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Student surveys reflect life at Alma

By NIKOLE CANUTE
Staff Writer

The authority of Alma College to award degrees is currently being evaluated. Every ten years, Alma submits a request for accreditation, which is the right to award degrees as an institution of higher education.

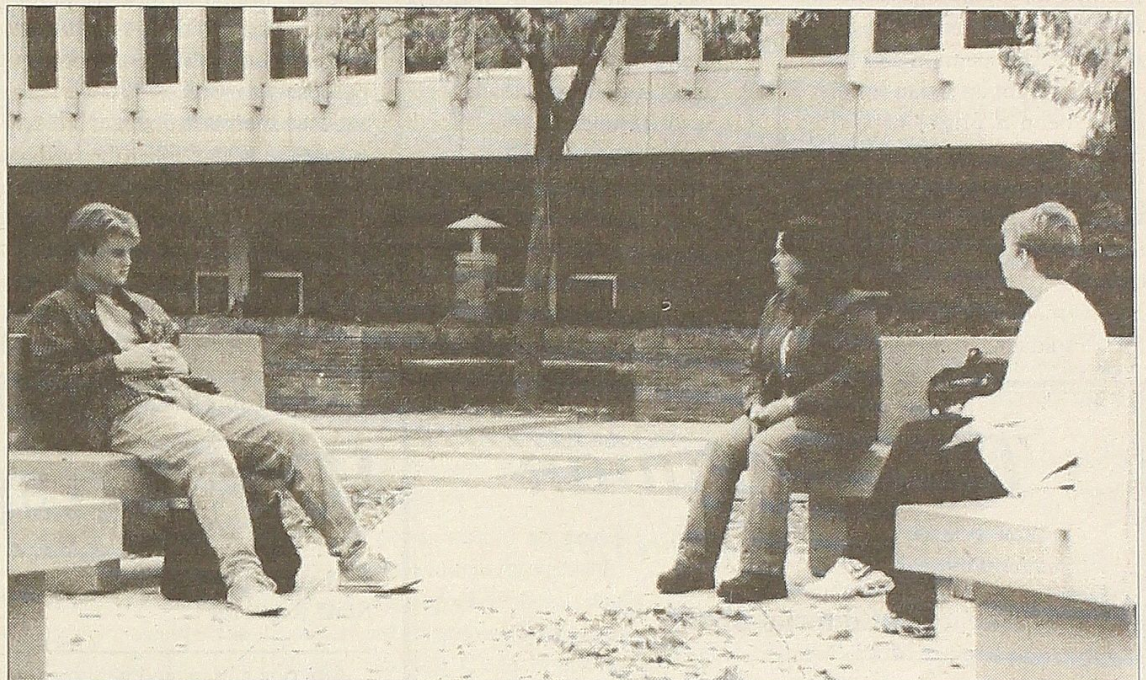
According to the *North Central Accreditation Self-Study Report, 1989 - 1998*, which the college published, there are five criterion which Alma is required to meet. These criterion include having "clear and publicly stated purposes consistent with its mission and appropriate to an institution of higher education," organizing the human, financial, and physical resources effectively in order to achieve its purposes, accomplishing educational and other purposes, demonstrating ability to "continue to accomplish its purposes and strengthen its educational effectiveness," and showing integrity in both practices and relationships.

Part of the evaluation processes is a series of self-study reports conducted by the college. One study, the Assessment of Student Outcomes, included comparing the Cooperative Institutional Research Program survey of first-year students in 1994 with the College Student Survey that was administered to those same students in 1998.

Robert Perkins, dean of the Center for Student Development, conducted this survey, as well as others, and said, "That's where we really ask the students what they thought." While the survey in 1994 had 336 (91%) responses, the report from 1998 received only 88 (38%) responses.

Respondents indicating that consumption of beer increased from forty-nine percent as first-year students, to eighty-one percent as seniors. Those indicating that they had consumed wine or liquor increased from forty-eight percent to ninety percent.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," said Bob Fox, sophomore. Jim



Bryan Waugh

Dana Moats (02), Rachel Palmreuter (02), and Chris Washko (00) lounge around, enjoying the beautiful weather between classes.

Betts, sophomore, said, "I think more of the freshmen drank than probably admitted to it." Eighty-six percent of graduating seniors indicated they had performed volunteer work, and forty-three percent had joined a fraternity or sorority. Ninety-nine percent felt their professors took a personal interest in them.

When asked what their

objectives for college were, as first-year students, seventy percent indicated their top goal was to "be very well off financially." As seniors, seventy-two percent indicated it was to "raise a family."

Along with evaluation of these results, the decision will be based on a visit from an accreditation team in early November. The team will be "here to study the college

and see that we're doing what we're supposed to be doing," said Perkins.

The team will evaluate many aspects of the college, as well as studying the catalogue to ensure that students are able to graduate in four years.

The administration does not anticipate any problem receiving the accreditation status.

Greeks move towards Alcohol-free residences

By NIKOLE CANUTE
Staff Writer

Fraternities and sororities are taking steps to promote alcohol-free residences among Greek organizations.

In October of 1998, the National Panhellenic Conference unanimously passed a resolution to demonstrate the goal of all 26 member organizations to cosponsor only alcohol-free events in sorority facilities by fall term of 2000. Alpha Gamma Delta (ΑΓΔ), Alpha Xi Delta (ΑΞΔ), and the Gamma Phi Beta (ΓΦΒ) sororities

are among fourteen organizations that have passed resolutions implementing this policy.

Mark Penzien, sophomore and Theta Chi member, said, "It seems like it's going to be a hard thing for them to enforce."

Martin Stack, assistant dean of students, said, "A number of men's groups have taken a step to make their houses alcohol-free, and women's groups are pledging support for that."

The "step" that Stack refers to is the Initiative 2000 plan, which encompasses a collection of men's groups that have committed to having alcohol-free houses by fall of 2000. None of the fraternities on the Alma College campus have joined that plan.

The movement towards alcohol-free Greek organizations stemmed in part from the results of Research Initiative III, a study conducted by the National Interfraternity Conference.

Findings of the Initiative showed that twenty-eight percent of male fraternity members reported alcohol-free housing, compared to thirty-one percent of independent men. Sixty percent of female fraternity members had alcohol-free residences, compared to forty-two percent of independent women.

The study also showed that chapters that educate their members on the risks of alcohol abuse are more satisfied with their academics.

According to a study by the Center for Advanced Social Research at the University of Missouri-Columbia, alcohol-free residences and education on alcohol's risks "reduce the amount and frequency of alcohol consumption among men and women fraternity members."

The local chapter of Theta Chi has a goal of being alcohol-free by fall of 2003, and according to Stack, "The administration has said a number of times that when the first national goes that way, the college will require all of them to be dry."

"I don't think it would make much sense, because it would encourage people to drink in dorm rooms and places they're not allowed to," said Jen Soltis, first-year student.

This requirement would include the Kappa Iota (ΚΙ) sorority. Currently ΚΙ is not restricted from having parties and is not required to have an alcohol-free house because they are not a national sorority, and therefore, are not subject to Panhellenic rules.

Scholarships key topic at reception

By SCOTT TIMMRECK
Staff Writer

Scholarships will be the center of attention at tonight's dessert reception, as students from all disciplines will gather to find out about future aid and awards in the form of Mellon Fellowships, Truman and Goldwater Scholarships, and the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship among others.

Invitations were sent out last week to students who various members of faculty and administration considered outstanding in their particular fields, whether that be the sciences, public policy, environmental studies or liberal arts. The purpose of the reception is to inform students about forms of scholarship that are available to them beyond what is given out at Alma, whether for graduate or undergraduate work.

According to Provost Brown, the college has always aided a few ambitious students who went out and did much of the legwork on their own in order to obtain such scholarships. Administration is interested in heavily boosting the level of assistance provided to students, "in pursuit of the goal of

quality ethos." Brown said, "We have always recognized that we have good students, and we want to help them do their best."

Upperclassmen were invited to the reception according to their GPA, and various members of faculty were asked to identify exceptional students that should be invited. Any first-year student with a Trustee Honors Scholarship was also extended an invitation. Approximately 200 people were invited altogether.

The plan is to help students who want to pursue awards like the Rhodes Scholarship to identify a personal statement and to decide what grades and activities to put forth to the judging committees. Ten faculty members and the Provost are on the team to help students, including Dr. Hulme, the chair of the committee; Dr. Gwyneth Beagley; Dr. Clark; Dr. Davis; Dr. Lorenz; Dr. Massinari; Dr. Ottenhoff; Dr. Putz; Dr. Stargardt; and Dr. Vickery. Faculty members were picked based on their commitment to helping students. An award like the Rhodes Scholarship pays full tuition, plus stipends for traveling to Oxford University for two years of study, and other awards can provide more aid than available at Alma.

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New information unfolds about Korean War massacre

By GINGER DAVIS
Staff Writer

Many moral conflicts arose during the Korean War. Now some witnesses and soldiers of the Korean War are coming forth with information about a massacre that may have killed as many as three hundred Korean civilians. Wars fought on Asian soil have often been a blight in United States history. In the Vietnam War, American soldiers were shipped overseas to fight in an undeclared war. The lack of a clear motive for United States involvement was a great concern for the soldiers. American GIs are

used to being the “good guys;” the heroes fighting for Democracy and Liberty around the globe. Unfortunately, their role in foreign wars is not always what they expect. An unspoken rule in modern warfare prohibits GIs from killing civilians (especially women and children), however, at No Gun Ri in Korea, American soldiers were given different orders. North Koreans dressed as civilians were sneaking past U.S. lines and attacking. The U.S. soldiers were given orders to kill everyone who tried to cross the front line; in this case, a bridge under which many Korean refugees were hiding to

protect themselves from the U.S. air raids. The commander, Captain Melbourne Chandler, radioed in orders to kill everyone under the bridge. Reports about what happened next are conflicting, due to the soldiers’ hesitation to speak of the matter. Some soldiers said at least half of them refused to shoot, or purposely missed. Although who fired the shots is in doubt, it is clear is that the group under the bridge was eradicated. One soldier reported seeing eight to ten bodies, but all other reports are much higher. The Korean Government reports that the death

toll was at lest one hundred, while the Associated Press has eyewitness reports that bring the number up as high as three hundred. If American GIs did indeed kill three hundred civilians, this would be the second largest attack on civilians by American troops in history (the first being the assassination of five hundred civilians in My Lai, Vietnam). Now, because of the media attention currently being given to this matter, the Pentagon is conducting an investigation into what actually happened at No Gun Ri.

New legislation holds HMOs responsible

By CARA BONINE
Staff Reporter

America’s managed health care system is under review this week, as patients attempt to protect their heath care rights and insurers continue to hold down costs. In coming weeks, the House will vote on a federal bill that will give patients more rights, including the ability to sue HMO systems for damages and to have an independent review of the case. U.S. Rep. John Dingell, the Democratic congressman from Dearborn and U.S. Rep. Charles Norwood, Ga., cosponsored the bill. In the October 5 issue of the *Detroit Free Press*, Dingell stated, “[The bill] says that medical necessity is a decision which lies in the hands of the doctors and the patient. It says that the HMOs will . . . be accountable for their errors which hurt people when they engage in practice of medicine.” “I think this legislation is a really good idea,” said Ashlie Covington (03). “I have an HMO and they don’t pay for a lot of my asthma medication” Many times HMOs, trying to keep costs low, will deny patients coverage on treatments that are experimental or determined not necessary by the HMO. In this bill, the patient will be able to combat more effectively against the HMO’s final say in their health care. Under the Dingell-Norwood bill, when a patient has a complaint, independent physicians will review the case, unless an injury or death has occurred, in which the case will go directly to the court. If the physician review board determines that the HMO is at fault, the patient will have the option to sue. There is little limit on the amount for which a patient can sue. HMO officials, however,

disagree with the bill. They argue that the new legislation would only force them to raise premiums for the sick and elderly. A recent study conducted for a financial consulting firm predicted that reform would cost working families \$1,512 in take-home pay within the next four years. “This is a great idea,” said Sarah Towne (03). “This will protect patients and keep HMOs in check.” Susan Pisano, vice president of communications for the HMO Association said in a recent interview by the *Detroit Free Press*, “When you are encouraging going to court, you’re benefiting trial lawyers, but it’s unclear how you would benefit patients. I have never seen anybody come forward with any data that links increasing liability to better health-care quality.” Other HMO reforms have been proposed, but none are as pro-patient as the Dingell-Norwood legislation. A bill by Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and John Shadegg, R-Ariz., would enable patients to sue in federal courts, although they would have to meet a much higher standard of damage before they could hope to win. John Boehner, R-Ohio proposed a bill that would largely maintain the existing laws. Under the present laws, patients can sue; however they can only be paid for the denied medical services plus legal fees. “I’m not for or against [the reform], but if premiums are going to go up, it’d be better that the money was put into health care instead of as protection from suits,” stated Jeremiah Lee (00). Debate will continue throughout the week, aiming for a bipartisan agreement before the weekend arrives.

News

‘At a glance’

London train crash results in more than 70 deaths
LONDON - Two trains collided Tuesday in London creating a death toll of more than 70. Reports from friends and relatives of commuters claim that another 100 people may have been aboard the trains before they collided.

NATO secretary-general steps down
BELGIUM - After four years as NATO secretary-general, Javier Solana stepped down from this position on Wednesday to take the job as the European Union foreign policy representative. Britain’s defense secretary, George Robertson, has replaced Solana.

“Evolution” deleted from Kentucky’s curriculum
KENTUCKY - The word “evolution” has now been replaced with the phrase “change over time” in Kentucky’s guidelines for what students should be taught, just two months after Kansas dropped Darwin’s theory as a required part of its curriculum.

Cell phones banned from gas pumps
CLEVELAND - Concerns over electronic impulses from cellular telephones starting a fire, BP Amoco plans to ban the use of these phones by the end of the year. This ban will also prohibit the use of compact disc players and pagers near gas pumps, and has already been implemented in the United Kingdom and Australia.

Cop charged with casino theft
DETROIT - A Detroit police officer was charged on Thursday with attempting to steal up to \$5,000 in chips at the MGM Grand Detroit casino. The female officer and a female accomplice were caught on surveillance cameras distracting gamblers and then taking their chips when they were not looking.

McCarthy signs new contract with Red Wings
DETROIT - Darren McCarty agreed to terms on a new three-year contract which caused him to miss the Red Wings’ first two regular season games. The three year deal is worth \$5.4 million for the McCarthy who has been a part of two Stanley Cup winning Red Wings teams.

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Speaker on labor abuses leads students to start organization

By AMY TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Charles Kernaghan, a workers' rights activist, addressed labor and human rights violations last Tuesday in the Heritage Center, Presbyterian Hall. Kernaghan is the director of the National Labor Organization and mainly focuses on labor abuses in Central America.

He and his organization were a major force behind the unveiling of Kathy Lee Gifford's highly publicized connection to sweatshops and child labor in production of her clothing line. Also, the discovery of Walmart's use of similar factories was a result of Kernaghan's work. Walmart has been publicly scrutinized for this association and still chooses not to change the standards of the factories that make their products. Women earn \$.25 for every \$19.99 pair of pants they make for Gifford," said Kernaghan.

According to Kernaghan, the majority of those who work in the factories that make the clothes we wear are 12 to 25 year old females who work 13 hours a day, are subject to severe physical and mental abuse by their employers, and make \$.60 an hour.

The conditions they work in are similar to a concentration camp. The girls work behind tall concrete walls with barbed wire over the top and large, iron doors that are guarded by armed men. Once a worker reaches the age of 25 her job is terminated. She is replaced by someone who is younger.

The National Labor Organization has done several things in trying to publicize and correct these labor abuses. Nike, Liz Claiborne, Walmart, Disney, and Kathy Lee Gifford are among the top companies that have been discovered using these labor practices. Mr. Kernaghan's speech made me realize that this is still an ongoing problem," said Matt Culver (02).

Through Kernaghan's dedication to eradicating sweatshops and

poor working standards, companies such as Liz Claiborne have sought the means of changing the poor working standards in factories.

In response to pressure by the student movement, Nike finally disclosed the names of the factories they use to produce t-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts with university logos.

Edward Lorenz, professor of History and Political Science said, "What I liked most about him [Kernaghan] was his concern in that efforts be implemented to make conditions better for the workers. He was aware that we need not force these companies to close but give fair wages and observe basic human rights."

Kernaghan's objective Tuesday night was not only to inform Alma of these conditions, but to offer a way that students can help these workers. "He gave us a very clear step that we can take. We can do something about it," said Lorenz.

Currently, there is a student movement that includes approximately 150 colleges. This student movement is called United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS).

Culver said, "I believe that it is a good cause. I am really interested in becoming involved with this student movement."

As a result of Tuesday's discussion, a group of Alma students are seeking to establish an organization on campus. This group includes Amy Fraley (00), Heather Svecara (02), Jorie Creevy (02) and others.

"The door is wide open. Take the initiative," said Kernaghan.

What the group is looking to do is ensure that Alma College apparel, sold in the Scot Shop, is not made by those specific factories, organize an informational appearance at Walmart and help spread the movement to other campuses in Michigan.

The first informational meeting will be held Oct. 13, at 8:00 p.m. in SAC 106 for those who are interested in learning more.

Student Congress Minutes

October 11, 1999

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and Announcements
 - 39 organizations present.
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. Treasurer
 1. Need to see the representatives from both Alpha Psi Omega and South Complex after the meeting.
 2. The Contingency committee will meet directly after tonight's meeting.
 - B. Secretary
 1. There will be a Constitutional review meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Congress office.
 2. Request for volunteers:
 - a. Alma Middle school is looking for role models, college students who can spend time with 5th and 6th graders on the playground from 11:15-12:45.
 - b. Tutors are needed from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This job pays \$7.00 an hour.
 - c. Masonic Home is looking for student volunteers for their computer lab who are willing to help the residents learn more about the computers. Monday through Friday from 9-11 a.m. or 1-4 p.m. A minimum of one hour a week and a regular scheduled time.
 - d. The Red Cross is looking for student volunteers to be greeters and canteen workers for their blood drive and bone marrow registry this Wednesday at the Presbyterian church from 1-6:45 p.m. Any amount of time during the drive will work.
 - C. Vice President
 1. Budget/Finance committee will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Congress office.
 - D. President
 1. The Board of Trustees meeting this past weekend went well. The student and staff representatives will remain on the board. If you would like to know anymore details please see Kevin.
 2. Dr. Stone will be coming to talk to the Congress on Monday November 1st.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. The class gift of 1999 is in. The new clock is outside of the library.
- V. New Business—
 - A. An update on this year's PIG book.: almost ready to send to the printers. Everyone will receive it before Christmas.
 - B. The student congress body was asked if they would be interested in hearing a monthly report from the four large groups on campus (ACUB, Almanian, Scot, and WQAC). The executive committee will not pursue this idea because the groups should be announcing any new information during the announcements.
- VI. Announcements—

ACUB - presents a Mentalist (he does the jedi stuff!, Someone who moves things with his mind) on October 25 at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Also there will be a rep meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Rotunda. Please RSVP if you will attend. SALSA and ACUB will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage month and watching Stand and Deliver in Jones at 8:00 p.m. on the 25th.

College Republicans - meeting Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. in Fireside. Elections will be held.

SUN - Pine River Cleanup this Saturday from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Meet in Reid Knox at 12:00 p.m. to go. Also on October 25th the group is going to Uncle John's. Everyone is welcome. \$3.00 for hayride etc. Meet in Reid Knox at 6:45 p.m. Finally, the group is sponsoring an art contest for the design of their new logo for T-shirts. The winner will get \$50.
- VII. Adjournment



Bryan Waugh

**The American
Red Cross
is holding a
Bone Marrow
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Drive
TODAY
from 1-6:45
p.m. at the
Alma First
Presbyterian
Church**

Top Ten Movies

- 1. "Double Jeopardy"
- 2. "Three Kings"
- 3. "American Beauty"
- 4. "Blue Streak"
- 5. "Sixth Sense"
- 6. "Drive Me Crazy"
- 7. "For Love of the Game"
- 8. "Jakob the Liar"
- 9. "Mystery, Alaska"
- 10. "Stigmata"

Top Ten Albums

- 1. Creed *Human Clay*
- 2. Garth Brooks *Chris Gaines*
- 3. Method Man/Redman *Blackout*
- 4. Santana *Supernatural*
- 5. Backstreet Boys *Millenium*
- 6. Christina Aguilera *Christina Aguilera*
- 7. Britney Spears *Baby One More Time*
- 8. Marc Anthony *Marc Anthony*
- 9. Dixie Chicks *Fly*
- 10. Kid Rock *Devil Without a Cause*

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Musically Inclined by Scott Timmreck

British pop outshines American pop



Mellow harmonies and crafty synthesizer work mark the noise that is so popular on the other side of the ocean but that we cannot get used to here in the States. The allure of Brit-pop is that it is not American pop and instead forces you to picture something like a group of incredibly laid-back individuals standing apathetically and monotonously on a subway train at rush hour going from here to somewhere and back again, which is exactly where the sounds of Kula Shaker and Suede go. Kula Shaker's second major-label release, *Peasants, Pigs and Astronauts* is equivalent to that moment on a cloudy day when the sun comes out and then sticks there for the remainder of the time it has

been allotted to stay what we call up. The trademark euro-buzz that makes Brit-pop what it is shines like the golden avatar, in between the bubble-gum and cola sound that makes the music catchy enough to make you move without being aware that you even are. Heavily influenced by their time spent in India, chants, bells, flutes and even the tweeting of birds fill the blank spaces between the guitar licks and overlap the drums of Paul Winterhart to combine for a sound that lies somewhere inside a Gregorian chant, an Easter Sunday service in St. Paul's Cathedral, a guitar-happy album that you listen to once every three months and those three pop songs that fill up mainstream radio every 15 or so days before dying and falling into the void of pop music. Kula Shaker is good enough to stay away from

that void, and UK dwellers obviously think so too, after their acclaimed debut album *K* went multiplatinum over on the original American homeland. Their unique mix of classic rock, pop and exotic flavors is fun enough to shower love on ears and change the leaves on trees. Score: three stars Recommended tracks: *Golden Avatar, Great Hosannah, I'm Still Here* Suede's *Head Music*, arguably their finest album to date, is filled with tunes that are just what the title of the record calls them to be. Veterans of the euro-scene and experienced chart-owners, Suede has been around long enough to know that just because their songs sound basically the same, that does not mean that people will not like them. Brett Anderson's vocals,

perhaps the trippiest yet most original vocals on the pop scene, light up a dark but happy record that comes out of the same place that fellow band Spiritualized's sounds come from, creating a sound that might as well be on MTV if it weren't so, well, British. Not the Verve and certainly not the Verve Pipe, Suede isn't exactly the Beatles and Richard Oakes isn't exactly Paul McCartney, but as far as music goes, the sounds are top-notch. No orchestra and no straight-up guitar rock (can anyone say Oasis?) appear anywhere, but that doesn't stop songs like *Electricity* and the craftily titled *Crack in the Union Jack* from sounding more fun than they should be. Score: three stars Recommended tracks: *Electricity, Can't Get Enough, Head Music.*

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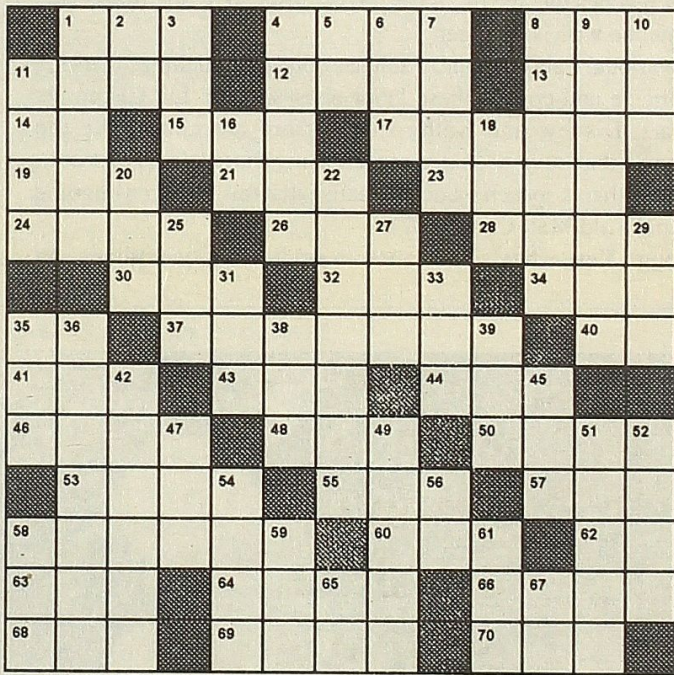
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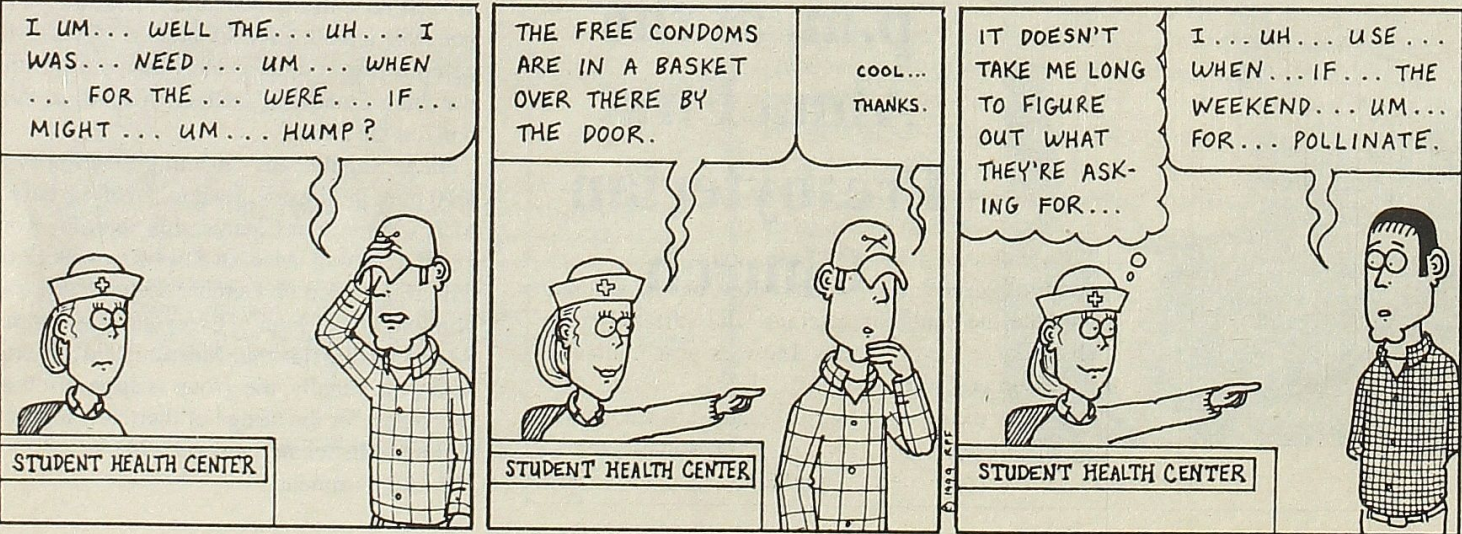
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Student artist recognized in New York

By STEPHENIE GOODELL
Staff Reporter

Last spring the art department hosted a spring term course in New York City for Alma's aspiring artists, sponsored by Alma College. The students traveled to and around New York City for several exciting weeks with art professor Bob Rozier. They visited numerous museums and galleries, some of which are famous, but some are not. Also, occasional free time allowed the young artists to explore the art in the city on their own or with friends.

Amongst those students who attended the course was art major and current senior Jennifer "Jen" Fish.

Fish took advantage of her free time and visited galleries she wanted to see. During one of her excursions Fish visited a gallery devoted solely to gay and lesbian art. When she entered the gallery she expected to see work from both men and women. "I was surprised to find mostly men's work. I was really disappointed that there weren't more women's pieces," said Fish.

She inquired as to why there was a lack of women's art but was not given much of an explanation. However, she was told about an upcoming show featuring only lesbian women's work that she was welcome to enter to add to the number of women artists being exhibited.

Fish took initiative and sent six of her own works to the gallery. Of the six, four were

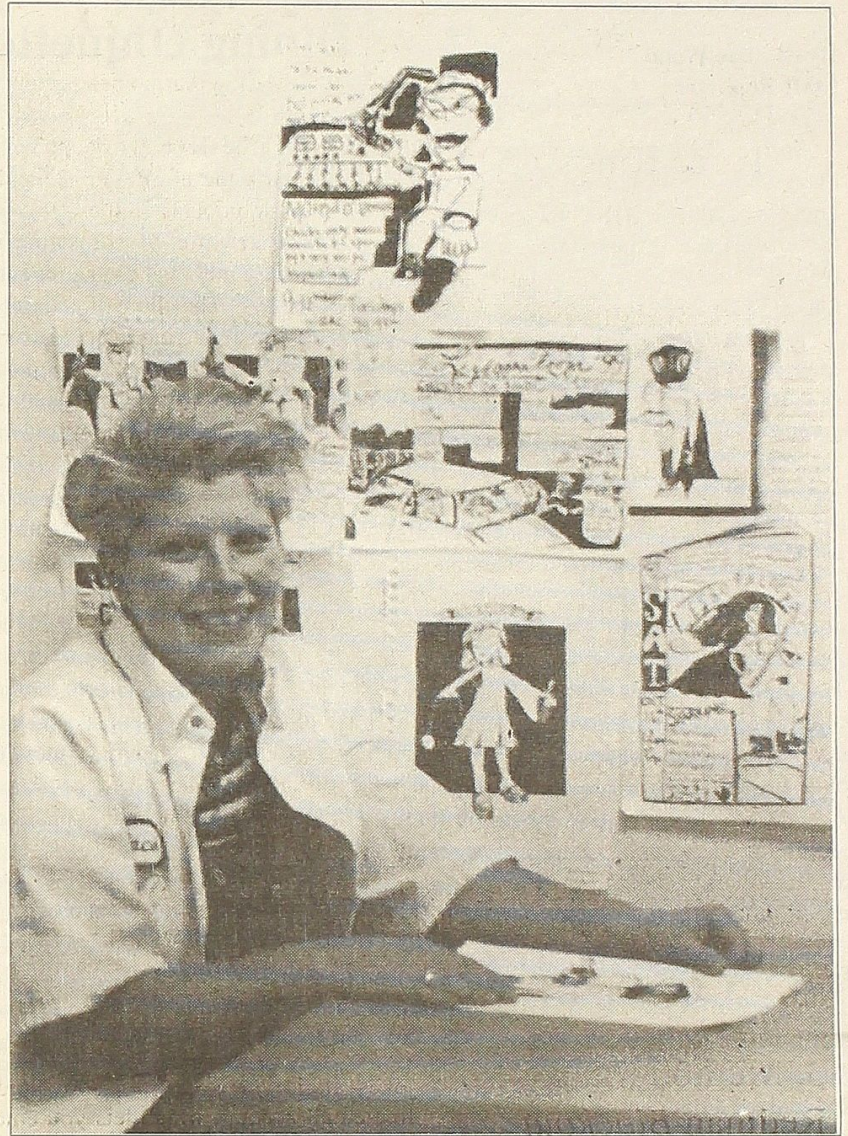
accepted into the show. All four were cartoons, three of which reflected upon her life and featured a character she based upon herself. "I draw a lot of my art from my life and my life's experiences, and from the things I've faced being a woman and a lesbian," Fish said.

Her pieces will be on display in the Leslie-Lohman Gay Art Foundation in SoHo New York City until October 14.

This is not the first competition Fish has entered. In fact she has had work accepted in numerous competitions throughout her life. "You've just got to keep entering pieces and getting your work out there, getting recognition," said Fish.

Currently Fish is working on a cartoon series titled "The Cupcake Chronicles." The series uses cupcakes as a metaphor for women, how they are treated and how they view themselves. "Some parts of the series have to do with eating disorders, the cupcake looks good but if you eat it 'you'll get fat,' or how sometimes women feel like the wrapper of the cupcake, people take what they want and then the women get thrown away just like the wrapper," said Fish.

Though she has not decided where, Fish plans to attend graduate school after graduating from Alma to attain her Master of Fine Arts Degree. She also hopes to continue doing work to help women and perhaps continue illustrating as well. For now she will keep entering various art competitions and shows that she finds appealing and will hopefully be accepted into many.



Tammy Acker

Jen Fish (00) has artwork displayed in Leslie-Lohman Gay Art Foundation.

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Second installment of music therapy lecture series discusses mental health

By MANDY LONG
Feature Editor

This is the second part in a three-part series about music therapy. The lecture series is sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota, the Alma College women's professional music fraternity, and Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc. The last presentation will be on Monday, November 1 in SAC 109 and 7 p.m.

Barenaked Ladies, a little bit of oboe, and mental health mixed last week as Robin Reeves, a music therapist, presented "Music Therapy and Mental Health," the second presentation in a three-part lecture series about music therapy.

"Music therapy has been going on throughout the ages," said Reeves, "It began with Shamans and medicine men who danced and chanted, and even the Greeks and Romans used music therapy."

Up until the 1800's music had been thought of as medicinal and was commonly used to treat ailments. With the rise of modern science however, many began looking at music therapy in a more scientific light. Music therapy's modern roots began in 1944 when Michigan State University initiated the first music therapy curriculum, and continued in 1950 with the creation of the American Music Therapy Association.

"Music therapy was first commonly used for the veterans of WWI and WWII," said Reeves, "It was used to 'soothe the soul' for veterans who suffered from shellshock, or what we now know as post traumatic stress disorder."

Later, with the move of music therapy into school and hospitals, music therapy became more standardized.

"Music is very powerful," said Reeves, "...it is a good

facilitator of relaxation, physical therapy, or exercise."

Reeves, who has experience as a private practitioner, now works at a state psychiatric facility where she works with patients who suffer from personality, mood, and psychiatric disorders.

"Patients get into the state system when someone thinks that they can't take care of themselves, either by petition, certification by a psychiatrist, and sometimes it is even voluntary," said Reeves.

Music therapy helps patients who suffer from mental illness in a variety of ways. Patients are assessed by their functioning level and musical ability, which allows the therapist to create a unique program for each individual. Music allows the patients to interact with others and explore their feelings.

"You may have this perception of someone who is mentally ill being violent, but many statistics show that the mentally ill are less violent, and that mental institutions are safer than the outside world. Most of the time my patients are scared, and are withdrawn, not violent," said Reeves.

Much of the stigma about mental illness arises because the population is ignorant about the facts. Sensationalized stories about the mentally ill are everywhere, and scare the public. Reeves tries to include facts in her lectures to help educate the populace and break down the stereotypes.

Reeves encouraged students to get involved with music therapy and learn more about the healing effects and actual scientific background if they are considering such a career.

"Music therapy is everywhere," said Reeves, "It goes right into you, and helps so many people in so many ways."

Grants ease financial burden

By Mylene Wood
Staff Reporter

Spring Term may seem many months away, but the Financial Aid office has already begun work on their Spring Term Grants. These grants come from Alma College and are awarded to those students that meet certain criteria.

There are also loans that the Financial Aid office is willing to help students find to help fund their Spring Term. These loans will be deferred while the student is still in school. The Financial Aid office processes many of these types of loans and is willing to help.

To be considered for one of these grants, students must sign up in the Financial Aid office by 5 pm on Monday, November 1 and provide information on the sheet as to why they should be considered for the award. Two of the first things that the Financial Aid office looks at while choosing the students is what year in school they are in and if they have fulfilled their S-course requirements. A first-year student without their S-course requirement has less of a chance at receiving a grant than a senior without their S-course requirement. They also look to see if the student has traveled overseas with a group from Alma College in the past. One drawback is that if you have previously received a Spring Term Grant, you are ineligible to receive another. Financial need is also a consideration.

"If you don't know where you stand because you never see your financial plan, stop in (to the Financial Aid office) and check out your options," said Chris Brown, Director of Financial Aid.

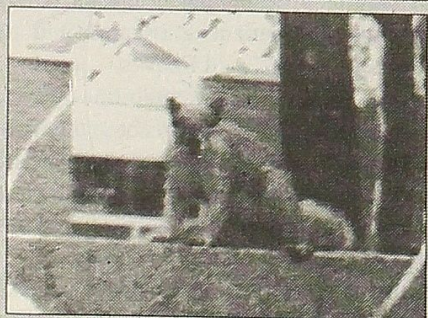
Once the determinations have been made as to who will receive the awards, the students will be notified within 7-10 days.

The estimated cost for this school year's Spring Term is approximately \$509. The Financial Aid office has a total of \$35,000 budgeted for these grants which will help 40-50 students either stay on campus through the spring or travel to do research overseas. The minimum award is \$500 and the highest is \$1,000, with the average being \$750. These grants have been built into the Financial Aid budget for the 1999-2000 school year and have been increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

"Even if you're just thinking about doing a Spring Term, sign up because you will never know," said Brown.

You must also register for the Spring Term course you described on the sign up sheet in order to receive the grant.

The Financial Aid office will be open to help students decide if signing up for one of the available grants is good for them.



Bryan Waugh

The numerous squirrels on campus are gearing up for winter. Do they seem to be getting bigger every year?

Dress and Dine for Success 1999

Dining etiquette and proper attire taught to seniors

By AMY NOVAK
Online Editor

Have you ever had those pre-interview jitters? Do you ever wonder what to wear, what you should order, even how to eat it? And have you ever suffered from 'which fork to use' anxieties? If so, you are not alone. Each year, Alma College offers to answer all of these questions and more, with Dress and Dine for Success.

"I was really interested in Dress and Dine because I realized that in a couple years I am going to be in the situation where I need to know a lot of this stuff and I want to be prepared," said junior Elizabeth Webber who attended the event. "I think that it will really help in the real world for interviews and jobs."

The President's Office, the Center for Student Development and the South Complex Residence Hall Staff all sponsored Dress and Dine for Success 1999. This year's program featured Dr. Jonieta Stone, Carolyn Schneider from the Center for Student Development, and Lynn O'Rear, a 1994 Alma Graduate who is currently working for Electronic Data Systems (EDS). Students who were interested in attending signed up in advance in the Student Development Office.

"I attended because I like to take advantage of the programs here at Alma,"

said senior Kevin Main. "This program, like many others, helps you to stay a step above the competition."

Dr. Stone began the evening with a complete explanation of what to do at a formal meal. She covered every aspect of

"It was really great to learn how to act at a formal dinner. A lot of students have never had a formal dining experience, and then when you get thrown into that situation, you want to look good, you want to know how to act."

• Kevin Main (00)

business and interview meals, from how to eat soup properly to which fork to use and why. She gave students the do's and don'ts on what to order and demonstrated the proper placement of utensils to signify the completion of your meal.

"The dining aspect of the program, the finer points of it, were really useful," said Webber. "I learned a lot of things that I never would have known otherwise."

Next, students were served a formal meal including French onion soup, chicken breast, julienne zucchini, baked potato, salad, and chocolate cheesecake for

dessert. Throughout the meal, Dr. Stone provided helpful hints as to make formal dining much less stressful and much more relaxing.

"For me, the dining etiquette was the most beneficial aspect of the evening," said Main. "It is something that should have been taught in middle school, like as a politeness or social behavior class. It was really great to learn how to act at a formal dinner. A lot of students have never had a formal dining experience, and then when you get thrown into that situation, you want to look good, you want to know how to act. Dress and Dine really shows you how."

After the meal, the residents of the South Dorms modeled proper interview and business attire. Both Schneider and O'Rear commented on the type of clothing to wear for formal interviews, casual interviews, business formal, and business casual.

Fifty students attended Dress and Dine for Success and were offered the chance to become more accustomed to interview and business dining and attire. All the rules and suggestions presented were typed up and handed out in a booklet for students to keep.

"It was really beneficial if you take the words to heart," said Main. "It is a really good opportunity because not a lot of schools offer programs like this. It's one of the advantages of a small school, they are really interested and committed to helping you get a good job."

Horoscopes

What's your future? Ask Claire the Clairvoyant...

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) Having trouble with those boring classes? Take a short trip to clear your head, and have a little fun in the process. This weekend brings trouble with a close friend. Apologize, even if you don't think you did anything wrong, a friendship is a horrible thing to lose.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) In the mood to give? This week is the perfect time to go with your gut and volunteer your time where it's most needed—as a big brother or big sister, maybe even at a hospital or women's shelter. You'll reap unimaginable benefits, and learn the true meaning of the phrase "giving is better than receiving."

Gemini (May 21-Jun. 20) Taking a long hard look at your life this week could be the best thing for you. Saturday you'll come to a decision that will affect the rest of your life. However difficult it may seem, don't worry, everything will work out in the end.

Cancer (Jun. 21-Jul. 22) Feel as though you're bogged down with problems? The best way to deal with these problems is to go for a run or swim a few laps—not only will it clear your head, but you'll feel better about yourself too. This weekend calls for lots of partying—just don't overdo it!

Leo (Jul. 23-Aug. 22) Are members of the opposite sex lining up to ask you out? Don't be surprised, this week is going to be full of proposals, but beware, you shouldn't judge a book by its cover. Someone that might not catch your eye initially could turn out to be your soul mate.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22) Is money burning a hole in your pocket? Resist the urge to splurge this week and think economically, you'll be thankful for it in the long run. Looking for Mr. or Ms. Right?

They're right about the corner—literally.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22) If you've come into power lately, beware, you're letting it go straight to your head. You'll be more effective as a leader if you give and take a little, not just take. This weekend is going to be a let down, especially on the romance front. Don't get depressed though, your soul mate is out there, waiting to be found.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) This week is the perfect time to discuss your future plans with a significant other. Taking a break may be the best plan of action, go with your gut. Friday afternoon a surprising twist to an already old situation occurs.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A project that you've been working on for a long time will start to take shape. Look at your finished project with pride—you worked hard and long on it. This weekend will be too much of a party, trouble could result.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Looking for something new and exciting? Cut out the exciting and go for new, you'll be better off in the long run. A shopping spree on Friday gets you in trouble with Mr. Visa. Control those urges!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Surprises abound this week—both good and bad. Take the good, and toss the bad out, along with a significant other that's getting on your nerves. The weekend finds you having fun with friends—skip out on romance for awhile.

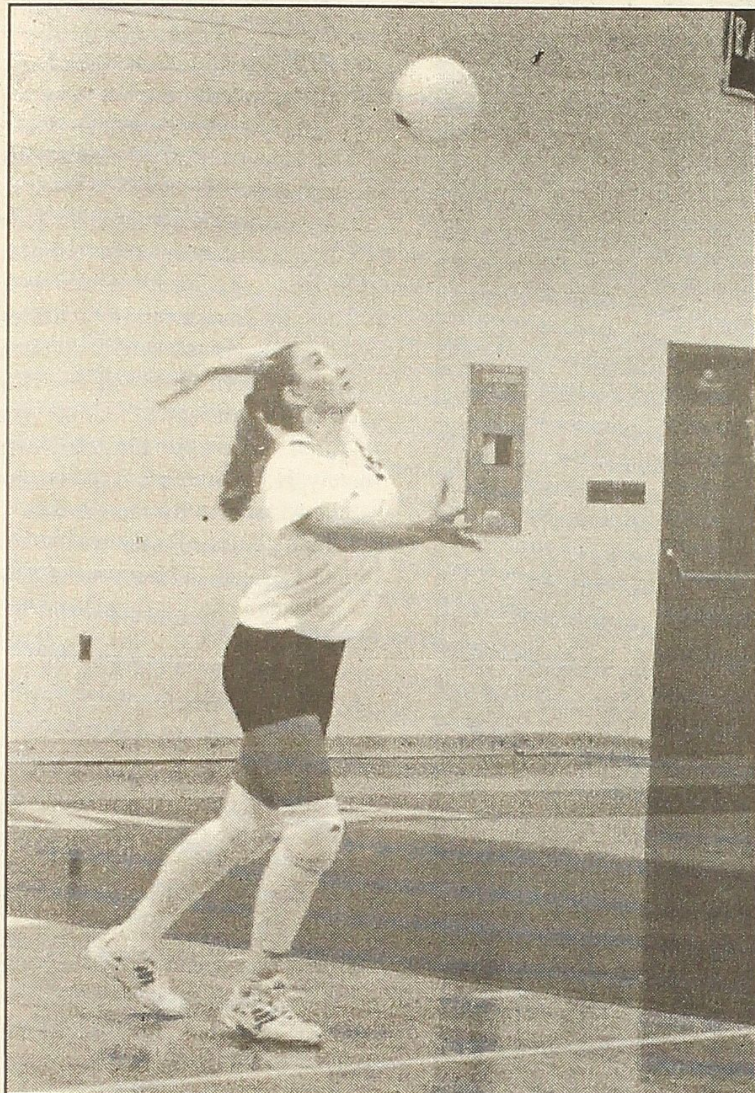
Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Don't get caught up in the heat of the moment this weekend—that Romeo or Juliet could turn out to be a dud. Use some time on Saturday to do some studying for an upcoming test—don't underestimate that professor.

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SPORTS

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Volleyball team loses to Calvin, beats Defiance



J. R. Logan

Jamie Lippert (02) goes for a serve at the game last Wednesday.

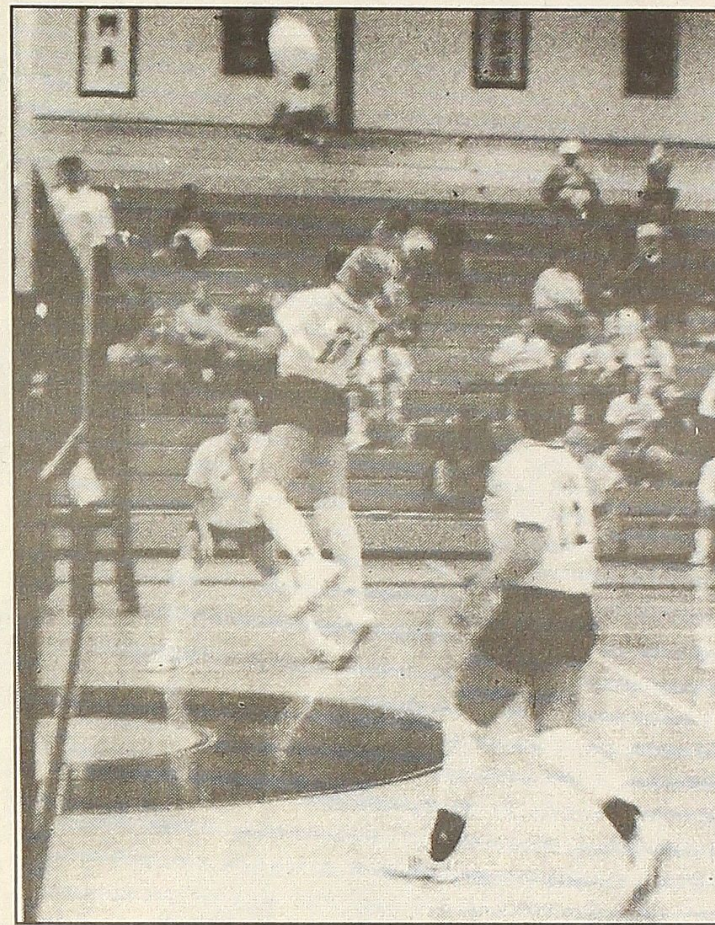
By AMANDA McKINNON
Freelance Writer

On Wednesday, October 6, the Alma Scots hosted the Calvin Knights in a key MIAA volleyball match-up. Attempting to avoid a MIAA loss, the Scots began the night off with a quick 6 points. From that point on it was all down hill for the Scots. For the remaining two matches the Scots only managed a mere 9 points. In the end Alma was defeated 10-15, 5-15, 0-15.

Over all the Knights brought in 12 aces. Five by Rhonda Volkers along with 10 kills and 6 digs, and Sara Ahrenholz with 3 of the 12 aces and 18 assists. Ann Wiersma had 9 kills and a team high of 12 digs.

Alma did not let this go, junior Meghann Devlin (Holt) had 6 kills and junior Andrea Horton (Pottsville) added 5 kills and 13 digs. Despite the loss Alma remained enthusiastic throughout the whole game.

On Friday, October 9, Defiance (Ohio) hosted Alma for a league win for the Scots. After the loss on Wednesday the Scots pulled off a much needed victory triumphing 15-4, 15-14, 6-15, 15-8. Devlin again led the Scots with to victory with 17 kills and 7 blocks. First-year student Meghan Cook (DeWitt) helped out with 18 kills,



J. R. Logan

Meghann Devlin (01) springs up for a spike as teammates look on.

15 digs and 2 aces. At the same time fellow classmate Katie Moll (Ferndale) tallied 15 digs and sophomore Jamie Lippert (Alma) led the setters with 47 assists.

The Scots take a break from league action today when they

host Spring Arbor College at 7 p.m. After that they will prepare for their big trip of the year this weekend. The women will travel to Rochester, New York to take part in the Rochester College Invitational.

Men's golf still tied for first in MIAA

By DONNA PAPPAS
News Editor

In the final league meet of the season, sophomore Drew Rummel led the men's golf team to their season-best fifth place finish. Rummel won the tournament by one stroke, earning his first individual medal of his collegiate career with a season-low score of 73.

On Saturday, the Scots hosted the match at the Pine River Country Club. Alma finished with a score of 401, behind Albion (401), Calvin (393), Adrian (389), Hope (387) and Olivet (382).

"We ended on a strong note with our best score of the year. We are going to begin a new spring golf program to improve our ability for next season," said coach Mark Starkweather.

"Going into the match our goal was to break 400 as a team and we shot 401, so we're showing improvement," said Rummel.

Also scoring for the Scots were junior Jerry Hanks (81), first-year student Armand Samouelian (81), sophomore Spencer Wideman (83), sophomore Sean Kassen (83) and sophomore Corey Cohle (88).

The Scots finished the season in eighth place with an average score

of 419.5. Leading the conference are Hope, Olivet and Calvin.

"Our team goal was 400 or better, but we were almost 20 strokes off of that goal. We will be having a team meeting to determine new strategies for next year," said Starkweather.

"At the beginning, we thought we had a chance to make top three in the conference, but inconsistent play led to finishing out of the top three. If we play more consistently and shoot our potential, next year we should be able to finish in the top three," said Rummel.

"We played a lot better than we have been playing, but still not as good as we should have. But with the help of Drew's tournament win of 73, we shot our lowest score of the year," said Kassen.

The team will lose one player, senior Jon Chapel, next year. Chapel was the number two scorer for the Scots in the match at The Prairies, hosted by Kalamazoo College on Thursday, with a score of 81.

Leading the team on Thursday, Rummel shot a 77, with additional scoring from Samouelian, first-year student Jacob Garza, Hanks and Cohle. The Scots finished in eighth place overall with a score of 419.

Peters leads Scots at MIAA jamboree

By KELLY McDONALD
Sports Editor

Jenny Peters (00) led the Alma College attack on the golf course last week when the Scots traveled to Kalamazoo for the fifth MIAA jamboree of the season. As a team Alma finished third, with 365 strokes, behind Albion's 343 and Hope's 360.

Peters, from Davison, was one stroke off the top spot with an impressive score of 80. Ellen Colenbrander, of Hope, finished first with a 79. Colenbrander pretty much has first place wrapped up as she has yet to relinquish her top dog status all season long.

"I'm glad to finally have a low score," said Peters, "I've been practicing putting all year and I putted real well today. I had 14 putts on the back for a 38. I'll take it."

The Scots played at The Prairies Golf Course in Kalamazoo for the first time. The results were not as good as they would of preferred, but the women still had fun.

"I really had fun playing the new course. I had three birdies on the back nine but still

scrambled for a 38," said Peters.

Also scoring in the top ten was sophomore Lindsay Carpenter. Her 87 was good for eighth place. Alma also saw Jodi Taylor (00) shoot a 98. Caroline Olsson (03) and Julie Harris (02) shot a 100 and 102, respectively.

The team is fired up as the season comes to a close. The Scots are currently ranked second in the MIAA with a 360 stroke average. The Flying Dutchmen of Hope have secured the top dog position as they lead Alma by 63 strokes, averaging 347 strokes a match.

"We plan on finishing the season strong because we only have two meets left," said Peters.

Alma traveled to Calvin on Monday and will get in the big white vans on Saturday for the adventure to Defiance (OH).



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Women's soccer team struggles to find back of net



Player defends her possession of the ball at the Scot's game on Wednesday.

Bryan Waugh

By STEPHENIE GOODELL
Staff Reporter

The Alma College women's soccer team took to the battle field twice last week, first at home against Hope College and then away against Adrian.

The lady Scots faced Hope College Wednesday, October 6, at Scotland Yard. The team made a valiant effort but could not score a single goal against their opponent. Unfortunately, Hope fired a barrage of shots at the Alma goal for the 7-0 win.

Alma's Susan Fisher was able to make 13 saves in goal for the Scots as her teammates struggled to gain control of the ball. The Dutchmen bombarded the goalie with 33 total shots helping them gain the MIAA win.

On Saturday the ninth, the women's soccer team faced Adrian College at Adrian. The Scots seemed to have better luck this time as they kept their opponent out of the goal. With no score by the end of regulation play the game went into overtime. As the women fought for a goal the clock ran out and they went into double overtime. First-year student Jessica Roberts was able to get past the Adrian goalie and the game ended tied at 1-1 in the MIAA match up.

You can catch the Scots in action as they take to the field again on October 16, as they confront St. Mary's College at home.

Scots remain undefeated, 24th in nation

By AMY NOVAK
Online Editor

The Scots football team remains undefeated after their 48-28 victory over Olivet College last Saturday. The Scots defeated the Comets in front of an Olivet Homecoming crowd, and are now ranked 24th in the nation for Division III football.

The Scot offense continued to dominate with senior quarterback Josh Wakefield completing 24 of 40 passes for 360 yards and four scores. The Scots posted 469 yards of total offense while the Comets were held to 386. On the ground, senior Greg Bowden led the Scots with 80 yards in 12 carries. Junior Kris Brown ran for 206 yards on 31 carries. For the receivers, Junior Brian Pierce was the leader with 159 yards from five catches and a touchdown. Senior Leonard Warren had 5 receptions for 76 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, the Scots were led by junior Dan Sweetman who had 11 tackles and once interception, senior co-captain Tim Webb also had an interception, and senior co-captain Dustin Armstrong had nine tackles and two sacks.

Olivet scored first in this matchup, with a 55 yard gate play run in the second play of the game. But the Scots responded immediately, scoring on their first possession of the game when Wakefield finished a 71 yard drive with a 15 yard touchdown pass to Warren.

Later in the first, Webb intercepted a Comet pass that sent the offense back onto the field. Bowden later ran in from the one yard line to leave the score 15-8. Neither the Scots nor the Comets scored in the second quarter, as Alma committed two turnovers, one in the end zone, and the

Scots left the field leading by seven at the half.

In the third, Alma overcame its turnover problem as Wakefield ended a 11 play, 67 yard drive with a 20 yard touchdown pass to sophomore Brian Burgtorf.. This put the Scots up 22-8.

Later in the third, Sweetman picked off an Olivet pass and ran it back to the two. Wakefield scored the touchdown as he ran it in on an option keeper.

The Scots scored again early in the fourth, when Wakefield threw a one yard pass to sophomore Kris Ernst to end a 10 play, 59 yard drive. The Comets then responded by scoring two more touchdowns, but the Scots sealed their victory on a 45 yard pass from Wakefield to Pierce, leaving the score 48-28.

The Scots travel to Holland next Saturday to take on MIAA nemesis Hope College (1-0 in the MIAA, 1-3 overall) at 1:30. The Scots last victory over the Dutchmen was in 1996.

| Football scores from around the MIAA | | | |
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| Alma | 48 | Olivet | 28 |
| Albion | 33 | Adrian | 6 |
| Hope | 40 | Defiance | 7 |
| Kalamazoo | 25 | Mac Murray (IL) | 20 |

Weekend Scores

Men's Soccer
Alma 1 Hiram 0

Women's Soccer
Alma 0 Grace (Ind.) 4

Volleyball
Alma 1 Mt. Union 3
17-15, 6-15, 15-13, 15-11

Alma 2 Penn St.-Behrend 3
15-12, 15-13, 11-15, 10-15, 19-17

Alma 3 Kenyon 0
15-5, 15-6, 15-13

Alma 2 John Carrol 3
15-8, 4-15, 15-19, 18-16

Men's Cross Country
4th at Ferris State Invitational

Women's Cross Country
2nd at Ferris State Invitational

Men's Golf
7th at Defiance

Women's Golf
1st at St. Mary's

The annual rivalry:
MSU vs. UM

By KATIE BEAM
Freelance Writer

Last Saturday, the Michigan State Spartans and the Michigan Wolverines met at the Spartan Stadium in East Lansing for the biggest match-up between the two teams in ten years. How so? Well, both teams were undefeated, 5-0. Michigan was No. 3 in the Top 25, while State was ranked No. 11. Michigan was favored to win by 2 1/2 points. In the last 29 years, the Spartans have won only six times, and not since 1995! It seemed as though it should have been an easy game for Michigan...

...except that the Spartans completely dominated the game from the get-go. In the first quarter, MSU QB Bill Burke executed a flea flicker pass for 68 yards to receiver Plaxico Burress. One play later T.J. Duckett rushed one yard into the endzone for a touchdown. MSU was on the board, 7-0.

Exceptional defense from the No. 1 rushing defense in the country kept Michigan from answering until kicker Hayden Epstein boomed a 56 yard field goal in the second quarter. MSU answered with a field goal of its own and remained in the lead, 10-3.

Michigan, utilizing its two-quarterback system, replaced Tom Brady with Drew Henson in the second. Like Brady, Henson struggled but came alive with an 81 yard completion to Marcus Knight for a touchdown. Michigan now tied State at 10 -10.

But MSU came right back and kicked a fieldgoal to lead 13-10 at halftime. Michigan trailing at halftime!?!? Well, there was still the second half...

But the Spartans exploded in the third and Michigan was unable to answer. QB Burke threw a 19 yard pass to Gari Scott for a touchdown. And then Aric Morris picked off a Henson pass and returned it to the Michigan 18 yard line. This set up a 15 yard touchdown pass from Burke to Burress. MSU now led 27-10.

The Wolverines never gave up. Early in the fourth, they rushed for a touchdown, and MSU answered with their own rushing TD. The score was now 34-17. But Michigan wasn't done yet. QB Brady fired a touchdown to David Terrell and then Aaron Shea rushed for another. The score was now 31-34 with 2:40 left. Michigan tried an onside kick, but MSU recovered it. Burress then caught a crucial first-down pass that crushed Michigan's hope for a come-from-behind victory. The final score was MSU 34, Michigan 31.

Just how good were those Spartans? Other than defeating their number-one rival, Burke passed for 400 yards and Burress had 255 yards receiving—both setting new school records! Now MSU is 6-0 and will surely move up in the Top 25. And, at least for a year, the Spartans have bragging rights and MSU fans can wear their apparel with pride.

Scots still tied
for first in MIAA

By DAN JOYCE
Staff Reporter

With a win over Albion and a game that will be rescheduled, the Alma College men's soccer team still resides atop the MIAA standings with Kalamazoo College. Kalamazoo holds a 5-1 MIAA record, while the Scots hold a 4-1 MIAA record due to Saturdays game being rescheduled.

Last Tuesday, October 5, at Scotland Yard, the Scots once again proved that they deserve to be in first place in the MIAA. With very little help (and maybe even a little opposition) from the referees, the team had their work cut out for them. Many questionable calls were made in favor of the opposing Albion Britons. It seemed as though all of Alma's corner kicks turned into Albion goal kicks. These type of calls just made the 3-0 Alma win that much sweeter.

After big, double overtime wins against both Hope College and Calvin College, coach Fry said, "our last two games were huge emotional wins, to win today was big."

Just watching the game was very emotional. Many spectacular plays were made in the goal, on defense, and on offense.

The Alma defense only allowed the Britons five shots while the Alma offense shot a total of 21 times. Senior goal keeper Jon Cullen stopped all five of the Albion shots, one of which included a diving save on a ball curving around the wall on a free kick.

Seeing a beautiful pass split two defenders and hit the mark was not uncommon for the Scots offense.

More than a few times, an Alma player would simply outrun the Britons defense and have a shot on goal. Jeff Hosler (02) beat two Albion defenders, faked the keeper, and took a shot late in the first half of play. Hosler's shot ricocheted off the post and out, but set the stage for many more plays that were much the same.

The first Alma goal came off of a Nate Spang (00) shot that was bobbled by the keeper and rebounded by Jim Allen (00). In the second half, both Paul Aceto (01) and Hosler tallied points for the Scots. Official stats added two assists to Spang and one of the same to Tom Aceto (03).

Coach Fry felt that his team "missed chances to put it away early" but was completely satisfied with his team's performance.

"We played solid defense. We controlled the midfield and our bench gave the extra effort. All we have to do now is get ready for Kalamazoo College."

Kalamazoo College will come visit our very own city of Alma on October 13 to play a game of king of the hill and break the tie for first in the MIAA. This match has the makings of one of the most exciting games of the season. Coach Fry and the whole Alma team hope to see everyone there.

The game set for October 9 against Defience College (OH) will be rescheduled due to the Alma College bus quitting short of its Ohio destination.

Elsewhere in the MIAA, Hope College beat Adrian College 3-0, Calvin College won a close 2-1 game over Olivet College, and Kalamazoo College showed up Albion 3-0.

Scot Superstar
of the Week

Jennifer Peters
Senior, Golf

Peters, a native of Davison, shot her best score of the season last week with an 80. She placed second in the field to help the Scots to a third place finish. She followed up with a solid 86 during Monday's tournament. Peters is a 1996 graduate of Davison High School who is majoring in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood Endorsement and minors in Spanish and Sociology. *The Almanian* got the inside stuff on this outstanding student athlete...

Favorite sport other than golf: skiing, volleyball

Favorite hobby: reading, golf, swimming and playing with kids

Favorite T.V. show: Who's line is it anyways?

Favorite movie: Prince of Egypt

Favorite car: Durango

Favorite Book: Bible

Favorite food: doughnuts, turkey

Favorite video game: Mario Cart

Why you came to Alma College: to play golf and get a teaching degree in 4 years

Profession you most admire: mother, doctor

If you had a million dollars you would: give most of it away

Biggest influence on sports career: dad and Tom Weadock (high school golf coach)

If you could tell other students one thing about Alma College, what would it be: great atmosphere, nice people, good food selection compared to other colleges

Cross Country teams fare well at Michigan Collegiate

Women place 6th, men place 9th

By AMY NOVAK
Online Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams competed well this weekend, after running in the Michigan Intercollegiate, an invitational hosted by Hillsdale College. The women's team emerged in sixth place with 188 points while the men's team finished in ninth place with 282 points.

The Alma Scots women's team fared the best of all competing MIAA schools. They were led by first-year student Amanda Dusendang with one of her best times, finishing in 19th place with a time of 20:35. First-year student Darby Cornelius came in 37th with a time of 21:01, while junior Shelley Maruszak finished 40th completing the course in 21:08. Also placing for the Scots was senior Anne Grimaldi with 48th place and a time of

21:25 and junior Stacy Turschak in 56th place with a time of 21:41. Other times for the women include sophomore Lindsey Nederhood with 22:37 (83rd) and first-year student Dawna Anderson with 22:10 (85th).

Men's cross country finished second of all MIAA schools, and ninth of 19 small schools. The men's team was led by first-year student Garnet Johnson who finished 43rd with a time of 27:34. Sophomore Reid Maguire also placed, finishing with a time of 27:48 for 52nd place, and sophomore Mark Penzien finished in 27:59 for 61st place. Other men's times are first-year student Ted Burton with 28:18 (78th), senior Kyle Kristin with 28:25 (88th), junior Brent Warner with 28:44 (97th), sophomore Andrew Kibbe with 29:43 (129th), first-year student Adam Sudia with 29:50 (132nd), and sophomore Scott Baker with 31:28 (155th).

The Michigan Intercollegiate was won by Grand Valley for the women, and Sienna Heights for the men.

The Scots Superstar of the Week is something new for the sports section this year. Each week *The Almanian* will select an Alma College athlete who has excelled, improved or overcome odds in their respective sport. Coaches, players and fans are welcome to nominate their favorite Scot by emailing the sports editor at 00kmmcd@alma.edu. Be sure to include why you think the athlete should be Superstar of the Week and your name, otherwise your vote will not be considered. We are currently accepting nominations for next week's Superstar of the Week so get your votes in early.

Ventura, controversial but gets job done

By DAN JOYCE
Staff Reporter

Jesse "The Body" Ventura has caused a huge controversy since he announced his candidacy for mayor of Minnesota. Many people were surprised when the announcement was made that he would, at least for the time being, hold the title of Governor Jesse Ventura.

For being such a controversial governor, Ventura has done quite well in the polls. In July he held a 73 percent approval rating, the highest ever for a Minnesota governor. Debate on ideals seems to follow Ventura if not bear his name. "I am not afraid to speak my mind," said Ventura on many occasions. And speak his mind he has. From knocking organized religion and blaming obesity on the obese, to his ideas of freer drug control laws and legalizing prostitution, Ventura has managed to become quite the headline grabber.

The former Navy SEAL and pro wrestler never attended college. He claims to be street smart, not school smart. He has a way of offending people at the level where they are interested in listening to what he has to say and even take him seriously. Once he gains the attention of the Minnesota residents, he pushes for bills to be set up that would enhance the educational system in the state that he so boldly represents.

"Am I here to launch a revolution? Maybe. Maybe I am," said Ventura in one interview.

He knows how to make people listen. He is able to talk enough politics to adhere to the standards of speaking in a large group of fellow politicians, yet is politically incorrect and laid back enough to relate to common students.

Governor Ventura spoke at Harvard this past week and discussed politics in such a way that the students could understand it. The students felt as though they were listening to a person they could relate to, not some number-cruncher who sits in an air conditioned office all day. Many students said they thoroughly enjoyed the talk given by the governor.

Prior to the speech at Harvard, one of the most controversial interviews that Ventura agreed to took place. The interview was not given by any news anchor or talk show host. The interview was with *Playboy Magazine*. After the interview was put into print, the national media had an all out field day.

Ventura was quoted as saying, "organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers. It tells people to go out and stick their noses in other people's business." Later, when discussing the Navy Tailhook scandal, Ventura stated that the whole deal was "much ado about nothing."

After the interview, Ventura's spokesperson stated that the governor was quoted out of context. Ventura later said that he should not need to apologize for speaking his mind and that people should not take him so seriously. Should then a governor or other ranking official not need to strive to be a role model?

Many people feel that an official should be a role model to the youth of America. Many others believe that a politician has a job to do and that their opinions and expressions have little relevance. If a governor has his state running smoothly, should people not be happy with his or her performance?

Governor Ventura has established goals to create better primary and secondary schools in Minnesota. He also pushed a bill through that gave many families a couple hundred dollar sales tax rebate. He did drop 19 points in *the Star Tribune of Minneapolis* after the interview with *Playboy*, but still holds a 54 percent approval rating. The state of Minnesota seems to be doing just as its governor asked; that he be judged on his actions, not on his words.

Governor Ventura has given some thought to running for president, though he does not sound too set on it. He said he did not feel like having all that control and still have to be in what he considered confinement within the White House. Even if he did leave he would have to be escorted by security everywhere he goes.

If Ventura did run for president, he would have to work hard to win votes by convincing people to overlook his opinions, which he so readily expresses. To do this he would have to continue to do a superb job politically in Minnesota. He would also have to become a slightly better role model. Though, compared to many of those who have sat in the Oval Office, Ventura is a saint.

Overall, Ventura is on the right track in Minnesota. He may need some lessons in manners, but if he continues to push his state forward, he has the potential to be a great leader.

The Stones and Homecoming Committee: Job well done

By MICHAEL MURPHY
Opinion Editor

Once again, the Homecoming Committee did a superb job getting the Alma College campus prepared for the 1999 Homecoming. From the beginning of Homecoming through the final day that saw a Dunning Memorial Chapel service, the Homecoming Committee tried its hardest to get students involved in the fun festivities in which the theme was "A Celebration of the Decades."

Every night, the Homecoming Committee was working hard putting together games, dances, voting and publicity for the Court, pool tournaments, and, of course, the parade. There was so much behind-the-scenes work that went on during the week that students

are unaware of. Committee members labored constantly trying to formulate quality ideas for games for students to participate in. Their effort in trying to get students to the pool tournament and other places was excellent. Posters concerning the Homecoming Court took a long time to complete so that students knew who they were voting for.

The dance on Friday night was superbly executed. Decorations around Van Dusen provided a merry atmosphere for students to come, dance, talk, and have a good time.

The big parade was also successfully worked, as there were many floats from outside the campus. It was very nice seeing floats from surrounding communities. Everybody in the parade looked like they were having a great time despite

the gray weather. The parade took a lot of time to plan, and the Homecoming Committee did a phenomenal job running it.

Although President Alan Stone and his wife Jonietta are not members of the Homecoming Committee, they should also be commended for a job well done this year. On Friday night, they hosted a 50th year reunion party. As usual, their house looked impeccable, and they were great hosts, greeting returnees with smiles. All of the graduates of '49 were having a great time. Then on Saturday, they hosted a 25th year reunion.

Without a doubt, the Stone's and the Homecoming Committee did a great job making this year's Homecoming a most memorable event. It was definitely a "Celebration of the Decades."

Sports Track by Michael Murphy

Where have the stars gone? The injuries of the NFL

Doesn't the National Football League look a little different from years past?

Are you wondering why you haven't heard about many of the big name players that once had occupied 95 percent of ESPN's SportsCenter?

Numerous big time players are missing from headlines for many reasons.

First of all, there is retirement. John Elway: gone. Reggie White: gone. Chris Spielman: contemplating retirement. Barry Sanders: who even knows nowadays?

Then there are plenty of prime-time players who are or have been on the injured list. Speaking of prime-time, you have prime-time himself Mr. Deion Sanders who returned to the playing field on October 3 after missing the first three weeks due to injury.

Lion Herman Moore has been hurt since Game 1 against Seattle. He has been sidelined because of a partially torn ligament in his knee. Moore has been one of the top receivers in the NFL for nearly the entire decade, and his loss has hurt the Lions' passing attack in many ways.

New York Jet Wayne Chrebet has a broken foot and his quarterbacking teammate Vinny Testaverde is gone because of an Achilles tendon injury. Chrebet is an excellent wide receiver, while Testaverde led the Jets to the AFC-Championship Game last season.

'Niners running back and former Heisman Trophy winner Garrison Hearst has a broken leg, while fellow teammate Steve Young, who has guided the 'Niners throughout the 90s, is out once again due to a concussion.

Atlanta's quarterback Chris Chandler, who was a major factor in leading the Falcons to last year's Superbowl, is out because of a disturbed hamstring.

Steve "Air" McNair of the Tennessee Titans is gone because of a neck injury. McNair has been quarterbacking for the Titans / Oilers for the past three seasons and has developed into a quality NFL quarterback.

Rob Moore, a solid wide receiver for the Arizona Cardinals, is out with a shoulder injury.

Wrapping it up is Denver's running back Terrell Davis, who was the league's leading rusher last year. He has been a major force behind the Broncos' two straight Super Bowl victories. Unfortunately for Mike Shanahan and the Broncos, Davis is out for the season with a severe knee injury.

Without a doubt, injuries have taken a toll on players throughout the entire NFL. Teams used to victory have seen great loss, while teams used to losing are finding themselves atop the standings such as the St. Louis Rams and Seattle Seahawks. Denver, which has won the past two Superbowls, is 1-4.

The race for the Lombardi Trophy is definitely anybody's. It is going to be very interesting seeing which teams are going to compete for division titles and, more importantly, the Superbowl. Teams that were in the Superbowl last year, like the Broncos and Falcons, are already realistically out of the playoffs unless they win 9 of their last 11 games. It is about time that there is a season in which new teams make the playoffs.

Shades of that trend were seen last year when the Falcons and Jets entered into the picture. This year, there should be many more teams that will be vying for playoff spots. This will make for exciting games week by week, and will stimulate further fan interest throughout cities that have seen once crummy teams playing really well. New teams mean new excitement in the NFL.

Is Dingell-Norwood good for you?

BY MYLENE WOOD
Staff Writer

Over the past few decades, many people have been switching from basic health insurance to HMO systems under the impression that these systems provide better health care. However, as HMOs became more prevalent, people began to discover that their rights were hindered by a legal loophole. This led to the 1974 Employment Retirement Income Security Act, which barred people from suing insurers and HMOs. Just recently, Congress has decided that this needed to be reformed, and now there are potentially three different bills being proposed by congressmen.

The main bill being discussed at the current moment is the base of the Patients' Bill of Rights which is cosponsored by U.S. Rep. John Dingell, Democratic congressman from Dearborn and U.S. Rep. Charles Norwood, R-Ga., a dentist. The bill, known as the Dingell-Norwood bill, says that "medical necessity is a decision which lies in the hands of the doctors and the patient." HMOs will "be accountable for their errors which hurt people when they engage in the practice of medicine," Dingell said in the *Detroit Free Press*.

HMO officials disagree with this, however. They feel that they need to fight back against the rising costs of health care and still provide for patients. The Dingell-Norwood bill would require them to raise their costs, and thus lose patients.

Many physicians feel that HMOs need to be reformed, if not for anything else, for basic human rights. In many instances, patients have not been given sufficient health care coverage by their HMOs. In many of these situations, it has been due to a doctor's prescription of either a new or experimental drug. Dr. Robert Taylor, from Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, calls the Dingell-Norwood bill a step in the right direction. He claims that he hears "no" from insurers every day when it comes to his mul-

tiple sclerosis patients, who make up a high number of the patients denied care.

Under the Dingell-Norwood bill, complaints about an HMO are reviewed by independent physicians, unless a death or an injury has occurred, in which case it proceeds directly to court. This helps in most cases, but for those involving death or injury, it is simply too late. Money does not take the place of a loved one.

One of the other bills is co-sponsored by U.S. Reps. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and John Shadegg, R-Ariz., requires an independent review of each case, like Dingell-Norwood, whether or not death or injury occur. Under this bill, however, a case can be dismissed if the HMO hires an outside party who determines that the HMO did not cause the problem or if the patient is not hurt. A patient also has to provide "clear and convincing" evidence that the external review is incorrect.

This bill does not provide much help for the patient. For the most part, it seems to harm the patient. An outside source is brought in to determine if the patient has been wronged by their HMO. A person can usually tell by themselves if they are hurt in any way.

Under both Dingell-Norwood and this bill, the amount of damages awarded is limited.

The third bill is sponsored by U.S. Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio. His legislation does not allow for lawsuits against HMOs, but it does set financial penalties for HMOs who fail to provide adequate health care. This aids patients in the long run, but who determines if an HMO fails to provide for their patients? This also does not allow reform of the HMO, if a complaint can not be heard in a formal setting which could allow for a change in the HMO.

For the most part, the Dingell-Norwood bill is the best of the three so far. It provides an outlet for grievance and it gives back to the patients. It may raise costs, but if people want HMO coverage, they will pay the money and if they are willing to pay the money, then they want as much coverage as possible, as well as the best.

Detroit retailers not buying it

By Rachel Kuhl
Staff Writer

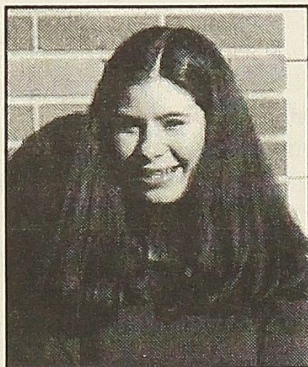
There are often unflattering stereotypes about the city of Detroit. People tend to think that there is high crime, low incomes and a lack of safety for both tourists and citizens alike. While city officials are trying to combat these stereotypes and focus on the positive, according to the *Detroit Free Press*, major retailers are not buying it. When Crowleys closed its doors in April, it left Detroit as the largest city in the U.S. without a major department store. This forces consumers to travel an average of 15-30 minutes to purchase the items they need at suburban malls. According to statistics, Detroit loses an estimated 1.4 billion dollars in retail sales every year to these local malls. Consumer Brenda Rice of Detroit admits that she spends nearly 85% of her shopping budget in suburban malls, "They keep track of our zip codes at stores, they've just made the decision not to locate here."

If the goal of retail sales is to make money, why are the major retailers still shying away from the city of Detroit when they can see that Detroiters have money to spend? According to retailers there are a few key factors as to why they are hesitant to make the move. First, they are concerned about the safety of their employees and their customers. Detroit has a reputation for high incidence of shoplifting and property damage forcing retailers to increase their store security, resulting in a greater operating cost. Another factor is the battle against the red tape. It is extremely timely and expensive for retailers to obtain the proper building permits, locate large enough lots for their stores, and get permission to clear land for construction. When faced with these and other obstacles, retailers seem to decide that it just is not worth it to leave the security and profits of their suburban mall locations.

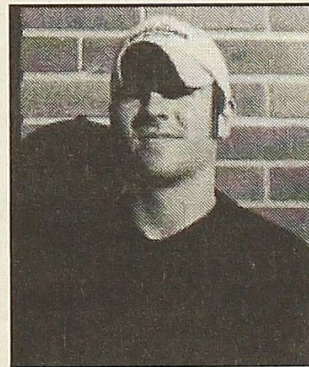
Detroit city officials, however, are trying to change retailer attitudes. In fact, the mayor himself has spent the last year speaking to dozens of major retailers in an attempt to draw them into the city. In a recent *Detroit Free Press* interview, mayor Archer stated, "I know retailers are considering Detroit." While the mayor might be convinced, other city officials and citizens are not. For, in spite of the mayor's best efforts, there have been no comments made by any major retailers on relocating to the city of Detroit. One would think that the first retailer to take a risk and actually try it would reap outstanding profit due to the simple fact that they would have high demand and little competition. Once one brave retailer finds success, hopefully others will follow and help to pull Detroit out of its economic slump. Especially in light of the new multimillion dollar Tiger Stadium recently built, it would seem to be an optimum time for both retailers and consumers to consider buying back into the great city of Detroit.

Campus Views

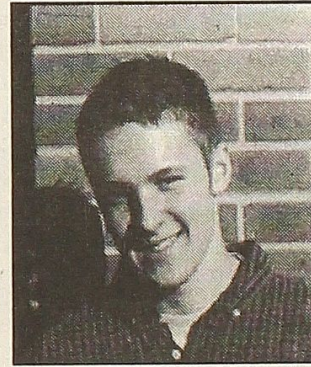
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"Very little."



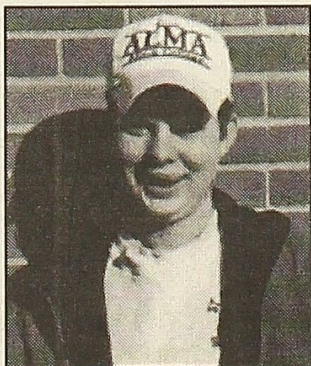
Mark O'Bryan (03)
"There is no life outside of TV."



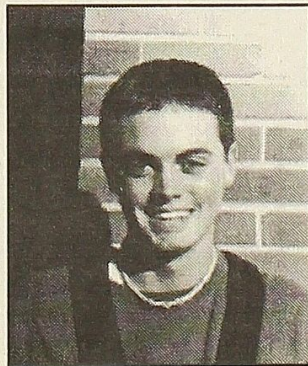
Adam Blair (02)
"It influences what kind of music I listen to."



Rachel Retzler (02)
"I don't watch TV because of all the violence."



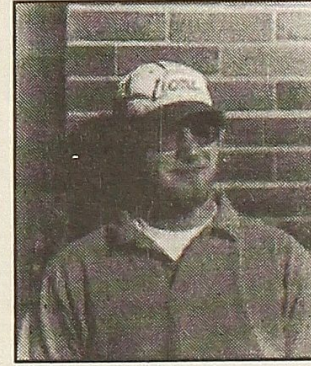
K.J. Johnson (01)
"Too much influence, I don't do my homework because of it."



Garth Cornwell (00)
"I don't watch a lot of TV."



Shannon Finnegan (03)
"For five weeks I was without TV here. Life is much better now that I have it."



Caleb Carr (02)
"TV was a good idea, but its application went awry."

Staff Editorial

Safety comes with light, not green grass

While students' feelings range from that of apathy to severe concern, the fact is that one problem still remains: campus lighting, or more appropriately, the lack of it. It has been under scrutiny for some time now, but lately it seems to have gotten worse.

"I've noticed it ever since I was a freshman but it's particularly bad this year since a few of the limited lights we do have don't work," said Heather Buist (01). "They need to fix the lights that aren't working and add more between McIntire Mall and the Bruske parking lot."

One cannot help but notice the number of lights that currently are out. Besides the ones that light the Bruske Hall lot, the two walkway lights that light the way from Dow Science Center to Clack Art Center are out and have been that way for a while.

"There are three lights in the Newberry/Clack parking lot that have been burnt out for quite some time. I called it in to Physical Plant at least two weeks ago and they haven't been repaired," said Kristin Kender (00).

So if Physical Plant is aware of the problem, why has nothing been done about it? The lights have been out since school started and they have had plenty of time to fix them. What causes concern is that instead of spending money to do the repairs, resources were allocated for sod to create the new "green space" between the back Newberry parking lot and Clack Art Center.

While it adds to the aesthetic value of the campus, such landscaping is expensive. Student safety and campus security should come before grass, even if Homecoming is right around the corner. Most likely parents would rather know there is adequate lighting for their student than see a lawn that is going to go dormant for the winter in a short time.

In addition to lighting that is in place but not working properly, there are some areas on campus could benefit from additional lighting.

"There are a few spots on campus that I feel uncomfortable walking through at night," said Megan Thurber (01).

Three areas in particular have been mentioned by students: one, the new lot created by Bruske Hall; two, the walkway from McIntire Mall alongside the Spirit Rock to the Bruske Hall lot; and three, the walkway along the side of Hamilton Commons that faces Mitchell Hall.

Another thing that needs to change is the way Physical Plant goes about dealing with the problem. Sara Vaughn (01) said, "The answer is actually putting in more lighting rather than removing sources that block it, such as trees or low branches."

Now that Homecoming is over, hopefully the focus will shift to fixing the lighting, which should have been a priority. If the college has enough money to spend on green grass, one would hope to see a solution in the near future.

Trump: a joke in the political arena

By CARA BONINE
Staff Reporter

Lowell P. Weicker Jr., the former Governor of Connecticut, announced on October 4 that he does not plan on seeking the Reform Party's nomination for president in the year 2000. In response to the recent announcement by Weicker, Donald Trump considers a presidential run for office.

Weicker, an independent, withdrew from the race stating that the Reform Party was making a laughing-stock of itself with recent public bickering.

In an interview with *The New York Times* in the October 4 issue, Weicker complained, "Right now, the whole focus is on personalities and wise-guy statements. If I get into a contest, I get into it to win, not as an academic exercise."

Weicker's associates have hinted that he may instead endorse possible democratic presidential nominee Bill Bradley. Weicker has said that among the other major party candidates, Bradley's views are most like his own.

With Weicker out of the presidential run, an opening for a new Reform Party presidential nominee has been created. Jesse Ventura, the Reform Party's highest elected

official and Minnesota's Governor, is now urging Donald Trump to seek the party's nomination, predicting that he could defeat the Republican and Democratic candidates.

In *The Wall Street Journal*, Donald Trump stated two reasons for a possible presidential candidacy.

"First," he said, "Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura has strongly encouraged me to seek the nomination, and I highly respect Jesse as the embodiment of the political qualities America needs and voters reward."

The second reason was Pat Buchanan. Trump states, "He has the virtue of plain speaking, but he often says stupid things."

If Ventura wants the Reform Party to be considered as a serious and intricate part of the political system, then he needs to rethink urging Donald Trump to run for political office.

Donald Trump, the man who, with his well-documented personal history, has created a flamboyant, "sugar-daddy" reputation. Marla Maples, who he eventually married and then divorced, ended his first marriage to Ivana. Then there was the infamous headline from the *New York Times* quoting Maples, his girlfriend at the time, as saying that Trump was the "Best Sex I Ever Had."

Americans have already been drowned with plenty of affairs, sex scandals and political embarrassment during the Clinton administration. In the wake of these events, the American public is looking for a moral leader, not Donald Trump. Trump, instead, belongs in Hollywood, surrounded by high-rise casinos, money hoarding swindlers and showgirls.

In his biography, *Trump: The Art of the Comeback*, Trump describes how he loathes shaking hands with people, because they are crawling with germs. In his book he states, "It's just a bad custom." He also does not like the double kissing custom. "Unless," he added in his book, "the woman is attractive."

How could Trump work a campaign line without shaking hands with his voters or kissing babies? Frankly, the thought of Donald Trump as president is a repulsive one. The man would not be able to relate to the daily life and struggles of the average American at any level, let alone be able to determine what is in the best interest of the public. Sorry, Ventura, but Donald Trump is not a candidate with credibility enough to be the President of the United States.



The Almanian Judgment Calls



- Thumbs up** to sitting around and doing nothing.
Thumbs down to only having five minutes per day to sit and do nothing.
- Thumbs up** to acting like a high school freshman again, no matter what your age.
Thumbs down to people who don't appreciate the finer things in life, like running around and acting like a high school freshman.
- Thumbs up** to frosting for the cookies on Tuesday!
Thumbs down... well, there is not thumbs down for that one. The frosting could finally be found.
- Thumbs up** to the clear, blue sky.
Thumbs down to the dead, brown grass.
- Thumbs up** to parades.
Thumbs down to never actually seeing a parade because you're always in it.
- Thumbs up** to going home for a weekend and eating a good, home-cooked meal.
Thumbs down to having to come back to Alma and all of the wonderful food here.

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The rest of this week's weather:

Friday



Partly Cloudy
High: 67°
Low: 43°

Saturday



Showers
High: 57°
Low: 45°

Sunday



Showers / Snow
High: 53°
Low: 37°