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Board of Trustees examines budget

Nikole Canute
News Editor

The Board of Trustees, the supreme governing body of the college, met on Saturday, Oct. 13, to discuss several campus issues, including the budget deficit.

In response to the \$1.7 to \$1.8 million budget shortfall, each of the vice presidents (finance, academic affairs, and advancement) was instructed to reduce their respective budgets so that when the cuts were combined, \$300,000 had been removed from college operating costs. The vice presidents each met with department heads and staff members, and produced a set of budget cut proposals that were given to President Sandra Tracy, and subsequently to the Board of Trustees.

Paul Pollatz, director of admissions, said that his department made budget cut recommendations in the area of travel, specifically international travel and promotional items ("trinkets"). In addition, the number of off-site receptions for perspective students, alumni, and current students will be reduced, but will not be eliminated.

Pollatz decided what areas to cut based upon meetings with admissions staff, during which past programs were reviewed, and meetings with President Tracy. He said, "Now we have to be creative in terms of utilizing what we have, and in terms of purchasing, we are more methodical in terms of what we purchase and how much."

Regarding budget cuts in the academic and student affairs sector, Reginald Avery, provost, said, "We have been very careful in trying to make sure that we protected the academic integrity of the programs and not cut in areas where it might be harmful. I believe that there will be few to none highly visible effects."

Avery emphasized that there will be no faculty or salary cuts made by his office and that most of the cuts made will be internal. As an example, Avery said that the amount of travel that he conducts will be reduced. He said, "My guess is that students will observe business as usual. That is not

to say that if there is a need to continue to make more cuts in the future that these will not be more visible."

Regarding Student Congress, it was initially projected that \$12,800 was to be taken from the budget, but upon review by President Tracy and Matt vandenBerg, student congress president, that number was reduced to \$12,000 because of insufficient funds in the student congress contingency fund. "We did not want Student Congress to have to go back and make cuts in anybody's money that they already had," said Tracy.

Three anonymous, one-time gifts that total approximately \$600,000 that were given to the college and will now be applied towards the budget deficit.

Approximately \$100,000 remains to be brought into balance, but Tracy believes that those cuts have already been identified. Savings in the areas of salaries, part-time faculty, and energy costs may be gained, but Tracy says these are hard to estimate at this point in the year. "What we actually thought we might spend, it looks like we might come in lower than that," said Tracy.

In addition, the transition program, in which some first-year students come to Alma during the summer to learn study skills, is being conducted throughout the academic year. Tracy said, "It is things that we have already done and decided, not for budgetary reasons, to do them. We need to see what the potential savings are—we may recoup some savings there."

The finance committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed the submitted budget cut proposals and made any changes they deemed necessary, and then presented the overall budget plan to the entire Board. Due to the remaining \$100,000 to be accounted for, an extension was given until the end of October to finalize the budget. At that point, the Board has authorized the Executive Committee of the Board to approve the overall budget plan.

Tracy said, "Things will be tight, but the biggest challenge will be that we have less flexibility to fund new ideas."



ACUB brings Clayton Miller Jazz Band to Alma
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Student Judicial

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Staff Writer

The Student Judicial Committee, which is responsible for handling the majority of discipline infractions that may not lead to suspension, is one of the main disciplinary organizations on campus.

One of the four main committees dedicated to maintaining order and respect for the campus' rules, the Student Judicial Committee (SJC) is a disciplinary body composed of nine individuals, eight of whom are students. The one member of the committee that is not a student is the Coordinator of Judicial Affairs, a position held this year by Kate McNamee, the new Mitchell Hall Director.

The Coordinator of Judicial Affairs is the direct faculty overseer of the group. The other eight student representatives include six members of student congress, and one resident assistant (RA) each from South Complex and North Complex. This year's group includes Matt Friar (03), student chairperson; Lindsey Pryor (02); Mike Leahy (03); Adam Lincoln (02); Matt Martin (02), Interfraternity Council (IFC) representative; Kristin Burkart (02), Panhellenic Council representative; Ryan Lueker (03); Phillisha Harden (02); Chad Merricle (02); and Whitney Hopkins (04).

The SJC traditionally meets in closed sessions on

Thursday nights. With no responsibilities other than handling cases of discipline violations that do not potentially merit suspension, such as petty theft, vandalism, noise violations, noncompliance with RAs, and alcohol violations, the meeting may be canceled by the Coordinator if no such incidents have occurred during the week.

When hearing a case, the committee has the authority to levy fines, issue written warnings (a copy of which is sent to the students' parents), place people on disciplinary probation, and require the defendant to perform community service.

Written warnings are often issued for a first-time violation. The number of times an RA confronts a student is irrelevant to the SJC. Even if the RA has warned the student prior to writing them up, that is still the first violation of which the SJC becomes aware, and disciplinary action beyond a written warning is not always considered necessary.

James Kridler, dean of student affairs, does not hold sympathy for RAs who claim that Student Judicial should issue stronger penalties. He said, "If an RA is angry because Student Judicial only gave out a written warning for a noise violation or noncompliance, that is the RA's fault...We have really tried to drill that into the RAs' heads this year."

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REC Center update headline here

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The Alan J. Stone Recreational Center has been in use since August 1. Amy Blackburn, director of the Recreational Center, has been working hard to make it a success for the campus.

Since its opening, aerobics has been the most popular organized activity at the Rec Center. Currently, there are six aerobic instructors employed and classes are frequent throughout the week. Of the aerobic classes, tae kwon doe has been the most popular.

"My goal for this facility," Blackburn said, "is for mental, physical, and spiritual development. I think we can accomplish all three of those through this facility."

Another main draw to the Rec Center is the new climbing wall. Students have actively taken advantage of the wall since it opened. The climbing wall draws in 30-50 students per day.

Many athletes make use of the fitness equipment throughout the week. The fitness room currently has 20 cardiovascular workout machines and 15 weight machines. President Tracy is allowing the Recreational Center to make a "wish list," and, if funds are available, the fitness room will see an increase in equipment.

Blackburn said, "President Tracy is trying to make this building as student-friendly as possible."

Attendance at the Recreational Center peaks at about 300 students per day in the beginning of the week, and then trails off to about 200 per day

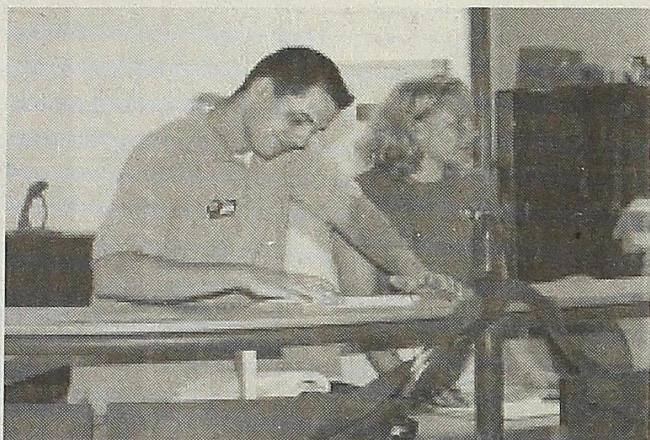


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toward the end.

Many students have anxiously awaited the arrival of intramural sports (IM) in the Recreational Center. Already, the Center has put on a league for ultimate frisbee and for volleyball.

Blackburn wondered if students were too busy to make use of these leagues due to the small number of contestants. Ultimate Frisbee brought in three teams, with 50 total team members. Volleyball brought in ten teams, with 62 total team members.

Nonetheless, Blackburn retains hope that IM sports will become a great attraction. This week there is sign up for flag football and next week there will be sign up for floor hockey. Also, a swim meet is soon to be scheduled.

Students wishing to use the tennis courts may find it easiest to make a reservation. Any reservation has precedence over walk-in tennis players. Basketball courts are strictly on a first come-first serve basis.

Early after the Rec Center was opened, several students were asked to leave

one of the basketball courts. It was deemed that the court was unsafe and for liability reasons, no one was allowed to play basketball on that court. The court has since been turned into a tennis court.

The Recreational Center is planning on bringing many new activities in the coming year. Some attractions planned are: first aid safety, fly-fishing, golf lessons, introduction to rock climbing, introduction to yoga, karate, swimming, self-defense, swing dancing, tai chi, tae kwon do, and tennis lessons.

Library to complete database on terrorist attacks

In response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the library has almost completed a collection of web pages that will provide access to diverse information related to the attacks. The pages will be ready to view soon after fall break.

The database will contain links to many of the sources the library carries, including Newsweek, Time, the Detroit Free Press and the New York Times. News sources from Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Israel and the United Arab Emirates will also be linked.

"It's very in depth. It covers the whole spectrum on the attacks," said reference librarian Ron Suzek. I think it'll be helpful."

Suzek said that students and community members have expressed an interest in being able to find information quickly. He also noted that most major universities and colleges including Albion and Hope have already posted such pages.

The database will be linked off the library's homepage at <http://library.alma.edu>.

Quacks attend conference in NYC

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Staff Writer

As a means to understanding and enhancing college radio on a more extensive level, Adam Blair (02) and Matt Friar (03), two members on the Executive Committee for WQAC 90.9 FM, flew to New York City Thursday, October 11, for a conference sponsored by the College Music Journal (CMJ). Upon their return on Sunday, both members considered the conference a fun, beneficial tool and experience and one that would help implement new ideas toward bettering the campus station.

"Basically it [the conference] is for all the music industry by CMJ magazine, the foremost media organization targeted toward college radio," said Blair.

The conference itself consisted of four days worth of panels which all pertained to college music in some aspect. Topics ranged from "how to get your college radio station streaming with audio" to "how to start a fanzine" - a magazine containing information concerning a particular college radio station published three to four times a year for the station's listeners.

"The best idea Blair and I got was starting a fanzine. It would consist of album reviews, editorials, and other fun stuff," said Friar. He added, "We would send these out to record labels, promoters, and distribute them around the state. This would result in more free things; promoters and labels would see that we're reaching a broader audience through reviews."

In addition to attending workshops aimed at station growth, both members went to a wide range of activities such as clubs and concerts sponsored by promoters from all over the country. Some of the featured events were going to The World, Vinyl, Roseland, and The LIFT cruise around Manhattan. Both students also observed Diecast, The Starting Line, Artful Dodger, and a compilation of other nationally well-known disc jockeys.

As for how this conference will benefit the station and particularly the campus, Blair said, "Basically CMJ is the spark to help us [the station] come up with ideas for programs that we can use, such as a 'zine with reviews of CD's and the profile of WQAC published three to four times a year."

Also, the "possibility of implementing an internet-based spin counter" was mentioned. "The idea is that part of every song tracked is recorded on a huge database at CMJ. Whenever a song is played at any given radio station, the 'spin box' recognizes it and records it (audio fingerprinting)," said Friar.

"Many of the panelists [and myself] agreed this would add a lot of validity to charting, but it also ignores the politics behind charting. Problems arise when you consider specialty music (Loud Rock, RPM, Hip Hop); certain artists are only featured once weekly and it would be impossible to attain a Top 10," added Friar.

Essentially the conference served as a catalyst for launching new ideas as well as a way to incite others.

"I learned that WQAC is operating much like other stations around the country and that, as coordinated or uncoordinated as college radio [is], our mission is to introduce artists and labels to a world otherwise dominated by Destiny's Child and Britney Spears," said Friar.

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Student Judicial is completely autonomous in regard to the punishments they dispense. While Kridler sees a copy of the letter that is to be given to the student as well as sent home to the parents, he does not have a hand in the proceedings. Kridler deals with letters of appeal, the only other instance of his direct involvement, which are complaints filed when the student is unhappy with the judgment set forth.

In addition, the Coordinator, who sits in on Judicial meetings in order to oversee the proceedings and answer questions of policy, leaves the room during the deliberations over the verdict in order to avoid influencing the decision.

In the four cases that have been heard to date this year, McNamee has been quite impressed with the way the SJC has performed. "The students are very responsible; they really listen to the case, and want to hear both sides. I really think they are very fair in their decisions," she said.

McNamee's position as Coordinator makes her the voice of the SJC, or the official contact person; McNamee is responsible for reviewing the residence halls' RA incident reports and sending out letters to those students who have been charged.

In addition, the offending student's privacy is protected in that the only people allowed at the meetings are those directly involved with the proceedings; even when Judicial representatives make the weekly report to Student Congress, only the number and type of cases heard are reported, not the students involved.

The full information regarding Student Judicial cases is included in board reports (and government reports about drug and alcohol violations on campus). Last year, which was a typical year for the Judicial Committee, 37 total cases were seen involving 49 men and 20 women.

NEWS

New faculty member looks to form interdisciplinary course

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Staff Writer

The English Department has hired two new faculty members this year, one of whom is Robert Vivian. Vivian has come to the college after finishing his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska. Born in Denver, Colorado, Vivian has lived most of his life in Omaha, Nebraska. His focus is on American literature and creative writing. This semester he is teaching Introduction to Creative Writing, a Fiction Studio, and a Seminar in the Novel. Vivian attributes his love for literature and writing to one person: his English teacher in Catholic grade school, who he called “wonderful” and who made language “mysterious and beautiful” for him. Vivian attended Catholic school until high school. When attending high school, he played baseball, football, and remained an avid reader. His parents, currently residing in Las Vegas, Nev., were glad to see their son graduate from high school. The line of work he has chosen came as a shock to them. Vivian says that all of the Vivian children are ambitious beings. One of his brothers is an

artist in Chicago, the other is in the Marines. One of his sisters is an aspiring singer and the other is in investments. For graduate studies, Vivian attended several

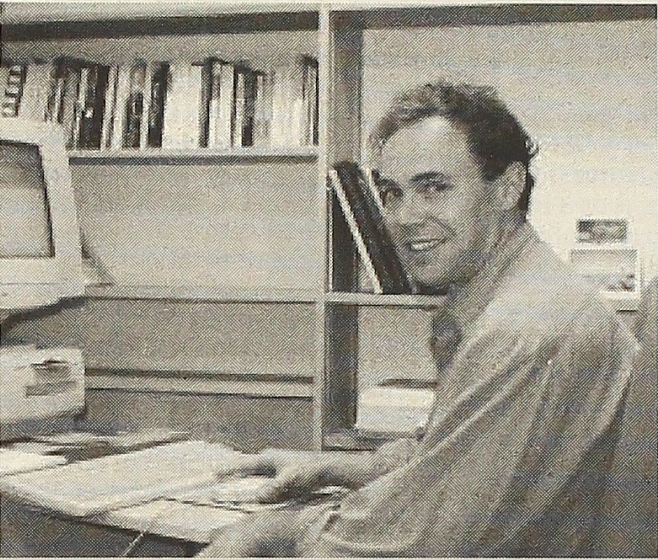


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Dr. Robert Vivian is currently working on his first novel.

universities. He received his masters at the University of Nebraska - Omaha and his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His position in the English Department is his first job as an academic and Alma College was his first choice. Vivian had interviewed at the University of Mississippi and State University of New York at Albany, but did not feel right about them. At first, Vivian was somewhat apprehensive about living in a small town. Vivian said, “I find it a much better experience than I thought. I’m warming to that quite nicely.” Vivian has several plans for the college. He would like to do some kind of interdisciplinary course and has already discussed doing work with the religion or chemistry departments. Vivian would like to break down the barriers between departments and disciplines and perhaps see some science students in his classes. “I really want to learn from my colleagues and experience a spring semester abroad,” Vivian said. “I’m excited about the future here for me.” Of his many accomplishments, Vivian has already published *Bugs of Noise*, a book of lyrical essays. He did thesis work on a collection of creative, non-fiction essays and is currently working on his first novel, which he calls a “highway” novel.

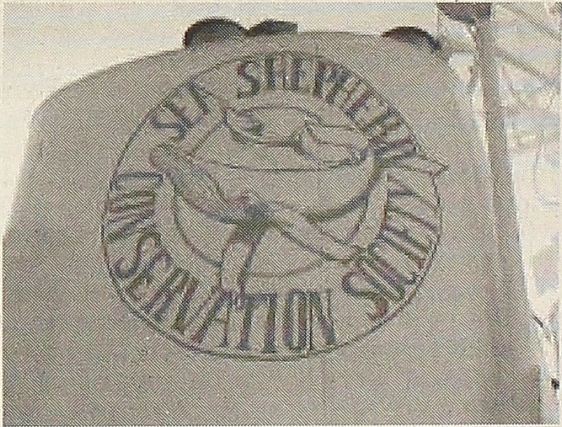
Co-founder of Greenpeace speaks at Heritage Center

Jeff Natke
Copy Editor

Captain Paul Watson, founder of the Greenpeace organization and current Sea Shepherd Conservation Society president, spoke about environmental issues to a large crowd Monday night at the Heritage Center. Watson stated, “As a conservationist, my job is to piss people off, to make them aware of environmental issues.” The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is an organization that attempts to protect marine wildlife and fosters opposition to those businesses, governments, or groups that try to make a profit out of killing marine wildlife. Watson says, “We [the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society] are continuing to go out on the high seas and get in people’s faces.” They use tactics including sinking ships but never resort to violence. “Not one person has ever been injured or killed, not one, by an environmental conservationist,” Watson commented. “We enforce the law, and we have won every single court case

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brought against us.” To ensure the safety of those involved, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society uses former Navy Seals, as well as other highly trained people to minimize potential accidents. Both the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and Watson are tired of businesses, governments and other groups making a profit out of “killing our environment.” Watson commented on an episode in which the organization “confiscated a boat with 1550 shark fins but not a single shark!” Watson also went on at length about how absurd governments can be in trying to stop him from protecting the environment. “On one particular episode, we attached cannons to our boat, but not ordinary cannons. We used cannons to shoot chocolate pies; I was later charged with murder! Of course, the charges were later dropped,” he said. The view that government is not the solution to the environmental issues of today and the future was presented throughout Watson’s speech. “Government fights for the rights of corporations, not individuals,” Watson said. “If government had a vested interest in protecting its citizens, it would not be siding with big business.” Instead, Watson described how individuals have to take it upon themselves to solve today’s problems. “The backbone of the conservation movement is grass-roots, non-government groups and individuals working within their communities,” said Watson. “You want to stop a pirate, you need a pirate to do it. Someone has to do the job.” Outside of the realm of the environment, Watson briefly commented on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. “If you cut off bin Laden’s head, 9 more will spring forward. You say bomb Afghanistan. I say bomb Afghanistan with food and medical supplies and try to make some friends out of this. You do not stop killing by killing.” Watson also spoke of an apparent lack of support from the public, and most definitely our government, with respect to environmental issues. “Our curse is no one listens to what we have to say. We are a society that listens and reacts only after tragedy strikes...We cannot possibly destroy parts of our environment and think that it does not have an effect on us,” said Watson. “We are giving our children and grandchildren hell on earth to inherit.”



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OPINION

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Editorial

Remember the Afghans

Wisely, President Bush has linked the American military campaign in Afghanistan to a program of humanitarian assistance. At a time when we are moving forward in our war on terrorism, the American people need to bear in mind how this war will affect those least able to protect themselves and most in need of assistance.

Congress has appropriated over \$300 million to provide food and medicine to starving Afghan civilians, many of whom are either refugees in neighboring countries or on the move within Afghanistan. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimates that 3 million Afghans are living as refugees outside of the country, while another 1 million are classified as internally displaced. Up to 1.5 million Afghans face starvation this winter, while another 7.5 million, over 25% of the population, will face severe food shortages. Clearly, the people of Afghanistan face a humanitarian crisis on a terrible scale.

The humanitarian aspect of the American operation, which has dispensed tens of thousands of rations to needy Afghans via air-drop and through the United Nation's World Food Programme, is vital for many reasons. Convincing Islamic countries that we have a vendetta against terrorism and not their religion will be key if we are interested in seeking a lasting solution to our problems.

As Senator Paul Wellstone has pointed out, charges that U.S. military action has caused the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, while untrue, could do much to unravel the global coalition that Secretary of State Colin Powell has spent the past several weeks putting together.

Besides practical political considerations, the U.S. certainly has a moral obligation to respond when large numbers of people face starvation or death. As one of the few countries able to respond quickly on a large scale anywhere in the world, we have a special obligation to act. A superpower has responsibilities that Senegal does not.

We also have unsettled obligations to the Afghan people. After helping the Afghans to fight the Soviets in the 1980s, we dropped them like a bad habit as the Cold War ended. The country quickly fell into civil war for years, allowing the Taliban to fill the vacuum created by the collapsed government. This can be settled by helping as many Afghans as possible in their hour of ultimate need, and then by helping them to establish a stable post-Taliban government.

Technically defined, a nation is a group of people with a common language, customs, and history; no outside group can create that. During the presidential campaign, George W. Bush said that he opposed "nation-building," an ill-defined task that presumably means giving away foreign aid. However, the U.S. has 200 years of experience in running a multiparty democracy with stable institutions, and we can share this experience with people who have been fighting for well over 20 years.

Repeating our earlier mistake will only leave Afghanistan the same breeding ground for terrorists that it is today.

Recent statements from the White House have pointed in the direction of remaining engaged in Afghanistan and fixing our earlier mistake. While there is only so much that we can do to help the people of a desperately poor land-locked country, for political and moral reasons, we must ensure we do it all.

Keep SafeRide rolling

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Opinion Editor

This summer I spent a lot of time in Grand Haven, Mich. One night as the downtown bars were closing up I heard someone say "We have to go, SafeRide stops running soon."

I had never thought about cities having a thing such as SafeRide, and it made me think about Alma's SafeRide program. It's a great way to encourage students not to drink and drive.

Then I heard the rumor that Alma College had thought about nixing SafeRide. Bad idea.

Nearly every week SafeRide provides safe, sober transportation to various stops near campus, including new dorms, Bruske/Mitchell/Gelston parking lots and 7-Eleven, which makes it easy for students to use SafeRide. The drivers are always fun and the vans are always packed. How could the College think about getting rid of it?

The argument against this program is that it encourages underage drinking by providing minors with a safe way to get to and from the bar every week. Plus, there is no longer a need for a designated driver, so everyone can drink and have a good time and let SafeRide worry about travel options.

Yes, SafeRide does provide a safe way to get to and from the bar every week—that's the whole point. However, I don't think that it encourages underage drinking. Minors will consume alcohol regardless of whether or not SafeRide is a part of Alma College. While the College does not condone and actively discourages underage drinking, it is a part of college life, and the operation of a van to and from a bar makes no difference in the number of students who drink on a Thursday night.

I can't imagine why the College would want to get rid of something that provides such a great service to students. Would they rather the students, those of age and underage, endanger themselves and others by drinking and driving? The College must realize that they will not alleviate the campus from alcohol consumption, and SafeRide is a key factor in guaranteeing that students will have a safe way to and from the bar.

Luckily the rumor I heard about getting rid of SafeRide wasn't true. I was happy to see SafeRide and its smiling drivers back in action last Thursday night. And, as always, the van was packed with students. Not all were drunk either; many students use the van as a easy, free way to get to and from the bar regardless of whether or not they drank. Obviously students think SafeRide is a valuable asset to the College; let's keep showing our support for it. Thumbs up to all those who operate SafeRide—you make Alma College and the community around it a safer place to be.

Letter to the Editors

Although I have held my pen until now, I feel obliged to express my extreme disappointment at your paper's liberal, left-wing tilt. A biased campus paper does a disservice to the community it claims to serve by failing to provide equitable news coverage or stimulate a truly fair and open debate. Since many Alma students rely on your publication for their news and commentary, would it be unreasonable to present both sides of an issue or debate? I believe conservative students such as myself should be given a voice in your paper beyond the ability to pen letters to the editor.

I was also deeply disappointed by the anti-Bush sentiment recently expressed in your opinion section. I believe the President has done an admirable job dealing with our present situation and deserves our respect and support. I would like to offer the following response to recent pieces by Mr. Machnacki and Mr. Timmreck.

Last issue's "The Left is Right" column discussed ways in which America can combat the possible use of weapons of mass destruction by terrorists. In my opinion, our country has three main techniques at its disposal: halting proliferation of these weapons through international organizations, destroying terrorist networks, and improving homeland security. The first technique, although extolled by Mr. Machnacki, is perhaps the least effective. Often supported by liberals, attempting to halt terrorists' use of weapons of mass destruction through international agreements and inspections has several problems. First, any such international organization may infringe upon U.S. sovereignty and act contrary to our interests and in a destructive manner. As reference, an international organization designed to combat racism recently came very close to condemning Israel and equating Zionism with racism. The U.S. delegation was forced to pull out, in fact. Second, our national security may be compromised, for example, through inspection of our own biotechnology labs. Lastly, and most importantly, international agreements and inspections simply don't work in stopping terrorists. Suggesting that these measures would prevent terrorists from using weapons of mass destruction is akin to suggesting that banning all firearms would prevent criminals from using guns. Mr. Machnacki suggests that the battle against these weapons will be won "in conference rooms in Geneva and the inspection tours of international organizations." Why hasn't Bush thought of this? All we need to do is convince Osama bin Laden to abide by decisions reached in Geneva and submit to inspections! I'm sure he'll comply.

A better way to prevent future attacks is to fight terrorists now, just as President Bush is currently doing. By striking at both terrorist organizations and the countries that support them, U.S. forces are dealing a crushing blow to terrorists and helping

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OPINION

The Left _____ Is Right _____

Put feds in airports

Chris Machnacki
Staff Writer

On October 12, the Senate unanimously passed a bill which, among other things, will place the federal government in charge of security, including passenger and baggage screening, at 142 major airports around the country. The Bush Administration needs to press vigorously for passage of this bill in the House, where Republican opposition has made its future uncertain.

Representative Bob Barr of Georgia, a staunch conservative, leads the opposition in the House. Barr has been extremely reluctant to acknowledge any role for the federal government in airport security. Apparently, any new government program is a bad government program.

Barr prefers to put his faith in the private sector, an approach that can have dramatic results in some circumstances. Unfortunately, the private sector is motivated primarily by profit, as it should be. Until now, airlines have been in charge of providing security at airports. People hired for airline security make less than those working in nearby fast food restaurants. Obviously, such uncompetitive wages are not going to attract the most stellar employees.

The horrible events of September 11 should be enough to convince anyone that drastic changes are necessary. When terrorists can kill Americans by the thousands, airport security has become national security. Security in airports is now just as important as border, defense, and air traffic control security, all of which are unquestioned federal responsibilities. Usually, funding for national security has not been a problem, nor has the government's role in it been questioned.

While the Senate bill does not thrill the Administration, Bush has at least offered constructive alternatives and acknowledged the necessity of some federal role. A compromise may eventually emerge in which the government oversees security at major airports and only steps in when civilian contract employees perform inadequately. This is the approach in Europe and Israel. Although many opponents of the Senate point to Europe as a useful model, recent tests have shown that security still varies widely at different airports.

It's interesting to note that while many House Republicans are viscerally opposed to allowing the federal government to hire workers to protect us, they have no problem toying with our civil liberties. Republicans have now been pressing for weeks to pass the bill sought by Attorney General John Ashcroft, which would give sweeping new powers to federal law enforcement agencies, including the power to indefinitely detain aliens without charges and to widely monitor email and private communications. The Senate recently passed a watered-down version of this bill and the House is now debating it.

Since coming to power in 1994, Congressional Republicans, especially those in the House, have shown reflexive hostility to many important government programs, including Social Security, Medicare, and education spending. This is no time to fall back on that reflex. Creating a new federal bureaucracy should always be the last resort when we are faced with a serious issue. However, in a matter of life and death, it is clearly the responsibility of the government to protect the American people.

Eating my words

Tim Slade
Staff Writer

It is not often that an opinion writer excitedly accepts an assignment from his editor with a very definite plan as to what he wants to say, then finds himself completely reversing his stance in the process of seeking information with which to back up his argument; despite the odds, however, this is where I find myself now.

My original assignment was to write what I had planned as a scathing exposé of the apathy that pervades the campus, hopefully jarring whosoever read my article out of their daze and into action as a new, productive, plugged-in and passionate member of our local society. Truthfully, I recognized the somewhat grandiose plans for the article as being madly out of touch with

reality and the sort of effects I would likely produce, and abandoned any thoughts of starting any sort of revolution in the students' mindsets. I was, however, still firmly convinced that I could condemn the majority of readers for being apathetic, uncaring, or at least lazy. It is with great relief (and great chagrin) that I now prepare to eat crow.

In speaking with my friends about how little students here care about what is going on around campus and how horridly the myriad opportunities for edification and growth with which we are presented get squandered, I kept hearing evidence to the contrary. Where I had planned to support my thesis with the anemic attendance figures at most campus functions, I found my argument being refuted by the robust attendance figures at numerous other campus activities, as reported by my peers. "You should have seen the Greenpeace thing," said Karen Ault (04). "There weren't any seats available anywhere."

My next attempt to thwart the counterargument I was hearing involved passing that particular activity off as an isolated event, one that was not representative of overall campus behavior. Little did I know that two days later, when the Oct. 9 Almanian came out and the fallout from my opinion piece on religion began to rain down, I would find out exactly how passionate students on campus can be about topics that are important

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to prevent future attacks. Yet, two weeks ago Mr. Machnacki criticized Congress for granting Bush the authority to carry out just such an operation. To date, I believe President Bush has used this authority well and is doing more to prevent future attacks with weapons of mass destruction than any international treaty or inspection.

Mr. Timmreck's opinion column noted that there is disagreement among the Bush administration. While I believe he over-exaggerates, there is no reason for criticism. Disagreement among the administration only signifies that Bush is receiving a myriad of differing opinions, allowing him to make well-informed decisions, which he has. Indeed, something would be amiss had Bush chosen advisers all of the same mind. Mr. Timmreck is also in error in suggesting that the public's support of President Bush is misplaced. While citizens should think critically about the situation, and come to their own opinion, we should also respect the Commander-in-Chief's decisions and offer support, es-

pecially in wartime. Despite Mr. Timmreck's apparent ignorance, most people should be well aware of why the administration "bombed Afghanistan and what its goals and mission are." Most of this may be learned from Bush's speech to Congress and his address to the nation following the first wave of bombings. A very brief summary is that our mission is the destruction of the Taliban militia and bin Laden's terrorist network. We bombed the terrorist network because of its involvement in the attack of Sep. 11, and the Taliban militia for harboring and aiding these terrorists.

Mr. Machnacki ends with "This is no time to be blinded by partisan ideology." Perhaps he should have been looking into a mirror as he wrote this line. I respectfully submit my disagreement and opinions to the editors of the Almanian and challenge them to add balance to the paper by featuring a conservative political column.

John Gardai (03)

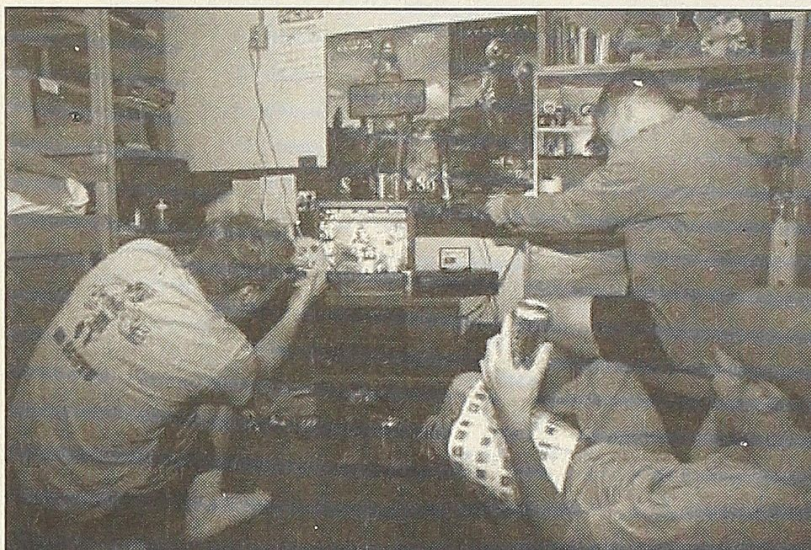


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indeed represents the capacity of the students to live up to their potential.

Far from being merely an issue of idle banter around Saga, the topic of apathy has been brought up within the highest circles of our administration. A Presidential Advisory Committee dealt with the question of whether low attendance at campus events and low response rates to campus-wide surveys and letters was due to apathy or simple disinterest. To the credit of the student body, the committee decided that it was a matter of being disinterested in the particular methods of communication being employed (mass e-mails are not known for eliciting especially powerful reactions from anyone, much less college students strapped for time).

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to my readers for coming off so self-righteously in previous columns. If I had bothered to come down off of my high horse and get my nose dirty doing a little poking around, I would not have misrepresented the student body so grossly. Let it not be said that Alma is a haven for apathetic students; let it rather be said that our populace has certain very specific interests that simply do not get stimulated as often as the planners of campus activities may have hoped. As for myself, I would like to ask our wonderful Sodexo chefs how best to season newsprint. It is time to eat my words.

OPINION

His Story/Her Story

Driving: both sexes are bad

Bryan Waugh
Photographer/Staff Writer

Women drivers: that's a phrase that sends chills up my spine. I can't believe that we ever let them in the car in the first place. They should have stayed home with the kids!

Women are just horrible drivers. I could stop now and not write anymore, because women do not know how to operate a machine. It's that simple.

To beat the scourge of women drivers, we must learn to understand them. It's obvious that with the current laws we can never deny them the right to drive unless we marry them and keep them away from the car. So all the unfortunate souls out there who were tricked into getting married can ban their wives to even touch the car, and doing so will help out greatly.

Regardless of past mistakes (like letting women drive in the first place), if we are going to have to drive with women on the road, it's probably a good idea that we try and understand why they drive like they do.

So let's go over what happens in women's mind as soon as they enter the car. First of all, women have an insatiable urge to touch everything! Whenever possible, they have to ad-

just all the dashboard controls, including the radio, heat and fan. Vanity is very important to women, and to some a car is just a movable salon with full tilt adjustable mirrors. This is why we have stop lights, to give women time to do the delicate work, like putting on their eyeliner. When you see a car swerving all over the road, don't be scared; it's just a woman removing her curlers.

The only thing more dangerous than a woman at the wheel is a woman sitting next to you while you are driving. For whatever reason, women see the need to inform you of your driving situation in the most annoying ways. For example, when you're at a traffic light, they enjoy informing you the millisecond the light turns green.

Of course, if someone should happen to pull out in front of you they have to yell, "watch it!" and then inform you that they don't feel safe with you driving and that they should let you out of the car, this very second.

The telltale sign that you are driving with a woman in the car comes when you ask for directions. She will tell you to turn after you pass the intersection, and proceed to take off her shoes, put her feet up on the dash and smell up the car.

To get specific, the worst kinds of women drivers are the ones that can barely see over the dash after years of shrinking. Yes, those old women drivers you pass on the highway who are going thirty-five miles per hour. Old women, for whatever reason, tend to drive at a continuous slow speed no matter what road they are on, and don't stop for anything. My theory: they get the car stuck in cruise control and can't turn it off. So they just go where the car takes them. Old women also have a tendency to blow through intersections and red lights.

I hope my analysis has brought some light into the hopeless wreck that is women drivers, and to close a few words from my hero on driving. As George Carlin put it, "Everyone going slower than me is an idiot, everyone going faster is a maniac."

Rachel Kuhl
Advertising Manager

I must preface this article by admitting that I may not be the best spokesperson for female drivers. During my sophomore year of high school, four days after receiving my license, I missed a stop sign, got hit by a truck and had to be air lifted to the nearest hospital. While my injuries were obviously not fatal, I am still forced to bear those light-hearted comments from friends about my driving abilities.

That said, let me tell you a little story about a friend of mine. Craig and I have been best friends since third grade. In fact, he was the first person I told my mom to call the night of my accident. He got there, stayed the night at the hospital and held my hand the whole time. While age (and a nicer, more expensive car) has tamed him some, at the time he was the epitome of a young, male driver.

Craig drove as though the road were his personal property. Any other drivers were expected to recognize this fact and simply get out of the way. He wasn't exactly reckless, just selfish. His car was his own little world, sound system booming (which was, of course worth more than the car itself), sunglasses on, one hand on the steering wheel, one had resting where a stick would have been had his Celebrity been a stick shift. Quick question: What is it about guys and stickshifts? Is this a Freudian thing or something?

Anyways, back to the subject. I think the main difference between Craig and I (using us as representatives of the average guy and gal driver) is that Craig drives believing others should watch out for him, while I drive believing I need to watch out for others. In other words, men get into accidents because they don't drive defensively, while women get into accidents because they're too nice. Well, that, and easily distracted.

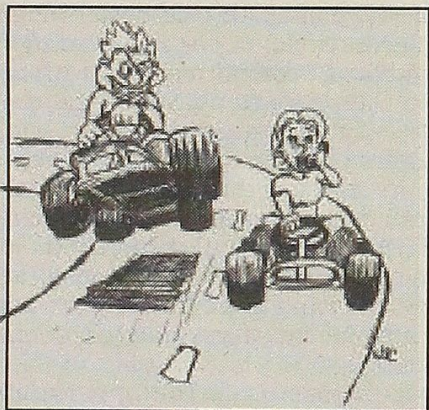
Yes, I'll admit it, any of my close

calls, and run in's with the friendly cop have been because I was chatting with friends, or singing my fool head off to some song on the radio. However, most guys find themselves in trouble when they aggressively make driving decisions and expect every other car around them to read their minds and know what they're doing.

We all know what I'm talking about. The speeding and swerving in and out of lanes on the expressway just to get to their destination a half-minute quicker. The two centimeter margin they leave between their car and the car in front of them, trying to prove a point by riding the other car's rear—cursing when they don't speed up, trusting the "slow @\$\$!!" won't slam on their brakes, causing a fender bender.

Maybe the behaviors of male and female drivers are just another way of society stereotyping men and women in general. Case in point, when you were a kid and both of your parents were in the car, who most likely drove? Even now, if both you and your guy/gal pal are going somewhere, assuming car quality and gas quantity are equal, who usually insists on driving? Look at it this way: the man used to rule the roost at home until housewives everywhere started entering the workplace. Men used to run the show at work, until equally qualified and talented women demanded equal opportunity and pay. The only place they have left to strut their "power" and studliness is the road ways.

Women cruise around in their cute little compact models or SUV's while men try to dominate in whatever way they can regardless of make or model. Look at the size of my engine, hear the power of my speakers, see the skill in which I narrowly averted hitting the jerk in front of me. Don't mess with me: I am a man with a place to go. Don't mess with me: I am a master of the blacktop.



Why not football?

Jade Woodcock
Guest Writer

If you asked someone to name three sports, the most common answers would probably be basketball, baseball, and football. Both basketball and baseball are in the Olympics, in addition to countless other sports. So why isn't football in the Olympics? In a survey done by ESPN about what people most look forward to watching in a given year, the resounding response is the NFL's Super Bowl. Nearly 25 percent of people surveyed await the Super Bowl with the greatest anticipation. This figure more than triples the number two choice, Major League Baseball's World Series. Another survey showed almost five times as many people said that they look forward to the Super Bowl more than the Olympics. The Super Bowl is broadcasted in 175 countries and is viewed on television by 130 million people in America alone.

With these statistics, you can see that football is not only popular in

the United States but it is also popular around the world. There are also many cities in Europe that have football stadiums and teams. The European league is made up of six teams located in Barcelona, Berlin, Scotland, Amsterdam, Rhein, and Frankfurt. There are also other football leagues in Canada, Mexico, Japan, and the Pacific Rim. The NFL started an International league in 1986 due to the growing interest of American football throughout the world. This was not the first time players had played out of America; they had been going overseas since 1950. There have been twenty-four teams representing the NFL in eleven cities outside the United States. These cities include: Tokyo, Berlin, London, Barcelona, Mexico City, Montreal, Monterrey, Toronto, Dublin, Sydney, and Vancouver. The attendance at these games has been astronomical. Almost two million fans have attended these games with an average of about 58,474 spectators per game. Every game played outside of the

United States has been sold out. In Mexico City, the highest attendance in history for an NFL game was recorded—112,376 fans.

Some people say that there would not be any teams or enough players to represent other countries around the world, but that is not the case. Once a player becomes good enough in another league outside of the United States, NFL scouts could go and recruit this player for their team.

The same thing happens in basketball. There are players in the NBA from all over the world. Once the Olympics come around, they go back to their native country and represent them. The same thing would be possible in the NFL if football became an Olympic sport. In almost every game that an NFL team matched up against an international team, the NFL team has won. This might happen in the Olympics; however, it might not happen. It has happened in other sports, such as basketball, but basketball remains an Olympic sport. And the United States has won gold

in almost every Olympics that has included basketball.

Another question that might be asked is, "How will we choose who will represent America?" There is an easy answer to this question. We will have the coaches, players, and fans vote on who are the best players. They will then represent our country on and off the field. In basketball, the only players allowed to play are those from the NBA. They are chosen by the United States Olympic Committee. I think it would be better to have the fans get involved in who goes, because we are the ones who will be watching and cheering.

After looking at all of the facts it is evident that football would bring more spectators, larger media attention, and increased diversity to the Olympics. The players, coaches, and the fans around the world would appreciate the addition of this sport to the Olympics.

GREEK LIFE

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Profile

Alpha Gamma Delta

Olga Wrobel
Feature Editor

Founded: 1904 in Syracuse, New York. The local chapter was founded in 1983.

Active Members: 56, 8 currently reside in house

President: Cecily Ogden (02)

Famous Alpha Gamma Delta Sisters: Rue McClanahan, who played Blanche on *The Golden Girls*, singer-songwriter Carly Simon, and the 1964 Miss America winner, Donna Axum.

Interesting Facts: Alpha Gamma Delta was the first sorority on campus to have a national philanthropy.

Activities: The AGD sisters are very involved with the AGD Foundation, and their philanthropy, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. There are many events that donate money to the charity, including the November 17 open formal. Every Halloween the sisters hold trick-or-treat for diabetes, and in the spring they have a car wash. Last week the Alpha Gamma Deltas sold crush grams, and all the proceeds went to the philanthropy. The sisters also work with the homeless, and at their coffee house they made goody bags for homeless children. Sister Melissa Couturier (02) was selected the Queen of Scots.

How the sorority views itself and how others view it: As mentioned before, Alpha Gamma Deltas are very involved in both Greek and other social organizations. Marty Stack, assistant dean of students said, "The group has always taken a lead in Panhellenic Council as well as on campus. They have been good leaders and out in front in many areas; they have a good number of Panhellenic Council reps, and have a number of good RAs." Alisha Majszak (02) is an example of this strong leadership; she is the president of PC, and has been a member for two years now, which is very unusual.

When asked what they felt about the sorority, the women of Alpha Gamma Delta stressed the close ties of the group. Ogden said, "Joining AGD was the best decision I made during my collegiate career. This is an amazing group of women that I am proud to be a part of." Erin Hasty (03) had a similar



Photo courtesy of Alpha Gamma Delta

view. "I really wasn't sure about the Greek organizations in general, I didn't just want to be part of a group to be in it. But I noticed that the girls I hit it off with I had a lot of stuff in common. I really feel like I can go to any of my sisters with any problem, we are a close group of 56 friends."

For more information on Alpha Gamma Delta, visit the national website at www.alphagammadelta.org or the local chapters website, which is accessible through alma.edu.



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FEATURE

Clayton Miller Blues Band Entertains at ACUB Coffeehouse

Story by Kevin Goodwin
Photos by Dan Joyce

The Clayton Miller Blues Band was in town Wednesday night, and played in Van Dusen, giving a legitimate blues performance and impressing the intimate gathering of people with their Texan-Chicago brand of blues. The band members are a family of four made up of Larry (Father), Clayton 19, Cole 16 and 8-year old L.D. (the Hootchie Cootchie man).

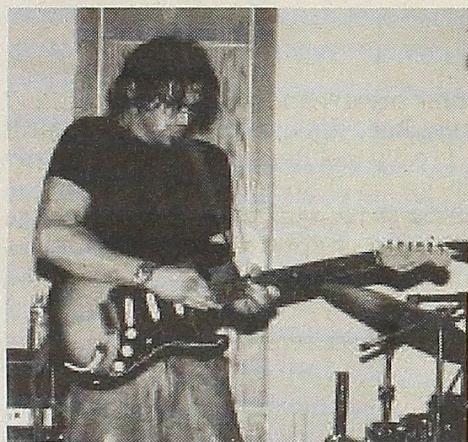
The band hails from Lafayette, Indiana and has been jamming around the campfire on family trips for close to three years. The Clayton Miller Blues Band decided to officially break into the music biz last year when they released their first self-titled album. The band has been traveling around the Mid-West delivering their style of blues to growing audiences.

The sounds of artists like Muddy Waters, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and Eric Clapton ooze from the lead guitar of



Clayton and resonate in the vocals of Cole. Hearing L.D. blow into the harmonica brings to mind listening to a 300-pound man with the lung capacity of an ox like that of John Popper. But people are astonished upon realizing that this is an 8-year old little boy looking at his bass guitar playing father for directions.

Larry serves as the foundation of the band. He has been playing music with his cousin since the age of nine, and has encouraged his children to play music.



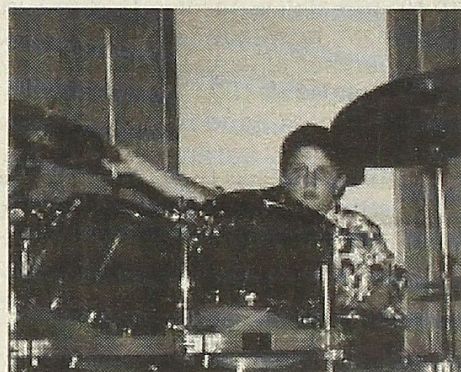
Larry plays bass guitar and travels with his wife, nephew and three sons as they play the only music they know: the blues.

Clayton Miler is the heart of the band and has been playing guitar since he was nine. He joined his first alternative band at twelve and lost some of his vocal quality trying to sound like Nirvana front man Kurt Cobain. "I lost my mid-range from singing Nirvana all the time," said Clayton. "My dad has always been taking us to blues bands. One

day we just thought it would be cool if all of us could get together and play."

The band has maintained a strong following in Lafayette, where they have frequented Purdue University with their mellow blues sound. The band is currently on its first ever cross-country tour with stops in Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Missouri in order to get their music heard and make a name for themselves.

There is no telling how much potential the three younger members of the band possess. In little more than two years, the Clayton Miller Blues Band has gone from sitting around campfires jamming for their own pleasure to opening for Kenny Wayne Shepherd. As they continue to play, they will continue to grow as legitimate blues musicians. I'm just glad I got to see them before they're on Behind the Music.



Spring Term - Peru

Sara Hemmingson
Staff Writer

The Spring Term trip to Peru this year will feature two different classes in an interdisciplinary setting. Students in Spanish 262 or 362 will be studying "The Other America" with Dr. Margarita Krakusin of the Language Department, while the remainder will take Dr. Catherine Fobes Sociology class 353, "Sociology of Genders."

Between the two classes, approximately thirty students will head for Latin America this spring, where they will stay for three weeks. (The trip is from April 29 to May 20.) While there, the students will spend the majority of their time living with Peruvian families who speak little or no English. This means that speaking Spanish will also be important for the sociology students on the trip. The classes will be combined and will focus on teaching Spanish the first week in Peru.

After that, the groups will work separately, though group excursions will still be taken together in the afternoons. The group's base, where their host families and school facility are, is in Cusco, which was the Incan political capital in ancient times. They plan to visit Lima, the modern capital of the country, and Machu Picchu, the Inca's ancient religious capital. They will also see the Temple of the Moon, the Sacred Valley, and many Incan ruins, as well as focus on history, craft, and art museums. They will experience cultural events, such as an Afro-Peruvian music and dance show, horseback riding, and a Latin Dance class.

Dr. Krakusin has led similar trips before, including one to Ecuador in 2000, and these similar experiences have gone very well. In fact, some students have enjoyed themselves so much on these trips that they have returned to the countries.

While trips to Latin America make an enormous difference

in the way Spanish students speak the language, Sociology students will be focusing more closely on gender concepts and norms in Peru. The group will spend time reading articles on Peruvian women at work and in the home, as well as resistance and social activism. The students will keep a daily journal of the sites, sounds, smells, and interactions they will observe in the country.

Both professors are very excited about the trip. The first meeting took place on October 9, and went very well. There has been a good deal of interest shown. The meeting was primarily to generate interest and inform students of basic facts of the trip, to pass out applications, and to inform students of scholarships available for financing. (The estimated cost of the trip is \$2,400, which will include everything from plane tickets to laundry.)

"I was pleased by the outstanding turnout of students interested in sociology; it was quite phenomenal," said Dr. Fobes.

According to the professors, the students will learn more outside of the classroom than in. The goal is to make students aware of who they are and what they have so that they will be able to appreciate various aspects of American life in a different light. "The students have misconceptions about Latin America, but by going there they'll be able to see for themselves the real country," said Dr. Krakusin.

According to her, the people of Latin America are surprisingly friendly and warm, and the majority adore foreign students. However, students must remember that they cannot expect many American luxuries, such as large beds or cars, while in Peru. The lifestyle is different, and there is only a very small middle class in the country.

Likewise, Dr. Fobes believes that this spring term will be a growing experience for all involved. For more information contact either of the professors.

FEATURE

Movie Review

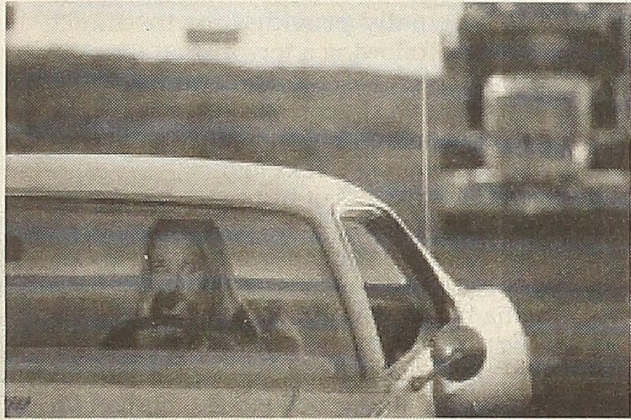
Horror and Comedy are good combination for this *Joy Ride*

Olga Wrobel
Feature Editor

With Halloween on the way, the amount of cheesy, low budget horror/slasher/teen movies is on the rise. Every year we are introduced to a number of new "scary" films, and every year we walk out of theatres disappointed and disgusted. John Dahl's *Joy Ride* may look like another carbon copy of *Scream* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, but, surprisingly, it isn't.

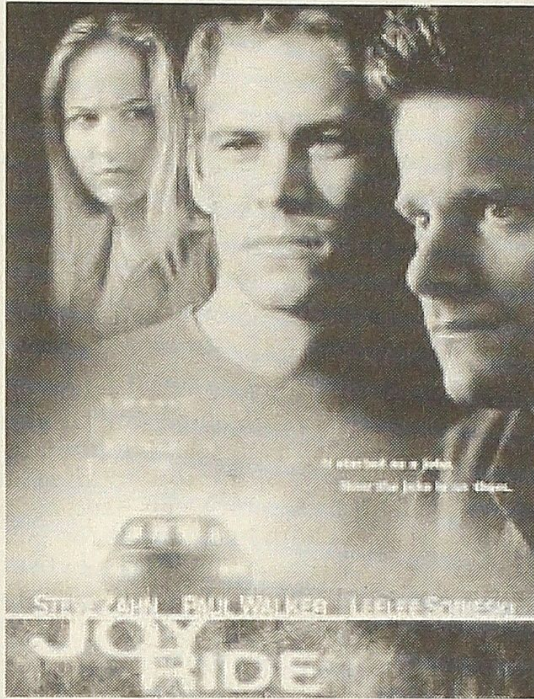
Joy Ride is a lesson in revenge; it gives the phrase "What goes around, comes around" a new (and disturbing) meaning.

After finishing his first year of college, Lewis Thomas (Paul Walker) buys a used car so he can drive home across the United States and pick up his secret crush, Venna (Leelee Sobieski). On the way he also stops in Utah, where his brother Fuller (Steve Zahn), the black sheep of the family, has been ar-



rested.

Looking for a good time, the men buy an old CB radio, hook it up, and begin joking around with all the lonely truck drivers. When Lewis disguises himself as a woman named Candy Cane, he connects to a man named "Rusty Nail" (Matthew



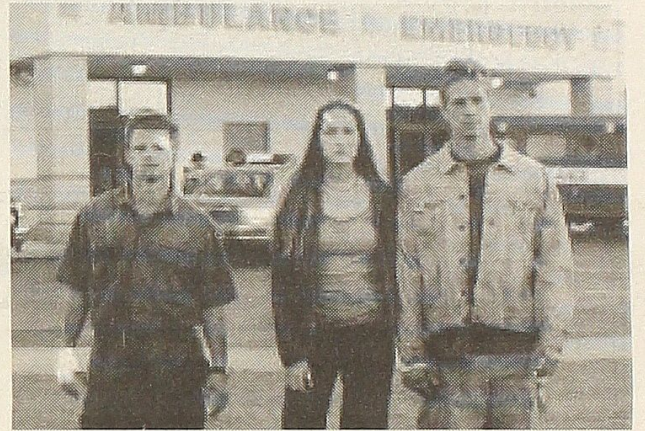
Kimbrough), who has spent a few too many hours on the road by himself. Lewis convinces the man to meet "Candy Cane" in a motel off the highway. Rusty Nail agrees, but when he realizes he finds himself face to face with a seventy-year-old bigot rather than a tall gorgeous blonde, he is not very happy. Rusty Nail will not rest until revenge has been made, and what started as a joke becomes a wild chase with an intense climax.

While *Joy Ride* might sound cliché and predictable, it stands above the majority of recent horror films. There is an abundance of comedy, and the script is well written. A scene that stands out in this respect is Fuller's quick improvisation at a bar where trashy older men are hitting on Venna. There are moments when serious situations are laced with comedy, so the audience is unsure whether to laugh or hold their breath. All the characters are well

played, but Zahn stands out as a talented and witty actor whom we can expect to see a lot more of in the future.

The film is also exceptionally suspenseful; hearing Rusty Nail's voice or seeing a semi truck brings the audience to the edge of their seats. Viewers ponder how this man knows where the three are; he seems to have some sort of psychic powers. It is hard to tell when he will make an appearance. Adding to the suspense, the audience never sees Rusty Nail's face - his silhouette and his truck are enough to scare anyone.

Of course there are flaws in the film. Why is it that every motel and gas station the three visit are in the middle of nowhere? The ending was not particularly well done; though it is extremely intense, it drags quite a bit and then just becomes tiring. The final scene of the film is also a little ridiculous, and the viewer will either love it or hate



it.

Overall, *Joy Ride* is a fun movie and it has all the ingredients of a good horror flick. Though it won't make a huge impact on the viewer, it will entertain, which is all that it aims to do.

ASO Concert Showcased Musical Talent on Campus

By Sara Hemmingson
Staff Writer

The Alma Symphony Orchestra Concert on October 14 showcased a wide variety of student talent that made the time fly by in an enjoyable experience.

The first half of the program was devoted to string pieces; the string orchestra (composed of about thirty musicians) played *Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The program cited Williams as one of the foremost English composers of the first half of the twentieth century, and the playing of *Fantasia* supported that statement. The music was tense in its opening, then became dark and mournful, yet at the same time gorgeous and passionate.

There were violin, viola, and cello solos interspersed into the music, and at some points the song changed from its sorrowful mood and became uplifting in an elegant, soaring way. Fifteen minutes after its beginning, when the music faded and ended, the listener was left with an impression of beauty.

Following *Fantasia* was *Concerto for Four Violins in b minor, op. 3, no. 10*, by the well-known Italian

composer Antonio Vivaldi. Four violins, J. Malcolm Cox (04), Kyle Nester (04), Alanna Sarver (04), and Allison Topham (02) led the piece. The remainder of the orchestra, led by director Douglas Scripps, played the harmony and background. The piece began with an *Allegro*, which was a bright, perky, and yet smooth contrast to *Fantasia*. It carried over into a *Largo*, which was somewhat slower and darker, though also very dramatic and broad in nature. *Concerto for Four Violins* ended with another *Allegro*, this one with a different sort of rhythm. Quickly paced, it had the feel of a dance.

The second portion of the concert began with *Concertino for Horn and Orchestra in e minor, op. 45*, by Karl Maria von Weber. The orchestra added woodwinds and percussion to its string instruments, and Reannon Broekema (02) led the song with her horn solo. The music alternated between being archingly graceful and festively cheery. The piece lasted fifteen minutes and was worth every second.

Next in the program was LeAnn Vilmann (03), playing the flute solo in Kent Kennan's *Night Soliloquy*. Very different from the other music, *Night Soliloquy* was airy, seductive, and ominous

in its quality. It was also relatively short compared to the others. Directly after it came another short piece of music: *Concerto for Trumpet in Eb Major, op. 49*, by Johann Neopmuk Hummel. Francisco Garcia (02) played another variety of music, a *Rondo: Presto* on trumpet. The piece was the epitome of brass music; it was fast and rhythmic, and called to mind battles or parties.

The grand finale of the concert was *Rhapsody in Blue*, written by George Gershwin and performed by artist-in-resident Anthony Patterson. Patterson was amazing to watch and hear on the piano, and the rest of the orchestra contributed to the piece enormously. *Rhapsody in Blue* was a wonderful piece of music, managing at the same time to be fun and technically fabulous. It was bouncy and violent, mellow and pretty, almost reminiscent of ragtime. The piece concluded with Patterson and the orchestra crescendoing into an enormous impact.

Overall, the concert was enjoyable to attend. The musicians were skilled, and the choice of pieces were entertaining and varied. It showcased the talents of students and faculty and provided a classy and pleasant afternoon for those who appreciate music.



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SPORTS

Sports Track

Stringent measures accompany attacks

Michael Murphy
Freelance Writer

Effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States are still rippling throughout the entire sports world. Last week, the French company AXA withdrew from providing the World Cup with insurance coverage.

Although AXA's policy with the World Cup originally provided for insurance coverage following a terrorist attack, AXA still withdrew from the relationship, realizing that terrorist attacks have become a much bigger reality than they were a mere six weeks ago.

Despite this loss of insurance, the World Cup is still going to be played in Japan. This is a good thing, for if the World Cup was canceled, the terrorists would have had a moral victory.

Organizers of the World Cup in Japan are currently working to upgrade security to prevent any atrocities. The budget for security for the event has been increased by 25 percent.

This exemplifies all the stringent measures that are occurring in the sports world in response to the increased fear of terrorism.

Sports were once a world away from the crime, the stress, and problems of everyday life. Unfortunately, even the dream world of sports is being severely affected by what happened that fateful Tuesday.

Entrance into sporting venues has been stricter as security is being tightened. The innocence of taking a child to watch a match or ballgame has seemingly been sacrificed to the gods of terrorist hellfire.

Furthermore, the Winter Olympics are quickly approaching, and vast security measures to ensure the safety of the participants, media and spectators must be closely examined and thoroughly explored. Being played in Salt Lake City, the possibility of attack will be extremely high.

This is quite ironic considering the Olympics are supposed to demonstrate and celebrate the achievements of the human race. Instead of embracing people from all over the world regardless of race, religion, creed, ethnicity or nationality, the thought of bombs and explosions caused by terrorist activity will surely be in the back of all of our minds.

However, when the nations do come together in the midst of terror to participate in the Olympics, they will be doing a service to the world. They will be carrying on the ideal of the Olympiad. The light of the flickering flame of unity will be lit during the dark days of winter, reminding us all that despite the world's problems and grief and sorrow and loss, there is still hope for a day when all the people of the world can come together in celebration of love.

Golf team finishes season with loss

Matt Helmus
Staff Writer

The men's golf team rounded out the season at Thornapple Country Club on Tuesday with the year's final MIAA jamboree. The Scots came in a disappointing last place but in no way spoke as an indicator of their season.

The Scots finished fourth in the conference after a blazing start. The Scots shot a 441 at the final jamboree, compared to their season average of 411.4. **Spencer Wideman (03)**, led the Scots with an 81 and finished the season with an 81.9 average, a team best.

Ryan Munro (04), **Drew Rummel (02)**, and **Ryan Riley (05)** followed close behind, all averaging under 84 strokes.

The Scots started the season out with a bang, placing second in the first MIAA jamboree at Olivet. Riley and Munro finished second and third, respectively with **Justin Desjarlais (04)** placing eighth.

The Scots won the next jamboree at Albion with

all five of their golfers placing in the top 13. They proceeded to take fourth at home, Pine River Golf Course.

The Scots again showed signs of being a title contender when they placed third at the Hope jamboree. Things went downhill from there with fifth and sixth place showings in the next two jamborees.

Coach Mark Starkweather was "real proud of the guys." He was a little disappointed with the team's trend "down a little after the fourth tournament." He noted that one major blow to the team happened when Desjarlais broke his hand midway through the season. With many of the top golfers returning after this season, Starkweather is optimistic for next year.

Sports Briefs



Men's Soccer

The Alma College Men's Soccer Team played Olivet College at Scotland Yard on Saturday and defeated them 5-2. The Scots played well, ending the first half with a score of 2-0 in favor of the home team. The Scots are now 4-11 overall. The next game is tomorrow at Albion College.



Women's Soccer

Olivet beat the Scots 1-0 in overtime Saturday as Laura Fiorino popped a shot past **Paula Schwarz (02)**, who made nine saves in the game.

The Scots record now sits at 4-10-1. The team's next game is at home against Albion on Wednesday.

Volleyball



The volleyball team played Saturday against Madonna University and Tri-State. They lost the series to Madonna 3-0, but won against Tri-State with a series score of 3-0.

Sarah Seiler (02) had 13 kills overall against both teams, and **Lindsey Baker (05)** had 36 total assists. The Scots were away at Olivet today, and the team's season concludes with two home events: the Scotty Volleyball Invitational on October Friday and Saturday, and a home match against St. Mary's on Monday.



Women's Golf

Courtney Rheinhardt (05) ended her season Saturday by shooting 161 and winning the DePauw Small College Classic tournament. The team finished third overall. The event was the last of the season for the team.



SPORTS

FAST Stats

Football (league)

	W	L	PF	PA
Adrian	1	0	20	9
Albion	1	0	29	19
Hope	1	0	29	15
Alma	0	1	19	29
K-Zoo	0	1	15	29

Women's Soccer (league)

	W	L	GF	GA
Albion	9	0	29	10
K-Zoo	8	1	41	8
Calvin	8	2	53	11
Olivet	4	4	23	17
Hope	3	6	13	11
St.Mary	3	5	10	28
Alma	1	8	19	30
Adrian	0	9	2	60

Men's Soccer (league)

	W	L	GF	GA
K-Zoo	6	0	23	2
Hope	5	1	26	7
Calvin	5	2	24	7
Albion	3	3	16	5
Alma	3	4	22	14
Olivet	1	6	18	31
Adrian	0	7	4	52

Volleyball (league)

	W	L
Hope	9	2
Alma	8	3
Calvin	8	3
Adrian	7	4
K-Zoo	6	5
Albion	4	7
St. Mary's	1	10
Olivet	1	10

Team Profile

Men's Soccer



Photo by Brian Waugh

Amanda Baushke
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team's success may be found in other places than games, but the team remains optimistic about the rest of their season.

"We want to win," assistant coach Nate Kronewetter said. "We want to focus on preparing our team, and our younger players for next season, and play a spoiler season for this year."

An overall goal for the rest of the team season is finishing at least third in the MIAA. Nick Schipper (02) said, "We would like to continue to work hard and develop our younger players as much as possible."

For the first-year players the season has been viewed as a learning experience. Kronewetter said, "We have some very talented first-year players, many of which are either starting or seeing a lot of playing time. It is a learning situation to come from high school soccer into competitive college ball."

Luke Oostinde (05) said, "I have had fun here so far this year. It is a big change from high school. It is a lot more competitive, and more a demand as far as preparation and academics along with sports." Seniors

on the team have fulfilled a large leadership role. "They are providing good leadership, and between the seniors and the juniors they obviously are the players that everyone is looking at for experience and leadership," said Kronewetter.

"I had a great time during my four years here," said Schipper. "I am grateful to the coaches and the guys that I have been with. I could not have asked for a better four years than the four that I have received in this program."

Regarding accomplishments for the season Kronewetter and Schipper place emphasis on the team's sense of togetherness. "One of the most important things this season is that we have come together after a lot of disappointing injuries and setbacks," said Kronewetter. "It is important that we came back after losing so many seniors and role-players from last year's team."

Oostinde echoed Kronewetter when he said, "As a team I think that we are kind of like a family. You can always count on someone to pick you up if you are having a bad day."

Kronewetter's outlook for next season remains bright. "It is going to be an exciting team in the next year or two...We expect to be champions of the MIAA in the years to come."

Schedule

Oct. 17	Albion College	Albion	4 p.m.
Oct. 23	Adrian College	Alma	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	Hope College	Alma	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Calvin College	G.R.	3 p.m.
Nov. 3	Kalamazoo College	Kalamazoo	1:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Scots lose MIAA opener against Albion

Kevin Goodwin
Staff Writer

The Scots dropped their MIAA opener to Albion College on Saturday afternoon at Albion after the Brits held Alma to its lowest point total of the season, as the Scots only managed to tally 19 to Albion's 29.

"This was not the way we wanted to start conference play, but hopefully we will get some help and run the table the rest of the way," said **Kris Ernst** (02). The Scots will need opposing MIAA teams to lose a couple of games if they are to compete for the conference championship.

The game started off well for Alma when **Jeremy Droptiny** (04) scampered in the endzone from 32 yards out to give Alma a 6-0 lead in the second quarter, but Albion answered the Scots when Andy Cline kicked two field goals to knot the score at 6-6.

Albion took the lead with 55 seconds left in the first half when Travis Rundle passed to Leon McDonald for the 10-yard score to give Albion a 13-6 lead. The Britons capitalized on the Scots' miscues with 22 seconds left in the first half when Albion defensive lineman Michael Stempki deflected a pass and ran 51 yards the other way for the score, giving Albion a 20-6 halftime lead.

The Britons added to their scoring advantage in the second half when Rundle completed a 17-yard pass to Drew Digiancinto for the touchdown.

The Scots battled back in the second half when

Steve Slowke (03) ran 9 yards for the touchdown to bring the score to 26-12. Albion would then add to the score when Andy Cline kicked a field goal to give the Britons a 29-12 advantage. The Scots would battle back, just like they did the entire day as Slowke completed an 8-yard touchdown pass to Ernst to bring the Scots within 10, 29-19.

The game would eventually end 29-19 with the Scots dropping their second straight match. Three turnovers doomed Alma's offense, while Albion went the full game without a turnover.

There were bright spots for the Scots as the defense held an excellent rushing team to under 100 yards. The conference title may still be attainable, but the Scots cannot afford to lose any more games the rest of the way.

"The conference is too tough for anyone to go undefeated," said Ernst. "Everyone will have at least one loss."

The Scots will return to the friendly confines of Bahlke Field next Saturday as they face MIAA foe Hope College. "We couldn't put it together this week on both sides of the ball," said Slowke. "We will have to play like we always do at home [next week] and hope that we get some help from other teams within the conference."

"The guys up front on both sides of the ball played tough and gave us a chance to win," said Ernst. "We just could not get it done."

Alma will look to get back in the win column next week when they take on Hope College. Kick-off is at 1:00 p.m.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Alma College.....	0	6	6	7	- 19
Albion College.....	0	20	6	3	- 29

Scoring Summary:	
2nd	12:26 ALMA - Jeremy Droptiny 23 yd run 8 plays, 75 yards, TOP 4:37, ALMA 6 - ALBION 0 08:56 ALBION - Andy Cline 31 yd field goal 10 plays, 52 yards, TOP 3:30, ALMA 6 - ALBION 3 05:44 ALBION - Andy Cline 36 yd field goal 8 plays, 47 yards, TOP 2:38, ALMA 6 - ALBION 6 00:55 ALBION - Leon McDonald 10 yd pass from Travis Rundle (Andy Cline kick) 8 plays, 69 yards, TOP 2:28, ALMA 6 - ALBION 13 00:22 ALBION - Michael Stempki 51 yd interception return (Andy Cline kick) ALMA 6 - ALBION 20 09:55 ALBION - Drew DiGiacinto 17 yd pass from Travis Rundle 10 plays, 60 yards, TOP 5:05, ALMA 6 - ALBION 26 01:14 ALMA - Steve Slowke 9 yd run 10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:46, ALMA 12 - ALBION 26 10:11 ALBION - Andy Cline 25 yd field goal 13 plays, 70 yards, TOP 6:03, ALMA 12 - ALBION 29 08:48 ALMA - Kris Ernst 8 yd pass from Steve Slowke (Matt Piccirilli kick) 5 plays, 61 yards, TOP 1:23, ALMA 19 - ALBION 29
3rd	
4th	

	ALMA	ALBION
FIRST DOWNS	27	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	158	118
PASSING YDS (NET)	296	271
Passes Att-Comp-Int	51-31-2	42-23-0
Total Offense Plays-Yards	577-454	80-389
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-97	5-210
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-54	4-79
Interception Returns-Yards	4-14	2-6
Punts (Number-Avg)	24-2	42
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-99	12-92
Possession Time	24:22	35:38
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-8

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