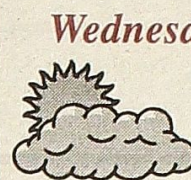




Lady Scots gear up for their first home game against Urbana College on Friday, November 19. See page 7.



Four students and four faculty members will remain on the Board of Trustees. See this page and page 3.



Wednesday's Weather

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# The Almanian

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## Annual event *rocks* the chapel

By SCOTT TIMMRECK  
Staff Writer

Everyone had the music in them as they danced, clapped and sang along to arguably the best live musical performance seen at Alma College in the last two years: the band Homegrown performing Rusted Root's *Send Me On My Way*, unquestionably the highlight of ACUB's 1999 Songfest, held on Friday night in the chapel. "I guess we did okay," said Jonah Powell (02), the bass player for Homegrown.

In addition to the upbeat and stellar performance of the ten members of Homegrown, there were 21 other musical acts that took the stage to have fun and to take part in competition for monetary prizes.

Three sets of groups took part: solo performances, small group performances and large group performances. The first place winner in each category was awarded \$150; second-place earned \$100. Performers were judged by five individuals, including dean of students James Kridler and Mitchell Hall Director Ken Smith.

The evening kicked off with part of what makes Songfest so enjoyable: the wait outside the chapel. Performances were scheduled to begin at 8:00, doors opened at 7:52, and the line at that time snaked back to the street and went down the sidewalk, nearly reaching Reid-Knox.

MC Kevin Stanley (00) began the festivities, first appearing as a normally-dressed individual



Katie Kooyers

Homegrown brings the house to their feet singing "Send Me On My Way" and goes on to take first place in the large group category of Songfest.

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## Where do we stand 10 years after the Berlin wall fell?

By AMY TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

During the week of November 14, Maria Holzer will be visiting campus through the German Marshall Fellow Program. Holzer is the Polish Youth Foundation director and while at Alma she will have discussions with students and faculty, speak in classes, attend dinners, hold a public address and participate in a faculty forum.

This program runs through the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Foundation which Alma has sponsored for several years. The program is known to tie closer relations within the academics to other areas of life.

According to Joseph Walser, professor of religious studies, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow and the German Marshall Fellow are under the same foundation but are two different programs. Later in the academic year Alma will host a different speaker for a week as the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow.

With these programs Walser said, "Being a sponsor of the foundation we receive two weeks of outstanding people who spend a whole week with us and we get the opportunity of receiving the second speaker [German Marshall Visiting Fellow]." To get that expertise is fantastic.

With the several events planned, Holzer has a full schedule the week she will be here. She will begin Wednesday, November 17 at 5:00 pm in SAC 113 with a public forum, "Alma College and Emerging Democracies: Our Internships, Courses, and the Rebuilding of Civil Society in Poland." Guests to the panel consist of Amy Fraley (00), Heather Svejcar (02), Ute Stargardt, professor of English

and John Arnold, professor of Foreign Languages. She will make a public address, "Education and Transition: The myths and realities of education in post-communist countries," Tuesday, November 16 at 8:00 pm in Dow L-1. On Friday, November 19, she will join a faculty forum where she will speak about her experiences and involvement with youth organizations in Poland.

Topics she will be discussing include building local democratic structures in a post-communist country, the situation of young people in Poland, legal and organizational processes of building non-governmental organizations (NGOs) structures in Poland, the role of foreign assistance in transformation process and the influence of advertisement on the value of young people in a post-communist country.

Holzer will share her discussions outside of the college with the Gratiot County Youth Foundation and the high school community as well.

"I think she will be very influential and I look forward to hearing her speak," said Kristin Burkart (02).

Holzer received her Masters degree in Law from Warsaw University and attends training for NGO trainers on management at the European Youth Center in Strasbourg and the "World Women Leaders Program," Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Holzer will be speaking to the Alma community approximately a week after what marks the ten year anniversary of when the Berlin Wall fell.

Marek Payerhin, professor of political science and a native of Poland believes this gives us the chance for retrospection and raises the questions of what has changed since then and where we fit in, which Holzer will attempt to answer.

## Students, faculty retain vote

By DONNA PAPPAS, News Editor  
And GINGER DAVIS, Staff Writer

After almost exactly one year, the Board of Trustees has voted to allow the four student and four faculty representatives to remain seated. This decision passed with a 66-9 vote at the board's most recent meeting last month.

At the 1998 October board meeting, a special taskforce was created to work with Bill Weary, a consultant for the Association of Governing Boards (AGB), to conduct campus climate assessment as well as assessment for the president, vice-president and the functions of the board.

The report that Weary proposed to the college called for the elimination of student and faculty representation. AGB is not in favor of this representation since it believes students and faculty who serve the board may adopt too narrow of a perspective, inhibiting them from looking at the issues of the board.

Weary's proposal was shot down by the board. Unlike many colleges, Alma has recognized the importance of student and faculty in the functioning of the college.

President Alan Stone encouraged the student vote on the board when it was first initiated. He said, "It has worked very well. Strong trust has been built-up between the board and the students because of student participation."

"I was pleased when the board decided that the students and faculty could remain on the board," Stone said.

Stone also supported the downsizing of the board from its original 48 members to 36.

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# Russia continues offensive in Chechnya

By CHRIS MACHNACKI  
Freelance Writer

Amid growing concern for the plight of over 200,000 cold and hungry refugees, Russia has shown no sign of ending the offensive it began in Chechnya in September. Thousands of Chechens and Russians have died in the fighting, and Russian ground troops have not even begun attacking the strongest positions held by the Chechen fighters. Chechen leader Aslan Mashkadov has appealed for international help, but so far none is forthcoming.

The United States response to the

crisis has been limited. According to Derek Hulme, professor of political science, "What is ultimately important for the US is that the US does not compromise the relationship with Russia. The situation is terrible, but our national interest is at stake only to the extent it could compromise our relationship."

Russia invaded Chechnya for the second time in three years in September, ostensibly to combat terrorist and bandit activity. Russian officials blamed a string of apartment bombings throughout Russia that killed over 300 people on Chechen terrorists, justifying

the current intervention. Chechen guerrillas also played a large part in an Islamic uprising in the neighboring republic of Dagestan over the summer. Russia fought a losing war in Chechnya three years ago in an attempt to stop the tiny republic from seceding.

However, many people believe that Russian officials were either involved in the bombings or at least had prior knowledge of them. Critics charge the Russian government cynically took advantage of the bombings as a pretext for a military operation which would focus attention on something other than Russia's continuing poor economic performance and political turmoil.

The war has also succeeded in boosting the popularity of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. President Boris Yeltsin is trying very hard to get Putin elected president, and Putin now has a favorability rating of 29 percent, the highest figure for any candidate. Yeltsin supporters hope that by getting the loyal Putin into office, Yeltsin will be shielded from any possible criminal investigations into his conduct in office.

If this is true, the people of Chechnya are paying a very high price for these political calculations. Russian generals claim to be following the practice of NATO in Yugoslavia, using "smart" weapons to strike military targets only. The Russian military actually has very few weapons of this type. This means that most of the strikes on Chechnya are with ordinary weapons that can be highly inaccurate.

Chechen officials and refugees claim that these bombs are responsible for thousands of civilian casualties, while Russian generals have vociferously denied hitting any civilian targets. Two weeks ago, unguided rockets from outside the capital city of Grozny struck a busy market place, killing 143 people, including several women and newborn children at a nearby maternity hospital.

One reason that Russia has concentrated on bombing and artillery attacks like the one on the market is the disintegration that

has occurred within the Russian Army since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Funding has been slashed to the point where many Russian soldiers do not even have the basic necessities of life, let alone the expensive training needed to survive on the modern battlefield. While the troops are untrained, the officers are generally held to be incompetent or corrupt, which further lowers morale. It was this army that was humiliated by the Chechens in the 1996 war, suffering huge losses.

Actions like the market bombing have convinced over 200,000 Chechens that they are safer as refugees than in Chechnya. Nearly all of the refugees have fled to tiny neighboring Ingushetia, nearly doubling its population and straining its resources to the breaking point. The United Nations and other international organizations have been reluctant to get involved, pointing out that the situation is too dangerous to guarantee the safety of any aid workers who are sent in.

So far, US officials have avoided harsh criticism of the Russian government, calling instead for talks between the Russians and Chechens. The Chechens have expressed a willingness to begin talks over their status within Russia, but the Russian government has vowed not to negotiate with what it calls a terrorist government that has not actually seceded.

The United States is having problems with Russia on a number of fronts, including arms control and economics, and apparently has decided that Chechnya is not important enough to further jeopardize the relationship.

The awareness that most Alma College students have for the war in Chechnya appears to be low. Sophomore Jennifer Heard said "Where?" when asked about the war. Sophomore Andrew Oleszkowicz responded with a cryptic "Dang that Stalin! When will that blasted Bolshevik ever learn?"

## Mother denied custody of biological daughter

By NIKOLE CANUTE  
Staff Writer

On Friday, a judge granted a woman visitation to her biological daughter, but denied her any custody rights.

Paula Johnson had petitioned the court for custody of 4 year-old Rebecca Chittum, her biological daughter that was switched at birth with another infant whom Johnson is currently raising.

After giving birth in 1995, Paula

Johnson was sent home from the University of Virginia Medical Center with the biological daughter of Whitney Rogers and Kevin Chittum, while they were sent home with Rebecca.

The mistake was discovered in 1998, when Johnson sued her former boyfriend for more child support, and a paternity test then revealed that the child is not his. Further tests indicated that Callie,

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## News

### 'At a glance'

#### Abortion issue threatens global leadership

WASHINGTON — Conservative Republicans are calling for the United States to stop funding international programs that promote abortion. These programs are the way that the United States is paying off their nearly \$1 billion debt to the United Nations. Paying off that debt is also a contention point between Democrats and Republicans regarding a budget deal.

#### Scandal Hits Hillsdale College

HILLSDALE — George Roche III retired from his position as president of Hillsdale College after rumors escalated around campus that he had a relationship with his daughter-in-law, who later committed suicide. Roche retired on Wednesday, nine days after the administration handed down a forced leave of absence.

#### Old drug found to have new benefits

It has been discovered that the drug Ramipril, which has been marketed for eight years to combat high blood pressure, is also effective in lowering the risk of heart attack, stroke, bypass surgery and diabetes. The use of this drug could save tens of thousands of lives each year at a cost of about 85 cents a day.

#### Florida governor attempts to ban affirmative action

MIAMI — The governor of Florida, Jeb Bush, has proposed a new plan for Florida college admissions that may spur a vote on whether to ban affirmative action. His plan, which must still be approved by the state university system's Board of Regents, calls for a mandate that would guarantee the top fifth of the graduating class at each high school in Florida - whether in minority communities or in predominantly white ones - admission to a state university.

#### Flight data recorder shows "controlled descent"

WASHINGTON — A flight data recorder was recovered from the crash of EgyptAir 900, indicating that about eight seconds after the autopilot disconnected, there appeared to be "a controlled descent" that was smooth and straight. Experts claim that such a descent would be unlikely unless the pilots were still flying the plane.

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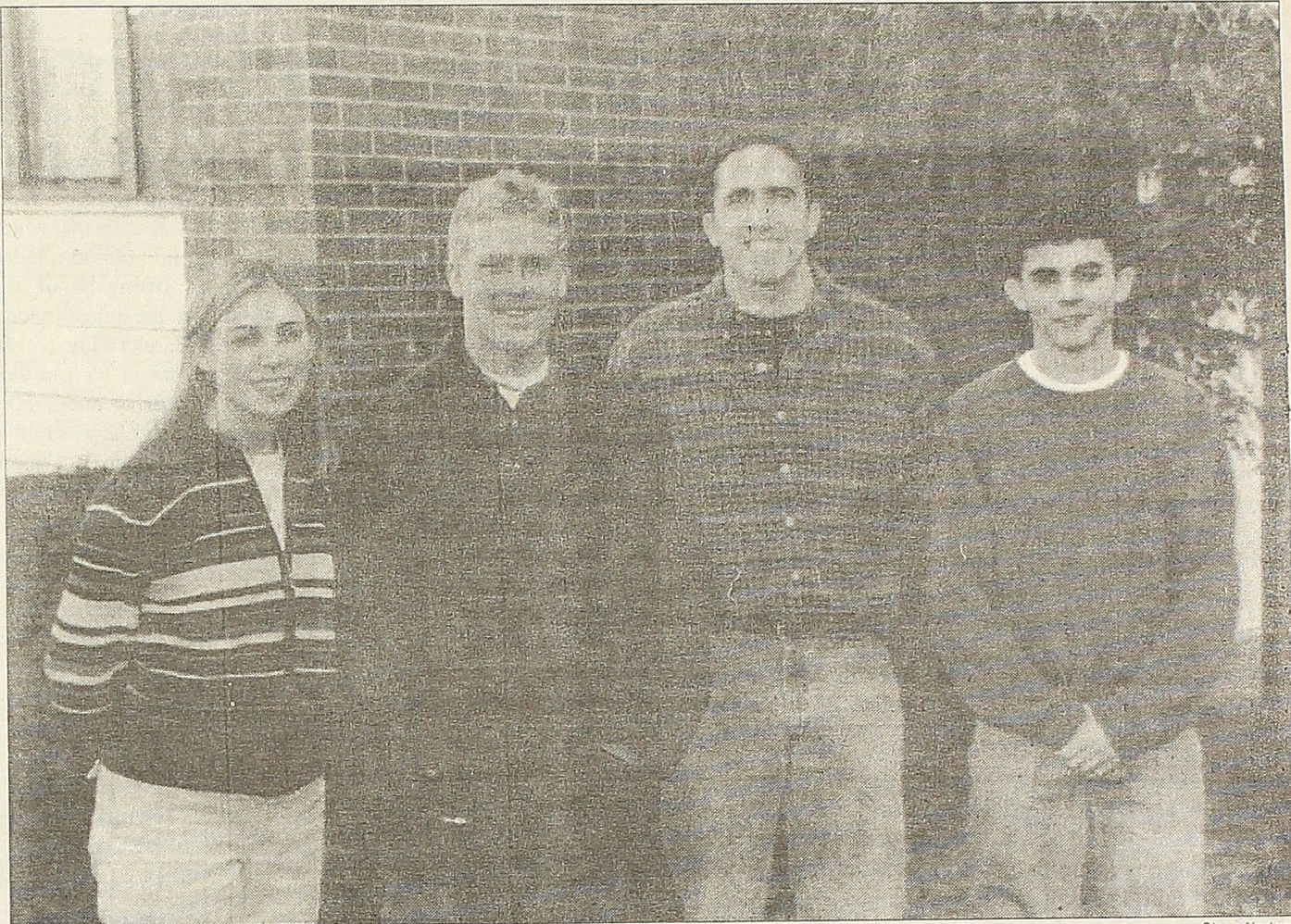
He said, "The board was too large, it became cumbersome; there are a lot of advantages as well as disadvantages, but that is what you get in a democracy."

Associate Trustees for the 1999-2000 school year are faculty members John Davis, professor of exercise and health science; Sandy Hulme, associate professor of political science; Myles McNally, professor of mathematics and computer science; and Michael Vickery, professor of communication. The student Associate Trustees include senior Scott Hill, sophomore John Logan, senior Kevin Main, and junior Elizabeth Weber.

Logan said, "I am very happy to see that students are going to remain on the board. I enthusiastically look forward to working with the board. From what I've seen, it's going to be a good productive year. I now see how students, alumni and trustees can interact to better the school."

The Board of Trustees carries out such vital functions as receiving gifts for the college (in the form of property or donation) and deciding how to use them, granting honorary degrees, choosing the President, assessing and approving the budget, and performing other financial operations on behalf of the College.

When asked why it was important to have students present on the Board of Trustees, Main said, "Students are one of the best recourses that the Trustees have to keep in touch with campus life."



Steve Nadeau

Four student representatives sit on the Board of Trustees. From left to right: Elizabeth Weber (01), Kevin Main (00), Scott Hill (00), and JR Logan (02).

## Exchange program starts with visit of German group

By AMY TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

For three weeks in October new faces were seen on campus as part of a recently established student exchange program that has been adopted with another school Kaufm nische Schule, Stuttgart-Nord located in Germany.

According to John Arnold, professor of foreign languages, setting up an exchange program with a business school in Germany is something that has been talked about for several years. This is the first group of Germans to come over and stay awhile with families who open up their homes free of charge, said Arnold.

The five German students consisted of Kai Z Ilhofer, Rico-Marc Ergenzinger, Nadine Eberle, Sandra Thoma and Lisa Heumann. In Germany, the students work 35 to 40 hours a week and still attend classes. They were able to get time off their jobs in order to come to the United States and see how American businesses operate.

While in Alma, they sat in on economic and business administration classes, visited local businesses and traveled to the Birch Run shopping outlet. On these specific visits,

Ute Stargardt, professor of English and host to two of the students, said they were able to get an idea on American retail which is their interest. They had a great time comparing prices, looking at the layout of merchandise, advertising and commercials, said Stargardt.

In the future, the program would commit students from Germany studying here for three weeks and then Alma students would study over there during spring term for business and cultural programs.

Arnold said, I hope the program will continue on for several years.

Prior to coming to Alma, the students were in Chicago viewing the business life there. Some members of the group went on to New York after Alma to look at a few of the large, expensive department stores before heading back to Germany.

Outside of the classroom and business trips the students were able to have some fun as well. A few students from Alma were able to spend time with them outside of the classroom.

The German students were very friendly and excited to get a little taste of American college life. We took them to Braveheart to have them meet some other Alma students. They responded graciously by offering us a round of German beer and even helped us to seek out employment opportunities in Germany, said Angie Christoff (00) and Jill Gunter (00).

## CUSTODY from 2

the child that Johnson is raising, is not her biological daughter.

Chittum and Rogers were killed in an accident before they learned of the switch. Following the accident, the parents of Chittum and Rogers took over the responsibility of raising Rebecca.

I think they should be given joint custody, because she is as much a part of the grandparent's life as she should be a part of her biological mother's life, said Amanda Sanders, sophomore.

When both parties became aware of the switch, they initially agreed that the girls would remain with the families who had raised them, but a breakdown in communication occurred when the grandparents of Rebecca became concerned that Johnson might take their granddaughter without permission. Johnson filed her request for custody soon after the breakdown.

Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge John Curry II based his decision on his opinion that changing Rebecca's

best interests would be served by changing custody.

Child psychologist Nadia Kuley testified that Rebecca's psychological health, which was already shaken by the loss of the couple she thought were her parents, could be threatened by giving Rebecca to Johnson. Kuley claimed to have examined Rebecca for a total of around five hours over the past month.

It's a difficult situation for both parties, and I think it would be emotionally devastating for them to remove her from the environment she's used to, said April Schlaff, sophomore.

According to *The Washington Post*, Johnson said, I just wanted to be a part of her life, as she embraced Whitney's mother, Linda Rogers. Rogers is reported to have replied, I know you did. Johnson is currently suing the University of Virginia Medical Center for \$31 million, as well as suing the makers of the identification bracelets used to keep track of babies at the hospital.

Taylor Campbell, junior, said, I can see it from both of their viewpoints, but to raise a child for four years, that child has basically become your own, and that would be very difficult to give up.

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## Top Ten Albums

1. Rage Against the Machine *The Battle of...*
2. Mariah Carey *Rainbow*
3. Lil' Wayne *Tha Block...*
4. Jim Johnston *WWF: The Music Vol. 4*
5. Santana *Supernatural*
6. Backstreet Boys *Millenium*
7. Britney Spears *Baby One More Time*
8. Counting Crows *This Desert Life*
9. Lou Bega *A Little Bit...*
10. Foo Fighters *There is Nothing...*

Musically Inclined by Scott Timmreck

## Desert life as a counting crow

According to *Mrs. Potter's Lullaby*, the second track on the Counting Crows' latest record, the subject of that particular song isn't too interested in talking to Adam Duritz, the brainchild behind the Crows' existence and their third record. A glamorous album full of carefully sculpted piano ballads and ridiculously good melodies, *This Desert Life* envelops you in the first nine seconds and dares you to let go. The trademark sound of the Counting Crows, a crafty mix of classic rock and grunge that actually works, is prevalent all over the record as Duritz and friends spin through ten tracks of shifty loops, slide guitars, 12-strings, organs and chamberlains. The sound is amazing, particularly on tracks like *High Life*, in which Duritz, in classical moaning form that is delightfully cool, sings about waiting for life to take care of whatever it needs to take care of. On *Colorblind*, arguably the

best piano ballad in popular rock since the Crows' last smash-hit, *A Long December*, Duritz longs to be pulled away from that which makes him see the world in a closed-minded manner. Although the strengths of the arrangements on each track are quite obvious, Duritz's happiness lies in Hamlet's joy: words, words, words. *St. Robinson in his Cadillac Dream* is astonishingly wonderful: one of those things Duritz probably wrote as he was falling asleep, made up of so much nonsense that it actually begins to be readable after a few spins of the song. *Hangin'around* is some wonderful satire on the California Dream, boasting the verse "Well, I got all this time/To be waiting for what is mine/To be hating what I am/After the light has faded." Smiling, Duritz plucks the words for *Amy Hit The Atmosphere* from his heart, proclaiming that "Amy hit the atmosphere/Caught herself a rocket ride out of

this gutter," laying the law down on California and taking it out of his rearview mirror, possibly the man's most unique talent. The Crows' best work as of yet, *This Desert Life* isn't bubble-gum pop and isn't ridiculously loud and ridiculously unfocused rap-metal that is dominating the scene in the name of money and the universal nookie. Duritz and his bird family take rock to the place they do best, while taking the listener along for what will no doubt be one of the best rock rides of the year.

**Score: A-**

Recommended tracks: *Colorblind*, *Mrs. Potter's Lullaby*, *High Life*, *Speedway*  
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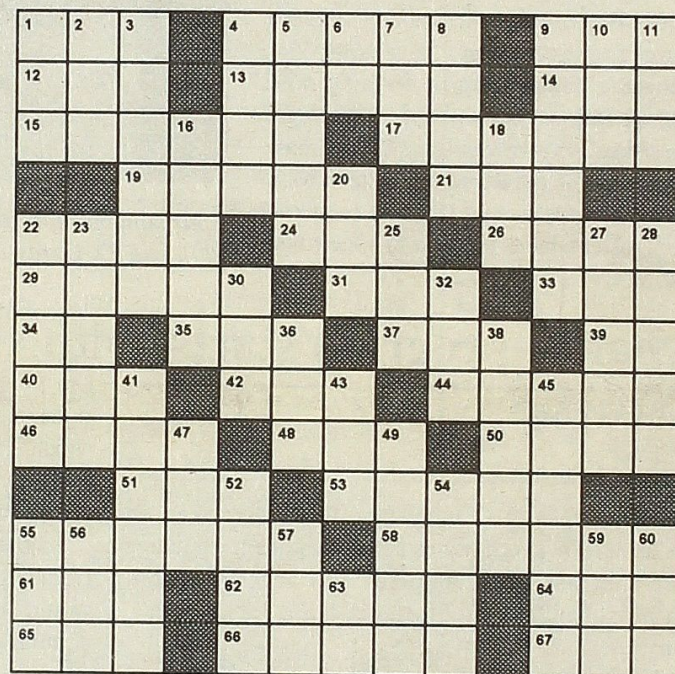
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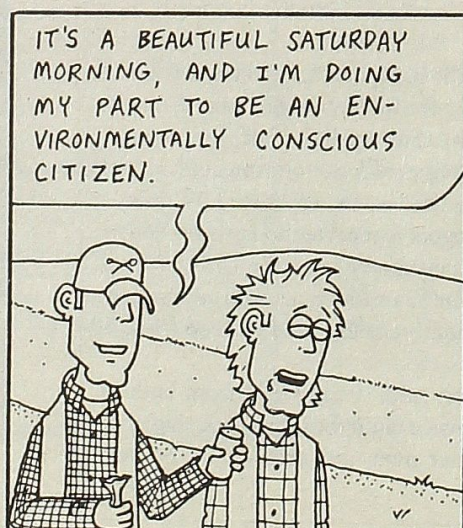
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# The HISTORY of PIZZA

By MANDY LONG  
Feature Editor

Whether you're craving hand-tossed, deep dish, stuffed, or Chicago-style, throw on some tomato sauce, a little bit of cheese, and a few of your favorite toppings, and you've created one of America's favorite foods—pizza. We eat it in dorm rooms, in restaurants, in malls, and even airports. We order in, order out, and sometimes make it ourselves. Nonetheless, pizza has earned a prized place in the hearts of Americans. What is the obsession with this delectable delight?

To understand pizza we must travel back in time to Naples in 1535 when the term "pizza" was coined by peasants.

However, their idea of pizza was very different from our own. It wasn't until 1889 when Raffaele Esposito, a baker in Naples, made a special pizza for King Umberto of Italy who was visiting. Esposito added tomatoes and mozzarella cheese, and...the rest is history. Although pizza was really a collaborative effort on the part of Greece, who created the crust, India, which created

mozzarella cheese, and Mexico and Peru which sent tomatoes to Europe, Italians have been given the credit for this delicious invention.

Despite the early invention of pizza, it didn't become popular in America until the 1950's. Although it was brought to America by Italian immigrants, it wasn't until after W.W.II that pizza really took off. The GI's had acquired a taste for pizza during their stay in Europe, and soon, pizzerias had opened up across the country to satisfy their cravings.

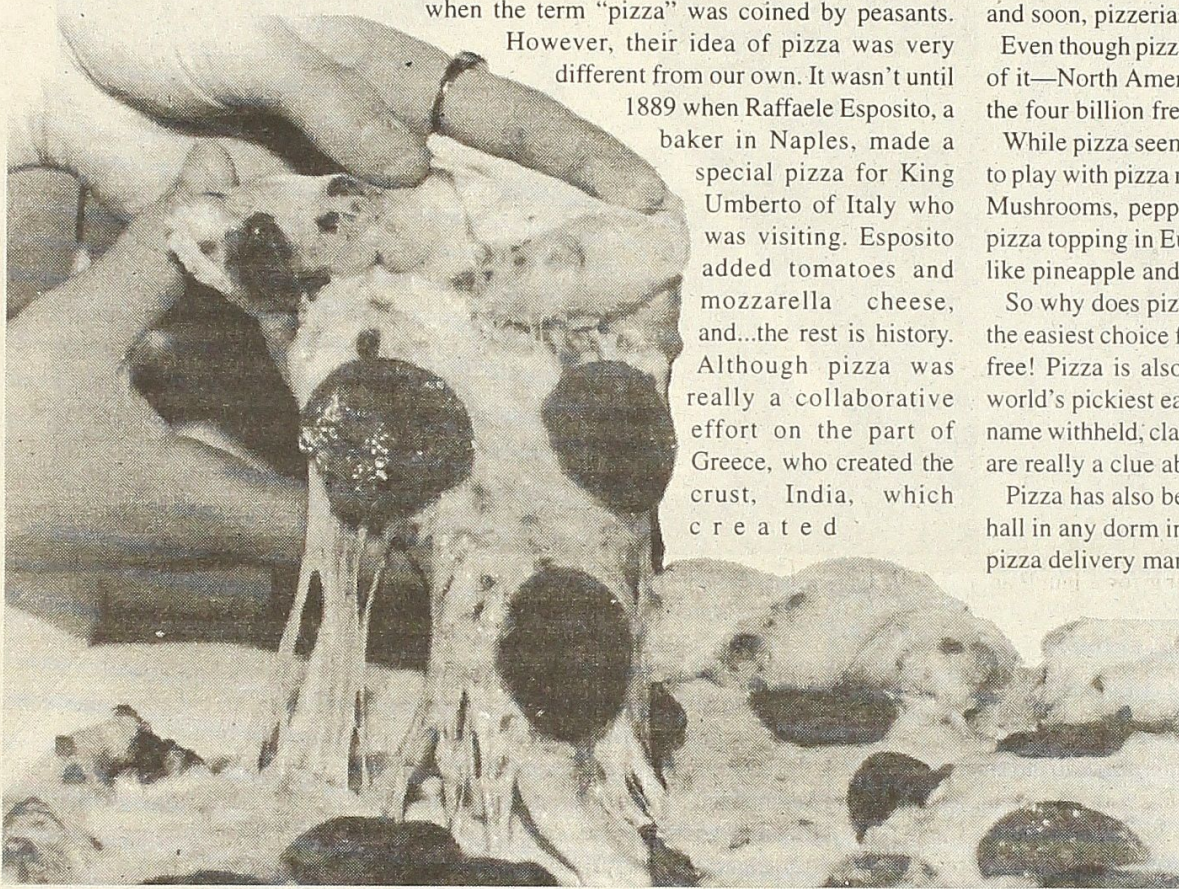
Even though pizza is relatively new to Americans, we have become the primary consumers of it—North Americans eat more pizza than anyone else in the world. This accounts for the four billion fresh pizzas sold last year.

While pizza seems relatively easy—crust, sauce, and cheese—Americans are beginning to play with pizza more and more. Unlike other countries, our toppings seem pretty boring. Mushrooms, pepperoni, olives, and ham are pretty tame, considering the most popular pizza topping in Europe is tuna. Within the last few years we've seen a growth in toppings like pineapple and chicken—items our grandfathers would have never eaten on pizza!

So why does pizza continue in our ever-changing, fast-paced world? Well, for most it's the easiest choice for dinner, and it will arrive on your doorstep in twenty minutes—or it's free! Pizza is also one of the few foods that almost everyone can agree on. Even the world's pickiest eaters will dive into a cheese pizza, no questions asked. And one person, name withheld, claimed that pizza is a window into your soul and that your favorite toppings are really a clue about your personality.

Pizza has also become known as the favorite food of college students. Walking down a hall in any dorm in the United States one is bound to see a pizza box here and there, see a pizza delivery man, or maybe even happen upon a group of students fighting for that last piece of pizza. Truth be told, pizza is ideal for college students. Not only is it relatively cheap, it requires no transportation on our part, and maybe more importantly, we don't even have to leave our favorite chair.

Alma College has even thrown its own twist on pizza by dunking their favorite kind of pie into ranch dressing, a surefire way to make sure that that freshmen fifteen stays for good. Nevertheless, whether we're dialing Domino's on the speed dial or placing an order at Pizza Sam's, pizza is a part of America, a part of college, a part of Alma—and it's here to stay.



## Favorite American toppings

Pepperoni  
Mushrooms  
Green Peppers  
Onions  
Ham  
Italian Sausage  
Canadian Bacon  
Chicken  
Pineapple  
Black/Green  
Olives  
Banana Peppers  
Hamburger  
Tomatoes

## Fun Facts about Pizza!!

Americans eat 350 slices of pizza every second.

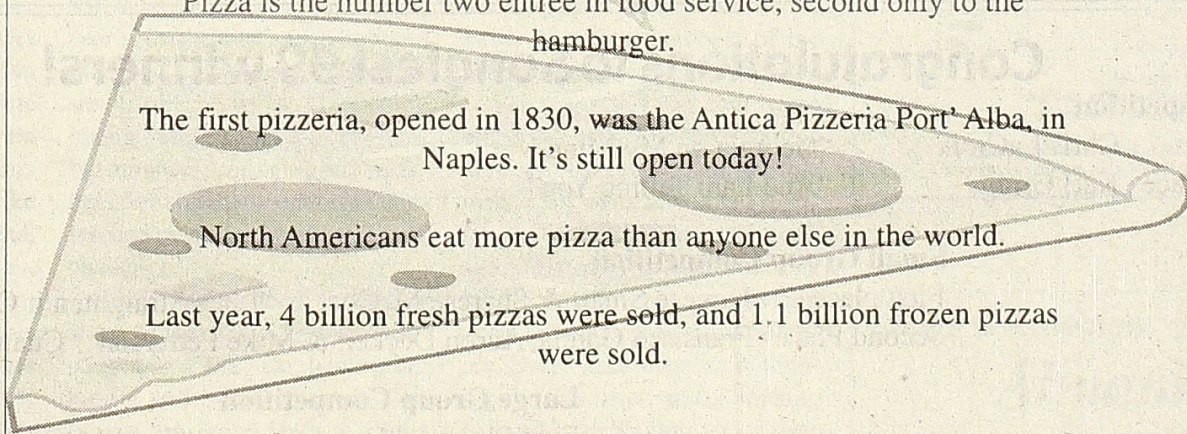
The average family eats pizza 30 times a year at home.

Pizza is the number two entree in food service, second only to the hamburger.

The first pizzeria, opened in 1830, was the Antica Pizzeria Port' Alba, in Naples. It's still open today!

North Americans eat more pizza than anyone else in the world.

Last year, 4 billion fresh pizzas were sold, and 1.1 billion frozen pizzas were sold.



## International toppings

Pine Nuts  
Spinach  
Chicken  
Eggplant  
Sun-Dried  
Tomatoes  
Clams  
Broccoli  
Scallion  
Corn  
Shrimp  
Goat Cheese  
Squid  
Canadian Bacon  
Beef/Hamburger  
Artichoke  
Feta Cheese  
Pineapple  
Eggs  
Tuna



## Have we met?

By KATIE BEAM  
Staff Writer

Have you met Professor Potter yet? He is visiting from the University of Missouri in Columbia where he received his Ph.D. in English in May of 1999.

Lawrence Potter was born in Jackson, Mississippi where he lived until he was 18 years old. He then moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama where he attended Stillman College with the help of several scholarships. Upon entering school, he thought he wanted to be an anesthesiologist but that quickly changed. The next year he wanted to be an attorney, but by the time he began his senior year he knew he wanted to be a professor of the humanities with a focus on literature. He graduated from Stillman in 1995 with a triple major in English, Philosophy, and Religion.

In August of 1995, Potter became the first African American male to be accepted into the degree enhancement program at the University of Missouri at Columbia. A mere year and a half later, he had completed his master's degree and three years later he had completed his doctorate. His dissertation focused on Wallace Thurman and the Harlem Renaissance and he is currently working on a book manuscript on the same subject. He is only 26 years old.

What brought Potter to Alma College? He applied for the one-year minority fellowship because the reduced class load offered at Alma provides him with the perfect opportunity to focus on research for his book manuscript.

He also had another reason for choosing Alma. One of his most memorable college experiences was when he attended Alma College in 1993 as an exchange student. He says the experience "opened his eyes to diversity."

Now as a professor here at Alma, he is even more impressed with the environment around him. He likes the faculty and students and especially Alma's commitment to a liberal arts education. He is also pleased that Alma is dedicated to "liberating students' minds."

When asked where he sees himself in five years, Potter smiled and said, "I hope to be a tenured professor—an associate professor—at a liberal arts college, where I can continue to focus on African American Literature. I also want to be preparing for future administration." Later in life, Potter hopes to be a provost at a liberal arts college.

He is currently teaching Introduction to Literature Analysis (ENG 133) and is scheduled to teach College Rhetoric II (ENG 101) and African American Literature (ENG 367) in winter term. He will also be teaching "The Harlem Renaissance" spring term course (ENG 181A/ENG 381A), which will fulfill the "S" requirement.

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moments later, serenading the audience with his vocal talents. After the enjoyable antics, performances actually began to a full house that showcased people lined up on both walls and a bubble of people in the back.

Amy Whitmore (00) began the evening by singing Jewel's *Who Will Save Your Soul*, followed by Andrew Pomerville's (02) ridiculously good and delightfully fun original piano piece, titled *Janego's Basement*. Sharese McGee (02) did Lauryn Hill; Dan Draper (03) did Alan Jackson; Mason Koffman (01) did Usher, much to the delight of various ladies in the audience; Rachel Retzler (02) turned into John Lennon for a few moments; Karl Griggs (00) sang *And I Am Telling You*, a performance that won him second place in the solo category; Chris LaCroix (02) sang a stunning rendition of *Georgia On My Mind*, a performance good enough to win him first place; Michelle Sharpe (01) did Alanis Morissette; Jacquese Smart did *Don't Leave Me*; and Ben Cable (00) did an original piece titled *Untitled*.

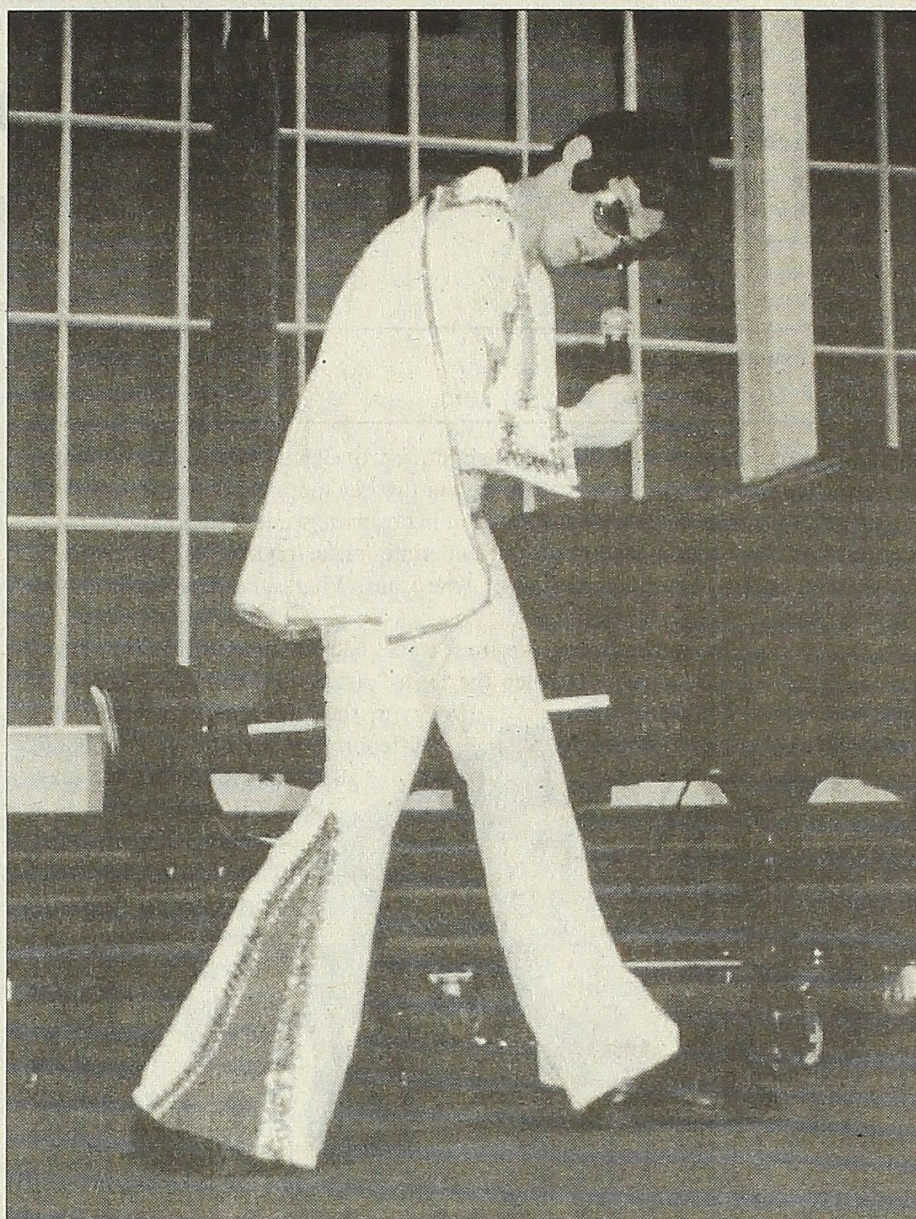
After intermission, the small groups took the stage: Fransisco Garcia (02), Aaron Decker (01) and Mike Petterson (00) did *Cuando Pasara* and won second place; Sarah Keen (00) and Jeremiah Lee (00) did *The Absolute Value of You*; Dave Matthews was represented by Jonah Powell (02) and Andrew Pomerville (02), as they performed *The Christmas Song*; and Jacquese Smart (02) and Sharese McGee (02) teamed up to sing Monica's *Let's Straighten It Out*, a performance that earned them first place.

The large group performances featured Sigma Alpha Iota doing *Mr. Sandman* for second place; Phi Sigma Sigma did Dar Williams' *Family*; and Phi Mu Alpha brought Star Wars to the stage and performed, to much laughter, *The Saga Begins* by Weird Al Yankovich. Alpha Gamma Delta did *Say A Little Prayer*, Gamma Phi Beta performed the Dixie Chicks' *Ready To Run*, Alpha Xi Delta did *Seasons of Love* from Jonathan Larson's musical *Rent*, and Homegrown showed Alma exactly how to rock, as their performance of *Send Me on My Way* successfully brought nearly everyone in the chapel to their feet and dancing, causing an already warm chapel to smoke. Sophomore Andrew Pomerville (02) was the brainchild behind the band, and Jeremiah Lee (02), guitar player of Homegrown said that "Andrew Pomerville made something happen that I have been unable to accomplish as a songwriter, and it was awesome."

And indeed it was. In fact, the whole evening was, at least according to MC Kevin Stanley (00), known campus-wide for his great amount of energy and fun personality. "The acts were awesome," Stanley said. "It's amazing how much talent there is on this campus."

Stanley fulfilled the expectations of those who had seen him before, throwing out candy bars to the crowd and picking random people to give out prizes like cat food to. And by popular demand, Stanley did his own musical act, performing his trademark "toast" song, a completely impromptu tune about toast. "I was so proud to do this again," Stanley said. Even his mom was proud of him-- sort of. "He's not my son. He's his father's son," Stanley's mother said after the show.

ACUB's president, Bethany Simmons said, "Campus participation was phenomenal and Kevin Stanley brought a great deal of energy and laughter to the show." ACUB's next activity is Wednesday night: karaoke for prizes.



Katie Kooyers

Kevin Stanley (a.k.a. Elvis), known for his love of toast, sings several songs by "The King."

## Congratulations to Songfest 99 winners!

### Solo Competition

First place Chris LaCroix

"Georgia on My Mind"

Second place Karl Griggs

"And I am Telling You"

### Small Group Competition

First place Jaquese Smart & Sharese McGee "Let's Straighten it Out"

Second Place Fransisco Garcia, Aaron Decker, & Mike Petterson "Cuando Pasara"

### Large Group Competition

First Place Homegrown "Send Me on My Way"

Second Place Sigma Alpha Iota "Mister Sandman"



November 17, 1999

## SPORTS

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## Lady Scots preparing for a successful season

By CARA BONINE  
Staff Writer

Let's get ready to rumble! The women's basketball team is planning on doing just that in their upcoming season. With eight new players and six returning players including three seniors, the Lady Scots are enthusiastic about their new season.

"We are a young team, but we are very talented," said Mary Barnhart (00).

The Lady Scots have many goals for the upcoming season, including improving their record from last year and being one of the top three teams in the league. Last season the team was 11-13 and 8-8 in the MIAA. Their toughest opponents will be Hope College, Calvin College and Adrian College.

"If everyone participates and does well, we can be first in the league," said Shannon Gross (00), the starting shooting guard.

Charlie Goffnet, the head coach of the Lady Scots, is an essential part of the team. With three MIAA titles under his belt here at Alma, five NCAA tournament berths and one national championship, Goffnet is one of the top Division III coaches in the nation. Goffnet also is the coach for the women's golf team and serves as the recruiting coordinator for the athletic department.

The assistant coaches are also a crucial component to the success of this young team. Assistant coach Mark Guyette has been with the team for eight years sharing his expertise in low post play. Ron Mott is starting his second season with the Lady Scots. He spent 34 years teaching and coaching at Okemos High School before coming to Alma. Ellen Bradbury is the newest member to the Alma coaching staff. She is a 1999 graduate of Alma College and former standout player for the Scots. Bradbury, a two-time All-MIAA first team pick and former league MVP, is pursuing her masters degree from Central Michigan in athletic administration. She brings years of experience and knowledge of the low-post game to the coaching staff.

"This year we have height on our team," stated Adrienne Fitzgerald (00), "This is something that hopefully we will be able to utilize on the court." Along with height, this year's team is extremely quick on their feet. The team's ability to fast break has created a very effective defense.

"We are running different types of plays than we used to and trying different things," said Fitzgerald.

"A majority of our games are home, so we need lots of student support," said Gross. The Lady Scots are working hard to make this season one to remember. The first home game is against Urbana College on Friday, November 19. Come and give your support to the Lady Scots and get fired up for a very exciting women's basketball season.



Tammy Acker

Lady Scots gear up during practice for this year's oncoming season.

## SENIORS:

**Shannon Gross**

Position: Shooting guard  
Major: Business Administration  
Years playing basketball: Fourteen  
Favorite basketball team: Tennessee Lady Volunteers

**Mary Barnhart**

Position: Shooting guard/ point guard  
Major: Exercise and Health Science  
Years playing basketball: Fifteen  
Favorite basketball team: Detroit Pistons

**Adrienne Fitzgerald**

Position: Forward  
Major: Business  
Years playing basketball: Fourteen  
Favorite Basketball team: Detroit Pistons

## Baadte confident with swim/dive teams

By MYLENE WOOD  
Staff Writer

What has 72 arms and 72 legs, and floats when you throw it in the pool? The Alma College men's and women's swimming and diving teams!

While this season has already partially begun with the team already having the Grand Valley State University Relay meet under their belts, these men and women are ready to take on even the mightiest of foes. This year's team is lead by a group of eight seniors consisting of Mike Cox, Mike Heyd, Doug McCune, Joey Mead, Laura Camann, Briget Paulsen, Carrie Thomas, and Katie Zellen. The talent and ambition that this group of people lends to the team is what makes this team whole. Along with 10 new swimmers, this team is well rounded with veterans and fresh faces alike.

While the group is still in its pre-conference stage, each swimmer is

becoming his or her own important part of the team. Last year's empty shoes are being filled and new shoes are being made by this year's new swimmers. With a few events still to be filled, all of the members of the team are looking forward to an excellent season with their first dual meet on November 16th against Calvin here at Alma.

Head coach Greg Baadte feels that this year's team will outdo last year's. On the men's team he hopes that even though the numbers are small, the team will still be a dominating factor. "I hate to say this, but numbers are our biggest weakness. We should be fine at the conference meet, but duals will be a challenge."

The women's team is another story. There was only one graduating senior last year, leaving behind a still balanced team. "We have a ton more depth this year with only one loss to graduation and the addition of eight freshmen," said Baadte. "We're so versatile and well-rounded, the

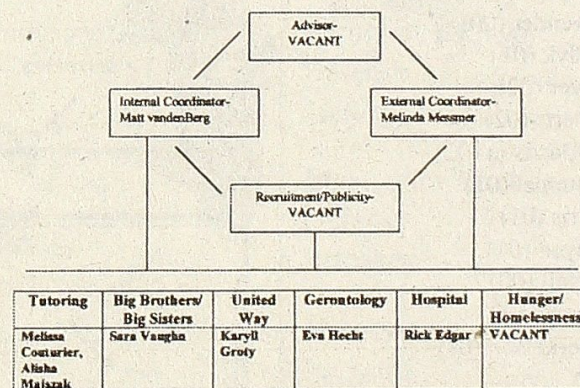
women don't have a lot of weaknesses."

The conference season begins after winter break and the annual team training trip to Orlando, Florida. In order to raise funds for this trip, the team has sold 50/50 raffle tickets at all of the home football games and will be selling Christmas wreaths. This trip is not only a training trip, it is also a team bonding trip. Everyone gets to know the other members of the team a little better while in Florida.

The team only has four home meets this year, with three coming after winter break. Their first big meet is the week after Thanksgiving at DePauw University in Indiana. This meet is much like the MIAA Conference meet which occurs at the beginning of February. Every team member is training for this meet, and is looking forward to achieving all of their goals for this season.

With the high expectations for Alma's team, let's all go support our swimming and diving teams!

## SOS Ready to Go!!!!



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SPORTS SHORTS

Scots football playoff opponent, site announced

Alma — The Alma College Scots football team will face Wittenberg University (Ohio) in the first round of the NCAA Division III football playoffs. The Scots are co-champions of the MIAA with Albion and Hope. Alma earned the right to go to the playoffs for the first time in school history with their 8-1 record. Wittenberg is rich in tradition as they are making their eighth appearance in the playoffs. They bring with them a perfect 10-0 mark on the season being outright champions of the North Coast Athletic Conference. The game will be held in Springfield, Ohio on Saturday with a tentative game time of noon. Take a look at the championship bracket at the bottom.

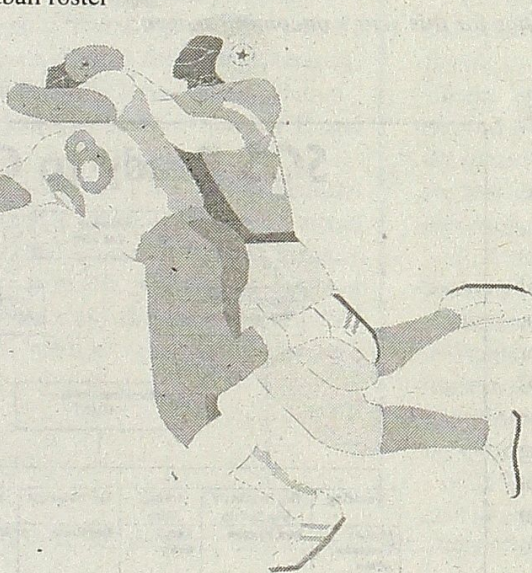
Outstanding athletes for Alma College recognized by MIAA

<b>Women's Golf</b>		
Jenny Peters	Senior	1st team All-MIAA
Lindsay Carpenter	Sophomore	1st team All-MIAA
<b>Women's Soccer</b>		
Kristy Hopper	Junior	Honorable Mention All-MIAA
Jessica Roberts	First-Year	Honorable Mention All-MIAA
Kristin Shea	First-Year	Honorable Mention All-MIAA
<b>Men's Soccer</b>		
Chris Alexander	Senior	Most Valuable Player, MIAA
Jon Cullen	Senior	Dr. Marvin Zuidema Award
Jeff Hosler	Sophomore	1st team All-MIAA
Paul Aceto	Junior	1st team All-MIAA
Mark McClutchey	Senior	2nd team All-MIAA
Tom Aceto	First-Year	Honorable Mention All-MIAA
Joel Stewart	Senior	Honorable Mention All-MIAA
<b>Volleyball</b>		
Meghann Devlin	Junior	1st team All-MIAA
Megan Cook	First-Year	2nd team All-MIAA
Erin Adams	First-Year	Honorable Mention All-MIAA
<b>Cross Country</b>		
Darby Cornelius	First-Year	2nd team All-MIAA
Garnett Johnson	First-Year	2nd team All-MIAA

Intramural Football Championships

SAE championship football roster

- Jeff Lane (01)
- Trevor Dagley (00)
- Pete Straub (00)
- Scott Hill (00)
- Matt Terry (00)
- Art Klawender (00)
- Tim Zeedyk (01)
- Ken Carver (02)
- Josh Roberts-(02)
- Andrew Garrison (02)
- Drew Rummel (02)
- Dirk Harris (01)
- Eric Nguyen (01)
- Nick O'Neil (00)
- Eric Didocha (00)
- Shawn Turkelson (01)



Game Highlights

Scott Hill scored opening touchdown on a pass from Jeff Lane on the first play of the game  
Ken Carver scored the SAE touchdown on a slant pass from Lane  
Lane took care of business himself as he ran in for the third score of the game for his team just before halftime

Halftime score SAE 20 TKE 6

TKE's made the score 20-12 with an opening half touchdown  
Josh Robert answered for the champions with a touchdown catch on the bomb play  
Lane continued his strong play for SAE with a running touchdown  
TKE's made the game interesting at the end but SAE held on to win 32-31 as the defense came up strong stopping a two point conversion try with less than a minute to play

Sports world grieves death of fine athletes

By RACHEL KUHL  
Staff Reporter

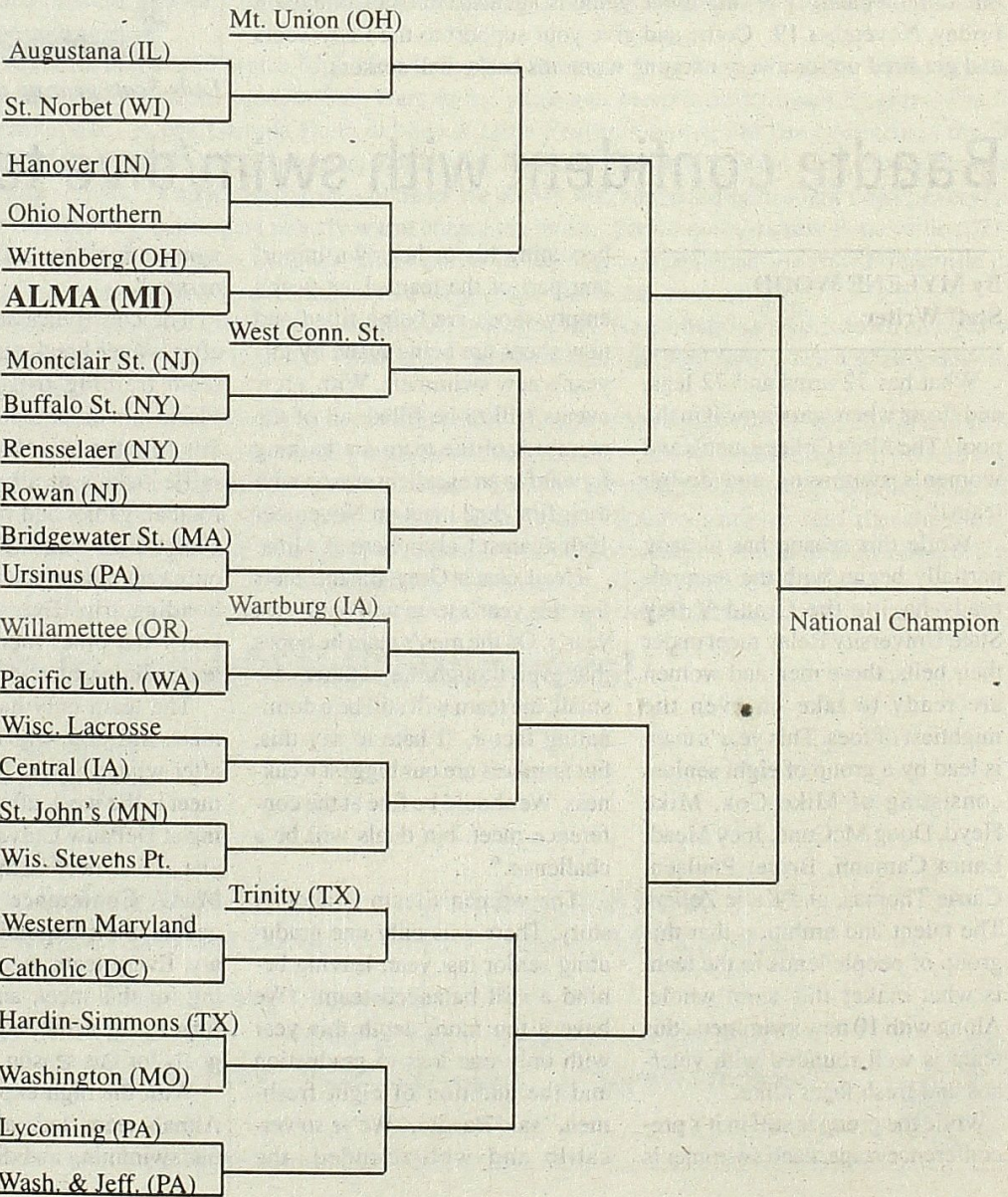
Last month the sports world lost three of its finest athletes; golfer Payne Stewart, NFL great Walter Payton, and CART racer Greg Moore. Each athlete will be fondly remembered not only for their athletic talent and accomplishments, but also for their personalities outside of the media spotlight. With these three tragic deaths coming so soon after the loss of basketball legend Wilt Chamberlin, the fall of 1999 will long be remembered as a sports season filled with a sense of loss and but also many fond memories of those who left their mark by striving to be the best in their field.

Golfer Payne Stewart was probably recognized as much for his fashion flair as he was for his golf game. He always played wearing the traditional golf knickers and cap, often in a variety of colors and plaids. His death came unexpectedly October 25, when the Lear Jet he was a passenger on is believed to have suddenly lost cabin pressure causing the pilots and passengers to lose consciousness, and resulting in a crash hours later when the aircraft finally ran out of fuel. Five others were killed in the tragic accident, including two of Stewart's agents. In an interview only weeks before his death Stewart said, "I am going to a special place when I die, but I want to be sure my life is special while I'm here." Among Payne's special contributions was a loving marriage to wife Tracey, their two children Chelsea and Aaron, his 1999 U.S. Open victory, and his pivotal role as a member of the 1999 U.S. Ryder Cup team. At Stewart's memorial service friend and fellow golfer Paul Azinger bid a tearful good-bye amidst hundreds of mourners, "Good-bye Payne. We loved you and we miss you, but we know we will see you again."

Football great Walter Payton finally lost his battle to liver disease when he passed October 27 due to bile duct cancer. After a 13 year career, Payton was one of the all time NFL greats, and an icon to his Chicago fans. Former coach Mike Ditka called him "...the best football player I've ever seen . . . and he led by example on the field. He was the complete player." Payton holds the NFL record for most yards rushed at 16,726 yards. He also won two MVP awards and had ten 1,000 yard seasons throughout his career. "Walter was a Chicago icon long before I arrived there. . . He was a great man off the field, and his on field accomplishments speak for themselves... I truly feel we have lost a great man," said friend and admirer Michael Jordan.

During the tenth lap of the Marlboro 500 on Sunday, October 31, 24 year-old CART racer Greg Moore lost control of his car and crashed into the retaining wall of the track. "Greg was one of the new young tigers of champ car racing. . . He was everything that was good about this sport, talented, committed, courageous, fit. Everything that symbolizes what champ car racing stands for was embodied in Greg Moore," said CART president and CEO, Andrew Craig. Moore was a five time winner in the CART FedEx series, and was competing in what would be the closest race in CART history when the accident occurred. Race winner and longtime friend of the deceased, Adrian Fernandez had this to say at the emotional press conference immediately following the race, "It's so hard. Greg was such a good friend. . . This is a tragedy for all of us. The win doesn't matter. My heart goes out to his family."

NCAA Division III Football Championship Bracket





# Scots on their way to quarterfinals

By **KELLY McDONALD**  
Sports Editor  
**CHRIS HARRINGTON**  
Staff Writer

There are eight teams left in the country in the men's soccer NCAA Division III playoffs. Alma College is one of them. They have proven to be one of the best teams in the country with their first ever regional championship over University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Saturday.

Before they could even get to the title game, the Scots had to battle through regionally top-ranked Otterbein (Ohio) in a classic overtime shootout. Both teams tallied two goals after regulation forcing the game to be decided by the goalies. Both teams converted on their first two attempts. Alma needed a spark: enter Sean Byram (01). On

Otterbein's third attempt, Byram guessed right and made a diving save, and that is all Alma needed. They scored on their next two attempts to secure the victory.

Otterbein (19-2) outshot Alma 23-14, but the Scots overcame a first half deficit to move on in the playoffs. Jim Allen (00) scored the first Alma goal on a penalty kick. With Otterbein up 2-1, Chris Alexander (00) teamed up with Jeff Hosler (02) to send the game to overtime. Alexander's long throw-in resulted in a loose ball in front of the Otterbein goal which Hosler kicked in.

Head coach Scott Frey was thankful for his team's depth in the win over Otterbein. Frey said the depth paid off in the end by giving his team that extra effort they needed.

Questions arose for the Scots about fatigue after a long emotional game in the first round. They

would now have to take on a tough University of Wisconsin-Whitewater squad for the regional finals.

Fatigue was not a factor, though, as the Scots looked strong in their 1-0 win over Wisconsin.

Only six minutes in, Alma scored the first and only goal of the game. A beautiful pass from Hosler to Paul Aceto (01) in front of the Wisconsin goalie was all the Scots would need for the regional crown, as Aceto recorded his 19th goal of the year.

The Scot defense held off a couple of late surges from the Wisconsin team to help Alma to its first trip to the quarterfinals in school history.

The team travels to Trinity of Texas next weekend for their quarterfinal match-up. It will be quite a change for the Scots as they will have to adapt to the different climate of the south which is quite

a bit warmer.

"I don't think the climate will hurt us at all, in fact I think it will be a nice change to play in the heat again. It will be the same as pre-season," said Drew Emrich (01).

The outlook on the Scots quarterfinal game is positive. Alma is used being looked over by everybody but are ready to prove themselves.

"Even though we are the underdogs again [in the quarterfinals] and it is going to be a battle, just like Otterbein, we feel up to the challenge. We're on a roll. . .and we like our airplanes!" said Joel Stewart (00).

Coach Frey is proud of the way his team battled back from the early season disappointments. He "thought his team had some special qualities" and indeed they do. Enough special qualities to make them one the eight best teams in the country, and counting.

## Scot Superstars of the Week

### Seniors Men's Soccer

The ten seniors on the men's soccer team have worked for four long years to get to where they are today. The bunch has helped coach Scott Frey's team to an 11-2-1 league record and 14-4-1 overall. The team qualified for the NCAA division III playoffs for the second year in a row, thanks in large part to a solid core of seniors. After an emotional overtime shootout win over Otterbein, where senior Jim Allen booted in the winning goal, the Scots moved on to bigger and better things in the regional title game. Just call them regional champs, as they took care of business with a 1-0 win over Wisconsin-Whitewater. Here's a closer look at the talented '00 group...

**Chris Alexander**  
Defense  
Midland

**Jim Allen**  
Midfield  
Clinton Twp.

**Jon Cullen**  
Goalkeeper  
Flint

**Matt Keller**  
Forward  
Kalamazoo

**Brandon Klump**  
Defense  
Jackson

**Mark McClutchey**  
Defense  
Petoskey

**Nate Spang**  
Forward  
Grosse Ile

**Joel Stewart**  
Midfield/Defense  
Salem, Ohio

**Brian Toy**  
Defense/Midfield  
Lansing

**Ryan Webb**  
Midfield  
Royal Oak

## Cornelius, Johnson lead team to solid MIAA standing

By **DONNA PAPPAS**  
News Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams both had their best regional performances over the past six years at the 1999 NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Championships held at Ohio Northern University on Saturday, November 13.

The top three teams at the meet were Calvin College (31), for their eleventh consecutive year as regional champions, followed by Baldwin-Wallace College (144), and Denison University (170).

"We ran how we had expected. Both teams set goals to finish in the top ten. We have a really strong region, it is tough to finish in the top ten," said Coach Dan Gibson.

The women's team was able to fulfill this goal, finishing tenth overall with a score of 294.

First-year student Darby Cornelius led the women's team with 38th place finish of 19:22, followed closely by first-year student Amanda Dusendang who finished in 19:23. Rounding out the scoring for the Scots were junior Shelly Maruszak (19:46), junior Stacy Turschak (19:57), and senior Anne Grimaldi (20:00).

First-year student Dawna Anderson and Lindsey Nederhood also competed, with times of 20:56 and 21:25.

"The entire team worked together throughout our fun and suc-

cessful season. We we're constantly encouraging and congratulating each other and our positive attitudes helped us to finish the season strong," said Cornelius.

The women's team will lose one senior, Grimaldi, next season.

"We had our best finish in the league and season this year. We have a young team which looks promising for next season," said Grimaldi.

The men's team finished in thirteenth place with a score of 361. Calvin also finished first for the men's competition with a score of 58, followed by Anderson University (110) and Heidelberg College (125).

"Even though the men finished thirteenth, we we're really happy with their performance. Every guy who ran set a personal record," said Gibson.

First-year student Garnet Johnson led the men's team with a personal record of 26:03, good for a 42 place finish. Also scoring for the Scots were sophomore Mark Penzien with a time of 26:35; first-year student Ted Burton who finished in 26:41; sophomore Reid McGuire ran a 26:42; and junior Brent Warner had a time of 27:20.

Kyle Kristin, senior, also finished with a 27:40, and Andy Kibbe, sophomore, ran a 27:44.

The men's team also loses only one senior, Kristin, next season.

"Our great team performance was a result of everyone's strong individual effort," said Johnson.

# Explore New Opportunities

## Join the Almanian Team

Positions available include: staff writer, freelance writer, freelance photographer. Applications are available on the main office door in the basement of Newberry, or call x7161.

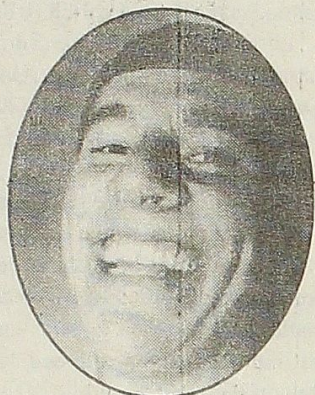
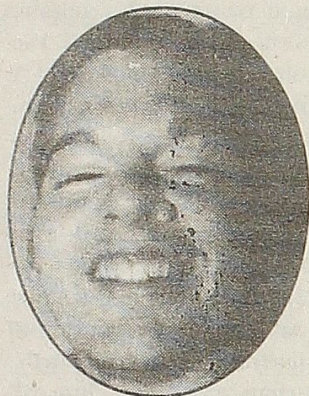


## Campus Views

Should students be included on the Board of Trustees?

"If we are paying \$20,000 a year we should have some say on what goes on."

Scott Baker (02)

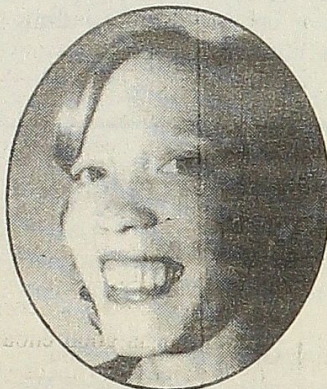


"Definitely, we have probably the most vested interest of anyone in this college."

Jason Manke (02)

"Yes, because students should be involved to represent our feelings about Alma."

Tara Braun (03)



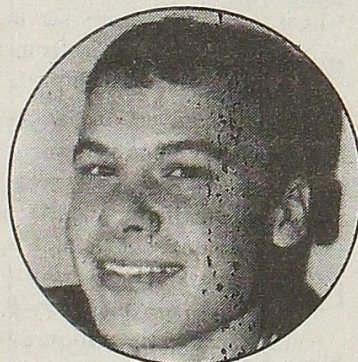
"Yes, without the student body Alma College would not exist so they should listen to us."

Angela Zubek (02)



"Absolutely, they make decisions that affect us."

Zack Haze (03)



"Yes, how else can the administration hear the students' voices?"

Ryan Rau (02)

"I think students should be allowed to participate in the decision making that will ultimately affect us."

Jorie Creevy (02)



"Yes, taking the students off the Board of Trustees gives the students no say in the major decisions that are made concerning Alma College and its students."

Kristin Babbitt (02)

## Board of Trustees not to be trusted without students

By DAN JOYCE  
Staff Writer

The inclusion of students on the Alma College Board of Trustees, which occurred in 1967, was an excellent idea. Students possess insight about the way Alma College is run from a point of view that no one else can understand.

Students are, in fact, customers; they buy a product. That product happens to be an education at the college level. Students are the only people who know if the good being produced and sold is acceptable.

Including students on the Board of Trustees allows those with the power to change the way certain parts of production of the good are accomplished to gain insight into what needs to be altered. Neither an administrator, visitor, parent, alumni, nor any other person can fully understand how the students view the campus. For instance, who would know best why the class of 2003 is smaller than anticipated and hoped for? Only stu-

dents can give reasons as to why they picked Alma and why they hesitated.

We students are the only people who know what is and is not attractive about the faculty, facilities, student life and overall education. Even if a student's parents are paying their tuition, the student must be the one who is satisfied with all the components of life at Alma College. Students decide if the more than \$20,000 a year tuition, room and board are worthwhile. To cut student input from the Board of Trustees would be a mistake.

The Board of Trustees is made up of alumni, faculty, students and the president. If students are eliminated from this list, the only insight will be that of secondhand overseers. Even the faculty cannot fully express the concerns of the students. The alumni, most of whom rarely visit campus, obviously have no idea what little details need to be tweaked. They see numbers alone. They do not know of any problems that the other members do not inform them of.

In a system of governing, which

is what the Board of Trustees does, those in power must understand how those represent feel. The board of trustees makes major decisions for our student body. One of the largest decisions made by the board includes how to distribute money amongst the many budgets on campus.

For instance, in 1998 the student representatives wanted to increase the budget for the library to purchase more books. The students argued that they were to strive for better research yet did not have the necessary resources. This was the first time students had pushed for any major change on campus. Some of the other board members decided to try to exclude both faculty and students from the board.

To exclude both faculty and students would mean that the Board of Trustees had no connection to campus life. They would be making decisions for the students and faculty without knowing what really needed to be changed. What student would want to go to a school that pays no attention to its students?

## Performing arts? Don't pass it up!

By MICHAEL MURPHY  
Opinion Editor

See it. Hear it. Take from it. Love it.

Those simple phrases describe experiences that students often have after going to the Heritage Center for the Performing Arts student-oriented events.

There is no better way to show support and love for Alma College than by going to the various events to watch fellow students and friends doing what they love to do: sing, dance, act, direct, create music and so on.

The Heritage Center offers many chances for students and the rest of the community to see what fellow classmates have been preparing for all term. These events are soon coming to the Heritage Center and they must not be missed. If students may think that the quality of singing, dancing, acting and so on will be unprofessional, they are severely mistaken. Nothing could be farther from truth. The students here, under the excellent guide of our fine arts professors, are dedicated to producing nothing but the finest quality of their event.

In the next few weeks, the Heritage Center will be used very frequently to show our fellow students' numerous talents.

On November 19-21, the Alma College Dance Company will be putting on a display of various dances. The Company has been working on this program since September. *The Nutcracker*, which was done the past two years by the ACDC will not be done this year, but will be performed next year. This will start the trend of doing the Christmas suite every other year. The dancing will surely captivate the entire audience as it has done so in years' past.

As the dance performance will be a delight to

the audience's eyes, "The Festival of Carols," which will run from December 3-5, will be surely be a delight to the ears of the audience. Singing traditional Christmas songs along with other nontraditional songs leaves the audience with very cheery melodies in their head for many weeks afterwards.

On December 7, there will be "The Jazz Ensemble Christmas Concert." The Alma College Jazz Ensemble will be bringing a "jazzy" and "bluesy" tint to Christmas music.

"The New Play Festival," from December 10-12, will contain various acts written by current and recently graduated Alma students. The playwriting, acting and directing will be done by students only. Students will be able to see quality plays and acting, giving them a chance to see the plentiful thespian talent found here at Alma.

Finally, The Alma Symphony Orchestra II and the Kiltie Marching Band will be giving the Heritage Center audience excellent music in very diverse forms. The symphony will be on December 10 and 12, while the Kiltie Band will be performing on December 11.

Each of these events provide students with the opportunity to see various genres of the performing arts. It gives students a chance to see what their fellow classmates and friends have dedicated themselves to in the past few months. By seeing friends on stage, students may be able to garner up more of an appreciation for the fine arts. Students in the events are able to show off their talents in a very extraordinary fashion.

To be sure, it is imperative that students make a serious effort to attend all of these events to get a better understanding of what it means to receive a liberal arts education. The Heritage Center for the Performing Arts offers various means to see new aspects of the world. All of these events will surely leave a great and lasting impression on you throughout your college career and beyond. It is critical that they are not passed up by students.

They are very special. They are Alma.



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## OPINION

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## Teaching should not be only teachers' burden

*The following is part 2 of a 4 article series involving critical issues in the education of today's youth.*By MICHAEL MURPHY  
Opinion Editor

Schooling begins at the home.

It does not begin at the daycare, or preschool or kindergarten.

It begins with the child's parents immediately helping their child learn about the world that they live in. Parents are the child's first teacher and they are the only teachers that will be present throughout most of the child's life. Parents have an abundant amount of knowledge that must not be left in their own brain. Rather, parents must share their knowledge with their children throughout their entire life.

Today, there has been a very serious trend in the fact that parents are leaving all teaching to teachers only. This does not just include your average subjects of math, reading, writing and art. It includes morals and societal skills as well.

Teachers must not be looked on as the sole educators of the world. Rather, parents, older siblings, extended family members, neighbors and the clergy must all educate the young.

There are numerous things that parents can do to help their kids learn. First, they have to enforce social skills within their child. They have to encourage their children to talk with others. They must never scold them. They have to see if their children are exhibiting antisocial behavior. If they are, parents can help them emerge from this frightening stage by gently talking to them and encouraging them throughout the day.

Parents have to teach their children morals and good citizenry. They have to teach their kids why it is critical to treat others the way they want to be treated. They have to instill within their children a drive to be friendly towards all others. When they see their children exhibiting good social skills, they can reinforce them through praise.

Parents must sit down with their children to read to them. They cannot let their children submerge themselves into television doldrums. They have to encourage their child to enjoy reading. The key to having a child who can read well begins at a very early stage. The more the child is read to, the more he/she will enjoy reading.

Parents must show to their children that they care extremely for their child's schooling. They have to be their moral support throughout their child's schooling. They have to ask their child every day how school went. They have to encourage their child to set academic goals and to reach them. This again starts at an early age. The goal just to spell everyday words (such as cat, dog, run, jump, etc.) correctly can be a kindergartner's goal. The main purpose of this involvement is to not push the child too far. It is to encourage him/her to attain the best and conjure up within them a drive to learn more.

Besides asking questions about school and homework, parents should always try to be involved in the physical setting of the school. Lunch moms and dads are forms of school involvement. Attending school plays and concerts, along with establishing a good relationship with teachers, are other ways that parents can help their child throughout their schooling.

Parents cannot be apathetic towards their child's schooling. If they are, their child will be apathetic as well. They must guide them through their homework and answer their questions. They cannot place the burden of educating their children solely on the shoulders of teachers. They have to take the responsibility on themselves.

If the future's society is not educated by their parents, society will be in for a major breakdown. Parents must begin addressing their child's education now! They must help them with it and show genuine care during their child's entire schooling. Only then will true education occur.

Put *minors* in the slammer!By CARA BONINE  
Staff Writer

Seventeen-year-old, Kip Kinkel, was sentenced to 111 years in prison for a shooting rampage last year. The judgment was delivered on November 10 after Kinkel pleaded guilty to killing his parents and two high school students.

Under the existing Oregon law, Kinkel is not eligible for parole, unless the state governor specifically orders it.

"I spent days trying to figure out what to say. I thought about what I could say to make people feel a little bit better. There is nothing to say," Kinkel stated prior to his sentencing. "I am truly sorry for what happened at Thurston."

At 15 years-old Kinkel shot his parents, popular Spanish teachers, at home after being suspended for bringing a handgun to school. A day later he brought a rifle to school and starting shooting in the school's cafeteria, injuring 24 students and killing two.

Kinkel's journal was presented as evidence for the case by the prosecuting attorney. In the journal were several entries that expressed his hatred toward other students and his urge to kill.

The idea spending the rest of his life in jail at seventeen must be the most horrific and depressing one imaginable for young Kinkel. It is a nightmare coming true.

But wait — what about the students injured in the shooting, or the two dead students, or how about his dead parents? Their worst nightmares came true as well, however they had no choice in their fates.

Kinkel's defense attorney made the argument in the hearing that Kinkel was too young to understand his actions and thus the consequences. This is insignificant when looking at the broader question — do we as a society want Kinkel living amongst us? Certainly not.

Someone that feels as angry and violent as Kinkel should not be a part of our society. No niche exists for this type of person. Instead he must be put in prison and therefore kept out of the mainstream world.

Some of the compassionates would argue to have him put in a mental institution where he could learn to deal with his aggressions and eventually be able to function in society. However even after decades of therapy and counseling the fact remains- Kinkel is a mass murderer.

The judge's decision in this case is applaudable and this case should set an example for other cases that involve violent crimes committed by minors. In deciding these types of cases we must, as a society, look not at the age of the criminal but at the severity of the crime. Each of us must ask ourselves, do I want this criminal living in my community?

Lions!  
*Winning?*

## How can it be?

*Sports Track by Michael Murphy*

I could not have been further from being right than when I predicted many issues ago that the Lions would only win 5 games this season.

Well, at the middle of the season, the Lions have already eclipsed the five win barrier.

And they have done this without many key people who have or were expected to make major contributions for the team.

First, of course, is the fact that Barry Sanders is missing in action. His loss has not killed the team's offense. The running game is not superior anymore. However, because of Ron Rivers (who will be out for the rest of the year), Greg Hill and Sedrick Irvin, the Lions have been able to build a decent rotation that is good enough to force defenses to not devote all of their energy to stopping the passing attack.

Next is the fact that two out of the Lions first three draft picks have yet to play in one minute this season because of injuries. Offensive lineman Aaron Gibson and Defensive end Jared DeVries, both of whom the Lions expected quality play from, have not been able to showcase their talents yet.

Wide receiver Herman Moore has yet to catch a pass this season because of two consecutive knee injuries. He is a constant offensive threat, and the Lions have missed him since his absence.

Finally, the Lions continue to have injured starters. Charlie Batch has twice had to leave games because of injuries, while cornerback Bryant Westbrook has just begun to play after recovering from sustained injuries.

Although these injuries have had a negative effect on the Lions, many players have stepped up to help contribute to the Lions' excellent start. Wide receiver Germaine Crowell has become an awesome weapon. He compliments wide out Johnnie Morton very well and played a major role in the Lions comeback victory against the St. Louis Rams.

Back up quarterback Gus Frerotte has led the Lions to two comeback victories after

replacing an injured Batch. His veteran leadership was what the Lions needed in the comeback victories against both Minnesota and St. Louis, as he skillfully drove the Lions down the field, ultimately allowing the Lions to become victorious over their opponents.

Quarterback Charlie Batch has been the quarterback that the Lions have been looking for eternity. He is a solid leader. He can pass well. He can run well. He can read defenses well. He is smart. Batch has not looked nervous or flustered in the pocket once this season.

Remember, in the early stages of this year's campaign, the Lions offensive line was as porous as a sponge, allowing a constant flow of defensive linemen into his way. Fortunately for the Lions, Batch stepped up, took the hits, but completed the passes. If he did not complete the pass, the ball was never picked off by the defense.

Many "experts" questioned the Lions selection of Batch as their third round draft pick in 1998. Batch was the third quarterback drafted in the draft, behind Indianapolis's Peyton Manning and San Diego's Ryan Leaf. Batch has proven himself to be worthy of being the third quarterback drafted as his numbers are very solid. In fact Batch is a much better NFL quarterback than Ryan Leaf, who is presently serving a four game suspension from the Chargers because of childish behavior. Batch is far from being childish.

Head Coach Bobby Ross has done an excellent job this year grooming the Lions for the season without Barry Sanders. He has instilled the drive that every Lion can make a contribution to the team. He has done a great job with the team, and should be a leading candidate for NFL "Coach of the Year."

Without a doubt, the Lions have been more than surprising this year. This is the first year since Mike Utley fell prey to paralysis that the Detroit Lions have actually played well together as a team. There are no standouts on the team. There are no showboats on the team. There are just blue-collar teammates trying to win games.

And that, sports fans, is why the Lions are turning heads in the NFL.



Staff Editorial

# Don't throw this away! Recycle it!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — this oft-quoted formula for improving the environment holds true, yet the general public still refuses to comply. On campus, the temptation to overlook the harmful effects of throwing everything into a trash can is always present. Throwing an empty beer case in the trash is easily resolved in the conscience's of students, who never see the end result of such a careless action.

In 1960, the average American threw 2.5 pounds of garbage away every day. That number rose to 3.3 pounds in 1980, and rose again to 3.7 pounds in 1990. Since then, there has actually been a drop in daily trash rates, with the most recent numbers indicating that in 1997, the average American contributed 3.2 pounds of waste to landfills.

Many state legislative branches have mandated that waste levels be reduced. California is the nation's leading garbage reducing state. A law was passed there in 1989 that required a 25 percent waste reduction by every city and county by 1995, and required that percentage to increase to 50 percent by the year 2000. Unfortunately, it looks as if

California is going to fall short of the 50 percent mark, despite that fact that 85 percent of the districts in California met the halfway mark of 25 percent.

While legislative efforts are helpful in the fight against the garbage pile-up, the real efforts must come from individuals. Living on a college campus is no excuse for ignoring the plight of our environment. However hard it is to believe, our college days will eventually end, and we will become responsible for what we have done in the past.

It may be cheesy, but the fact does remain that what we do today will affect the future — maybe not our lives, but most certainly the lives of our children.

Students on this campus need to realize that the "Alma bubble" does not protect us from environmental hazards, and there is no way that it can protect us from the environmental degradation that is in our future.

The convenience of recycling on Alma's campus is remarkable. That is right, folks — those big blue bins on every floor of the majority of residence halls are not there for decoration. They are each labeled

quite clearly with words such as "white paper," "plastic," and "glass," so it should not be too hard for the bright students of Alma to figure out how the system works.

If the knowledge that you are contributing to a cleaner environment is not enough to convince you to participate, there are more reasons. First, there is an economic reason. After all, the less garbage put into a trash bag, the less trash bags one has to buy. It may not seem like much, but the money saved there could sponsor a Taco Bell run.

For all those lazy people out there, you should be quite excited to know that the bins are closer to the majority of people than the trash rooms in the basement. There is nothing better than reducing the number of trips taken up and down the steps.

The two seconds it takes to run down the hall and separate the items is guaranteed not to cut into any precious study time, so there are no plausible excuses not to recycle. Remember that "reduce, reuse, recycle" is more than a slogan; it is a solution that could save the environment with your help.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Senior Class of 1999. The past year a group of seniors spent numerous hours trying to find donations for the senior class gift - a street clock. The Class of 1999 decided that it was only appropriate to dedicate the clock to a classmate, teammate, fraternity brother and mostly a friend in Dan Nicholson. Dan was supposed to graduate in 1999, but was killed in a car accident the summer before his senior year.

In the *Almanian* article covering the Class of 1999's gift to the school, the writer failed to do many things that make a good article. First, the writer failed to research the project properly. Only one person that knew Dan was even interviewed for the article. Two, it is known that one of the quotes in the article was not quoted by the correct person. Three, no one that worked on the project was interviewed. The writer did contact me about this once, but never returned any of the phone calls left to her. The writer also failed to contact the Class of 1999's advisor Mindy Sargent. What really upsets me is that Dan's last name was not spelled right, as it was written "Nicholson." That is not just carelessness, it is disrespectful as well. The

only thing that the writer needed to do was to look through old PIG books to see the correct spelling.

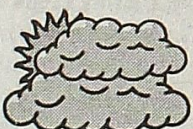
However, I do want to commend the *Almanian* staff and the writer. After recently speaking to the Nicholson family, I have learned that they received two letters from the *Almanian*. One was from the staff and the other was from the article's author. This act shows the professionalism that the staff of the *Almanian* is trying to establish for themselves. I also want to thank the *Almanian* for writing a story about the clock and who it was for.

Although this is just a school newspaper that is usually read and thrown out, I want to remind the staff of the *Almanian* one thing: this paper is a piece of Alma College history. One day in the future, someone is going to want to know something about what happened on the campus in 1999-2000. What we have printed in these *Almanians* will be one of the only resources for this information. Let us give the future a paper that is high quality.

Raymond C. Cochenour III  
Senior Class President, 1999

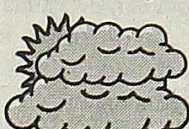
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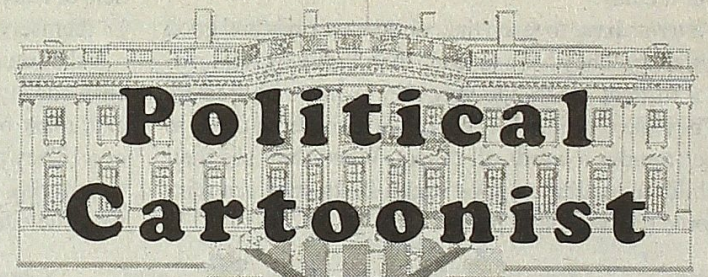
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## THE ALMANIAN Judgment Calls



**Thumbs up** to boys/girls.  
**Thumbs down** to boys/girls.

**Thumbs up** to the Letter to the Editor about there being nothing  
to do in Alma.  
**Thumbs down** to getting trashed every weekend because there  
is nothing else to do.

**Thumbs up** to listening to the radio.  
**Thumbs down** to only one radio station that comes in.

**Thumbs up** to decorating your room with posters.  
**Thumbs down** to being so broke that you decorate your room in  
ads that you cut out of magazines which came from the recycling  
bin on your floor.

**Thumbs up** to glow in the dark stars with which to decorate your  
room.  
**Thumbs down** to having them fall down all over your room.

**Thumbs up** to staying healthy all winter long!  
**Thumbs down** to getting sick at the beginning of the winter, the  
middle of winter, and again at the end!