed in combat by the Iraqis. However, the M1A1 weighs nearly seventy tons and was designed to fight in open, flat terrain. This advanced technology will be nearly useless in the mountains of Afghanistan, where our elusive foes move in small groups from cave to cave, not in the large, organized combat units in which our troops are trained to fight. Just getting them to Afghanistan and maintaining them would be a huge challenge.

The Air Force will have plenty of problems of its own. During the war over Kosovo, the most effective American weapon was the B-2 stealth bomber, which dropped smart bombs on Serbian targets with great success. Unfortunately, the technology needed to maintain B-2s in combat exists only at a single air force base in Missouri. In Kosovo, this meant that the B-2s had to fly over the Atlantic and most of Europe, attack their targets, and then fly all the way back. Fighting in Afghanistan, you can tack on additional thousands of miles. With only about 20 B-2s in the entire air force, this translates into a very small impact on the actual fighting.

Thus, our best weapons, ones we have sunk billions of dollars into, will be largely worthless in the war we will soon be fighting. Fighting on the ground will have to be largely carried out by lightly-equipped special forces units, supported by attack helicopters and air power. The Soviet Union spent 10 years fighting precisely this type of war in Afghanistan. When they finally admitted defeat, fifteen thousand Soviets were dead and the morale of their military was shattered.

Don't expect our allies to contribute significantly, either. With the partial exception of Britain and France, none of our allies can afford to move and maintain a significant military force outside of their own borders. Even if they could get there, they are even more poorly equipped than we are to fight in Afghanistan. The lack of ability on the part of our allies to do anything useful was clearly demonstrated in Kosovo, where the United States provided the overwhelming majority of the resources needed to win.

The difficulties we currently face stem from a long resistance to modify our military to the realities of today. The Army especially has trained and bought weapons which will enable it to dominate a war in Iraq or Korea—yesterday's war—but has resisted efforts to prepare for new missions like peacekeeping and today's problem in Afghanistan. Don't expect any quick fixes via bombs and tanks to today's problems.

Get off the F-Train

Tim Slade
Staff Writer

English is a vast language, encompassing (according to the experts at the wonderful website: yourdictionary.com) 816,119 words, not to mention the large number of profession-specific terms that have come to pervade our everyday speech. It is astounding to me that with such a wealth of words to choose from, the vast majority of people our age have decided to center their speech around six words, beginning with the letters 'F', 'B', 'S', and 'A'. Don't believe me? Take a casual stroll around campus, and just listen to the conversations of people passing by. Odds are you will catch at least two of those words in any given two-sentence stretch; probably more than that if you are listening to males as opposed to females. The ratio of profane words to non-profane words also takes a gargantuan leap if one of the speakers happens to be playing video games. There have been times that I have strolled the hallways of our residence halls and heard strings of eight or ten words (not sentences, as they often lack verbs) that I would be embarrassed to say to my best friend, much less my grandmother.

I would like to pose the question 'Is our command of the English language so poor as a community that we cannot find words suitable to express our feelings, and so must revert to profanity?' except I already know the answer would be 'Yes.' In my wanderings, I have learned that the average male college student possesses the remarkable capability of making one four-letter word (affectionately termed 'the F-bomb') serve the role of noun, verb, adjective, and adverb. I am not an English major, nor do I pretend to be particularly good with grammar, but I can't think of many other words with which that is possible. On top of that, the creativity with which the said expletive is woven into the

daily conversation on our campus has convinced me that we must truly have some first-rate minds; I could not come up with half of the uses I heard just yesterday for the word.

Following my analysis of the brainpower of our students, and their familiarity and comfort with the usage of our tongue, I must assume that the cause of the epidemic of profanity is a simple lack of knowledge regarding economic principles. As an example, I submit the following exchange that actually occurred between my friends and I at the dinner table a few days ago.

We were discussing the east coast slang term "Tighter than a mofo," which we use to say something is cool (while it is true that 'mofo' originally came about as a more politically correct way of saying something profane, where I come from it has lost the profane connotation). At any rate, I have the habit of saying everything and its dog is tighter than a mofo; the end result of this, as we discussed at the table, is that being tighter than a mofo is no longer any guarantee of coolness. If everything is tighter, then the tightness value of 'mofo' has been greatly reduced, to the extent that the phrase is now almost meaningless.

The same idea holds true with profanity—the more it is used the less it means. As often as they are used now, those six F, S, A, and B words, which once held such force as to be rendered curse words, are now utterly meaningless.

If neither alternative appeals to the reader, there is always the possibility of looking up interesting epithets online or making up your own. It is with great fondness that I recall the time an infuriated Sean Wilson determined that I was as distasteful and disconcerting as finding a roast weasel in a cupboard.

Given how often I have heard that phrase, I have to say it was a pretty powerful statement to be on the receiving end of.. Why not try something like that? It gives us the opportunity to be creative, clean up our conversation, and return some of the power to our language.

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OPINION

He Said / She Said

What we think about going Greek

Bryan Waugh
Photographer/Staff Writer

Tell me this, what could be better in life than an institution founded by our fathers and grandfathers that dedicates its time to two things: 1) beer and 2) sex? These are the two basic goals of a frat party.

Now I don't mean to generalize, but let's do just that because it's fun. Is there anything better in the world than frat parties? Inadvertent college

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students, I think not!

Scandalous woman wandering aimlessly while men saunter around whispering comments of sheer delight to their buddies.

Hey I have an idea! Let's be judgmental, confined, and superficial in our view of other people. Just for fun, please?

Can't we as human beings view others as lowly objects? Is that too much to ask? I think so!

I say we should all be participants in those pseudo-orgies that we call frat parties.

Now, there is one thing I don't understand; why don't sororities have

parties? It seems illogical that they don't. The major goal of any party is to get people to come. At a sorority party you wouldn't have to worry about that; any college educated individual knows that the party is where the girls are because you know you could count on the guys to show up.

Now, back to the main point that my brilliant but impertinent introduction didn't mention; the goal (in my opinion) of any fraternity or sorority is to help those who are unaccustomed to the collegiate lifestyle buy some friends. Now, just so someone doesn't get in a tiffy, buying your friends is all good and fine (unless you forget to pay your monthly fraternity or sorority fees...then you will have to look for a new lunch table, if you catch my drift).

Of course, we all know that fraternities and sororities are excellent social vehicles with tangible benefits. Joining one of these groups is a way for students to find others who share one's values and ideals, right? Belonging to a fraternity or sorority helps one become devoted to high ideals in the pursuit of good character, for they encourage leadership, friendship, and community service.

I am not trying to sugar coat it for you. Though fraternities and sororities may not live in Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, every chapter changes from college to college and holds a vast array of ideals. The trick, if going Greek helps you fulfill the need to belong, is to find one that fits you. So to all you first years out there, good hunting at the parties. And remember, if you're gonna buy your friends, make sure you like them.

Rachel Kuhl
Staff Writer

I still remember my mom's reaction when I told her I was joining a sorority, "It's just not something I ever thought you would do." Like many people she had preset notions about what being Greek really meant. Would I only hang out with my "sisters?" Would I change into a carbon copy of the other members? Why, as a junior in college, had I suddenly become so concerned about "social stuff," or being popular?

I understand why those questions and stereotypes exist because, admittedly, I had them too. I went into Fall Recruitment last year skeptical and unsure if Greek life was anything I would be interested in. I visited every house trying to get a feel for what these women were all about. I visited every house to see if the stereotypes about each individual sorority were true. I visited each house to see if I "fit" anywhere.

I have always believed that things work out the way they are supposed to, and for me this proved true from the moment I walked into the house I later accepted a bid from. I was escorted around, talked with all of the current members, some of them friends, some of them strangers, and I just knew. I fit.

There are things I love about being Greek and there are things I hate. I went through recruitment in the fall, a junior who was looking for more, but not looking for something to define who I was. I couldn't imagine being a first-year student, a friend with mostly other first-years, searching for a place where I might fit, desperate to fit someplace.

In order to receive a bid from any Greek organization there is a process. Every Greek organization's process is different, but each one results in selecting some and not selecting others. Yes, it is a dual-selection process (we choose you and you choose us), but if you don't choose us we will not be shattered. The

disappointment a chapter feels when a bid is returned unsigned fades quickly with the ones that were.

Alma College is approximately 40% Greek, and for anyone trying to fit in and guarantee they always have someone to sit with at lunch it is an attractive solution. The Greek organizations on our campus are diverse and unique, but they are not the place to find yourself. They are there for camaraderie, support, fun, service to others, security, friendship,

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love and memories waiting to be made. However, some thoughts on Greek life to balance those positive attributes: at times there will be animosity between members in your group, and there will be demands made on your time, money and patience.

In the same way you are looking to fit somewhere, sororities and fraternities are looking for people who fit them and will best represent their organization. Greek life was right for me, but it isn't right for everyone and that's okay. Perhaps in your search for belonging, Greek life will form an important piece of the puzzle, but perhaps there is a different piece out there that will fit better.

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GREEK LIFE

Bids Bash 2001

Story by Rob Nicholson
Photos by Dan Joyce



Thirty-six women became new members of the five social sororities Friday evening during the annual Bids Bash, the traditional celebration that wraps up fall's recruitment week.

"These women make up the future of our individual organizations as well as the greater Alma College greek community" said Alisha Majszak (02), president of the Panhellenic Council. Students who have spent at least one year at Alma were eligible to rush this fall.

The festivities began with a Greek pinning ceremony at 6:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. During the ceremony, the new members were presented with green and white ribbons, the Panhellenic colors, symbolizing their entry into the Greek community. After the ceremony the women were taken to the chapel to join their respective groups.

From the chapel the new members were escorted individually down the chapel steps by men from the Interfraternity Council Executive Committee. The inductee then announced her name and new allegiance amidst a flurry of high-pitched screams. Current sorority members embraced their new members.

"I was so excited about rushing and joining all my new sisters and telling all of Alma that I'm proud to be AGD," said Kat Johnson (04).

All the Greek women proceeded to pose for pictures together, and photos of individual groups followed.



Greek week a success; raises \$1,800

Matt Helmus
Staff Writer

Greek Week 2001 was a huge success as Alma's Greek community came out in full force for a week of "Greek unity and philanthropy," the main objectives as defined by Noelle Harkiewicz (03), Greek Week's coordinator.

Assistant Dean of Students Martin Stack and Harkiewicz were impressed by the Greeks' philanthropy, which, according to Harkiewicz, raised \$1,800, the most in Greek Week history.

The money, raised through events such as Penny Wars and bowling, will be donated to the Zeta Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon can drive, which, along with the cans, will be forwarded to United Way, which will then double the money and donate it to families stricken by the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Greek unity also saw an increase during the week. As fraternities and sororities were matched up for a mock rock on Thursday night in the chapel, a full house saw the Alpha Gamma Delta/Sigma Chi team take first place. Gamma Phi Beta/Zeta Sigma won second place and Alpha Xi Delta/Sigma Alpha Epsilon left with third place.

Zeta Sigma and Alpha Xi Delta won Penny Wars, a fundraising competition between houses lasting from Tuesday to Friday. Bowling on Tuesday night saw four different houses take home honors. Gamma Phi Beta and Theta Chi raised the most money while Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Iota were able to get the highest scores. There was also a large turnout at Wednesday's Singled Out. The week's winners were Theta Chi and Gamma Phi Beta.

The week culminated Saturday with a block party and barbecue, followed by house parties.

Greeks all over campus should be proud of promoting their positive image and spirit, which was especially important to first years as they encountered Greek spirit for the first time. Kristy Butts (05) thought that Greek Week "gave us a good introduction to Greek life."

"Everyone turned out and had a great time," said Phi Sigma Sigma Renee Hornby (03).

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FEATURE

www.love won't win your heart

Tim Slade
Staff Writer

Alma College's Presbyterian Hall played host on Saturday to the world premiere of "www.love - a 21st Century Romance". Written by Kevin March, a doctoral student in music composition at the University of Michigan, the show featured a cast overwhelmingly comprised of current and former doctoral students in various musical disciplines at the University of Michigan. A well-performed, thoughtful piece, "www.love" dealt with the hardships of finding love in real life and the temptation of using the anonymity of the internet to fill emotional emptiness.

The main character of the opera is 34-year Dan, who finds that he is not an interesting enough person to attract anyone at the gay bar that he frequents. At this same bar, we meet Bruce, the bartender with aspirations of attaining fame on stage and screen; Jack, the drug-using partier; Sue, a self-proclaimed 'burnt-out queen'; and Jill, a straight woman who tries to pick up gay men with the intent of either 'changing their minds' or attaining 'motherhood...it's my destiny!' Each character has an emptiness that they are trying valiantly to fill in various ways, with very little success in most cases.

One evening, while sitting at home, Dan is lured to the glories of the 'Chat Room' [cue dramatic, theatrical music], seeing it as a chance to meet people other than the regulars at his bar, and through them the chance to find real love. It is unclear whether the characters he meets in the

chat room are truly supposed to be the alter egos of his bar regulars or not, although one of the later scenes makes it seem likely.

Each of the chat room characters is exotic or exciting in some way, from Bruce's lesbian named Butch who loves to ride *his* (note the difference between the true gender and that implied by the sexual orientation) Hog to the black-leather-clad dominatrix played by Jill. Dan, in contrast, initially creates a realistic persona named after him-

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self; however, he realizes quite shortly that the utter lack of interest he inspires in real life is perfectly reflected by the disinterest his 'Dan' persona creates online. After a while, the temptation to become someone exciting (if false) online becomes too great for Dan, and he creates the attractive, intelligent, erudite 21-year-old named Stan that quickly becomes the star of the chat room.

Soon, Dan finds himself rushing home from work to be Stan, basking in the affection and interest he receives vicariously through his fictitious alter ego. Unfortunately, the situation takes a turn for the negative. One day, while chatting as the boring Dan, he finds that a man named Steve has taken an interest in him. Over the course of time, Dan and Steve's interest in each other grows, such that Steve sends Dan a picture and requests the opportunity to see him.

Somewhere between the time where they establish a time to rendezvous and the actual meeting, Dan goes back online as Stan. The myriad questions as to his whereabouts over the last few weeks and the excitement at his return conspire with his self-doubt and low self-esteem to convince him that Steve can't possibly be interested in his real, boring personality. The end result is that he skips the meeting and spurns Steve for the excitement of being Stan.

Overall, the play was very well done, and struck some real chords in regard to the pitfalls people can encounter with online relationships. The music was also well written, although it was at times difficult to understand the singers over the sounds of the three-person orchestra. The characters were by necessity two-dimensional; nevertheless, they did a fair job of expressing the sadness and loneliness of their existences. In essence, it was an interesting piece that dealt with some important issues in a very good way, but due to the small size of the cast and the length of the opera, could not quite do full justice to the storyline. Worth one look, but not many more.

Homecoming 2001 begins Wednesday

Rob Nicholson
Staff Writer

Homecoming 2001, five days of events for students and alumni, kicks off on Wednesday with the Homecoming Court Dinner and the Highland Games.

The Homecoming Court, decided last week by senior vote in Hamilton, consists of Julia Skok, Jamie Hammel, Robin Johnston, Alisha Majszak, Jessica Kotas, Matt vandenBerg, Chris Lacroix, J.R. Logan, Darnell Williams and Bill Dever. Beginning Tuesday, the student body may vote for Homecoming King and Queen in Hamilton.

The Highland Games consist of a series of six stations and an obstacle course. The games include making a human sundae, javelin throw and the sling shot competition. Thursday evening, students can compete in Surviving Jeopardy, where they will be questioned on their knowledge of Survivor and Alma, as well as some general trivia. Door prizes and prizes for performance will be given out. Teams for both the Highland Games and Surviving Jeopardy may sign up in Hamilton.

To celebrate the arrival of the alumni, Alma has sought to expand Homecoming activities to Friday and Sunday.

"Over the last four to five years, we've tried to make Homecoming a true weekend experience," says Bob Eldridge, director of Alumni and Community Relations.

Friday's alumni activities include a reunion social and dinner for members of the Golden Thistle, alumni returning for their fiftieth or later class reunion. Both students and alumni are invited

to the dedication of the Alan J. Stone Center for Recreation, which features an appearance by Alma's former president, known affectionately as "Doc Rock." The one-act play festival begins later in the weekend and runs through the weekend, showcasing the young acting and directing talents of Alma's theater department. Following the plays, students may warm by an ACUB-sponsored bonfire behind the stadium. The student band "My Cousin Leonard" will perform.

The staples of every homecoming, the traditional parade and football game, are on Saturday. Alumni can participate in reunion breakfasts, a lunch cookout, buffet dinner and post-game party. There are also gatherings for alumni at various places around campus for their respective academic interests and fraternity or sorority affiliation. The Jello Tug-of-War is at 6 p.m. The Alumni Awards Presentation/Choir Concert begins at 8 p.m.

The final day of homecoming features fewer activities, with an alumni brunch at 9 a.m., chapel service at 11 a.m. and the one-act play festival at 3 p.m. Between two and three thousand alumni are expected to visit Alma on homecoming weekend.

"Homecoming is a great time to show your spirit and enthusiasm toward Alma's superior athletics, arts, and academics," said Chris Lacroix (02), co-chair student homecoming committee.

Schedule of Events

Friday

11:00 a.m.
Dedication Ceremony
Alan J. Stone Center for Recreation
4:30 p.m.
50-Year Class Reunion Social
President's House
6:00 p.m.
50-Year Reunion Dinner
Heather Room, Tyler-Van Dusen
7:00 p.m.
Pizza Sam Night
Compliments of the Alumni Office
Hamilton Commons
8:00 p.m.
One-Act Play Festival
Heritage Center, Theatre
Adults \$7.00, Students free; reserved seating

Saturday

8:30 a.m.
Registration Begins
Smith Alumni House
9:00 a.m.
Reunion Year Breakfasts:
50-Year: Golden Thistle
25-Year: Silver Pine Cone
5-,10-,15-,20-,30-35-,40-,45-Years Tartan Club
Alumni Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m.
Homecoming Parade
Noon
Alumni Cookout
Meet Alma President
Dr. Sandra J. Tracy
Chapel Lawn
Reunion class photos
Kiltie Marching Band will perform.
Noon
Women's Soccer
Alma vs. Adrian
1:30 p.m.
Football
Alma vs. Hanover College
4:30 p.m.
Greek Fraternity and Sorority Open Houses
4:30 p.m.
Academic Department Receptions
4:30 p.m.
25-Year Reunion Reception
President's House

4:30 p.m.

Post-Game Alumni Party
Smith Alumni House
6:00 p.m.
Alumni Dinner
Hamilton Commons
8:00 p.m.
Alumni Awards Choir Concert
One-Act Play Festival
Heritage Center
9:00 p.m.
Alumni Party
Smith Alumni House



Sunday

9:00 a.m.
All-Alumni Brunch
Hamilton Commons
11:00 a.m.
Chapel Service
Chapel
3:00 p.m.
One-Act Play Festival
Heritage Center, Theatre
adults \$7, students free
reserved seating



FEATURE

Students band together to raise money for victims in New York; concert's theme is "Imagine"

Kari Joy Johnson
Staff Writer

Rather than enduring the tragedy of September 11th alone and in silence, Ross Kennerly (02) chose to unite individuals by bringing talented musicians together for a benefit concert in order to help raise money for terror victims in New York and Washington, D.C. The concert took place Tuesday evening at eight in the campus chapel with approximately sixty students in attendance. By the end of the night, the benefit concert raised a little over \$300.00 through donations or pop cans, which was then given to the Red Cross.

Audience members came to simply remember and pay tribute to the victims who suffered, while those on stage wanted to openly share their musical gifts with the rest of the student body, hoping to help create some funding for those in need.

Eric Fritts (02) opened the concert by saying, "What happened last Tuesday was one of the worst things I have ever seen and last week we [Kennerly and I] got together to make something beautiful after the tragedy that happened."

Kennerly knew he could organize something on Alma's campus to help others recover from the terrorist attacks and so he called Fritts in an attempt to locate fellow students who would participate in the benefit concert. Fortunately, he received an enthusiastic response from several individuals who wanted to help make the concert a reality.

"We [Kennerly and Fritts] went out on a limb

and set it up last minute, but we ended up putting it all together," said Fritts.

Throughout the concert, musicians would state some of their personal feelings and thoughts on how to cope with the state of the nation. Andrew Pommerville shared his sentiments by saying, "We have to remember that love is the answer; we have to try and deal with our pain by loving each other."

The audience responded positively by listening and by singing along with some of the songs as well as by vocalizing their appreciation and enjoyment.

"I was really excited that people could come to together to share their musicals gifts for such a good cause," said Lynsey Derenzy (02).

The evening line up consisted of various students performing on guitar, piano, fiddle, percussion, xylophone, and vocals. Some of the many talented students who were featured were Eric Fritts, Erin Gildersleeve (03), Ross Kennerly, Grant Kinney (04), Andy Lauppe (03), Kevin Malburg (04), Jeffrey Natke, Jonah Powell (03), Andrew Pommerville, Ryan Sherman (02) and Jessica Shrum (02).

The main pianist for the evening, Andrew Pommerville (02) said, "All of us have played in different bands together and we wanted to do one big jam session or concert. We just wanted to make something beautiful out of something so terrible."

The catchphrase for the evening was 'Imagine', referencing the well-known song written by John

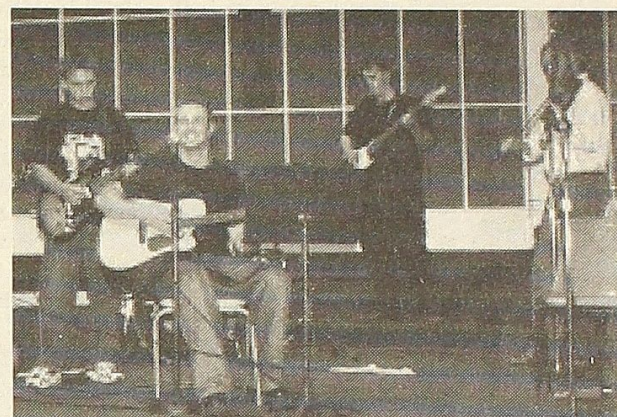


Photo by Dan Joyce

Kevin Malburg (far left) Ross Kennerly (middle left), Jeff Natke (middle right), and Jonah Powell (far right) perform at the benefit concert.

Lennon. Whether it was to reflect upon the tremendous amount of damage the United States experienced or to recognize the potential a group of motivated students can unleash during a period of national recovery, the theme 'Imagine' served as the underlying thought for the entire evening.

Findely joins education department; will also work with local schools

Olga Wrobel
Feature Editor

Education students who may have noticed an unfamiliar faculty member around campus may call her Dr. Nicola Findley, the newest member of the education department. Dr. Findley is here three to four days a week and is in charge of such classes as "Exploring the Teaching Field," and "Elementary Reading and Language Arts".

Findley, originally from England, moved to the Chicago area in 1979. In 1990, she moved again, this time to East Lansing, where she currently resides. She received her Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

"I was not looking for a faculty position," she said. "I have kids in high school, and I didn't want to move them. I saw that there was a position available, and when I visited Alma it got even better. I really like the liberal arts college compared to bigger schools."

Findley also has a freshman in college, so the school search allowed her to learn a lot about Alma.

After being at Michigan State for awhile, Findley sees a big difference between the large public university and Alma College.

"Compared with MSU, I like to be able to talk to the faculty and work with students from all departments, not just education. I like getting to know people."

As an education professor, Findley says that she was "one of those people who always wanted to teach." She loves teaching, and finds it difficult to leave the classroom. Findley also believes that "teaching is one of the most important things we can do. It's relationship building, playing with new ideas. Even when I was attending school for my Ph.D., I noticed that all I like about teaching holds for every age group."

Since Dr. Findley lives in East Lansing, her commute to Alma is extensive, and she isn't looking forward to the arrival of winter. But the commute is not a big deal, as "it helps sort out [her] thoughts."

As a professor, Findley will not only be working on campus, but also in the local area schools.

"I'm looking forward to working with student teachers, hanging out with new kids, and being able to work with new ideas."

Outside of her career, Dr. Findley has much on which to focus. She has three children, and is an avid fan of anything musical. She is involved in a few church choirs, and sings in the MSU choral union. She also loves the theatre and anything else involving arts and entertainment.

Though she does miss her homeland of England,

Findley is fortunate enough to visit there alternating years. She loves to travel, and this was the first summer she did not.

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SPORTS

Scots defeat Franklin in non-conference match

Kevin Goodwin
Staff Writer

The "Scot-gun" offense was in full stride on Saturday afternoon as the Scots defeated Franklin in a non-conference match 52-30. Steve Slowke (03) led the Alma offense, completing 29 of 48 passes for 273 yards.

"The offensive line did a good job of establishing the running game," said running back Doc Trumble (03). "Developing the running attack early in the game gave Slowke the opportunity to open the field to his receivers."

Trumble scored the first touchdown for the Scots as he ran 17 yards to the end zone with 1:59 remaining in the first quarter. Franklin answered early in the second quarter as Ki Yoon picked up a blocked field goal attempt and sprinted 60 yards for the touchdown. The following kickoff saw Justin McHugh run 82 yards for the score. The Franklin offense once again answered the Scots as Jeremy Niebert found Eddie Tucker for the 62-yard touchdown pass to even the score at 14-14.

The Scots continued the offensive attack in the second quarter as Slowke hit Mark Boems (03) for a 10-yard touchdown pass. It was a close game throughout much of the first half until Steve Slowke ran a 20-yard touchdown run to put the Scots up 28-20 with 4:30 to go in the first half. Matt Piccirilli later kicked a 42-yard field goal to give the Scots a 31-20 lead going into halftime.

The Scots came out of the locker room in the second half and continued to execute on offense.

"We finally put together a second half and showed glimpses of how good the offense could be," said Slowke (03).

Kris Ernst (02) caught a 35-yard pass from Slowke to begin the third quarter. Trumble then got in on the action as he ran a 35-yard touchdown to put the Scots up 45-20 going into the fourth quarter.

The defense managed to shut out Franklin in the third quarter while running a brand new 3-4 defensive front.

"We made a fair share of mistakes running the new 3-4 but stuck in the

game with key interceptions," said defensive lineman Kevin Hockenberry (02). The defensive backfield came up big for the Scots with four interceptions on Franklin quarterbacks Jeremy Niebert and Eric Sabo. "The defense kept us in the game with interceptions and we capitalized," added Slowke.

The Franklin Grizzlies put two scores on the board in the fourth quarter but couldn't catch Alma as the Scots added another touchdown and brought the final score to 52-30.

The Scots return home next week to defend their home turf as they play host to non-conference opponent Hanover.

The Scots home football-winning streak will be on the line, as they will try to extend it to 13 straight home wins.

"The home winning streak and the homecoming game doubles the pressure for us," said Hockenberry (02). "It will be an intense week of practice."

Sports Track

Tragic events lead to game cancellations

MICHAEL MURPHY
Freelance Writer

America's obsession with constant sports came to a crashing halt two weeks ago following the tragic terrorism that captivated the entire nation.

Baseball games were postponed for one week. All football games, whether college or professional, were canceled for the following Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Preseason hockey did not begin, a major golf tournament was canceled for the entire year and other minor sporting events were left behind in the wake of ashes.

For once, ESPN was quiet. For once, the talk of Barry Bonds' possible record-breaking season was silenced. For once, a mid-Sept. weekend did not have anything to do with football.

Instead, for the first time, another topic captured America's thoughts.

Unfortunately, it came at the hands of despotic, insane individuals attempting to create a reign of terror over the world.

In this most awful time, America's teams - professional baseball, the National Hockey League, the National Football League - came up in the clutch.

Realizing that Americans needed an extended period of time to try to understand what happened that frightful Tuesday, the sports leagues said that it was only appropriate to take a step back from the constant limelight which they receive day in and day out.

This time, the only stations Americans tuned to were those carrying the news. Set aside, for once, was sports.

The players in those leagues - the ones that have been dubbed the modern day "heroes" - may have finally realized that they may not actually deserve that title anymore. Police and firefighters died as the World Trade Center crumbled on top of them while they tried to save lives. Those are the real heroes, as are the firefighters and police that are still at the sights of the remaining wreckage.

When Major League Baseball resumed its season after a six-day halt, players' garb had American flags stitched on them. Special ceremonies commemorated the tragedy. New York Mets players wore the hats of the New York Fire Department to display to the world who the real heroes are in life.

Maybe, just maybe, those sports players realized that they were unworthy of the status of "hero" so commonly given to them. And maybe our society will reevaluate the once lackadaisical way in which we used to throw the term "hero" around.

Who knows? Maybe in 50 years, someone will ask us who our hero was while in college. Maybe the answer will not be some ballplayer who got out seven out of 10 at bats, but instead a firefighter or policeman that made the country proud on that frightful Tuesday.

At least for now, while sports are still silent, the true heroes are being recognized. Hopefully they will not be forgotten when amnesia sets in.

Sports briefs

Women's Golf

The Alma College women's golf team took second place in a tournament held Saturday at Lenawee Country Club in Adrian. The competition proved to be monumental as Courtney Rheinhardt (05) set a course record with her low score of 74. Other Alma golfers - Julie Harris, Autumn Pickover, Lindsay Carpenter, and Caroline Olsson - also played well. Next Friday and Saturday, the Scots Women's Golf Team will play in Indiana at the Brookwood Golf Club.

Men's Golf

The Alma College men's golf team finished second fourth on Saturday at the Pine River Golf Club. Hope College won the event with a score of 377. The Scots had a team score of 397. Ryan Riley finished in the lead for Alma College with a score of 78 and tied for 12th place.

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Saturday at Hope College, at the first MIAA meet of the season, the Alma College men's cross country team took fourth place with a score of 126 and the women's cross country team took fifth place with 129 points. Calvin won both the men's and the women's meets, with respective scores of 21 and 24. On October 6, both teams will travel to Huntington College for an invitational.

Men's Soccer

The Alma College men's soccer team lost their game against Albion 2-1. Jeremiah Roberts, assisted by Kevney Dugan, scored Alma's lone goal. Albion later scored twice. Late in the game, Alma had what would have been a game tying goal, but they were ruled offsides. The Scots are now 1-1 in the MIAA conference and 2-7 overall.

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FAST Stats

Football (overall)					
	W	L	PF	PA	
Adrian	0	3	54	93	
Albion	3	1	97	82	
Alma	2	1	99	98	
Hope	2	1	88	68	
K-Zoo	3	0	113	78	
Olivet	0	4	57	113	

Women's Soccer (league)					
	W	L	T	GF	GA
Calvin	4	0	0	20	2
Albion	3	0	0	4	1
K-Zoo	3	0	0	20	4
Hope	2	2	0	11	2
Olivet	1	1	0	6	2
Adrian	0	3	0	0	23
Alma	0	4	0	7	14
St. Mary's	0	3	0	3	14

Men's Soccer (league)					
	W	L	T	GF	GA
Albion	1	0	1	2	1
Hope	1	0	1	3	2
K-Zoo	1	0	0	10	0
Alma	1	1	0	7	5
Calvin	1	1	0	9	3
Olivet	0	1	0	3	6
Adrian	0	2	0	0	17

Volleyball (league, overall)					
	W	L	W	L	
Hope	5	0	8	6	
Calvin	4	1	10	3	
K-Zoo	3	2	8	6	
Adrian	2	2	4	4	
Alma	3	2	10	6	
Albion	1	4	8	7	
St. Mary's	1	4	2	9	
Olivet	0	4	1	11	

Men's Golf (overall)		
	Total	Average
Hope	1173	391.0
Alma	1182	394.0
Olivet	1190	396.7
Calvin	1191	397.0
Adrian	1215	405.0
Albion	1246	415.3
K-Zoo	1297	426.3

Women's Golf (Sept.22)	
	Total
Albion	350
Alma	354
St. Mary's	354
Hope	372
K-Zoo	408
Adrian	431
Calvin	441
Olivet	458



Team Profile
Women's Soccer



Photo by Bryan Waugh

League	Current Record	Overall
0-4		3-6

Amanda Baushke
Sports Editor

The 2001 women's soccer team consists of four first-year students, eight sophomores, one junior and three seniors.

The coach, Chi Ly, has been at Alma since 1998. Before coming to Alma he attended Messiah College in Pennsylvania, and then spent a year at the University of Delaware as a graduate assistant. Ly coached the men's and women's tennis teams for eight years at Messiah College. He also coached boys' soccer and taught in Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania for eight years.

The captains of the team are Paula Schwarz (02), Jessica Roberts (03) and Megan Karchon (04).

"We have representation from all of the classes," said Ly. "Our tri-captains do not just have seniority, but ownership. They have responsibility for everything going on."

The four new players are Sarah Ruddel (05), Anna Springsteen (05), Anna Bewersdorff (05) and Sherri VanderBos (05). "The four freshmen have been a great addition to the team," said Ly.

The three seniors are Paula Schwarz, Kara Kwolek and Laurie Rodgers, from whom Ly expects "leadership and experience." He told them

this is their team and their season. He wants them to accept responsibility and leadership.

The team has had nine games so far. Their record is 3-6.

Despite the losses, they have high hopes for the end of the season.

"Our records do not show it yet, but we have an awesome team," said Christina Leonard (04). "People can expect a lot from us for the end of this season, and for next year. There is so much talent on this team. Everyone has their own individual strengths and once everyone can channel those strengths into a team effort we will really dominate on the field."

Teammates are very close this year. "Of all my years coaching here this is the most unified team," said Ly. "We have one goal and one mind and we are just enjoying and having fun with our season so far. We know that we have a tough road ahead of us, but that is what makes it special and we are looking forward to it."

"There is such a sisterhood on the team," added Leonard. "We have what it takes off the field...we just need to work together and then we will have what it takes on the field," said Leonard.

2001 Schedule

Sept. 25	St. Mary's College	Notre Dame, Ind.	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	Adrian College	Alma	Noon
Oct. 3	Hope College	Alma	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	Calvin College	Grand Rapids	Noon
Oct. 9	Kalamazoo College	Kalamazoo	4 p.m.
Oct. 13	Olivet College	Olivet	Noon
Oct. 17	Albion College	Alma	4 p.m.
Oct. 20	St. Mary's College	Alma	Noon
Oct. 23	Adrian College	Adrian	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	Hope College	Holland	Noon

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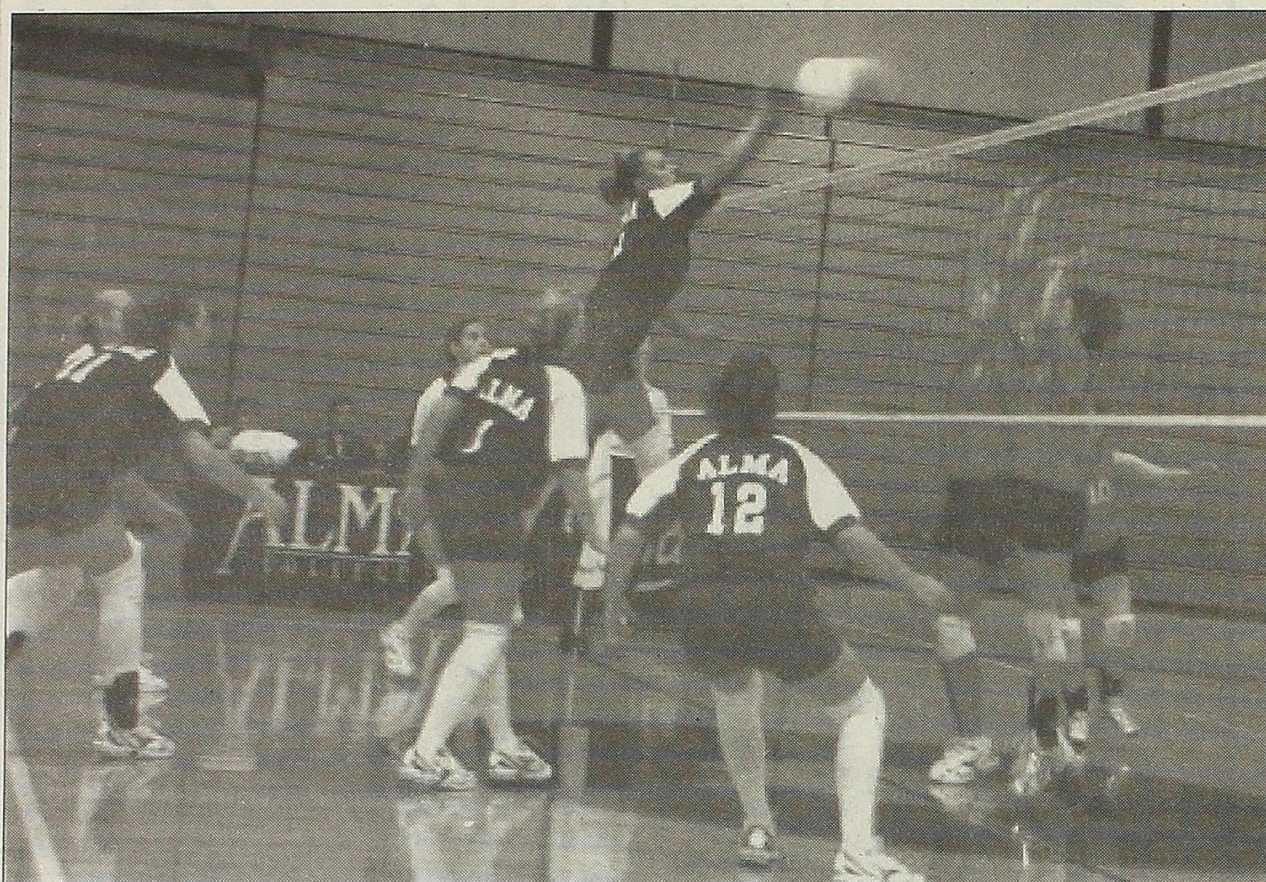


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Katie Moll (03) jumps up to spike the ball in last week's match against Olivet. Her teammates Jesse Rosten, 12 (05) and Sarah Seiler, 5 (02) both stand guard ready to for a return.

Volleyball team defeats both Olivet and D'Youville in Saturday's match

Kevin Goodwin
Staff writer

The Alma College volleyball team was in action on Saturday afternoon as they played host to both Olivet and D'Youville College of Buffalo, N.Y. The Scots dominated play the entire day as Alma recorded a pair of wins.

"We really united as a team and dominated," said Katie Moll (03).

The Scots started off the day by defeating Olivet in three games, 30-24, 30-19, and 30-27. Alma led virtually the entire time in games one and two, but rallied from a 24-16 deficit to win the game and the match. Jesse Rosten (05) led the comeback surge by delivering eight service points for the Scots. The win over Olivet was key for the Scots as they improved their MIAA record to 3-2.

The Scots roster is mainly made up of underclassmen other than their two senior leaders Sara Seiler (02) and Jaime Lippert (02). "We made a statement that we're a young team but can still win," said Katie Moll (03).

Sara Seiler (02) led the Scots in the first game with 9 kills and 12 digs. Kristin Judson (05) and Michelle Dupuis (05) each had 10 digs for the Scots while Judson also added 8 kills. Brandi Wangler (05) had 10 assists for the Scots while Lindsey Baker (05) and Jaime Lippert (02) each added 9.

The second game saw the Scots take on a severely outnumbered D'Youville. The D'Youville Lady Spartans only had seven players make the long bus ride from New York. The Scots just simply had to show up to claim the victory.

They dominated the Lady Spartans in three straight games - 30-12, 30-12, and 30-13. Jaime Lippert (02) led the Scots with 13 assists in the victory while Kristin Judson (05) added 9 kills. Stacy Moyer (04) tallied 9 digs to give Alma their second straight win of the day.

"These two wins give us the confidence we need for the next conference game," said Moll (03). The two wins improved the Scots record to 10-6 overall and 3-2 in MIAA matches.

The extra boost of confidence will come in handy for the Scots, as they will host MIAA co-leader Adrian on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Campus

Today
Graduate & Professional Schools Seminar
4:00 p.m.
The Center

Poetry Presentation with Gary Gildner
7:00 p.m.
Heritage Center

Wednesday
Men's Soccer vs. Heidelberg
4:00 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Adrian
6:30 p.m.

Highland Games

Thursday
Job Search Strategies & Websites
4:00 p.m.
The Center

Surviving Jeopardy

Friday
11:00 A.M. Women's Golf MIAA Championships

Stone Recreation Center Dedication Ceremony
11:00 a.m.

One-Acts
8:00 p.m.
Heritage Center Theater

Saturday
Football vs. Hanover College
1:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Adrian
1:30 p.m.

Homecoming Choir Concert
8:00 p.m.
Heritage Center

One-Acts
8:00 p.m.
Heritage Center Theater

Tuesday
Chicago In-City Interview Program Information Meeting
4:00 p.m.
The Center

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