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Weekly Weather

Tuesday



Partly Cloudy

High: 26°
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Wednesday



Mostly Cloudy

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Low: 13°

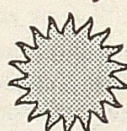
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Rain and Snow

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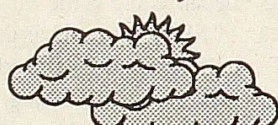
Friday



Sunny

High: 41°
Low: 24°

Saturday



Mostly Cloudy

High: 41°
Low: 27°

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Board of Trustees discuss campus improvements

By TONYA SCHAFFER
News Editor

Several Alma students and faculty members attended the college's February 13 Board of Trustees meeting in Troy, during which they discussed potential campus improvements and problems currently present in the school.

A four percent tuition increase was approved for the 1999-2000 school year, as was a four percent faculty salary increase. According to Alma president Alan Stone, these hikes reflect economic necessity and are essential to the college's continued development.

"Part of it is just general inflation. A measure of inflation that colleges use is called the HEPI (Higher Education Price Index), and that went up three percent. But we wanted to do some new things next year. . . so that's where the funds are going.

"The four percent faculty and staff salary increase is a normal increase. If you look at raises the last few years, they've been about four percent nationally," Stone said.

One of the changes discussed at the meeting is the enhancement of library resources, particularly the amount of books purchased by the school.

"About \$100,000 in last year's budget [was apportioned for the library]," said Stone. "It will be \$300,000 next year. It started with a student request to the Board of Trustees, supported by faculty and the administration. There was a sense that we were falling behind in our book acquisitions; most of the library funds were put

into technology and, in doing so, we were falling behind in library resources. This was an effort to get us up to the levels of other national liberal arts colleges."

In addition, technological changes are planned.

"Some of that funding will go into faculty development; some will go into new classrooms. We're replacing the terminals in administrative areas with PC's," said Stone. "then we have to get students on computers; that's the next big project, getting more students on computers in their rooms so they don't have to rely on the computer labs on campus. We would work with students to make it possible, whether through discounts or loans."

The renovation of Newberry Hall this summer is another reason for a tuition increase. According to Stone, the dorm's furnishings will be replaced, doors will be repaired, walls will be painted and new carpeting will be installed. Renovations have previously been completed on Bruske and Mitchell Halls; Gelston Hall will be remodeled at a later date.

"Because we're not sure what we want to do with Gelston, we haven't made the commitment yet," said Stone. "There are lots of possibilities."

Plans are currently being made for the purchase by the school of the former gas station on the corner of Superior Street and Wright Avenue.

"The plan is to take it down and clean up the tank area and plant grass. We would move the Alma College sign up there; it would make a much better corner. The Heritage Center would look great if that gas station wasn't there," said Stone.

"We'd also like to buy the three houses across from the Heritage Center."

The school is also considering the purchase of a house on Cedar Street.

"We've been buying up the houses down Cedar Street gradually and just renting them to faculty and staff or using them for student housing. The long-range plan is to buy all of the houses on Cedar and close off the street, to extend the campus that way," said Stone.

In addition, the college will build a student parking lot on the site of the current baseball diamond; the lot will contain 80 spaces and, according to Stone, should alleviate parking problems for the next few years.

"A larger percentage of students bring cars every year, so we'll always be behind. But for the next few years, that will really take care of it," said Stone.

The report consultant Bill Weary recently presented to the college was also discussed at the board meeting.

"We looked at the Weary report and the student needs; we actually took every comment that was made to Dr. Weary and wrote up a response to it. A lot of the student comments had to do with housing, parking, lighting, phones; many of things that were mentioned to Dr. Weary were things that were already on the Student Congress agenda," said Stone.

Student reaction to the proposed changes and improvements was mixed.

"I think it's great that they're advancing technology and library facilities. I just hope that the increase of inflation and tuition will be accounted for by an increase

Tenure and sabbaticals approved for '99-00

By TONYA SCHAFFER
News Editor

Alma College's Committee for Instruction and Faculty recently approved the issuance of tenure and promotion in rank to several professors and the granting of half and full-year sabbaticals to others for the 1999-2000 school year.

"Tenure is what every faculty member strives for," said Alma president Alan Stone. "It's based on academic freedom; it's protection for the faculty so that they can teach what they want to teach and say

what they want to say. It means that, unless they do something really bad, they're with us until retirement."

Professors are subject to a series of reviews before they receive tenure. According to Stone, the Faculty/Personnel Committee recommends candidates to the Provost, who presents a subsequent suggestion to the President. The President then delivers his recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which makes a final decision.

"Tenure is not automatically granted; it is achieved," said Stone.

Four professors are to be tenured begin-

ning Fall Term 1999. They are Exercise and Health Science Assistant Professor Robyn Anderson, Foreign Language Assistant Professor Deborah Dougherty, Mathematics and Computer Science Assistant Professor Robert Molina and Education Assistant Professor Anthony Rickard.

These professors, along with two colleagues, have also been promoted. Each of the four is presently at assistant professor status; beginning Fall Term, they will be associate professors.

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News Briefs

National News**Bayer sued over alleged Holocaust experiments**

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — A lawsuit filed February 17 by Holocaust survivor Eva Mozes Kor alleges that pharmaceutical company Bayer AG had condoned medical experimentation on concentration camp inmates during World War II.

Kor, who along with her twin sister had endured testing under the supervision of Auschwitz physician Josef Mengele, claims that Bayer had collaborated with the Nazis by paying for the opportunity to experiment on concentration camp inmates and by directing the subsequent research. Kor is seeking a portion of the profits Bayer received as a result of the experiments and an undisclosed amount to cover damages. While admitting that the company had used concentration camp labor during the Holocaust, Bayer executives refused to comment on the current case.

AIDS groups push for legalization of medical marijuana

SAN FRANCISCO — Citing claims that scientific research confirms the effectiveness of marijuana in alleviating AIDS-related symptoms, several organizations urged the federal government February 18 to make the drug's use for medicinal purposes legal.

A number of states have passed laws allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana for seriously ill patients, but the national government intervened by maintaining that federal drug laws overruled this legislature. Members of AIDS groups sent letters to government agencies which, according to *Yahoo! News*, stated that "science and compassion should dictate our nation's policy regarding medical treatment" and that politics should not prohibit the use of marijuana by those whose symptoms it could alleviate.

World News

Impeachment for Yeltsin likely MOSCOW — The State Duma, Russia's lower parliamentary house, recommended February 18 that impeachment proceedings against President Boris Yeltsin begin in March.

Five charges have been aimed at the President, including allegations that Yeltsin destroyed the Soviet Union and the Russian military. An impeachment vote will likely occur in mid-March; if passed, the issue will be considered by the courts and Russia's upper parliamentary house, the Federal Council. While impeachment is probable, political observers believe that there will ultimately be insufficient support for Yeltsin's removal from office.

Honorary degrees announced

By AMANDA MCKINNON
Freelance Writer

Every year Alma College honors certain individuals by awarding them honorary degrees. This tradition has continued for a number of years; the current list dates back to 1892.

There is not a set number of awards given out by the college, but it is usually three or four a year.

Alma awards four different honorary degrees: Doctor of Divinity, which is awarded to reverends, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, which is awarded to those who have achievements in the writing field, and Doctor of Science.

These awards are not doctor-

ate degrees, the honorary degrees are a way for Alma College to recognize and honor outstanding individuals.

This year there are four individuals being honored. One of the four recipients is Morris S. Dees Jr., a civil rights attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center. Dees will be the Honors Day speaker this year. The second is Hugh A. Harter, a Professor at Ohio Wesleyan College. Another recipient is Conrad L. Mallett Jr.; he recently stepped down as Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice. Mallett will also be speaking at the Commencement ceremony. The final recipient is Miriam R. Pride, President of Blackburn College, in Carlinville, Illinois.

Dees and Mallett are to be awarded Doctor of Laws, while Harter and Pride will be awarded Doctor of Letters. Dees will receive his award on Honors Day, whereas Harter, Mallett, and Pride will be honored at the Commencement ceremony.

Not all four degrees are necessarily awarded each year; any combination of degrees may be awarded. Individuals do not usually include these degrees in their titles but they will include such honors on their resumés. However, when reverends are awarded degrees they will often take on the title "doctor".

There are no prerequisites that need to be met to receive an award or to be nominated. As President Alan Stone said, "any-

one fit to honor" is eligible.

The selection of those to be honored involves many steps. The first step is nominations by faculty and trustees. Then Stone presents these names to the nomination committee. The final step is the voting by the Board of Trustees.

The faculty then chooses one of those to be awarded and this individual will speak at Honors Day.

Once the individuals are chosen, Stone must call and make the final arrangements such as making sure that they are available to speak and to be present.

Such honors are not given away all year long, the honor must be presented at a convocation and the individual must be present.

First Lady considers Senate run

By AMY TAYLOR
Staff Reporter

The likelihood of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton seeking a Senate seat from New York has become probable after her meetings with supporters.

Campaigning for the seat sparked Clinton's interest after Democratic officials from New York started contacting her. The officials urged Clinton to seek the party's Senate nomination after potential Democratic contenders announced they would not be running for the seat.

Since Democratic Senator Daniel Moynihan is not seeking reelection in the year 2000, Clinton has gained his support as well.

A poll by the Poughkeepsie, New York-based Marist Institute for Public Opinion showed that a majority, 51.6 percent, of registered voters in New York think Clinton should run.

The survey, done on February 16, also showed that 36.7 percent think she should not run and 7.2 percent were undecided.

Before making her final decision, the First Lady is doing research.

Clinton was scheduled to meet last Friday with retiring Moynihan to weigh the possibility of campaigning.

According to MSNBC, Marsha Berry, the First Lady's press secretary, said Clinton is talking to several people, those who want her to run and those who do not,

and hearing what they have to say. Clinton is figuring out the financial aspects of her potential campaign, returning phone calls to her supporters and asking for information on what it would require to run a campaign.

Clinton is originally from Illinois, but has spent most of her life in Arkansas, as well as in Washington.

Under New York State's residency requirements, a candidate has only to be a resident on Election Day to run for the Senate. If Clinton does decide to run, her opponent will be Republican Rudolph Giuliani.

Giuliani is the current N.Y. mayor and is considered to be the leading potential candidate; however, Clinton has already

beaten Giuliani in early polls.

On the British Broadcasting Company, President Clinton said, "I think she would be terrific in the Senate. But it is her decision to make. I will support whatever decision she makes enthusiastically."

Alma student J.R. Logan (02) said, "It will be great if Hillary does run because she is an excellent politician. However, it would be negative if she ran just because she is the First Lady."

"She [Clinton] has done an excellent job as the president's wife and she would do a great job as the Senator of New York," said Angie Soltys (01).

Clinton has promised to announce her decision sometime later this year.

Designer Calvin Klein crosses the line with controversial advertisement

By MICHAEL MURPHY
Staff Reporter

Calvin Klein, whose clothing advertisements have come under attack in recent years for being provocative, may have crossed the line of acceptability with a new advertisement.

The advertisement, which many people say borders on pornography, features children dressed only in underwear, jumping on a couch.

According to the *Detroit Free Press*, Donald Wildmon, president of the American Family Association, said that the ad is "nothing more than pornography."

The *Free Press* reported that Klein's office has yet to comment on the issue, which has many people up in arms over its scandalous content. Klein is still planning to release the picture in the

form of a Times Square billboard in the middle of Fashion Week, which is a series of New York fashion shows.

New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani has been trying to rid Times Square of its notorious ads, which feature barely-clothed men and women selling items ranging from socks to bras.

Although he has been trying to rid the Square of its bad advertisements, he knows that they are allowed to advertise because of the First Amendment.

According to the *Free Press*, Giuliani said "The First Amendment allows a whole range of expression." He went on to say that the advertisement was done in extremely bad taste.

Alma students are viewing the advertisement in the same way Giuliani did.

Garth Cornwell (00) said, "The advertisers have to advertise their

product, but I don't think it is in the best taste. There are better ways he [Klein] could have done it."

Other students feel that the offensive material is violating viewers' rights.

"I think it is offensive. The First Amendment protects all free speech, and that is necessary. It does not mean that everything it says has values which are often times offensive to people," said Adam Mitchell (99).

Katie Beam (01) said that it is not constitutionally correct for the advertisement to be taken down, as it would violate Klein's First Amendment right for free speech.

However, she went on to say that, "I think it is violating our viewing rights. The children should be taken out of them. It offends so many viewers."

According to the *Free Press*, Cora Cahan, director of The New 42nd Street, a nonprofit agency leasing advertising space on Times Square, said that the advertisement was, "not at all offensive and is sort of sweet. It's a group of kids jumping up and down on a sofa in underwear that looks like bathing suits."

The fact that the kids were photographed on their own free will has given some people a reason to support the advertisement.

"If the kids and parents are consenting to be in the ad, I guess it is fine," said Stacey Keegstra (02).

According to the *Free Press*, Bernard Yenelouis of the International Center for Photography in Manhattan said that the advertisement is like a family picture.

He said, "It has a sense of nostalgia and classicism that removes it from being a snapshot."

O.C. selection process underway

By DONNA PAPPAS
Staff Reporter

The selection process for next year's Orientation Committee will begin February 26. Advertising for the positions has been limited, but there has been a high turnout of students interested in becoming O.C.'s.

The Orientation Committee is made up of 22 students. According to Head of Student Affairs Martin Stack, there are approximately 12 open positions for new O.C.'s, and about 40 students have picked up applications.

"The Orientation Committee allows the involvement of students who wish to become involved in student's lives and development, but have their own personal commitments during the year. It is an intense but short position," said Stack.

Applications for next year's committee have been available

since February 10 and students have until February 26 to turn in the completed forms. They must complete four essay questions, provide three references and also have two recommendation forms filled out by either faculty or administrative staff members, or student leaders. Group interviews are March 8-9, and final interviews will be held March 15-17.

"O.C.'s must be able to work well in a group and have a very positive attitude about themselves and the college," said Stack.

Those applying for the position must be available to participate in spring training (March 22-26), pre-orientation (March 27), and preterm (August 28-5). During preterm, committee members may be involved for the full 24 hours each day. They serve a complementary role to the Resident Assistants in case students have any problems.

"Being a member of the Orientation Committee is a great way to meet new people and to help the first year students get acquainted with the campus," said senior Maggie Czachor, who was one of the two co-chairs last fall.

"I wanted to be an O.C. because of the O.C. that I had. I could tell that she enjoyed it so much that I wanted to experience what it felt like to help out incoming students," said junior Paul Meek, who will return for his third year as an O.C.

The Orientation Committee begins its job as group leaders during pre-orientation by participating in activities such as tours and question and answer panels for those incoming students who are already committed to the college. This provides students with a contact that will be followed up on during preterm.

Before the O.C.'s are selected, two co-chairs will be appointed.

Co-chair letters were due last week, and interviews will take place February 23-24; they will then be selected February 26. There are 5 students applying for the positions. Co-chairs will participate in the selection of the new O.C.'s.

"The benefits of being an O.C. are the friendships developed with other O.C.'s and the new students. The committee is a tight group and the friendships remain even after preterm is over. Students are able to give back what was given to them," said Stack.

"It is really rewarding to help first year students and transfers before it becomes hectic with everyone else returning to campus. It is a great time and well worth the time and effort put into it. Becoming an O.C. provided me with a way to give something back to the college," said sophomore Ryan Swett, who will return as an O.C. this fall.

Prospective professors meet with students, faculty

By JASON FISCHER
Staff Reporter

Lydia Wang, a candidate for the Assistant Professor of History position, visited Alma from Thursday, February 18, to Friday, February 19.

The history department has been searching for a replacement to fill the vacancy left by Karen Garner, associate professor of history. Wang's visit was preceded by that of another candidate for the position, Jennifer Rudolph.

Wang holds two Ph.D.s, her first from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, and her second from the University of Kansas. She specializes in both East Asian history and U.S.-China relations.

As a visiting assistant professor of history, Wang taught

world history, an East Asian survey course, and upper-level courses in U.S.-China relations at the University of Southern Mississippi. She taught the history of China and Japan at the University of Kansas while working towards her second Ph.D., and she also taught for a brief time at Beloit College in Wisconsin. Moreover, she is published in many academic journals and has given historical presentations in the U.S., Canada, and China.

During a breakfast meeting with several selected history students on Friday, February 19, Wang was asked about her professional and personal experiences.

Wang said that she would enjoy teaching at a small liberal arts college.

"Interaction is very important here," said Wang. "Most of the schools that I studied at had many

students, sometimes as many as 20,000."

Wang is also willing to teach Chinese language courses here at Alma.

"I am a native speaker of Chinese, and would be very qualified to teach a language course. I taught a language course at Beloit College," said Wang.

Writing would have minimal importance in her classes.

"I might assign small writing assignments about articles or books. [These assignments would simply be] reactions to assigned reading," said Wang. "These reading assignments would come mainly from primary sources translated into English."

The third candidate to visit campus was Robert Kane. He was on campus from Monday, February 22, until Tuesday, Feb-

ruary 23, and also visited with faculty and students.

Kane is expected to receive his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania this May. His concentration is in both modern American foreign relations and East Asian history.

His teaching experience includes both a senior thesis seminar and an American diplomacy course.

Anyone hired will be expected to begin teaching Fall Term 1999.

"The history department will have a meeting on Wednesday [February 24], to make a decision within the department," said James Schmidtke, Professor of History. "Then we will recheck their references before submitting our choice to the provost. A job offer will be issued late this week or early next week."

Student Congress Minutes

February 22, 1999

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call and Announcements

45 organizations present

III. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer

1. There will be no contingency meeting this weekend.

2. There was a contingency request of \$275 from ACM for money to repair damages and purchase a new server in place of the LEDA server, which had hardware failure. The committee recommended the full amount. Motion to approve the full amount. Motion passes.

3. There was a contingency request of \$1,750 from the Executive Council to bring the motivational speaker from the Grand Valley conference to campus. \$1,500 for speaker cost and \$250 for travel. The Center for Student Development and the Education Department offered to help pay expenses. Motion to give up to the full amount requested. Motion passes.

B. Secretary -- There will be no constitutional review this week.

C. Vice President

1. Budgets are due March 15; they will be voted on April 15. Mark your calendars.

2. Budget information and request sheets were handed out.

3. There will be a Student Congress meeting March 22, the night of the motivational speaker. Representatives are expected to go to the speaker in place of the meeting.

IV. Old Business -- none

V. New Business -- none

VI. Announcements

Student Affairs -- a booklet on the housing process will be sent to all students on campus for next year's housing that will start next Monday. If you do not receive it, see the Student Affairs Office.

ACEC -- will sponsor a movie night Monday, March 8 at 8:00 p.m. Look for flyers.

Class of 00 -- there will be a Leadership Banquet April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Van Dusen.

Class of 99 -- any groups involved with EHS see Ray after the meeting.

Lacrosse -- won their scrimmage on Sunday. Will play Calvin on Tuesday, March 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Phi Mu Alpha -- will be hosting an American Music Concert March 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center.

Sigma Alpha Iota -- will be hosting a Women Composers Concert March 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center.

Student Judicial -- report for 2/18/99

one male found guilty of alcohol violation; issued a written warning.

VII. Adjournment

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"Full professor is the highest ranking, and that's what the faculty are trying to achieve.

"Along the way, you have these other steps. We're hiring most of our professors as assistants. And that means they have a Ph.D. or at least a Masters with three years and some advanced study," Stone said.

Professors are usually promoted to the associate level from five to eight years after their hiring. Ten to fifteen years of experience is required to be promoted to the full professor level.

"There are also requirements for a record of excellence, growth in teaching, continued scholarship and assuming a responsible role of educational statesmanship," said Stone.

A raise in salary accompanies each promotion. However, according to Stone, rank does not determine committee or teaching assignments.

Along with Anderson, Dougherty, Molina and Rickard, Chemistry Associate Professor Scott Hill has been promoted to the rank of Full Professor, as has Associate Professor of Communication Micheal Vickery.

"Earning tenure and promotion is a critical milestone in one's academic career. Both serve as acknowledgments to the faculty member that her or his work on behalf of the college and its students are valued. I'm pleased to have my contributions to the Alma College community recognized," said Rickard.

A number of professors have

also been granted sabbaticals for the next school year.

"A sabbatical is not a paid vacation," said Stone. "It's time off after six years to further one's own personal research agenda. It's time away from the teaching assignment so that you can revitalize yourself and come back prepared for the next term."

Sabbaticals can be taken for one semester at full pay, or for the full year at half pay.

Temporary replacements are usually found for professors taking the full year option, while class loads are often covered by colleagues for those professors taking off a semester.

"Not everyone who applies for a sabbatical after six years gets one," said Stone. "You have

to write up a formal project description and that's reviewed by the Faculty/Personnel Committee."

In addition, the Committee for Instruction and Faculty conferred Emeritus status on Associate Professor of Library Science Larry Hall.

"[Emeritus status] means someone who's retired and we want to honor them for their long service," said Stone. "It reflects the fact that they are retiring; they're honored by the community."

Emeritus status allows a retiring faculty member to maintain the benefits enjoyed by professors, including use of the college's library facilities as well as the receipt of free passes to football games.

Looking for a
Good Flick?Alma Cinemas-
463-4441"She's All That"
rated PG-13
1 hour 40 minutes"Marvin the Mar-
tian" rated PG
1 hour 35 minutes"Blast from the Past"
rated PG-13
1 hour 55 minutes"Message in a
Bottle" rated PG-13
2 hours 10 minutes"Payback" rated R
1 hour 42 minutes

Cook proves "she's all that"

Movie Review by Wendy Holmes

You are the class president and captain of the soccer team. You have the fourth highest GPA in your soon-to-be-graduated class. You have your own parking space in the school lot, and girls swoon even when you call them by the wrong names. You have been accepted to prestigious universities such as Yale, Harvard and Dartmouth. Never mind that college starts in five months and you have yet to choose which one you will be attending because you are too afraid to make a decision with such a huge impact on your future.

Meet Zack Siler (Freddie Prinze Jr.), whose life is "all that" described above and more. Or, at least, it was. After his "magically delicious" popular girlfriend (Jodi Lyn O'Keefe as Taylor Vaughn) returns from Spring Break with a new man in tow, Zack's reputation is in serious jeopardy.

Enter Lacey Boggs (Rachael Leigh Cook), class outcast. To save his faltering status, Zack makes a harmless wager: in six weeks he will turn antisocial Lacey into the prom queen.

"She's All That" is an enjoyable movie, one much more engaging than it first appears. Having given the trailer a perfunctory glance, I wrote this film off as more fluffy than the cotton candy I found myself consuming at the theatre. I figured the most

cerebral part of my evening at the movies would be in making this connection. Within the first few minutes of the lights dimming, however, I was proven wrong by this slyly witty film.

The plot provides several small surprises which are enough to keep the audience from writing the film off before it has a chance to show its stuff. The "stuff" is delightful: great performances, discussion of real issues (such as making your own decisions and not being afraid to let the world into your life), and a clever sense of humor that had the audience snickering throughout the duration of the film.

With parts in movies such as "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," Prinze Jr. was never able to fill his characters out and make them three-dimensional. His struggle has ended with "She's All That." Although his range still appears limited at times, he has come a long way from the wooden character chased by a crazed fisherman. He is sure to continue improving with experience.

The real standout in this film is Cook, who shines as Laney, a young woman hesitant to open herself up to the harshness, but also the sweetness, of the real world. If Cook, with her Katie Holmes-ish appeal, consistently turns in performances on par with

this one, we are sure to see her career blossom as quickly as did Laney.

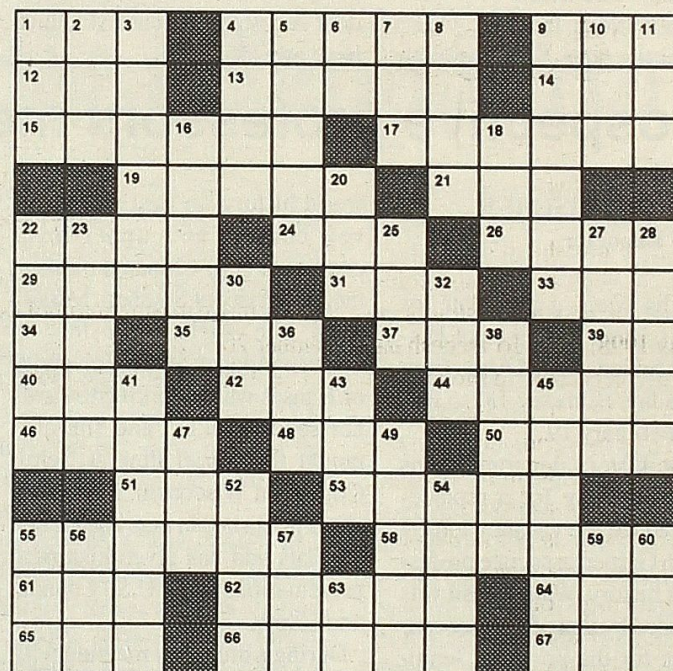
Speaking of the real world, this brings me back to a previous point: the movie's subtle use of humor. It seems that Taylor's "new man," Brock Hudson (Matthew Lillard), was a cast member of "The Real World, LA: Part 2." The audience is treated to several scenes spoofing the popular MTV series, as well as to Lillard's manic sense of humor. Lillard himself is no stranger to slyly witty spoofs, as he is a veteran of the now classic smart horror flick "Scream."

The real highlight of the film is its climax: Prom night. The set is elaborate and breath-taking, set-

ting up scenery one could only wish to be amongst on that night of all high school nights.

A wonderfully choreographed dance sequence adds to the scene's lavishness without distracting the audience from their prime focus. The attention given to the set and dance sequence serves to tease the audience into waiting just a few minutes more, delaying the climax until just the right moment.

Fortunately for viewers, this film is full of right moments. I would never venture to suggest the ending is not predictable, but the trip there is well worth the ride. This movie may not quite be "all that," but it comes close enough.



Play Review by Mandy Long

Cast superb in "Crimes of the Heart"

Screaming sisters, shot husbands, and ex-lovers littered the stage of Alma's College's Heritage Center this past weekend as the Alma College Theatre presented "Crimes of the Heart," by Beth Henley.

This play, which tells the story of three sisters, is set in Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

As the play opens the audience is introduced to Lenny Magrath, the oldest sister, who was played by Hallie Bee Bard. Whether she was singing herself "happy birthday," or crying about a ruined box of chocolates, Bard played the role of Lenny perfectly. Although Bard is far from a 30 year old depressed woman, one would never have guessed it.

The play takes place in Lenny's kitchen, where everything is up in arms. Her youngest sister, Babe Botrelle, has shot her senator husband and is in jail. Meanwhile, the middle sister, Meg Magrath, is on her way home from California. All of this, a dying grandfather, a dead horse, and an old box of chocolates set the stage for a great play.

All too soon the audience was given a glimpse of the annoying cousin, Chick Boyle, who was perfected by Kristi Stariha (00).

Stariha did an excellent job capturing the annoying personality of Chick, complete with an irritating voice, an old box of chocolates, and a smug attitude. Stariha offered some much needed comic relief in this role. After all, don't we all have a cousin like that?

So what is the hubbub all about?

Babe Botrelle, played by Shaina Hewitt, was the youngest sister who caused all the trouble. After shooting her husband because she "didn't like his looks," (remember to put a southern accent in there), she spends the remainder of the play in the Magrath house tormenting her sisters, flirting with her lawyer, and drinking lots of lemonade. Hewitt was superb in this role. She took on the childish persona of Babe, and really, was the peacekeeper between Meg and Lenny.

The black sheep of the family was portrayed by Quintessa Duffield, who played Meg Magrath. Her arrival in Hazlehurst is due only to her sister's troubles. After having spent the last five years in Hollywood trying to make it big, she has to come home and has to tell

her family the truth, something which she finds difficult. That might account for the drinking and smoking, and even her mean streak. Overall, Duffield does a good job in portraying her character.

The two men in this play, Doc Porter and Barnette Lloyd, are played by James Kuhl and Mark Penzien. While Penzien could have looked a little more smitten over Babe, and Kuhl's sorry's to Lenny over her dead horse could have been more realistic, they did a good job overall. Doc Porter is Meg's ex-lover, and throws a few twists in along the way. Lloyd is Babe's lawyer, and despite the fact that he is quite "fond" of Babe, he also has a personal vendetta against her estranged husband.

Together the cast did a great job of portraying a grown up dysfunctional family. The set and props added to the the 1970's atmosphere, and the audience was not left hungry for drama, emotion and even laughter.

Even though a man was shot, a horse died, and there were many tears shed, this play gave the audience exactly what they wanted—a glimpse of real life.

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FEATURE

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Alma librarian to retire in May

By SCOTT TIMMRECK
Freelance Writer

Since August of 1969, Larry Hall had made his presence felt in the Alma College library.

His title, librarian, fits him well, as he is able to help any student with any questions they might have regarding the location of a certain book or where most of the references on a certain topic can be found.

Hall says he has an "ongoing passion" for what he does, and for him, excitement is generated from the joy of finding a book among the thousands the library is home to.

However, after this May, Hall's familiar face will exist only

within the library patrons' memories. He is retiring, citing that he has made a "good investment" in the library, but being at retirement age, would like to explore other interests before some of them become out of reach. He hopes to, with his wife, travel more throughout the United States and Europe.

The couple have plans to go to Brazil to watch their son get married in December, after visiting him in the country he currently lives in, China.

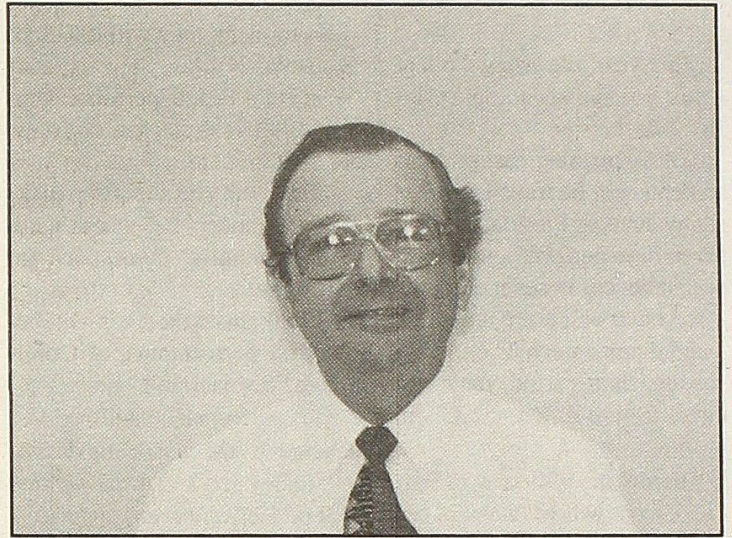
Hall also hopes to do some more backpacking in Isle Royale National Park, a small island on the northwest side of Lake Superior. Hall was born in Bear Lake, Michigan, and grew up in Ann

Arbor, where he taught social studies and was librarian at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

He came to Alma in 1969 after he spent some time in the Kent City, Kansas school system teaching government and after graduating as an ROTC from the University of Michigan.

Between Hall and his wife they own over 5,000 books, which he hopes to read as another activity during retirement.

Hall's biggest hope for Alma's library is that his replacement, who will be hired in April, will continue to maintain the library archives, which go back to 1886 when the college was founded. Overall, Hall says he has "enjoyed" his time at Alma.



Librarian Larry Hall, who has been with Alma College since 1969, will retire this May with aspirations of traveling Europe and the U.S. with his wife. Photo by Rachel Maness.

Trebesh and wife finally unite in the U.S.

By DONNA PAPPAS
Staff Reporter

Seven months after her marriage to Michael Trebesh, professor of business administration, in May 1998, Mary Jo Trebesh has finally been able to move from China to the United States to live with her husband.

Mary Jo grew up in Lanzhou, which is in northwest China. Michael spends three months out of the year teaching at Lanzhou Community College.

Mary Jo and Michael met in May 1997 when a friend of Mary Jo's was interested in learning English. Mary Jo accompanied her friend to meet with Michael for English lessons.

After their marriage a year later, they experienced a seven month struggle to gain Mary Jo's admittance to the United States. Michael kept busy pressuring many political leaders for help.

A few of these politicians, especially Congressmen Dave

Camp and Senator Jesse Helms, were very responsive to Michael's requests. They aided in contacting the American Consulate in China. However, Mary Jo was not able to move to America until December 20.

The Trebeshes came close to moving to China.

Michael said, "We spent half of our married life separate. If it would have taken any longer, we would have lived in China."

"Here is better for [Michael]; here he can make more of a contribution to his students. I see how he works with them; his students need him," said Mary Jo.

Mary Jo earned a degree in international trade from Lanzhou Community College.

She is interested in earning another degree in accounting, and is currently enrolled in English and accounting at Alma College.

Mary Jo said the best part about the U.S. is that she is finally able to be with her husband, although she does miss Chinese food and

her parents.

One difference in the cultures that Mary Jo has experienced is the public displays of affection that occur in the U.S.

She said that in China it is unusual for this to happen.

Michael feels that China is and will be very influential in the lives of today's students, as it contains 20% of the world's population. He encourages students to participate in overseas experiences to China.

"China is a very beautiful country and what makes it beautiful is the people. I love the Chinese. Especially one very close to me," he said.

The Trebeshes plan to return to China in the first weeks of May for a three month visit.

Before leaving the country, they will hold a formal ceremony for Michael's side of the family. Their visit to China will depend on the date of this wedding, which itself depends on the weather.



Mary Jo Trebesh, wife of Michael Trebesh, professor of business administration, has finally been united with her husband after a long struggle with Chinese officials concerning her move to the U.S. Photo by Sara Bickler.

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Choir to spend Break in Florida

By AMY NOVAK
Staff Reporter

This year, the Alma College Choir will be spending Spring Break in the sun.

The 60 member cast of Alma students will be traveling to the sunny state of Florida to spend seven days performing for various audiences in several cities.

The choir will leave on March 1 and return March 8.

In this time period, they will travel to five different cities in Florida.

Their plane will land in Fort Lauderdale, where they will begin their week of performances with their first concert at the

Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

From there, they will travel to Sarasota, Naples, Stewart, and West Palm Beach, performing at various Presbyterian churches within those cities.

They will end their trip back in Fort Lauderdale, where they will eventually come back to Michigan.

A highlight of their trip will be the first performance at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

This performance will be videotaped. As the church broadcasts its Sunday service, Alma's choir will be seen and heard on television sets across America.

The choir, conducted by Will

Nichols, professor of music, has several different programs which they will perform during their trip.

Their performances will be given at Presbyterian churches throughout Florida. They will sing both religious and secular pieces so that they can perform at services and for general audiences.

In some cases, they will be performing both pieces at the same location.

Although the group will perform secular pieces, the underlying theme of all of their songs shows a definite Presbyterian influence.

Alma's choir is highly recog-

nized in Michigan and the Great Lakes region because of trips like the one to Florida. Previously, the choir has performed across Michigan, the U.S. and even Scotland where it toured during 1998.

Choir member Jen Klaiss (01) said she "can't wait to soak up all the warmth of Florida while I'm there. I'm really looking forward to our performances but I also can't wait to lay out on the beach."

Senior choir member Amanda Schafer added, "the Florida trip is cool because it's Spring Break and you get to do something fun and good for the school at the same time."

World's strongest man comes to Alma

BY AMY NOVAK
Staff Reporter

Anthony Clark, the World's Strongest Man, visited Alma last Tuesday to share his words of faith and show off his weight-lifting abilities. Clark's visit was sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Clark was born in the Philippines and moved to Texas when he was seven. As a child, he was abused both physically and mentally by his father and his peers. By the time he reached age fourteen, he had attempted suicide three times.

Clark was saved when he attended a Crusade at his high school that changed his life.

This Crusade gave him new hope and meaning. It inspired him to live his life to the fullest and to make the best out of every single day.

Clark began weightlifting soon after his attendance of the Crusade. He began lifting weights as a means to protect himself from the violence in his life, but it soon became an escape from the outside world.

Clark had a dream of becoming the strongest man on Earth, and he worked every day to achieve that goal.

Every year since Clark was fifteen, he has broken a record or won a weightlifting or squatting title. Clark, who currently holds the records of lifting 805 pounds in the Bench Press and 1,025 pounds in the Squat, stands at five feet, seven inches tall and weighs 325 pounds. He eats six to eight meals and consumes anywhere from 10,000 to 12,000 calories a day.

Clark now uses his achievements and life experiences to bring hope and enlightenment to others. He visits schools with presentations to keep the Christian light burning.

"I love doing this," Clark said. "It's fun for me. It's very little sacrifice."

Clark speaks openly and freely about the abuse he received as a child. He shows much emotion in his presentation and has genuine concern for his audiences.

In 1992, Clark fell face first under 996 pounds, and accident that should have killed him. Clark, however, emerged unharmed, due to his immense muscle mass and, according to his beliefs, the protection of God.

"I thought it was good," said sophomore Ryan Huber. "Everything he did or said related to God, everything in his life relates to God. I was really impressed."

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SPORTS

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Scots end season with hopes for tournament

By MARK ISZAK
Staff Reporter

The men's varsity basketball team, pulling to host a tournament game at the season's end, recently took a turn for the worse. Losses to Hope and Olivet set them back to 9-14, 5-8. Going into the game, the Scots were sixth place in MIAA play.

The Scots came out of the first half shooting 29%. One bright spot early in the game was junior Tony Colucci's long range shooting; he went 3 for 5 in the first half.

Defensively, junior Jeremy Hyler and senior Pat Hoag tallied 4 rebounds a piece. First-year Jeff Hosler added a couple assists.

However, Albion shot 37% the first half, and went into the locker room up by four, 28-24.

In the second half the Scots shot 24%. This half was again highlighted by Colucci's downtown shooting. Colucci went 4-7 from three point range, and finished with 13 to lead the Scots.

The Scots seemed to be in the game up until the halfway mark, when Albion shot ahead 46-31. Things did not get better from there.

Albion dominated the rest of the way. Shooting 26% would not get them a "W". When it was all over, the board read 61-44, in favor of Albion.

The good stuff? Hyler finished with 7 points, sophomore Spencer Roecker finished with 6, as did junior Joe Peters, who shot 2-3 from three point land.

The Scots finish up the season 9-15, 5-9.

The regular season is over. So what now?

The Scots will hit the road to kick off the MIAA Tournament. They will play Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Hope. The contest is set for 7:30 p.m.

A goal for this team was to finish top four in the MIAA and to host a tournament game. Well, things did not go according to plan, as sixth place has the Scot's name all over it. "Those last

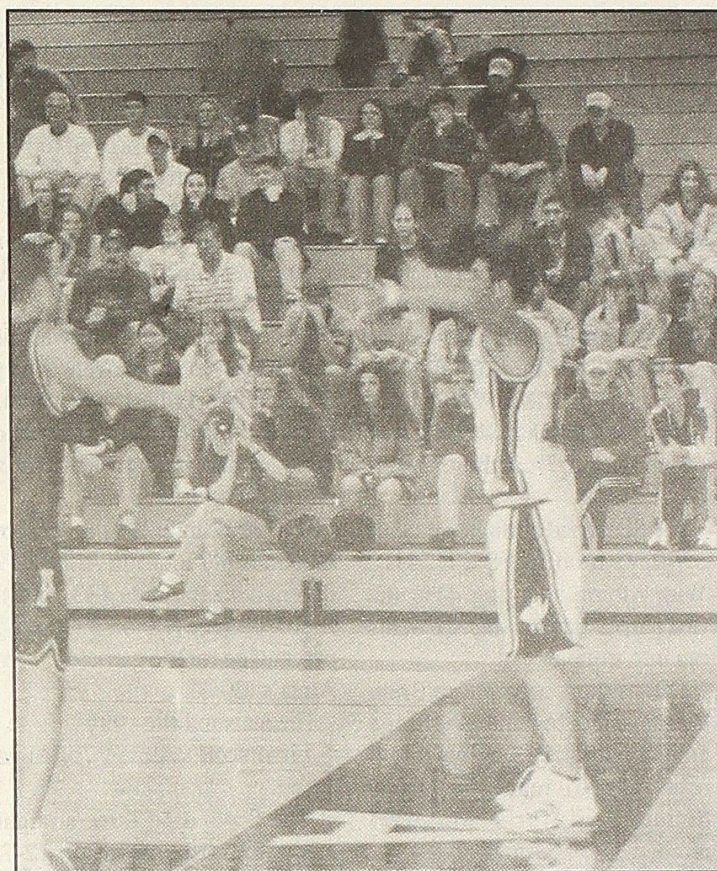
games at the end were tough ones. We were a bit worn down, both physically and mentally, due to playing so much basketball in one week," Colucci said.

This season was certainly one of ups and downs for the varsity Scots. A bonus for the men is that they will keep all but one player, senior Pat Hoag, for the following season. Although Hoag will be missed, the team will keep most of its experience and all of its starters next year.

Next season is far away, but the MIAA Tournament is not. Hoag and the rest of the Scots will battle to finish up strong with a good showing in the tournament.

Colucci said, "We feel like we will perform in the tournament. We just need to play hard, and we need support from each other and from the crowd."

Roecker said, "We haven't been playing well recently. We need to improve for the tournament. It's tournament time, and we need to step it up. We're anxious to play Hope again."



Fans watch as a member of the opposing team tosses the ball over an Alma defenseman. Photo by Sara Bichker.

Swim teams break 13 school records at league meet

By DONNA PAPPAS
Staff Reporter

Records were repeatedly broken during the outstanding performance of both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams during the MIAA league meet February 10-13.

"You couldn't wipe the smile off our [coaches'] faces Saturday night. Both teams took a lot of adversity and turned it around and made it a positive motivational force. No one expected them to place and earn that many points — except us," said Coach Greg Baadte.

"We have a championship-style team. To win dual meets in college, you need people to win events, but the second, third, and fourth slots score a lot in conference meets," Baadte said.

The men's team placed fourth with a score of 246, behind Kalamazoo (619.5), Hope (521.5), and Calvin (369.5), while at the same time breaking twelve school records.

Every relay team broke a school record, beginning with the 200 free team of seniors Mark Oberman and Chad Wisniewski, and first-year students Joe Harris and Justin Fournier, who took fourth place in 1:27.42. The 400 medley placed fifth with a time of 3:41.66 through the efforts of Fournier, first-year student Dan Schroeder, sophomore Nick Holiday, and Oberman.

Fournier, senior Bill James, Holiday, and Oberman set the school record of 1:38.59 for the 200 medley in third place. The 800 free of first-year students Joe Harris and Dan Linsell, James, and junior Josh Peterson placed

fourth in the 800 free with a time of 7:16.65.

The final relay, the 400 free of Oberman, Fournier, Holiday, and Harris, broke another school record with 3:12.48, a third place finish.

The remaining seven records were set by Oberman in the 50 freestyle (:22.11); James, finishing in 1:59.78 for the 200 Individual Medley (IM), 4:19.18 during the 400 IM, and 2:00.05 for the 200 butterfly; and Holiday in the 100 backstroke prelims (:55.16), the 100 butterfly (:52.68), and the 200 backstroke (2:01.25).

Outstanding freshmen records were set by Fournier with a time of :54.89 in the 100 backstroke (this time also broke the overall school record), 1:55.15 in the 200 freestyle, and :48.98 in the 100 freestyle; and Harris led the 800 free relay with a 1:48.58 finish.

Junior Joey Mead placed second in the 3 meter dive with a national qualifying score of 466.90. He will advance to nationals March 18-20, which will be held at the University of Minnesota. He also had a score of 404.00 points in the 1 meter dive, placing fourth.

"It was a really good meet for the whole team; the seniors on the team really stepped up to lead the way for the first time in a couple of years," said Wisniewski.

"We've been waiting for a couple of years for a men's team to step up and do this. It's a young team, which makes it even more exciting. The freshmen are about two years ahead of where we thought they would be," said Baadte.

The women's team also placed

fourth with 366 points, following Hope (533), Calvin (410), and Kalamazoo (385).

Sophomore Sarah VanderMeer broke the school record for the 400 IM, taking first place with a time of 4:47.28. She qualified for nationals B-cut, which will be held at Miami College in Ohio March 11-13.

Junior Katie Zellen also qualified for nationals B-cut with a 1:01.15 first place finish in the 100 backstroke.

Two freshmen records were broken by Kara Kwolek. The first record earned her a twelfth place finish for the 1 meter dive with a score of 293.85. She then set the freshman 3 meter dive record with 346.25 points, placing ninth.

The women's relays were strong, beginning with a second place finish in the 400 medley by Zellen, VanderMeer, sophomore Nicole DeFrance, and first-year

student Courtney Webb in 4:11.84.

The 200 free team of Webb, DeFrance, sophomore Jenni Troyer, and Zellen took third place with a time of 1:43.03. VanderMeer, Troyer, and sophomores Christy Doyle and Andrea Carlson, in 8:37.73, in sixth place.

The 200 medley team of Zellen, Webb, sophomore Nicole Gentry, and DeFrance, took fourth with a time of 1:56.11. The final relay team of VanderMeer, Webb, Troyer, and Zellen placed third in the 200 medley at 3:46.89.

Additional excellent swims came from VanderMeer with a second place finish in the 200 IM and the 200 breaststroke; Webb contributed a second place finish in the 100 breaststroke and the third place finish in the 200 breaststroke; Gentry had a third place finish for the 100 butterfly;

Troyer finished third in the 400 IM and second in the 200 butterfly; and Zellen finished the 200 backstroke in third.

"We had a lot of awesome swims. It was a great way to end the year," said junior Katie Zellen.

"The meet was unbelievably satisfying. Both the men and women did what we wanted them to; they didn't give up for all three days. The excitement at the end of the meet provided a lot of momentum for the underclassmen for next year's season," said Baadte.

The results of this meet leave a promising outlook for next year's season. Only one woman and three men who scored at the league meet will be graduating this year, and the coaches are already heavily involved in the recruiting process.

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J.V. members hold heads high after rough finish

By MARK ISZAK
Staff Reporter

The men's j.v. basketball team, after defeating Kalamazoo Valley Community College, suffered a bit of a down cycle. Consecutive league losses to Hope and Olivet have been the only recent clouds in an otherwise sunny sky for the j.v. team. Standing 12-6, 8-3, the Scots took on Albion on Feb. 20, which was the last MIAA game of the season. How did they fair out?

The Scots had a rough first half of play, shooting 8-34 (24%). With Albion shooting 41% the first half, it's no wonder the Scots ran into trouble.

Offensively, sophomore Brian Pierce tried to change things around with his 13 points and 4 rebounds to lead the team. Sophomore Chris Maxwell pitched in 11 points and 4 rebounds, and first-years Spencer Wideman and J.P. Cmejrek both added 10.

Despite efforts to clean up the

shooting, the Scots went into the locker room down by 10, 28-18 in favor of Albion.

The second half proved to be a better one for the Scots, who shot 36% this time around. The only problem with this was that Albion shot 52%, improving from their first half performance.

The offense was off, as was the defense. Sophomores Andy VanSchoick tallied 4 rebounds and one block, Chad Creevy and Jerry Hanks had two steals a piece.

Compare Albion's 37 defensive rebounds (47 total) to Alma's 19 defensive rebounds (33 total). Also, compare Albion's shooting percentage for the game (47%) to Alma's (30%).

The stats tell the story. Final score: Albion 79, Alma 59.

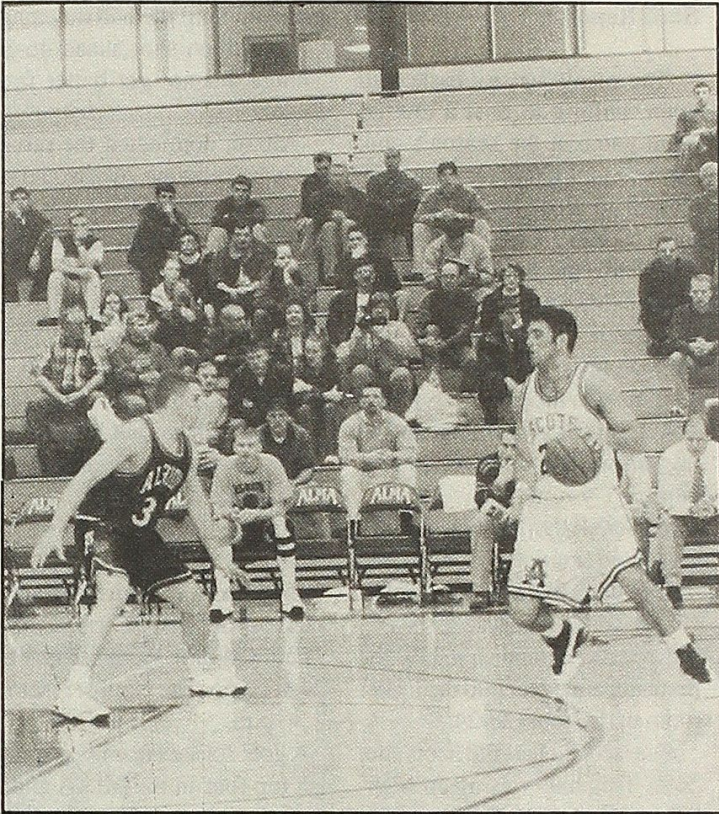
The Scots drop three straight games to finish the season 12-7, 8-4. With this conclusion, they fall to 3rd place in MIAA. A stronger finish probably would have earned the Scots a first place

standing, as they were in first place a few games ago.

Even though the end was rough, the team had a great season of success. "We didn't finish too well, but still had a good season. We had lots of talent and played well together. Last year this team did not work together. This team has come around. Last year, we only won a couple games all season, and only one league game. Our team has a lot to be proud of," said Pierce.

Sophomore Ken Knudsen said, "It's tough to end the season on a three game losing streak. We should have won those games, we just had a tough time pulling through. We're very proud of the way we played this season, and now we're rooting on the varsity team in the MIAA tournament."

The previous year, as Pierce and Knudsen mentioned, the team only won two games. This year they won 12. That is a 10 game improvement in a single season! The Scots certainly were stellar performers this year.



Alma fans watch intently as Alma JV player tries to avoid his opponent on his way to the basket. Photo by Sara Bickler.

Three swimmers qualify for Nationals

By KELLY McDONALD
Staff Reporter

Outstanding accomplishments by outstanding swimmers at the MIAA league meet earned three Alma swimming and diving team members a chance to compete with the best. Joey Mead, Sarah VanderMeer and Katie Zellen had qualifying performances good for the National cut, which entitles them to a chance to compete at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Mead, a junior from Lansing, placed second in the 3 meter diving event at the league meet with a score of 466.90, a national qualifying score. Ironically, he joined the swim team in high school only after he was cut from the basketball team.

"Basketball was my first love, but when I got cut from the team one of my friends encouraged me to dive," Mead said, "diving is where I belong anyway."

If anyone has every had the guts to get up on that high dive and

actually jump off, they already know how intimidating it is. Mead thought the same thing. "Prayer helps me the most because diving takes a lot of courage at times," said Mead.

Swim practice is grueling, especially at 6 a.m. At the beginning of the season, three days a week, Mead practices for 4-5 hours and the other two days about 2 1/2 hours. "Swimming has helped me put serious wraps on my schedule. You have to manage your time and keep up with your work," said Mead. "It also challenges my character. There is a lot of losing as well as winning and a lot of pain. Bruises, lots of bruises."

Mead will be traveling with his coach Marisa Proctor to Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 18-20 for the nationals.

Zellen, a junior from Oakland, qualified in the 100 backstroke. She took first at the league meet with a time of 1:01.15. Zellen has been swimming since she was 5 years old.

"It came really easy to me and it was really fun. I saw big results from the start," said Zellen. "It's in my genes, my whole family swims."

The 6'2" Zellen thinks her best asset as a swimmer is her height. After all, she is already farther than everyone when they dive in to begin the race. Her long arms are useful when it comes to pulling the water and she has more body to push and pull the water as she swims.

"Swimming has taught me when things get long, I can stick through it," said Zellen, "It helps me to organize my time and it is much harder to procrastinate."

VanderMeer, a sophomore from Grand Rapids swam a 2:28.96 in the 200 breast stroke, good for second place at the league meet and her second cut for nationals.

VanderMeer has been in the pool since she was 3 months old when her parents put her in water babies. In second grade, she started swimming competitively and has been loving it ever since.

"Swimming is a lot of fun. You work really hard but there are no results until the end," said VanderMeer, "I've been successful and I think that is why I have stuck with it this long."

VanderMeer, who also swims the 200 medley, has been known to jump from event to event for Coach Greg Baadte. "I think my versatility helps with my swimming," said VanderMeer. "I can swim a lot of different races."

Swimming has been a learning experience for VanderMeer and she is thankful for all that she has learned. "It has taught me how to handle different people and get along with people that aren't like me," said VanderMeer.

1999 MIAA Basketball Tournament Schedule

1999 MIAA Women's Basketball Tournament

FIRST ROUND GAMES

Tuesday, February 23

- #7 Albion (5-11) at #2 Calvin (20-4), 7:30 p.m.
- #6 Kalamazoo (11-13) at #3 Hope (19-5), 7:30 p.m.
- #5 Alma (11-12) at #4 Adrian (14-9), 7:30 p.m.

SEMI-FINAL GAMES

Thursday, February 25

- Calvin/Albion winner vs. Hope/Kalamazoo winner at highest remaining seed, 7:30 p.m.
- Adrian/Alma winner at #1 Defiance (20-4), 7:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, February 27

- To be held at highest remaining seeded team after Thursday's semi-final games
- Tipoff at 3 p.m.

1999 MIAA Men's Basketball Tournament

FIRST ROUND GAMES

Wednesday, February 24

- #8 Adrian (8-15) at #1 Calvin (18-6), 7:30 p.m.
- #7 Alma (9-15) at #2 Hope (14-10), 7:30 p.m.
- #6 Kalamazoo (11-13) at #3 Albion (13-11), 7:30 p.m.

SEMI-FINAL GAMES

Thursday, February 25

- #5 Olivet (15-9) at #4 Defiance (14-10), 7:30 p.m.

SEMI-FINAL GAMES

Friday, February 26

- To be hosted by highest remaining seeded team after Wednesday's first round games
- Hope/Alma winner vs. Albion/Kalamazoo winner, 6 p.m.
- Defiance/Olivet winner vs. Adrian/Calvin winner, 8 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, February 27

- To be held at Friday semi-final site
- Tipoff at 7:30 p.m.

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Women's basketball team struggling

By KELLY McDONALD
Staff Reporter

The women's basketball team dropped an MIAA game to Adrian last week, 61-57 as the Scots struggled to find answers to their current drought. Over the past three weeks, Alma has been 1-5.

On Tuesday, the Lady Scots traveled to Adrian (8-7, 13-9) to take on the fifth-place Bulldogs. A win would almost certainly secure a fourth place finish for Alma which means that they would host a first-round tournament game. But the Bulldogs had other things on their minds as

they came out ready for battle. That's exactly what they got.

The Scots came out shooting the ball well, but Adrian capitalized on key Alma turnovers to take the early lead. Heading into the locker room at half-time, the Bulldogs had a convincing 37-28 lead.

"I don't know why we continually have to get ourselves down by 15 and then start to play," said Ellen Bradbury (99), "It's really frustrating."

Alma was down as many as 15 points but the Scots did not go away easily. A technical foul on Alma head coach Charlie Goffnet ignited a furious Alma rally. The

Scots outscored their opponents by 11 points over a six-minute span to cut the lead to 59-52.

The battle to the finish was a classic. Mary Barnhart (00) took over with 1:30 left in the game to score five badly-needed Alma points. A nice pass from teammate Rebekah Barker (01) led to an easy lay-up for Barnhart. Then Barnhart came back down the floor to hit her second three-pointer of the game and make the score 59-57 with just under a minute to go.

A full court press by the Scots resulted in an Adrian turnover near their own basket and it looked like the Scots had a

chance to tie. But Alma turned the ball back over to the Bulldogs which resulted in an easy lay-up for Adrian's all-league center with 13 seconds remaining. Turnovers were the key to this one, as Alma committed 24.

That was all the Scots could muster and they eventually came up empty after a fierce comeback to drop their record to 7-8 in the MIAA, 10-12 overall as only five Alma players could find the bottom of the net.

"We're really frustrated right now because we know we can win these games and play better than we're playing but we just don't know how," said Bradbury,

"We're still a team and we're staying positive and encouraging each other."

The Scots were led by 20 points and two steals from Barnhart and another double-double from Bradbury. She ended with 19 points and 11 rebounds for her 13th double-double of the season.

Julie Whitmore (01) tallied 11 points and five rebounds while all-league player Shannon Gross (00) was held in check with four points, but she contributed seven rebounds. Barker ended with four assists and two steals.

These two teams will match up again in the first round of the MIAA tournament next week.

Pistons make some moves for improvement

By KELLY McDONALD
Staff Reporter

The Detroit Pistons gave their fans something to cheer about at the beginning of the season but then it hit: the ever-famous slump. The Pistons started the season 3-0 and things were looking good for a team that made some major moves during the lockout. But then reality hit, and they lost their next five games.

After the lockout, the Pistons dealt for some much-needed help in the middle. That is when they traded Scot Pollard and a conditional first-round draft choice to the Atlanta Hawks for Christian Laettner. Laettner has yet to crack

the line-up because of surgery on his Achilles tendon during the lockout.

After dealing for a man in the middle, the Pistons then re-signed two key components to the team from last year, veteran guards Joe Dumars and Jerry Stackhouse. They also signed free agent forward Loy Vaught, who has played the last couple of seasons with the Los Angeles Clippers and played his college ball at the University of Michigan.

With all the moving around, the Pistons had to let go of three players from last year's squad as well, Malik Sealy, Grant Long and Rick Mahorn.

All the wheeling and dealing

seemed to be working wonders for the Pistons for the first few games. In their season opener, they beat Miami at Miami then came home to beat the Indiana Pacers. The Pacers are the favorite to win the NBA crown in this 50 game mini-season.

The story of the season so far has been the play of the renowned Grant Hill. The restored and motivated Hill has transformed his game into more Grant Hill style. He no longer has to be the point guard scorer from last year. The point guard spot has been secured by Lindsey Hunter. So Hill has the freedom to score at will without worries of bringing the ball up the court as well. Hill is currently

the second leading scorer in the league, averaging 27.9 points per game. He trails only Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers.

With Hunter playing well, and Hill and Stackhouse scoring the points, the Pistons were looking like the team to beat in the Central Division. Jerome Williams, the second-year forward out of Georgetown, has been a spark-plug off the bench bringing with him high energy and emotion. At times, he seemed to carry the team. He is currently the leading rebounder on the team, averaging 7.5 a game; he claims with more playing time, he could do more

The Pistons went on a five-game skid that would cripple their confidence and drop them in the standings. It did not help matters any with players like Dumars, Hunter and Laettner sitting out some big games. After taking care of Washington for their third win, the Pistons hit a roadblock and went on to lose their next five games.

But Pistons fans should not worry too much, Vaught still has not found his touch with the team and Laettner has yet to play a game, but there are big hopes for the Pistons when they get these guys on track. At press time, they stood at 3-5 and fifth place in the Central Division.

AC softball team gears up

By AMY NOVAK
Staff Reporter

The Alma College softball team will begin its season during its trip to Fort Meyers Florida during Spring Break. Final cuts have been made and the team is working together towards another great season.

There are no major changes for the 1999 season, the Scots have their core team returning. They are hindered only by the loss of two seniors, Carolyn White and Kristin Gardner, who graduated last spring and played catcher and the outfield, respectively.

The team has not set any definitive goals yet. They are waiting for their Florida trip to see how things will fall into place there. The team leaves for Fort Meyers on February 27 and will return on March 6. They will play approximately two games a day against teams from all over the United States. The girls are part of a running tournament in which teams participate in during their respective spring breaks.

The Scots will be lead by four senior teammates: Heather Bruder, Holly Bruder, Erin LaCosse, and Sarah Lefke. Along with five new first year teammates and numerous sophomores

and juniors, the team has a lot of talent.

"Talent wise, we're awesome. We'll pick up right where we left off," said LaCosse. "Everyone has been working so hard in the off season, we're always in the weight room. We have some great additions to the team, and everyone is improving already. I really can't name any weak spots."

The team had their first outdoor practice on Thursday. This was important because it gave the outfielders a chance to practice before the Florida trip.

"We were so excited to practice outside," LaCosse said. "It was our first time outside before the Florida trip and everyone was

really happy. We had a great practice. It was nice for the outfielders because they could catch balls without them hitting the ceiling in the gym."

The Scots softball team were the MIAA champions for the 1998 season. All of the girls are looking towards another successful season.

"We're all excited for this year," said sophomore Katrina DiNallo. "We were MIAA champs last year so I think we see ourselves with a good chance of going to Nationals this year."

The team is coached by Denny Griffin, Phil Hanson, and Jim Farnum who feel that the 1999 season looks promising.

The Almanian apologizes for any misunderstandings concerning last week's article titled "Lack of sportsmanship distressingly common" written by Kelly McDonald. The article was intended to be a column in which she was free to state her personal opinion. All responses to her article will be printed in the next issue.

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Guest Editorial

The all-male dorm should remain as is

By JENNIFER RIEDLINGER (02)

No Girls Allowed! It sounds juvenile, but sometimes it is the best policy. Such is the case of Mitchell Hall; it should be inhabited by men—well, boys anyway.

I am concerned about a rumor that I am afraid is well on its way to reality: Mitchell Hall becoming co-ed next year. Girls do not belong there, not to *live* there.

I see nothing wrong with co-educational dorms; however, I do believe that there is an equilibrium that needs to be maintained on campus.

Converting Mitchell Hall to a co-ed living center is a bad idea because not only is it discriminatory to young men and women both, it will also greatly affect the entire campus by eliminating the "safe house" and a majority of the girls wouldn't want to live in that building anyway, which is good because most of the Mitchell men don't want their space invaded by women. There are other solutions.

I am an ordinary girl who enjoys the company of guys just as much as the next girl. But let's face it....what girl would want to live in a building that has been inhabited by sweaty, teenage, testosterone-filled, college boys for the past almost 40 years? Not

too many that I know, for anyone who has been in Mitchell Hall knows its distinct aroma and probably some stories that they never cared to know.

Mitchell Hall is a fun place to visit, but I don't know if I would ever want to live there.

I understand that because of the already high peak and continuously climbing ratio of females to males, we need more room to accommodate all of the young ladies entering the Alma College community. However, I would like to know why the school can't house these Freshman in the Bruske and Gelston resident halls.

These two dorms are *already* co-ed; henceforth, the plan makes perfect sense. As a student at Alma College, I am aware that there may already be more women than men in these respective buildings, but there is nothing wrong with a few more.

The men residing in these halls are certainly not going to complain about the presence of a few more women. Likewise, the females wouldn't complain because they would have fewer distractions and more female companions within their own building. Housing girls in an all-male dormitory would be like sewing clothes on a clock—you just don't do it!

If Mitchell began housing

women, the issue of renovation would quickly surface, for it was designed to accommodate only men. Nevertheless, being on the brink of a potential tuition increase, nobody would want to pay extra money to have women reside in a males' building; we have one of our own—and a few to share.

Mitchell Hall is the only all-male dorm on campus; it should remain the only all-male dorm on campus.

If Mitchell was made into another co-ed student life building I believe discrimination would be the word frequently heard in conversation. How can it be deemed fair to eliminate the option for men to live in an all-male building and yet still allow women to choose Newberry—the girls' dorm? This would be unjust. Alma College would be discriminating by eliminating a choice to young men and segregating certain young women.

Thus, the discrimination works both ways. Not giving men the option to live in an all-male dorm is discriminatory because Alma is taking away an option still offered to women. Also, segregating certain females apart in the only dorm on campus that is not co-ed would be considered a discriminatory act. I don't think Alma College wants that stigmatized reputation. Our school's re-

cruiting videos and brochures would overflow with images of inequality: offering only co-ed residence halls, with the lone exception of one female dormitory. Equality is and always will be a necessity. Consequently, if the school eliminated Mitchell as an all-male dorm, the only equal counter-action would be to renovate Newberry to accommodate both sexes as well.

Mitchell Hall also plays an important role in the safety factor of our entire campus: it remains unlocked 24 hours a day. Alma's one all-male dorm is the only residence hall that does not lock its exterior doors. Bruske, Gelston and Newberry all lock up for the night at designated times. "Why?" you may ask. These buildings accommodate women. Therefore, if young women began residing in Mitchell Hall, those doors would also have to lock as well. We would no longer have a "safe house" to retreat to. I, as well as many other students, feel more secure knowing that there is always someplace we can go...for any reason. If you feel as though someone is following you, you can walk right into Mitchell Hall. If you find yourself locked outside your *own* dorm with out your key, you can walk right into Mitchell Hall. If you just want someone to go with you to move your car back to the

non-preferred lot—it can be a long walk by yourself in the dark—you can walk right into Mitchell Hall. Any time of the day or night, students are welcomed into this building and can be helped out. In fact, there is also a telephone in the Mitchell lobby if a student would rather call for help.

An accessible telephone, helpful people, open doors—all of this adds to the feeling of security and safety on the Alma College campus. We would not have the reassurance that Mitchell provides if it became a co-educational building.

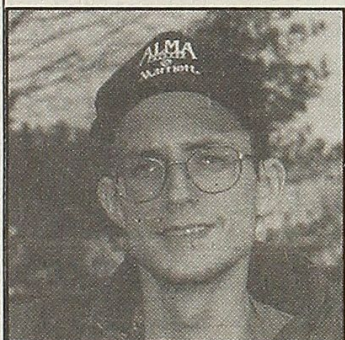
Although I am an ordinary girl who enjoys the company of guys just as much as the next girl, I do not think that females should ever reside in Mitchell Hall.

The building is an all-male dorm: translation... guys only—No Girls Allowed!

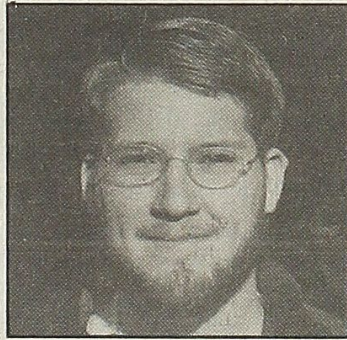
This policy should be respected to preserve the equilibrium of Alma College. Mitchell Hall was designed to house only males, just as its counter part, Newberry, was designed to house only females. This is the way it was meant to be, and this is the way it should stay! After all, nobody would be so irrational as to sew clothes on a clock, so why should we allow females to dwell within the walls of an all-male habitat?

Campus Viewpoints

The Almanian asked eight people what effect they thought the transportation of hazardous materials had on the Earth's environment.



Jason Haas (00) "It all depends on what they are transported in. If they are transported in a DNR container, it should be okay."



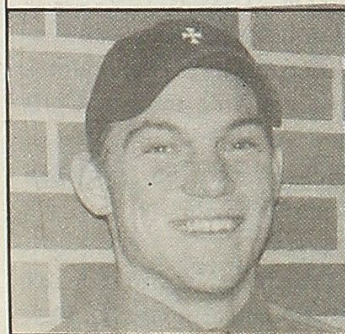
Joel Dawson (00) "There are always risks, no matter what you do. It's just a matter of what you do about them."



Erin Bingert (02) "I don't think it is safe. Something could happen and things could spill."



Candy Cornett (01) "I think they definitely need to be safer and more cautious on how the transportation is done."



Chris Harrington (01) "I think all the garbage flying around decreases everyone's life expectancy. Down with garbage!"



Diane Bradley (Secretary) "The impact on the environment can be great because the potential for spillage and accidents can be so high."



Amanda Schafer (99) "Once again, with technology comes progress. But nobody said all progress was positive. As we transport this stuff, we run the risk of polluting the environment further."



Jen Fish (00) "If it weren't for people's irresponsibility of resources we wouldn't need to transport hazardous resources in the first place."

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U.S. News ranking system not an issue

By JASON FISCHER
Staff Reporter

President Alan Stone has been joined by Gerhard Casper, president of Stanford University, in his crusade against the *US News and World Report* college ranking issue.

While *US News and World Report* has noticed the protest, little seems to have been done to address the concerns of college presidents across the nation. While Stone's actions are admirable and worthy of praise, one must wonder if *US News* rankings really affect undergraduate enrollment and gradu-

ate school acceptance rates.

According to *US News*, Alma ranks in the third tier, placing it between the 90th school and the 113th school out of 159 schools total. This can be due to a number of factors. In certain areas, Alma's numbers do not stack up to other high-profile schools' numbers, such as Swathmore's, Yale's, or Harvard's. However, students, employers, graduate schools, and professional schools look at more than just numbers and rankings when making their decisions.

Students come to Alma because of what Alma has to offer: small class sizes, interaction with fac-

ulty and staff, a friendly campus, financial aid, overseas programs, and a favorable reputation among particular graduate and professional schools.

Furthermore, some students come to Alma for particular strengths, such as the Model UN team, natural and physical science research opportunities, and accessibility to internships. Many prospective students also look at the success of Alma's alumni as a testament to its academic credentials. Very few prospective students who research colleges thoroughly would give up these opportunities to attend a higher ranked school with less opportu-

nities.

Moreover, employers and graduate school admissions counselors look for more than just high academic ratings. They understand that a college and its students cannot be ranked simply by looking at a limited number of criteria.

They look at extracurricular activities, community service, overseas study, and a myriad of other criteria. These opportunities at Alma are manifold. Students simply have to take the initiative to get involved on campus and in the community.

It is important to note that the responsibility to make Alma a

better college does not rest upon Stone's shoulders, though. Alma is only as good as its students, so it is up to its student body to excel academically, increase campus involvement, and take community service to a new level. Only then will Alma improve its quality of education, not when *US News* revises its ranking methodology.

Therefore, while Alma may not be ranked as highly as some would like, prospective students, current students, faculty, and administration should not be discouraged. Alma has a lot going for it, although some may not choose to recognize it.

Letters to the Editors

To the editors:

I can only assume that the author(s) of the staff editorial of February 16 were unaware of the blinding irony contained therein. The author(s), who criticized the publishers of *The Voyeur* for maintaining the anonymity of their writers, did so while omitting their own names from the editorial. Instead, the author(s) chose to hide behind the comfortable anonymity of "The Almanian Editorial Board." It may be perfectly respectable to express the opinions of the board in an editorial; however, it is inexcusable to denounce others for a practice followed by the editorial's own author(s).

The occurrence of such writing at *The Almanian* is not limited to the weekly staff editorial, either. The infamous "Judgment Calls" portion of your paper exhibits the same cowardly tactics of which you accuse the publishers of *The Voyeur*. The Judgment Calls section has proved to be one of the sorriest examples of so-called journalism ever to disgrace the pages of your paper. It has been a vehicle for the veiled potshots of the staff of *The Almanian* for months. Not once has a member of your staff had the spine to put name to any of the opinions—and yet this last edition condemned the writers of *The Voyeur* for doing the same. This "outright irresponsibility," not to mention hypocrisy, on the part of your paper is nothing short of shameful.

Next time your staff wishes to affect the journalistic practices of another publication it would be wise to first examine the flaws in its own works

Daniel Mawby (99)

The inclusion of staff editorials is a common practice of many national and local newspapers. No specific author is listed on these pieces; they are instead meant to be representations of the

entire staff's opinions.

Such a custom is no different from that practiced by The Almanian. Our Staff Editorial Policy, listed on the back page of The Almanian, states that the "opinions expressed weekly...reflect the views of the Editorial Board, which includes section editors and the editor in chief." Thus, if our publication in any way prints material of questionable matter, recourse can be taken through simply calling The Almanian, who is obviously responsible for all actions of the paper. The Almanian sees no "flaws" in this practice, and stands by its previous editorial.

To the editors:

I am appalled at your article "Beyond Mock Rock" (February 9, 1999) I am upset that you allowed Joey Mead to write such a biased article. His article did not give everyone a fair depiction of the event. I am referring directly to the winners of the lip sync contest.

I find it very offensive that he had the nerve to comment on the attire that was worn. "The group of students...with way too much high-heels and not enough clothing..." I am wondering who appointed him to be the fashion police. We felt that our outfits were worn in good taste.

I feel that we as people should have been given a chance to be depicted as entertainers who were out to have a good time and not some sluts off the streets! Is there a good reason why our pictures were not displayed in the article? I feel that if no one else was shown the winners of the two categories should have been included.

This probably would not have been a big deal if we could get the same respect as other deserving students. We (U.C.S.) are the winners of the Homecoming Float Competition. We were not even mentioned in the article

SPORTS TRACK BY MICHAEL MURPHY

The Detroit Lions may be thinking that they have accomplished a good thing this past month by making center Jim Pyne available in the expansion draft.



However, the Cleveland Browns, the NFL's newest expansion team, selected Pyne first in the draft, underscoring the fact that teams need offensive linemen to compete every Sunday.

Unfortunately for the Browns, if Pyne plays the way he did in Detroit for last year, they will quickly realize that Pyne should be designated to "riding the pine."

In other words, had it not been for the expansion of the NFL, Jim Pyne would have been an all-Pro bench warmer for the Lions. He did absolutely nothing for the Lions and was a constant negative on an offensive line that was pretty darn terrible. The fact that the Browns made Pyne their first-round pick may sprout some questions regarding Lions' coaching. Pyne played pathetically in Detroit, but the Browns are hoping that Pyne's versatility will help their own offensive

line. The Browns are risking a lot on Jim Pyne. If Pyne proves to be a decent offensive lineman for the Browns, the Lions will greatly regret their release of Pyne.

Inevitably, Detroit fans will know that Pyne was just another Lion in a long line of previous Lions who saw their talent misused because of poor coaching. Further speculation will be made about coaching and the upper echelons of Lions' management, and the same finger-pointing that has stigmatized the organization for so long will continue on.

Tigers Update

Detroit centerfielder Brian Hunter may be greatly challenged during this year's spring training. One may ask if the Tigers traded for another centerfielder during the off-season.

They would be surprised to hear "no" as the answer. The centerfield challenge is coming from Gabe Kapler, who has been one of the Tigers' most impressive Minor Leaguers for the past few years. Kapler, 23, batted an impressive .322, while tallying up 28 homers and knocking in 146 runs at AA-Jacksonville.

Kapler, the Southern League's Most Valuable Player, has played all the outfield positions except centerfield. However, bringing

Kapler into Spring Training is an excellent idea by the Tigers' coaching staff, which hopes to motivate Hunter, who had a less-than-spectacular year last year. If Hunter proves to have another bad season as a Tiger, he will not be seen wearing the old-English "D" in the new stadium in the 2000 baseball campaign.

Kapler, besides providing an incentive for Hunter to play hard everyday, is also helping the Tiger organization finally see some positive effects from its Minor League system. The Tiger farm system had been in the doldrums throughout the late '80s and early '90s. This time period saw the turnout of only one quality player named Travis Fryman.

Erasing the past troubles are players like Tony Clark, Justin Thompson, Matt Anderson, Juan Encarnacion, and Kapler, who are giving the Tigers optimism for the future.

After these young Tigers grow together as a team and start playing in front of sellout crowds at the beautiful new Comerica Park in a year, you will see the Tigers competing on a level that Detroit fans have not seen since the days of Lou Whitaker, Alan Trammell, Kirk Gibson, Dan Petry, and Jack Morris.

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Phillisha Harden (02)

Staff Editorial

Med Shed prescribes and educates

Most students at Alma College think of the Wilcox Medical Center, otherwise known as the Med Shed, only as a place to go when one feels ill or injured, however the Med Shed also has another role.

It is a library of information abounding with pamphlets, posters and booklets about several important issues.

In light of this often overlooked role, *The Almanian* editorial staff would like to commend the Med Shed for taking the time to do more than just see sick students and prescribe medicine.

Without the little things the

Med Shed does to educate students about important issues such as stress, depression, drinking, eating disorders and this week — in honor of National Condom Week — safe sex, this college would be worse off.

How does the Med Shed carry out this role of education?

One example was seen this week by students who live in the dorms.

Working closely with the student health advisory committee (SHAC), the Med Shed donated bags full of facts, tidbits, pamphlets, brochures and even a free condom to educate students on the need to practice safe sex —

in celebration of National Condom Week. SHAC then placed the bags in dorm mailboxes; hopefully to be read and utilized seriously by students.

Further, the Med Shed freely distributes educational information daily to anyone in need. RAs often utilize the Med Shed when making bulletin boards and the Med Shed works in conjunction with them to plan educational programs.

The Med Shed also works with the Student Center for Development on programs targeting issues of importance to college students.

Because the Med Shed is

mostly a 'behind the scenes' contributor in these educational efforts, it is often overlooked.

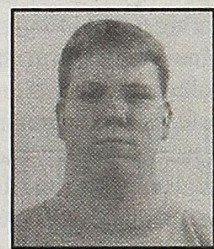
The Almanian wants everyone to realize that the Med Shed is available to see students and treat our sicknesses, but it also hopes to help students by curbing serious problems before they happen.

Next time you visit the Med Shed, between coughs and sniffles, leaf through the pamphlets on the wall or ask a few questions, you could learn something that could change your life — on top of getting medicine that could cure your cold.

The Right Side by Shannon Casey

Take advantage of time management resources

Some people accomplish great things during their lifetime.



Some Alma students work twenty hours a week, carry twenty

credit hours and are involved in numerous extra-curricular activities. Some students go through four years at Alma and never pull an all-nighter.

Other people barely graduate even though their emphasis is focused solely on academics. Some students pull all-nighters once or twice a week and never seem to get caught up with their school work.

Each of the types of people above have something in common. They are all allotted twenty-four hours each day.

The difference between the well-rounded student and the student who is always trying to catch up is simply time management skills.

I hear people complaining every day that they do not have enough time. While I am also guilty of this sin, I have learned that it is not that I do not have enough time, but that I have not made something a priority.

We have all heard it a hundred times—prioritize, prioritize, prioritize. It is about time that we start listening to those telling us. Fortunately, time management is a learned skill. Everyone here at Alma has the resources to help them manage time better.

Alma has a great library that carries numerous time management books, written by successful people who have found what works for them. If you say that you have no time for a time management book, then attend a one-

hour session put on by the Center for Student Development.

If you cannot attend one of the sessions because of conflicting schedules, then make an appointment to see Gayle Passaretti in the Center for a personal talk about time management.

If you are opposed to being proactive in the essential function of time management, at least take a look at the following suggestions and try them for a month.

Use a planner to pre-plan your day. Unfortunately, too many students write appointments and events in their planners, but never look at them again. You need to religiously use your planner every day to take the full advantage of the organizational system.

Get up an hour earlier than usual and use that time to study. This is one of the hardest habits to acquire, but it is worth the effort. One hour of less sleep per day is easier to handle than one

all-nighter per week. Stop watching television. If you need to watch a program, record it and watch it while you are getting ready in the morning. If you like to watch the news, turn on CNN or Fox News while you are doing other things. Everyone needs to relax. Make sure that you take time to relax or you will burn out. But relax in moderation. Try studying for an hour and then taking a ten-minute study break.

These ideas are not mine. I have learned them from books and from Alma resources such as the Center. I also spent much time working with people who are extremely successful. Their words of advice are always similar—learn to manage your time effectively.

No one can wave a wand and give you more time, but if you are willing to take a chance and try using the resources we have on campus, you can learn to use your time more efficiently.

The Almanian Judgment Calls

Thumbs Up to increasing educational opportunities for children.

Thumbs Down to a society that has become reliant upon using Teletubbies and Barney for these opportunities.

Thumbs Up to sitting on the beach and having a drink.

Thumbs Down that it is only a dream.

Thumbs Up to spring break.

Thumbs Down that it will be cold and most of us will be working.

Thumbs Up to the new coloring in *The Almanian*.

Thumbs Down that the boxes are so dark you cannot read the articles.

Thumbs Up to Black History Month.

Thumbs Down to the many people don't take the time to participate in the events scheduled in celebration.

Thumbs Up to last week's horoscopes in *The Almanian*.

Thumbs Down to the fact that they actually came close to being accurate predictions. Scary.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Oh no, it's my husband! Quick, get back on the floor."

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