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# The Almanian

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## Campus improvements are everywhere

By Missy Crossnoe  
News Editor

Every summer the Physical Plant maintenance team works to improve the Alma College campus for students, administrators and the community to enjoy.

"This past summer the maintenance crew worked especially hard," said Physical Plant Director Duane Knecht. "Our busiest time of the year is when students leave campus," he added. "The day after they're gone, our feet hit the ground running and we don't stop until the students return."

Residents of Bruske Hall have the maintenance team to thank for several renovations. Not only was the remaining half of Bruske re-furnished with the new stackable furniture, but much of the dorm received a fresh coat of paint. Also, all new windows were

put in.

In addition, the four sorority houses on campus acquired new windows and many small housing units, campus buildings and dorms received paint jobs.

South campus was completely re-wired for Internet access and new roofs were put on Swanson Academic Center and the Clack Art Center. Also, the basement of Mitchell Hall now has a remodeled shower room.

President Alan Stone is very pleased with the amount of improvements accomplished on campus this year. He noted the several sidewalks that have been added to convenience students and the landscaping which gives the campus "a lush look."

A major improvement for the EHS department is the addition of the new EHS building, which will house labs and classrooms to facilitate the EHS program. Ac-

cording to Stone, "it will be open for use in late October, early November." Stone said he is impressed with the short amount of time it took to complete the facility. "We were originally planning for a Christmas completion date," he said. The present EHS lab, in the Physical Education Building, will be renovated into a classroom after fall term.

Improvement plans for the future, according to Stone, are a complete renovation of Mitchell Hall in the summer of 1998. This will include, with sufficient funding, re-wiring for Internet access, brand new furniture, extensive painting and fixing of floor tiles, ceilings and room doors. Stone said the college's plan is to complete one dorm each summer until they have all been renovated.

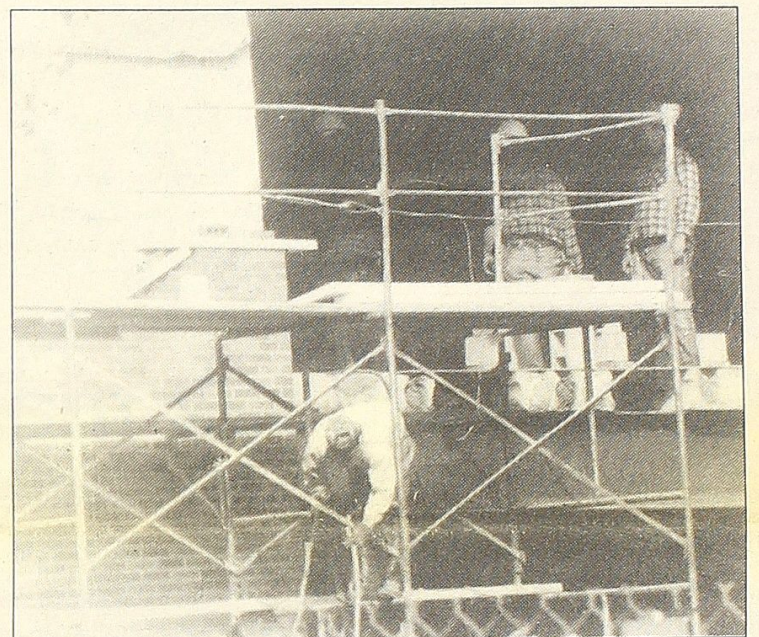
Another future improvement to campus is the new baseball diamond. Construction is presently under way. Stone said, "so far the college has already spent \$152,000 of the one and a half million needed to reach completion. When finished, he added,

"it will be the best baseball facility in the MIAA."

"The maintenance team should be commended," said Stone. "They worked very hard on these improvements."

Knecht appreciates all the assistance the maintenance crew re-

ceived in making these improvements to campus. "We had lots of student help this year, everyone made a tremendous effort and we could not have finished without their dedication."



The contractors work on the new Exercise and Health Science wing of the Physical education building. The building is expected to be completed in late October. Photo by Jon Croff

## News Briefs

### National

Up to a million people watched on television Mother Teresa's funeral procession in Calcutta, India on Saturday. The Roman Catholic nun who won the Nobel peace Prize for her work on behalf of the world's poor died last week at age 87.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms refused to reconsider William Weld's nomination as ambassador to Mexico. President Clinton said he will continue to press the nomination.

President Clinton on Friday nominated Dr. David Satcher, director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, as the next U.S. Surgeon General.

Katherine Shindle, Miss Illinois, won the 1998 Miss America Pageant on Saturday. Shindle, 20, of Evanston, is a senior at Northwestern University.

### Local

The annual ACUB all-nighter will take place this Friday.

Parents Day this year will be on Saturday.

Greek Bids Bash will also take place this Saturday on Chapel Beach.

"Friendship in the Age of AIDS" will occur at 8 pm in the Heritage Performing Arts Center on Monday, September 22.

The Pre-Med Club is sponsoring "Living With Aids." Sharon Fields is coming to share her story with Alma College on Wednesday September 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Dow L4.

The AIDS Quilt will come to Alma on Wednesday, September 24. Opening ceremony will be at 7 p.m. in the Chapel, viewing time will be between 8 and 10 p.m. On Thursday through Saturday the quilt will be on display from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closing ceremony will be at 4 p.m. in the Chapel.

## Aids quilt returns to Alma

By Rhonda Smith  
Staff Reporter

"Remember-celebrate-educate" is the theme of September 21-28, the week of events bringing the AIDS quilt to the Alma College campus. Various presentations will bring awareness of the disease to Alma students and community members.

The week begins on Sunday September 21 with the second annual AIDS Band Bash. Held at the Highlandaur, the Bash will occur from noon until 9 p.m. The purpose of the Bash is to respond to increased knowledge of AIDS among teenagers. Admission is \$3.00 for those 13 and over and \$1.00 for those under 12.

Melinda Westheimer, Program Services Coordinator of American Red Cross of Gratiot County, commented, "AIDS is the sixth leading cause of death for people aged 15 to 24. Approximately three-fourths of high school students have had sexual intercourse by the twelfth grade." Westheimer encourages people "to attend this fun-filled day of learning."

Monday, September 22 brings the presentation "Friendship in the Age of AIDS" at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Center's Presbyterian

Hall. Joel Goldman, who is HIV positive, and his friend T.J. Sullivan travel the country teaching students to challenge AIDS stereotypes and inform them how to reduce risk of infection. The event is free and no ticket is required.

On Tuesday, September 23 Mitchell Hall will be presenting an AIDS awareness program occurring from 7 to 9 p.m. Patrick Chong from the Lansing Area AIDS Network will talk about the effects of AIDS on family, person and society.

Mitchell Hall is also sponsoring an activity which will stress how the statistics of AIDS hits close to home. Mitchell Hall staff will determine the statistics of those persons infected by the disease either per year or per day. After that they will convert the numbers into percents. Every hour they will travel around campus and "infect" that percent of people with a special symbol.

The opening ceremonies to the viewing of the AIDS quilt occur at 7 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel on Wednesday September 24. After the ceremonies the quilt will be available for viewing from 8 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. both

Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Van Dusen Commons.

Other events happening this week include the Greater Lansing Gay Men's Choir performing at the Dunning Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Friday September 26 and the showing of the film "The Cure" at 9 p.m. Friday and at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday in the Dow/Kapp Science Building, room L1.

The week's closing ceremonies will be at 4 p.m. Sunday September 28 in Dunning Memorial Chapel.

### Aids Band Bash Schedule

- 12:30 p.m.—Circle Kay
- 1:00 p.m.—Woodshop Tunes
- 1:30 p.m.—Trillium
- 2:00 p.m.—Renegades
- 2:45 p.m.—Crosstalk
- 3:30 p.m.—Changes
- 4:15 p.m.—Jerkwater Town Boys
- 5:00 p.m.—Milestone
- 5:45 p.m.—Workhorse
- 6:30 p.m.—Jersey Blue
- 7:15 p.m.—Gotham City
- 8:00 p.m.—Sherrie Williams Princess of the Blues



## Computer changes cause minor inconveniences

By Galina Martin  
Freelance Writer

For returning students the computer services department seemed to have been very busy this past summer. Changes in the Swanson Academic Center labs, residence halls and upgrades in the system welcomed the college community back this fall. All of the changes have caused some complications for students.

The most notable difference is the "At Ease" screen. No longer can a student jump onto the internet with a click of the mouse. Progressing from the "Guest" status, one must now supply a user name and a password in order to access the system.

The computer service department sent out mailers to all students informing them of the changes. The mailers gave students their new passwords and directions on how to access the system. It seems many students either disregarded the mail or changed their password correctly on a terminal but failed to realize

the needed change on the PC. The computer department anticipated difficulties, acknowledging the fact that getting 1400 students up and running would cause some trouble. Thus far the inconvenience has been minimal compared to what it could have been.

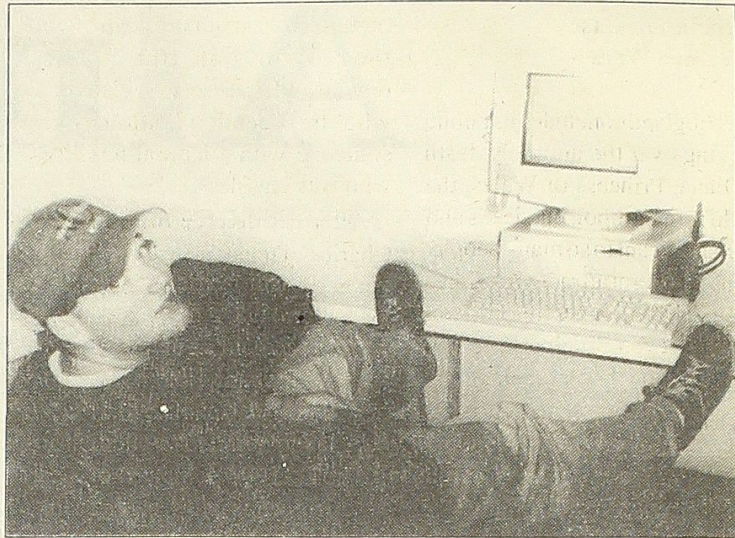
All of the changes occurred for three reasons. According to Donna Adams, the computer services director, the number one reason was "Security...we have to protect users from users." The college also needed to comply with the software contractor "Merit." In order to do this, the college must know who is using the internet. The final reason was in the interest of the students. The department wanted to enable student to store documents centrally.

The new upgrades allow for student to save documents to the central server. Each user is now allowed up to three megabytes of storage. The computer center is hoping this will ease the flood of damaged floppy disks the center sees annually. The center still recommends using floppies as a

back-up. It is also possible to obtain a "ZIP Drive" for \$15.75, which will hold up to one hundred megabytes. Students also have the option of establishing electronic mail on Netscape, which is not as limited as VAX/VMS mail.

Senior Jeff Joy said he likes the idea of storage space for students, "I think it will cut down on floppy disk failures. The only problem I have with the new system is that it's cumbersome because it is too slow to log onto, but I do understand the need for it," he said.

The wiring of Bruske Hall and South Complex is complete, but the remaining residence halls of Newberry, Mitchell and Gelston are still in the process of being wired. Adams is hopeful when saying that "We're trying to bring those three dorms on by fall of 1999," said Adams. Some may have noticed the delay in the residence hall labs opening. System problems have backed up the opening of the facilities for at least another week. When they are all up and running the work



Sophomore Brock Kremer takes advantage of the recent upgrade changes to the SAC 311 Computer Lab. Photo by Jon Croff

group will contain word processing and telnet facilities as well as Netscape. Netscape is also available in SAC 311. This lab has been completely refurbished. In the future SAC 312 will have a high-end Graphix system. Students needing access to such machines are encouraged to e-mail ADAMS to request access.

Adams and the department said they hope the new system will be

well received. Thus far the outlook has been positive. While acknowledging the problems Adams said that "Everyone has been very patient. Yes we will probably have some problems, but so far it seems to have worked reasonably well. It is difficult to anticipate the needs of 1400 students, but at this point the difficulties have been minor and have been dealt with in an efficient manner," she added.

## Open houses mark beginning of fall rush

By Missy Crossnoe  
News Editor

Alma College's informal fall rush, a condensed version of winter rush, occurred on campus last week.

For the first time, informal rush events were open to all students interested in the greek system, but first-year students and first-term transfer students were not eligible for bids from the different groups. They will be able to accept bids during Winter Term 1998.

The first event designed to introduce interested students to the Greek system were open houses that took place last Monday. The open houses gave all interested

students a chance to meet new faces and view the different houses on campus.

On Saturday from 5:45 to 8 p.m., a more structured informal rush function took place. This event was used to express interest in becoming greek.

Students assembled in the Rotunda of the Tyler VanDusen Center to visit the sororities of their choice, or Theta Chi (ΘΧ), the single fraternity participating in informal rush. Panhellenic members, neutral individuals representing each sorority, were present to urge stu-

dents to have an open mind, said Senior Sarah Hypio, Panhellenic Rush chair.

Additionally, this year's fall rush included the new sorority on campus, Phi Sigma Sigma (ΦΣΣ).

*I like informal rush because it's not as crazy.*

•Amanda Schafer (99)

Representatives from the national sorority were present on Saturday to interview prospective inductees. Because they do not have a sorority house on campus, they used the Fireside Lounge during open houses.

Sophomore Amy Jo Craig said, "I liked fall rush better than winter because you were more on your own, but you don't get to

meet as many people during fall as you do in winter rush."

Hypio said that her job during open houses, along with the other members of Panhel, was "to be there to answer questions and to help if anyone needed it. Fall rush is much easier for us and those going through it because it's not as pressure-filled," she said.

"It doesn't take a lot of planning for fall rush," said junior Ric Villarreal, Bids Bash co-coordinator.

After the conclusion of the open houses, separate organizations met on Sunday night to discuss who they would like to join their sisterhood. Open bids were then extended to those chosen on Monday.

After the student receives an open bid, they have anywhere from 24 hours to one year to accept it, depending on the organization.

Junior Amanda Schafer, who rushed last fall said, "I like informal rush because it's not as crazy. There are smaller pledge classes and it's easier to get to know people."

Each year, the week of informal rush is concluded with bids bash. This year, Bids Bash takes place on Saturday. This event is open to all greeks and will be held on Chapel Beach.

"Bids Bash is a time for greeks to come together and show unity. It shows non-greeks that we can all get along," said Villarreal.

## New faculty members add experience

By Amy Fraley  
Freelance writer

Three new full-time professors were added to the Alma College faculty this fall. Each professor comes to Alma with a doctorate degree in their field of study and each were drawn to Alma for its ability to assist in their professional growth and for the liberal arts base. The new members of the faculty include Marc Setterlund, assistant professor of psychology, Akiliu Zeleke, assistant professor of math and computer science and Kuldip Kuwahara, assistant professor of English.

Setterlund received his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in social/personality psychology. Though Setterlund taught at Concordia in the four years pre-

vious, he decided to make the move to Alma because he said he was impressed with the faculty, the facilities that the college has to offer and the academic direction of the institution.

Zeleke said he has always aspired to teach and he too found the conditions at Alma favorable to strengthening his professional future. Zeleke taught and studied at Temple University after receiving his doctorate in probability theory. In a short time, Zeleke's students have made a favorable impression upon him. Zeleke stated that he, "finds the academic standards at Alma to be higher and the students better prepared and disciplined for their studies."

Kuwahara received her doctorate degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Kuwahara's extensive studies in

19th century British and world literature and research have taken her from India to Scotland, the United States and most recently along the silk road in China. This past summer Kuwahara researched literature and spiritual east/west context, while traveling through China.

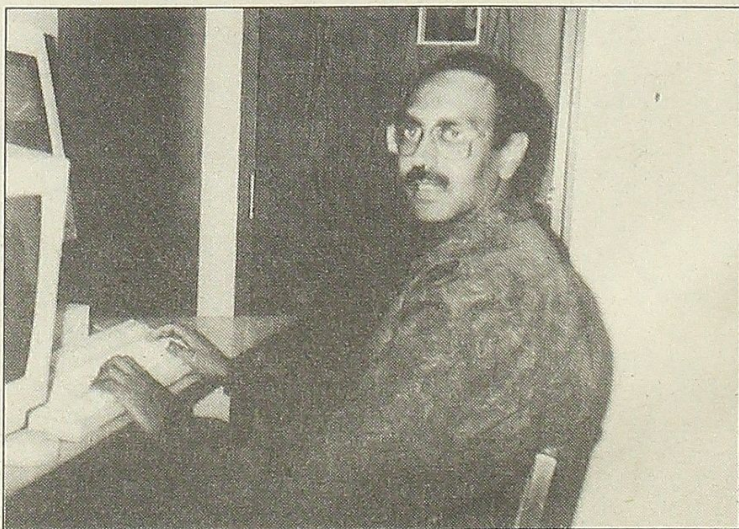
Kuwahara studied at a liberal arts college and said she enjoys teaching in this setting. She said likes the personal student to teacher relationships and the sense of the whole person that the liberal arts education offers, and she finds the Alma campus to be a very protective and nurturing environment.

Angie Soltys (01) stated, "Dr. Kuwahara has a unique way of teaching which encourages the active participation of all the students and she makes class enjoy-

able and enriching."

Students said they feel that each of the new professors offer a fresh and invigorating spirit to the Alma

campus and they find that the professors have something educationally rewarding to bring to his or her classroom.



Akiliu Zeleke, assistant professor of math and computer science poses for a picture as he works at his desk. Zeleke comes to Alma from Temple University. Photo by Jon Croff.



# Diana: Remembered for more than royalty

By Shannon Casey  
Freelance Writer

As England concludes its public grieving over the untimely death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the world reflects upon her deeds and what she meant to so many people. Diana's funeral attracted the likes of Hillary Rodham Clinton, Tom Cruise, Steven Spielberg, Henry Kissinger and 43 members of the royal family. Elton John performed a rendition of "Candle in the Wind," which he rewrote especially for the princess.

Earl Spencer, brother of Diana, described her best in the eulogy by saying, "All over the world she was a symbol of selfless

humanity, a standard-bearer for the rights of the truly downtrodden, a very British girl who transcended nationality, someone with a natural nobility who was classless...."

After her divorce from Prince Charles, Diana proved she did not need a royal title to touch the lives of millions of people around the world. While best known for her work with AIDS victims and the homeless, the princess helped raise money for numerous charities across the world.

She often visited young cancer patients in hospitals in order to give the children a glimpse of hope. As part of her anti-land mine crusade, Diana traveled to

Bosnia to visit land mine survivors.

Although Diana forfeited her royal title after her divorce, her death impacted many on the political spectrum. Britain's Prime Minister, Tony Blair, referred to Diana as "the people's princess."

In a time of decreasing faith in the British monarchy, the royal family delivered a statement of public sympathy over the passing of the princess. In only her second live television address of her 45-year reign (not including her annual Christmas greeting), Queen Elizabeth II embraced the nation by paying tribute to Diana and agreeing to fly the flag over

Buckingham Palace at half-staff

Diana's death had a great impact on students at Alma College. First-year student Jason Cottrell considered her "the JFK of Great Britain." Cottrell said, "her death impacted Great Britain and the rest of the world the same way

President Kennedy's death affected the United States."

Sophomore Amanda Smith said, "It [Diana's death] made the Alma College community more aware of the problems within the British monarchy and of international politics as a whole."

## Kiltie Band !



The Kiltie band takes the field. Photo by Derek Warner.

## WQAC Schedule

### Monday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Jeremiah Lee's Rock n Roll Morning Stuff  
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 80's Ringle  
9:00 - 10:00 p.m. R&B/Rap  
11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Ladies of the Night

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Jeremiah Lee's Rock n Roll Morning Stuff  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Marco Polo  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00p. m. R.R w/ Jennifer Fish  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Country  
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Metal UP Your Duck

### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Jeremiah Lee's Rock n Roll Morning Stuff  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. R&B  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Then and Now  
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. R&B  
10:00 p.m. - 12 :00 a.m. Heavy Metal by the Pound

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Jeremiah Lee's Rock n Roll Morning Stuff  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Avenue  
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Jazz  
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Diskus/Squires  
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Shaggy Show

### Friday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Jeremiah Lee's Rock n Roll Morning Stuff  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Other Jazz show  
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cellar

### Saturday

11:00 p.m. Damage Inc. Final Season

### Sunday

4:00 p.m. Tropical Vibe  
6:00 p.m. R&B  
10:00 p.m. Tribute  
11:00 p.m. Deep in the Groove

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## Zeta Sigmas host second annual food drive

By Charlotte Grant  
Feature Editor

Cans, music and a tent: it's the second annual Zeta Sigma (ZΣ) canned food drive.

Canned and boxed food, along with returnable cans and spare change, were collected last week in a tent on the front lawn of the ZΣ house. Fraternity members staffed the tent throughout the day and played music for entertainment.

Senior Ben Hondorp, a member of ZΣ, was in charge of the event. Hondorp said that ZΣ held the event to raise money and food for the Salvation Army.

The tent used by ZΣ was donated by Rent-Rite, which also donated the tent last year. "They've been really helpful," Hondorp said.

Hondorp compared this year's food drive to last year's, saying "I don't think it'll be as good."

The cold, rainy weather was the biggest factor affecting the event. "The weather has been busy for getting out at night,"

Hondorp said.

He explained that the fraternity had to keep the tent flap closed because of the weather and this confused some students. "They thought it [the tent] was closed because the flap wasn't open," Hondorp said.

ZΣ also got actively involved

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•Galina Martin (98)

by going door to door in the dorms collecting spare change, returnable cans and packaged food. "We got a lot of Ramen Noodles," Hondorp said. They also solicited donations from local businesses Friday afternoon.

The event was difficult to organize. "It was hard knowing what needed to be done because this is only the second year we've done it," said Hondorp.

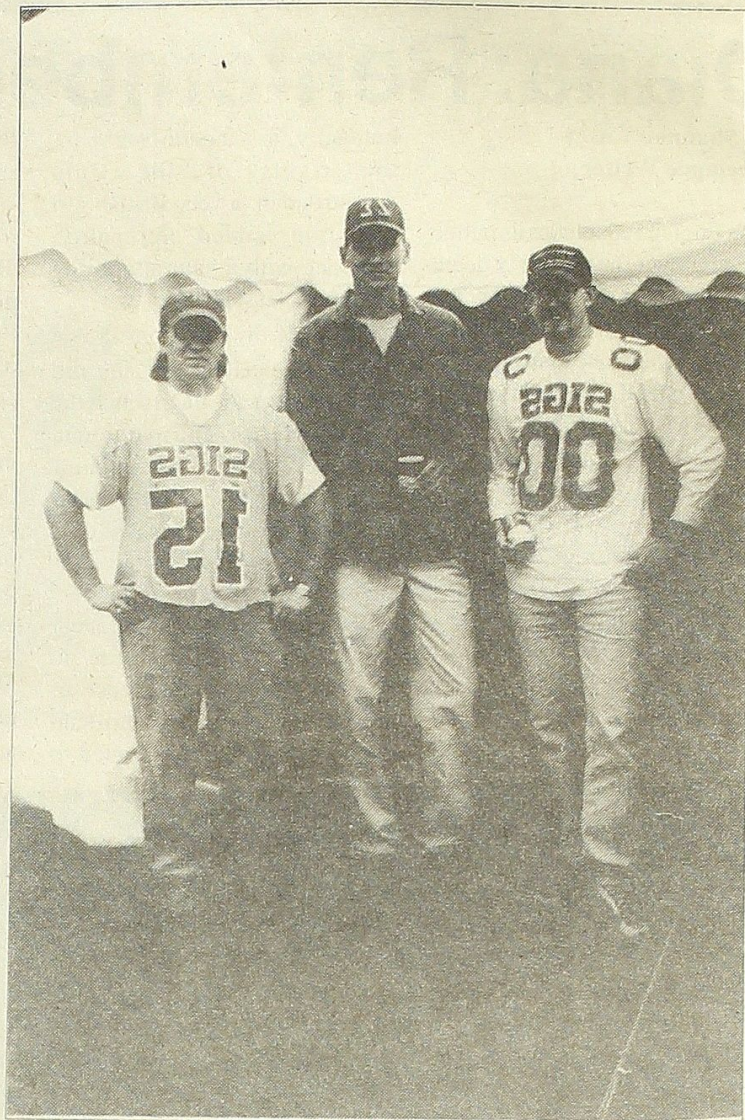
In order to boost the number of cans collected ZΣ hosted a party Saturday night and encouraged guests to bring cans. "We sent invites," Hondorp said, "and we asked people coming to bring cans or packages of macaroni or something."

Senior Galina Martin, a ZΣ sister, was impressed with the entire event. "I think it's awesome that they moved the entire chapter room out onto the lawn," she said. "They have done a lot with the fraternity in the past year."

"They managed to get this thing going two weeks into the school year and I think that's phenomenal."

ZΣ counted the total number of cans and the total amount of money donated on Sunday afternoon. Hondorp called this year's drive "little worse" than last year. They collected a total of 1,100 cans and \$345.

Overall, Hondorp thought the food drive went well. "It was a success this year," he said, "there's no question about it."



Zeta Sigma fraternity brothers John Buesing (99), Roger Pattie (98) and Warren Rojewski (98) pose in front of their food drive tent. This is the second year that the Zeta Sigmas have sponsored the drive. Photo by Jon Croff.

### Health Tips from Wilcox Medical Center

## Mononucleosis myths dispelled by Medical Center

by Joe Gelina  
Health Services Director

Infectious Mononucleosis is an acute infectious disease of the lymphatic system. It is very common among individuals between 16 and 22 years of age. It is not highly contagious.

Passage of the virus from one individual to another appears to require very close and personal contact.

In one study, secondary cases of mono occurred in less than five percent of college roommates. The incubation period, or the time lapse from exposure to development of symptoms is from four to seven weeks. Studies suggest that the incidence of the disease is higher in the fall or winter months.

Unfortunately, a classic pattern of symptoms is not always present. Usually there is a sore throat and malaise that has been present for several days. Enlarged lymph nodes are usually present, the

nodes involved that are palpable are found in the neck and occasionally in the axilla or groin.

Headache may be associated in some cases. Splenic involvement occurs in possibly 40% of the cases. Fever and abdominal discomfort may be present but are not typical.

Positive laboratory tests are the only true means of diagnosis. A blood specimen is obtained and sent to the hospital laboratory for a preliminary mono test and periodically for a heterophile antibody titer. This is to index the peak, decline and return to normal values. This test may not be positive during the first one or two weeks of the illness.

Because of the mild nature of the illness the treatment is symptomatic. Gargles or sprays for the sore throat. Rest as much as possible, bed rest for severe cases; lots of liquids and vitamins to maintain fluid balance and good nutrition.

Contact sports or strenuous

physical activity should be eliminated as a precaution against rupture of the spleen.

Drinking any alcoholic beverages should be avoided due to possible liver involvement.

The symptoms usually last two to four weeks depending upon the severity of the illness. Most students keep going to classes. If their symptoms are severe they should be monitored closely by

the medical center. The daily routine of activities may be continued as advised by the medical professionals, this may actually promote recovery. If you stay in bed for days you may actually allow yourself to become weaker than is necessary.

It is best that you consult with the medical center as to when you can resume strenuous activity. However, there is no reason to

suspect that moderate activity would be detrimental, other than leading to fatigue. Patients may resume normal activity as they feel inclined to do so.

If one is too active or becomes too stressed before the mono titer returns to normal, a relapse may occur. Full recovery may take from weeks to months depending upon the severity of the illness.

## College recognizes Lorenz and Slater for teaching excellence

By Joey Mead  
Staff Reporter

Why is the whole Alma College student body jamming into the gym and fighting over the eight back rows of chairs? It must be another Opening Convocation. But for two very special professors, Carol Slater, professor of psychology and Edward Lorenz, associate professor of history and political science, this was not just another Convo.

Former Reid-Knox Chair of American History holder, M.J.J. Smith retired last spring. He had held the chair since 1992. As of September 4 Lorenz is the new recipient.

"I was surprised, I didn't think I really deserved it. I mean, there are a number of history profes-

sors that do a great job," commented Lorenz.

The Reid-Knox Chair of American History was installed in 1992 in memory of Frank and Annie Reid-Knox.

The Knoxes are responsible for the donation of \$1,000,000 in stocks and bonds resting in the college's endowment. Annie Reid-Knox also donated \$250,000 for the construction of the Reid-Knox Administration Building.

The building was put up in remembrance of her husband Frank Knox, who not only graduated from Alma but was also a Republican Vice Presidential candidate and later Secretary of War under Franklin Roosevelt.

Lorenz received a gold medal at Honors Convocation, and from now on his salary will be paid for

by the interest collected from the \$1,000,000 endowment. The college has several such endowments, which support the salaries of various professors.

Slater was recognized for many years of service to Alma College, or as she put it, "It's for continuing to breathe for thirty years. It was very sweet."

Commenting on the past Slater said, "I agreed with President Stone when he said, 'We've come a long way baby.' The school has really flourished and grown. We have been so fortunate with the kind of students we have attracted. The closeness between the students and the faculty make Alma a college that is great to be with for thirty years."

### Center Corner

#### News from the Center for Student Development

##### 1st Place Complete

Thursday, September 18, 6-8 p.m. 1st SAC; limited to 24 students. Purchase a 1st Place resume disk for a discounted \$10, receive 1st Place resume writing instruction, complete your resume first night, and download your resume to the Center's database within twenty-four hours!

##### Job Search Strategies

Tuesday, September 23, 4 p.m. Center for Student Development. Attend this "strategies" session to learn the most effective ways to find a job. Free of charge.

Sign up for workshops in the Center for Student Development.



# Trebesh participates in teacher exchange

By Cheryl Lenard  
Staff Reporter

Imagine returning to Alma for fall term and finding that instead of just one roommate everyone on campus now has five, students are punished for untidy rooms, a strict curfew has been established, and "lights out" comes nightly at 11:30 p.m.

While many Alma students worked minimum wage jobs near home this summer, Associate Professor of Business Administration Michael Trebesh was having a "fantastic time" teaching business courses at such a college. The Lanzhou (pronounced Lon-joe) Commercial College in Lanzhou, in the Ganzu province of China was his home for the summer of 1997.

Interested in an overseas experience, Trebesh wrote to 120 colleges, universities and businesses in the Far East last fall requesting information about teaching exchange programs offered. He received seven responses, which he explored further.

Although most of the programs were willing to have him as a guest instructor, they wanted to him to stay and teach for more than just the summer. Lanzhou Commercial College's response was different, however. They were happy to have Trebesh as a guest instructor.

During the three months he was in China (May, June and July), he taught five sections of English, two sections of International

Trade and two sections of Accounting in the West.

All classes were taught in English which was fine with his students because most of them have had six to eight years of English instruction. He taught the courses there in exactly the same manner that he teaches his courses here at

*China is a sleeping dragon....It will be in Alma College's best interest to get involved with them.*

•Michael Trebesh, associate professor of business administration

Alma. However, the students there reacted to his teaching in a slightly different manner than they do here.

People in China place a great value on education. The students clapped when I came in the room....I did not have to erase the board. A student did it for me. Also, faculty members don't have office hours and students don't ask questions in class," said Trebesh.

Trebesh said that his time spent outside the academic setting was his most personally rewarding experience, however. The Chinese students were very kind and made Trebesh feel included from the beginning.

While there, he was invited as a guest to many students' homes,

birthday parties, and camping trips. His students considered him both a teacher and a friend.

He commented, "The Chinese students are fascinated with America. Many of them have never seen a foreigner. They are very interested in our social problems and American romance."

To bridge the gap between cultures and to satisfy the intense curiosity, Trebesh packed "foreign" items such as breakfast cereal, stickers, stamps, pens, pencils, American money, pictures of American homes and vehicles and dental floss.

The kindness, generosity and gentleness of the Chinese people are perhaps what struck Trebesh the most. Although their culture may seem strange to Americans, American culture seems strange to the Chinese as well. He said that he was slightly apprehensive before leaving, but was glad that he went.

Perhaps one of the largest news stories this summer was the Chinese takeover from the British in Hong Kong. Trebesh was fortunate enough to experience this from a very different perspective than most Americans.

Herecounted, "They shut down China for three days. The Chinese are extremely patriotic. There was dancing and parties. I had the opportunity to be in a play and give some speeches....The Chinese are proud to have Hong Kong back."

Trebesh is now interested in



Michael Trebesh, associate professor of business administration, instructs his Chinese students. File photo.

sharing his experience with others. He is working with Alma College to develop a working relationship with Lanzhou Commercial College and other schools in the Far East.

"China is a sleeping dragon....It will be in Alma College's best interest to get involved with them," Trebesh stated.

To enforce this desire, he is trying to find two students who are positive role models and excellent representatives of Alma College to accompany him for a return trip to the college during

Spring Term.

Trebesh is planning on staying for the entire summer, however, the two students will only stay for four or five weeks. The students will earn four credits of elective business, but they do not have to be business majors or minors to qualify for the trip.

Interested students should contact Trebesh if they are interested or have questions. Also, Trebesh is giving a presentation to the faculty on September 19 in SAC 108 at 3:30 p.m., however, students are invited to attend as well.

## Library expands to improve student and community services

By Patricia Baldwin  
Freelance Writer

The professional staff of the Alma College Library provides varied services and some unexpected resources for the students, faculty and staff of the college. Community residents may also use most of the library resources but priority is given to the college community.

Peter Dollard, library director and professor of library science, explained the new developments in the library's on-line and web resources.

SearchBank, which has replaced Infotrac, is a web based service that provides twenty years of research that in many cases presents the articles in full-text. Students, faculty and staff with computers may access SearchBank from anywhere on campus.

First Search is a firm that provides access to sixty indexes and reference sources replacing indexes now in print form. The Library of Michigan provides this service at no cost to the college.

Project Muse from the John

Hopkins University Press provides access on the web to forty-one scholarly journals that can be downloaded in full text, including pictures.

JSTOR which currently identifies thirty scholarly journals from their first issue to their most current publication, also includes full text articles.

These services will be very useful to the faculty and students. Dollard said that printed indexes are being superseded and that computer technology will change the way scholarship is done. With more information available because of electronics, the expectations of institutions of higher learning will be greater.

The inter-library loan offers the college community access to the whole world. If the library does not have the information needed a request form may be filled out in a timely manner and the library staff will acquire the materials.

In most cases needed material will be found in the 212,000 volumes of the main collection, the 2,100 periodical titles, the juvenile collection, the Federal Government Depository Collection, the Curriculum Laboratory, the

Alma College Archives and the Closed Section of rare and unique materials. These collections, the on-line and web resources and the extensive audiovisual collection will meet the academic requirements and satisfy the non-academic interests of any Alma College student.

A student I.D. is the passport to all the services and resources of the Alma College Library and must be used when checking out materials. The loan policies vary for the different collections that are available for home (residence hall) use.

Any materials in the general collection may be checked out for three weeks, including any of the volumes which encompass general and standard reading materials, but also include juvenile books and paperbacks.

There is a one week limit on materials from the audiovisual collection which includes compact discs, VCR and videos in an ever-expanding collection. This one week limit also applied to materials from the Federal Government Depository Collection and the Curriculum

Lab collection, a collection of actual text books for the teacher training programs.

Of the 2,100 periodical titles available, any unbound periodical may be checked out for two days.

Reserve items placed in circulation by professors may be checked out for two hours and must be used in the library. Some may be borrowed overnight if they are checked out late and returned early in the morning.

There are fines imposed for borrowed materials which are re-

turned late. If library materials are needed longer than anticipated, extensions and renewals may be made by telephoning 463-7229. If a request has been made for the materials checked out renewals will not be allowed.

The library hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to midnight.

If additional information is needed contact one of the professional staff members at the Alma College Library.

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# Students, professors attend ACS meeting

By Cheryl Lenard  
Staff Reporter

Three Alma College chemistry students had the opportunity last week to attend the American Chemical Society National Convention in Las Vegas. Beth Knapp (98) and Becky Tansy (98) and Christina McGrain (99) traveled with Professor of Chemistry James Hutchinson and Associate Professor of Chemistry Scott Hill to the five day convention.

"It was a fun week and the conference was an eye opener and was a good chance to interact with other professionals and student researchers," said McGrain.

The three students did poster presentations of their research done last year and the professors

both gave speeches to interested chemists.

The presentations by the three women was not the first time they presented their research, however. Knapp and McGrain presented at last springs Honor's Day on campus and at the Great Lakes Chemistry Conference at Michigan State University last April 3. In March of 1996, Knapp and Tansy presented at the American Chemical Society National Convention in New Orleans. Knapp's research is entitled "Synthesis of a Prostaglandin Analog as an Enzyme Inhibitor," and Tansy's is entitled "Steps Toward the Synthesis of 1-(R)-bromo-ent-maaliol."

Certain workshops sponsored by the American Chemical Society focused on career planning.

Knapp and Tansy both participated mock job interviews and had their resumes critiqued, while McGrain attended a resume workshop. The conference also offered an opportunity for networking with graduate professors and potential employers.

Besides learning about opportunities in chemistry, the group had some fun touring Las Vegas as well. They did find some time for relaxation in the Las Vegas sun. The three women and Hutchinson went on a roller coaster at the top of the Stratosphere, a tower which overlooks the large city. Hill opted to stay on the observation deck. McGrain commented about the city, "Las Vegas is a great town, seriously, it's awesome."



Junior Christina McGrain poses for a picture at the Country Star restaurant in Las Vegas. The Country Star is country music's version of a Hard Rock Cafe. File photo.

## ACUB prepares 1997-98 campus entertainment

By Cheryl Lenard  
Staff Reporter

Laser storm, virtual reality and interactive video will take over Van Dusen commons Friday night.

They along with comedian Michael Chelseka are all part of the Alma College Union Board's (ACUB) annual All-Nighter. The event is scheduled for this Friday from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is free for all Alma College students.

Virtual reality and laser storm, popular attractions in the past, are returning for this year's event.

New additions include interactive video and pictures which have several new backgrounds for this year. Chelseka, a popular comedian who has been featured on *A&E Evening at the Improv*, *Carolyn's Comedy Hour*, and HBO Comedy specials, is a new addition to the All-Nighter this year. His entertainment will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

ACUB's Concert Executive, Chris Ahn (98), said, "This year's All-Nighter is probably going to be one of the better ones."

When first-year student Mark Williams heard about the event, he commented, "It sounds like 'da bomb!'"

ACUB, the purpose of which is to provide entertainment to the Alma College community, is looking for more campus participation in its events this year.

To achieve this, the board is working on bringing the band They Might Be Giants to campus for a homecoming concert, bringing back a hypnotist that was here two years ago, holding

Casino Night again during winter term, and continuing to hold movie nights and coffee houses throughout the year. ACUB is particularly excited about bringing a major concert to campus.

Another annual ACUB event, Mock Rock, is also planned for this year. ACUB is looking to increase participation in this event because in the past, participation has been relatively low. If student turnouts do not increase, ACUB will be looking to hold another type of event in its place.

"We have a lot of great events coming up this year and would like to see a lot of campus participation," said Ahn.

Students who have ideas for possible events or are interested in working with the Union Board

should contact an ACUB representative.

"I like the freedom of the programming aspect. It's nice to get opinions from students and try to get the performers they want," said senior Holly Bailey.

This year's executive board includes Ahn, Bailey, Heather Myers (99), Eric Grace (99), Jenny Cherniack (99), Micalela Merryweather (99), Stephanie Maust (99), Bethany Simmons (00), Marcus Evans (99), and Leah Christopher (99).

ACUB's advisor, Jamie Hickey, said, "ACUB is off to a great start this year...I'm hoping for a successful All-Nighter to kick off this year."

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## S-courses broaden horizons

By Rhonda Smith  
Staff Reporter

In the academic year of 1973-74 Alma College adopted the four-four-one semester program and spring term was formed. Several years later Alma saw fit to challenge the goal of spring term. In the 1994-95 academic year the S-Spring Term was born.

According to Alma's 1995 Academic Catalog the S-course "takes advantage of the unique format of Spring Term by crossing geographical, cultural or disciplinary boundaries."

The original purpose of Spring Term was to allow students to take classes outside of their majors and distributment requirements.

Pressure to take spring term classes corresponding to a student's major

increased, however, and the intended creativity was missing.

Spring terms, according to Karen Klumpp, registrar, were not "going outside area you're comfortable with." It wasn't always feasible for students to gain worldly experience by traveling overseas for a term.

Alma did not wish the variety of spring term courses to be constricting, either. During the academic year of 1994-95 the faculty debated and passed what is now known as the S-course.

Affecting those who entered in the Fall of 1995 and after, students are required to take two spring term courses: the S-course and a regular spring term course. An S-course generally takes its students out of the classroom setting. Many courses travel overseas; some simply travel across the state.

One of the S-courses offered for spring 1997 was CHM 380 Environment and Culture/ Egypt taught by Melissa Strait, associate professor of chemistry. "It gave us valuable life lessons. We

don't learn as many lessons at Alma about different cultures," said Martha Degen, (98) referring to the S-course in Egypt. Another course was GEO 112 Introduction to Michigan Basin Geology taught by Murray Borrello, geology instructor.

"Being able to go to Chicago enabled me to see what was going on in action. Being able to experience the city culture was different than the rural culture I was used to here," commented Jessica Johnson (99), regarding HUM 180 Chicago Arts and Culture, taught by Douglas Scripps, professor of music and John Ottenhoff, professor of English.

Of S-courses in general, Johnson said, "It's a good idea to experience different things."

An example of courses proposed for spring term 1998 include POL 127/ 327 Presidential Library Visit and SOC 215/ 315 Michigan Archaeological fieldwork.

A brochure will be out in February of 1998 listing all of the S-courses available.



# Football dominates Valpo in season opener

By Chris Tapley  
Co-editor-in-Chief

Avenging the loss of a year ago, the Alma Scots football team defeated the Valparaiso University Crusaders 45-28 this past Saturday in their season opener.

The Scots jumped off to a quick start scoring on a 34-yard field goal by junior Rick Brands early in the first quarter and they never looked back.

The Scots scored twice more before the end of the first half on a 48-yard touchdown pass from senior Jason Vandermaas to sophomore Erik Johnson and on a 15-yard field goal by Brands. The teams went to the locker room at the half with the score Alma 13 Valparaiso 0.

The lack of scoring by Valparaiso, a division IAA team, was largely due to the role played by the Alma defense.

"Our defense played wonderfully, especially in the first half," said Alma Head Coach Jim Cole. "The kids were ready and prepared, made good decisions and they created some turnovers."

The defense continued to play a large role in the game in the second half as they kept Valparaiso scoreless until late in the third quarter.

"The kids played very aggressively and shut them down," said Cole.

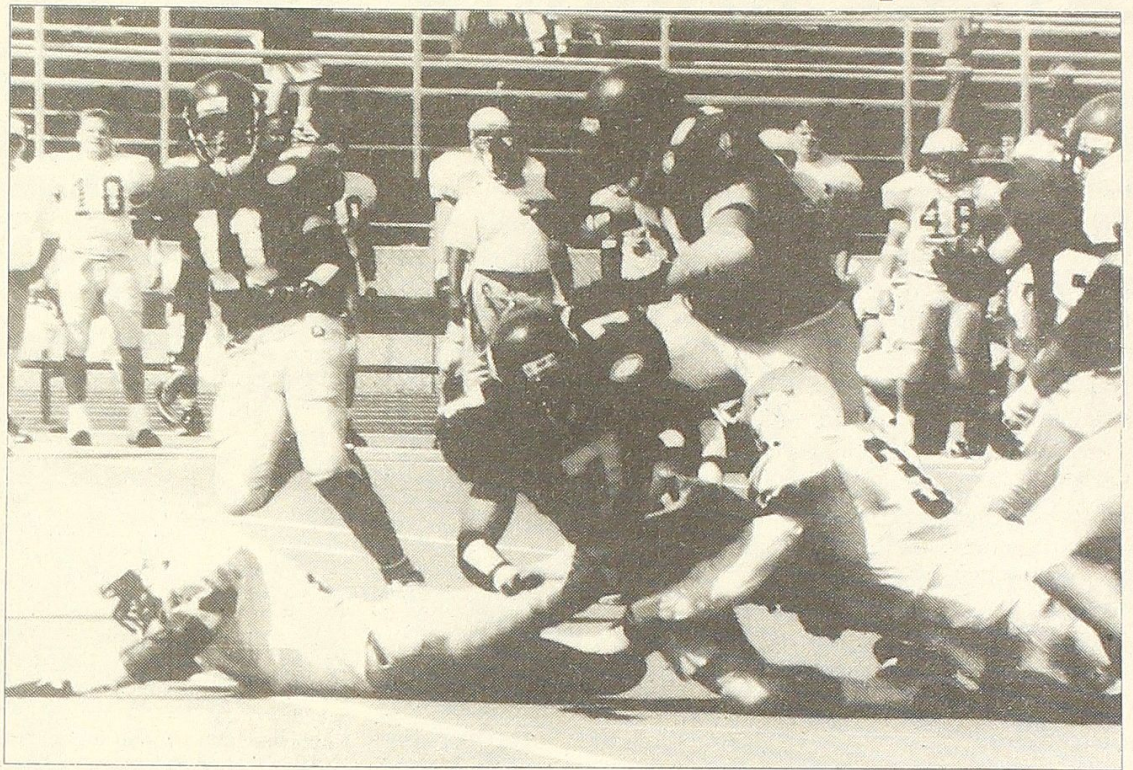
The defense also contributed to Alma's scoring in the second half. Junior Brian Lassey intercepted a pass from Valparaiso quarterback Paul Van Dam at the Valparaiso 41 and ran it back for a touchdown. Senior Todd Driver also had an interception for a touchdown.

The Alma offense added in another 18 points to make the final score. Valparaiso's scoring came primarily in the fourth quarter with a pass from Van Dam to John Schulte and runs from Van Dam, Joe Nowak and Andy Huegli.

The Scots had a varied attack racking up 303 yards on the ground and 200 in the air. The Scots averaged 6.9 yards per play and completed 6 of 16 third down conversions. Tied for lead rushing for the Scots were seniors Ray Dawood and Vandermaas at 86 yards followed closely by senior Scott Heymoss at 71 yards.

On the other side of the ball leading the Scots in tackles was senior John Streeter with 11 followed by sophomores Tim Webb and Zack Workman with 9 and 8, respectively.

Valparaiso accrued 232 yards on the ground and 154 yards in the



Senior Ray Dawood runs for a short gain as sophomore Kenny Warner and junior Rodney Baringer block. The Scots went on to win by a score of 45-28. Photo by Derek Warner.

air averaging 5.1 yards per carry.

"Our kids played hard and deserved it," said Cole of the game.

The junior varsity squad played Adrian on Monday but as of press time the score for this game was unavailable. The varsity team will resume play on Saturday against Olivet-Nazarene College at 1:30 p.m. for parents and Community Appreciation Day.

## Football Statistics

	Alma	Valparaiso
Rushing attempts	42	37
Yards gained (rushing)	331	257
Yards gained (passing)	200	154
Interceptions/yards	3/66	2/0
Third down conversions	6/16	3/13
Average gain per play (yards)	6.9	5.1

## Women's golf teams begins season with tie

By Joey Mead  
Staff Writer

Alma women's golf got off to a great start last Thursday when they tied for first place having a total score of 357 with Hope. The individual winner was Alma senior, Carrie Hunt shooting an 82.

Coach Charlie Goffnett said, "We are in a great position for a conference championship. Right now we are tied for first with Hope. But we're going to have to improve to win the championship."

The women were very excited

about the result of their first match of the season. Sophomore Jennifer Peters shot an 86, followed by senior Mandy Bowler with an 89 and sophomore Jody Taylor shot a 100.

This last weekend Alma was a little overwhelmed as they competed in the Spartan Fall Invitation. Alma took 15th under 14 other division 1 and 2 schools. They were the only division 3 school among all 15 teams.

The Scots played right along side schools such as Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Notre Dame and many

others. Taking first place was Indiana University. The individual winner was Kasey Gant from Michigan State University. Gant was only two over with a 146 for 36 holes, shooting a 79 on Sunday's 18.

"Alma was there to challenge themselves," said Coach Goffnett. "We were the smallest school out there, and Forest Acres is one of the toughest courses in women's college golf. They played 36 holes Saturday and 18 Sunday. The girls almost had a golf overdose."

Alma's total score for the 36 holes on Saturday was 762. On

Sunday their total score for 18 was 382, which finished them in 15th place.

After the long two days of golf senior Carrie Hunt jokingly said, "Well, it was the first time I've ever played bare foot. I feel brain dead, too much golf in too little time."

Coach Goffnett added, "Our goal was to have a low pressure situation. To come out and play and work to improve. No one played to their potential, but we can only improve."

Senior Mandy Bowler did not play as well as she had hoped, but despite of a rough two days she

said, "The course is beautiful, but 36 holes, which is 11 hours of golf in one day, was a little overwhelming. I just had trouble pacing myself. It did feel good to get through it all. It was definitely challenging."

Sophomore Jennifer Peters agreed with Bowler. "I felt inconsistent for two days. But we'll try and just get ready for Tuesday when we play Defiance in Ohio," she said.

On Saturday, September 20 is a big match for Alma. It's a conference tournament here at Alma's home course, Pine River at 1 p.m. Alma hopes to have improved some before they go into the match.

## Sports Briefs

### Michigan blasts Colorado

Brian Griese threw two touchdown passes and 13th ranked Michigan built a huge lead in the third quarter, erasing any opportunity for a miracle finish by number 7 Colorado. The Wolverines dealt the Buffaloes a 27-3 defeat. (Reuter)

### Carl Lewis races for final time

Lewis and three Santa Monica Track Club teammates ran an exhibition 4x100 meter relay and USA Track and Field, the sports governing body, retired a symbolic national team jersey to mark the end of his storied competitive career. (Reuter)

### Federov Wants a Trade

NHL sources said Sergei Federov requested a trade again last Thursday as contract negotiations broke down between the Red Wings and agent Michael Barnett.

### De La Hoya beats Camacho, retains title

Undefeated Oscar De La Hoya rallied to another victory Saturday, defeating former champion Hector Camacho to retain his world boxing council welterweight championship by a comfortable 12 round unanimous decision. (Reuter)

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# Cross country teams finish behind Albion at IPFW Invite

By Beth Knapp  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

After not running well a week ago the men's and women's cross country team bounced back for the Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne Invitational on Saturday. The men's team finished in third place overall and the women's team placed fourth. The men's team earned a trophy for their effort.

"We won this meet last year and were hoping to win again," said Head Coach Dan Gibson. Despite not meeting this expectation, Gibson was pleased with Saturday's results.

Both teams had several individuals place in the top 30. Top finishers for the men's team were junior Peter Muccio (3rd place), senior Jerry Howard (11th place), senior Ben Witte (18th place),

first-year student Mark Williams (20th place) and sophomore Josh Wiggins (24th place). On the women's team senior Joy Engblade placed 4th, sophomore Anne Grimaldi placed 13th, senior Katie Rodgers placed 24th and senior Sarah Kampf placed 30th. Those finishing in the top 30 received t-shirts.

According to Howard, this meet was significant because, "that was the first time we had met anyone from the conference." Placing ahead of both teams was MIAA rival Albion. Spring Arbor's teams won the meet.

"We haven't lost to Albion in years and both our teams lost [Saturday]. We weren't pleased and we don't expect that to happen again," said Gibson. "We wouldn't have been disappointed except Albion beat us."

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•Coach Gibson

Muccio was optimistic despite the loss to Albion. "I'd rather lose to them

now when it doesn't mean anything. Frankly, I expect we'll beat them in conference when it counts," he said.

Gibson's thoughts echoed those of Muccio. He expects Saturday's loss to Albion to make the teams

"more determined when we have the first Jamboree."

"Overall, the meet showed that our team has potential to be more competitive as the season continues," stated Kampf. She also stated that the first few meets allow the teams to compare themselves to others as they prepare for the conference season.

"The first three meets are about racing into shape," stated Gibson.

The first MIAA jamboree will be held in two weeks. There are only two jamborees, or conference meets, this year instead of the usual three, making each one much more important.

On Saturday the cross country teams travel to Ferris State University to compete in yet another invitational. "We're running that meet to tune up for league meets," stated Gibson.

## Top Individual Finishers

### Men:

Peter Muccio	3rd
Jerry Howard	11th
Ben Witte	18th
Mark Williams	20th
Josh Wiggins	24th

### Women:

Joy Engblade	4th
Anne Grimaldi	13th
Katie Rodgers	24th
Sarah Kampf	30th

# Tigers show drastic improvement from 1996

By Sean Babbitt  
Sports Editor

In 1996 the Detroit Tigers ended up with the second worst record ever in Major League Baseball history just behind the woeful 1968 New York Mets. Tigers pitching yielded over five and a half runs a game, dead last in the American League, they finished over forty games out of first place behind the eventual world series champion New York Yankees.

Fast forward to 1997. Late last year Tigers General Manager Randy Smith started a difficult rebuilding project by trading popular slugger Cecil Fielder to

the Yankees for outfielder Ruben Sierra and prospects. Smith also landed center field speedster Brian Hunter from the Astros and plucked designated hitter Bob Hamlin off the waiver wires from Kansas City.

Along with these off the field moves came some help from the farm system in the form of fire balling pitcher Justin Thompson. The trade of Cecil Fielder to the Yankees then allowed little known power hitting first basemen Tony Clark to step into the line up on a full time basis.

The off the field moves by General Manager Randy Smith allowed Field Manager Buddy Bell

to take control of the young Tigers and shape them into a winning unit.

As of Friday August 12 the Tigers were a respectable 69-74, a marked improvement from the disastrous season of one year ago. The turn around can be directly related to a vastly improved pitching staff. It is a staff that currently ranks fourth in the American League with a 4.43 team earned run average. The starting pitching trio of Justin Thompson, Brian Moehler and Willie Blair have a combined record of 38 wins and 26 losses and an ERA of 3.95.

Another reason for the turn around is the play of first basemen

Tony Clark. He is tied for ninth in the league with 31 home runs and is sixth with 109 runs batted in. Center fielder Brian Hunter is also a large contributor in the lead off spot with 66 stolen bases, which ranks first overall in the Major Leagues.

Shoot for the moon these next few years Tiger fans, because not only does the organization have a solid nucleus at the major league level, the farm system has just been ranked as the best in baseball. Up from the system next year will be second basemen Frank Catalanotto. This up and coming star should push incumbent Damion Easley for the start-

ing job.

Also being promoted from AA Jacksonville is the crown jewel of the Tigers organization, Juan Encarnacion. This past season at Jacksonville he tore up the league with a .323 batting average, with 26 home runs and 90 runs batted in. What makes those statistics even more impressive is the fact that he did it in only 131 at bats.

The records will get better, and the games will start to mean more near the end of seasons. The future is so bright that you might see a world series come to town to break in new Tiger Stadium.

# Volleyball travels to Baldwin-Wallace University for weekend tournament

By Julie Yaklin  
Freelance Writer

The women's volleyball team traveled to Baldwin-Wallace University in Ohio this past weekend for an invitational tournament. The Scot's opened their day with success by posting a win against Penn State Behren (15-9, 15-13, 12-15, 15-5).

"Our first match was the best we have played all season," sophomore Katherine Nordin explained. "We are showing progress and we demonstrated points that proved we are a good team."

They were defeated in their last three matches against Marietta College (13-15, 14-16, 15-4, 15-4), John Carroll College (13-15, 14-16, 11-15) and Franklin College (7-15, 12-15, 15-12, 15-6, 10-15). "We played John Carroll on

Saturday morning," Coach Penny Allan-Cook explained. "They are ranked fourth or fifth in the region. We stayed close which is an indicator of the potential of our team."

Despite their losses Captain

*I thought we played better in this tournament than we did the week before.*

Coach Cook

Ellen Bradbury said, "We learned a lot by working on our new offensive and defensive skills. This will help us to be successful in our season."

Cook was not disappointed in the way her team performed this weekend. "I thought we played better in this tournament than we did the week before," Cook said.

"We held our own."

Cook, as well as, Nordin credit junior Ellen Bradbury for having a great weekend. Nordin commented, "She put forth a lot of effort even though she was extremely tired."

According to Bradbury, the team's biggest goal is to do well in the league and improve their record from last year. They will have a chance to do this in their next game today as they host Kalamazoo College beginning at 6:30 p.m.

According to Cook, "Kalamazoo has a young setter just as we do, so we are in the same boat. Some of their strong players graduated so that will benefit us. A win should be within reach."

On Thursday the team travels to Albion College for a game beginning at 6:30 p.m.

# Soccer Corner

## Men's Team:

### Saturday's Results

Alma	4
Mount Vernon	0

### Scorers:

Paul Aceto  
Mark McClutchey

### Shut-out:

John Cullen

## Women's Team:

### Tuesday's Results

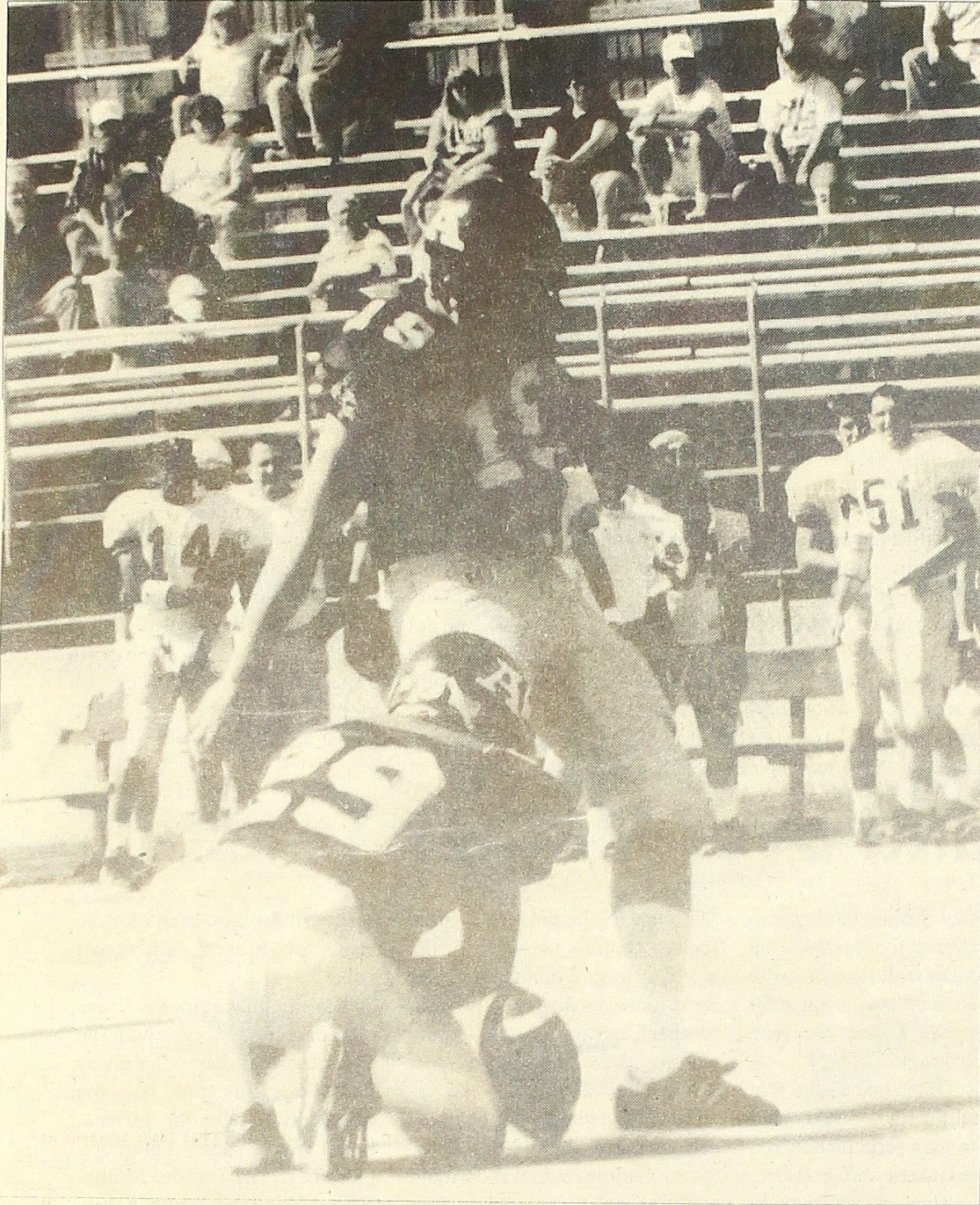
Alma	6
Mount Vernon	1

### Scorers:

Stephanie Craig (1)  
Kristy Hopper (1,2)  
Sarah Hayes (1,2)

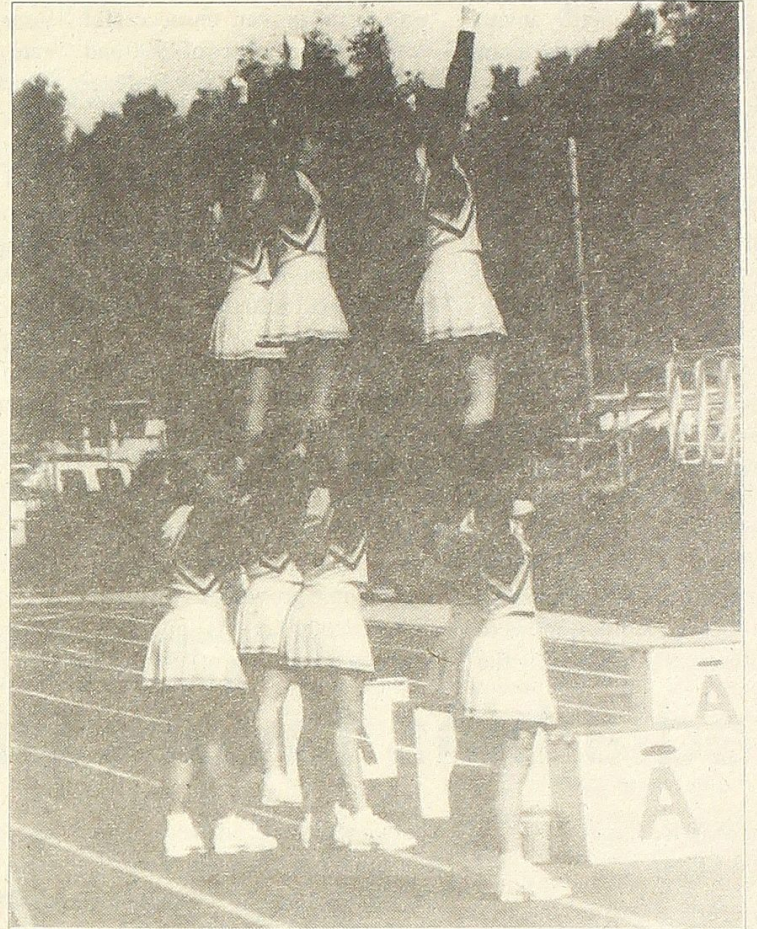


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Sophomore Sean Grant holds as junior Rick Brands attempts a field goal in Saturday's game against Valparaiso. Brands kicked three field goals (34 yards, 15 yards, 22 yards) in the game. Photo by Derek Warner.

The Alma College cheerleading squad fires up the crowd at Saturday's football game. Photo by Derek Warner.



Sophomore Joel Stewart and his teammate chase after an airborne ball. The men's team defeated Mt. Union by a score of 4-0. First-year student Paul Aceto and sophomore Mark McClutchee each scored their first collegiate goals in Saturday's game. Photo by Derek Warner.

A crowd of students cheer during Saturday's football game. Many Alma College students took advantage of the warm, sunny weather and hiked over to the field to relax in the sun and watch the team. Photo by Derek Warner.



Senior Stephanie Craig heads the ball towards her teammate in the game against St. Mary's. Alma went on to win the game 6-1. Photo by Derek Warner.



## Why Americans are desperate for a tax cut

By Shannon Casey  
Freelance Writer

The American dream, which once could be obtained by anyone regardless of income level, is now stifled by unrealistic tax rates. Many have described this problem as immoral because our tax and spend activities are building a mountainous federal deficit that will certainly bury our children. Cutting taxes promotes economic growth, fosters economic stability and gives Americans an incentive to work hard.

History has shown that an increase in taxes paralleled with an increase in spending does not promote a balanced budget or the realization of the American dream. The economic hardships of the Great Depression were intensified and prolonged by the

tax increases brought about by the Roosevelt and Hoover administrations.

This tax and spend philosophy was again proven unsuccessful with the tax increases of 1990 and 1993, which left the Federal government with a lower total tax revenue than when Reagan left office in 1988. In contrast, history has also left us with another important lesson: cutting taxes fosters economic growth and in many cases actually increases total tax revenue.

According to Daniel J. Mitchell, McKenna Senior Fellow in Political Economy at The Heritage Foundation, during the administrations of Kennedy and Reagan, American families experienced the greatest periods of economic growth as a result of unprecedented tax cuts. Industries prospered in this time of economic

freedom thus creating millions of new jobs. Kennedy's across the board tax cuts resulted in the longest economic expansion in American history and a growth rate of over 5 percent. Similarly, President Reagan's philosophy of lower taxes raised the standard of living and created 20 million new jobs while experiencing an economic growth rate of nearly 4 percent.

Many people attribute the growth of the national debt to Reagan's tax cuts. This is faulty reasoning because total tax revenue actually increased during Reagan's administration. The reason the national debt grew so large is because the higher tax revenues invited wasteful congressional spending.

Researchers at the Joint Economic Committee of Congress made the remarkable

finding that every dollar of new taxes over the past forty years has led to \$1.59 of additional spending. Therefore, when the government raises taxes, no progress is made towards reducing the national debt. Nobel Prize winning economist Milton Friedman once stated "government spends whatever the tax system will raise plus the largest level of deficits that the nation will tolerate."

The states realize the end of big government is over and have been trying to incorporate tax cuts into their balanced budget plans. Despite inheriting monstrous deficits, many governors managed to create budget surpluses while at the same time reducing taxes; Congress should be taking notes!

Michigan's own John Engler, established a "rainy day fund" of

\$1 billion for Michigan despite starting out with a deficit of \$1.8 billion when he took office in 1990. Ohio Governor, George V. Voinovich, turned \$1.5 billion deficit into a surplus of \$800 million. Governor Arne Carlson of Minnesota also changed the economic position of his state from a \$1.8 billion deficit to an \$824 million surplus. These governors not only developed a surplus of funds, but also accomplished this task by decreasing tax rates.

Cutting taxes not only puts more money into the economy, but promotes stability and expansion in the job market. Massachusetts, Idaho, New Jersey, Arizona, Pennsylvania, and Virginia experienced tremendous job growth as a result of their states' recent tax cuts.

## Media bias favors Diana over Mother Teresa's

By Timothy R. Caister  
Opinion Editor

Within the past couple of weeks, two of the more influential persons in the world have died. The Princess of Wales, Diana and the other, the most famous nun in the Roman Catholic Church, Mother Teresa, were both honored worldwide. It is the manner in which they were both remembered which signals to me a sad state of affairs in international journalism.

The press coverage of the passing of Princess Diana was outstanding, if not overwhelming.

The due respects of her were made in a numerous fashion. During the following week after her death, the press was littered with documentaries, news releases, updates, and other reportive stories on the Princess.

Meanwhile, during that same week, Mother Teresa passed leaving a large legacy behind her also. I hate to use the word martyr so soon after the death of Mother Teresa, but this is not a word use lightly when discussing someone. I do believe that she held the same candle up to Princess Diana in terms of international charity. This is where there is a large

discrepancy. Although they both were leaders in the international crusade against those who were less fortunate, it seems apparent that Princess Diana received greater coverage.

Royalty. Diana had it, and was in the spotlight for it. She seemed to use it to gain prominence, but did not use it to rise above people. She still had her priorities to help those in need, even when she divorced Prince Charles.

Religion. I don't know if this is the correct word, but Mother Teresa expressed it in kindness. She was at the least, a martyr in her own religion if not for others.

She won the Nobel Peace Prize for her continuous work for the world's poor. Comments of her are of sincerity and thankfulness. Mother Teresa was just as important for those in need, as was Princess Diana.

Press. Unfortunately, the international press seemed to cover the impending funeral and tribute to Diana in greater excess than they did the passing of Mother Teresa. Although presently stories of Mother Teresa and of her funeral are getting their due, the week before the funeral of Diana saw a bias towards her. I have no disrespect for either of them, but my focus is on the press. It is their

responsibility, or need of it, to show no biases and report equally.

The fact that Princess Diana died in a controversy about the paparazzi and died at an unexpected age, this could be some justification why the international press covered it more numerous. This aside, Mother Teresa deserved better coverage.

The passing of two great symbols in the world is unfortunate. We all pay our respects. It is my hope that the manner in which the press decides to pay its respects in the future will be unbiased.

## Intelligent drivers beware: Stupidity rules the road

By Charlotte Grant  
Feature Editor

Everyone who wants a driver's license has to take, and pass, a written test. That test must be way to easy, because there are some real idiots on the roads out there.

Theoretically, because the test is written, all drivers must be literate, right? Absolutely wrong.

Apparently the ability to read is selective. Sometimes these people can read, sometimes they can't. Two miles before their exit most drivers cannot read. It is only when the exit has arrived and the driver is three lanes away that he suddenly regains the ability to read. Do the three lanes of fast moving traffic deter this brave motorist? No way. He almost always takes advantage of the one half car length in front of me to make the transition between lanes.

Some might think that this is an isolated incident of stupidity. I wish. Many drivers don't even comprehend the difference between the right lane and the left lane on a freeway. They think it's just fine to drive along in the left

lane five miles below the speed limit and right next to another vehicle, thus blocking all other traffic. I have never understood this impulse for slow cars to drive next to each other. Maybe it's a conspiracy and they need to drive next to each other so they can plan roadway ruination with secret hand signals. I have a hand signal for them.

Granted, I drive pretty fast, usually about eighty miles an hour on the freeway. I don't expect other people to share my sense of impatience. However, I do expect them to get the heck out of my way when they can. I must have angered the god of slow driving, though, because he is definitely after me.

One of the favorite sports of slow drivers is the peel-away. Apparently the need for speed builds up over time and manifests itself in brief spurts of extreme acceleration. Peel-aways are accomplished by screaming out of a parking lot or side street to cut another car off. The slow driver, having purged his or her urge, will then settle into a more com-

fortable speed, like ten m.p.h. Personally, I don't mind being cut off by another driver, as long as they have the common courtesy to drive faster than I do.

An issue that I would like to stress with all drivers is turn signals: they are there for a reason. Use them!

Too many times I have seen drivers change lanes, make turns and wait for parking spots without the help of a turn signal. Yes, it is a complicated concept, that little lever that goes up and down. But I'm sure almost anyone could master it, with a little practice.

At the other end of the extreme is the driver who loves his or her turn signal just a little too much. This is the person you follow down the road for fifteen miles or more, waiting for the promised turn. The driver is either too unobservant to know the blinker has been on for an eternity, or knows and just doesn't care. To not notice that one's turn signal is on, though, one would have to ignore that fun little clicking sound it makes. What kind of person can do that?

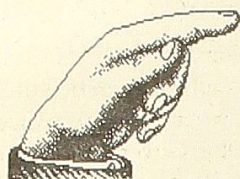
Who knows. I don't understand most drivers today, and I don't think I want too. I just think there

needs to be a "idiots clause" in the driving laws: sheer stupidity should be an arrestable offense.

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## Point/Counterpoint: High sports contracts



### High contracts hurt the fans

By Timothy R. Caister  
Opinion Editor

The players' unions versus the owners. This confrontation has led to some interesting dialogue. In today's sports arena, it seems that sports' business is overshadowing the actual games. That's what it is, isn't it? A game. Players' contracts, in terms of gross earnings, are increasing at a more exponential rate, rather than linear. This is a sad signal to send to the fans. Especially since they are the ones paying for gate entrance, and in the end, pump-priming the economical wheels of the game. That was the simplicity and enjoyment of professional sports. Now professional sports has gone commercial.

Player contract money has increased at a much larger rate than necessary. There has been an influx of money into the owners' hands that has led to these increases. The money that has found its way into the owners' hands through a couple of channels. The main example is the commercialization of professional sports, especially the "big four," Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, and the National Football League. Television promotions have given the sports industry a larger monetary base from which to work with. This is fine and dandy, but not only has it led to the increases in contract monies, but also a higher price for fans to pay at the gate. The sports contract debate is unfortunately affecting the grass root foundation of professional sports, the fans.

For example, the average price of a Major League Baseball ticket in 1997 is \$11.98. This figure has risen 38.7% since

1991. The St. Louis Cardinals of Major League Baseball had the largest increase in the Major League Baseball ticket prices from 1996 to 1997 by having an increase of 24.7%. The National Football League ticket prices have risen 41.8% since 1991, and the National Basketball Association ticket prices have risen 46.6% since 1991. To help contrast these raises, the consumer price index since 1991 has only risen 16.8%. I don't believe that the rise in ticket prices aren't influenced by the correlating rise in players' contract monies.

Within the past decade, the manner in

### Atheletes are paid what they're worth

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Jordan signs a contract for \$33 million for one year. Albert Belle signs for over \$50 million over five years. Shaquille O'neill signs a contract for seven years worth over \$120 million from the Los

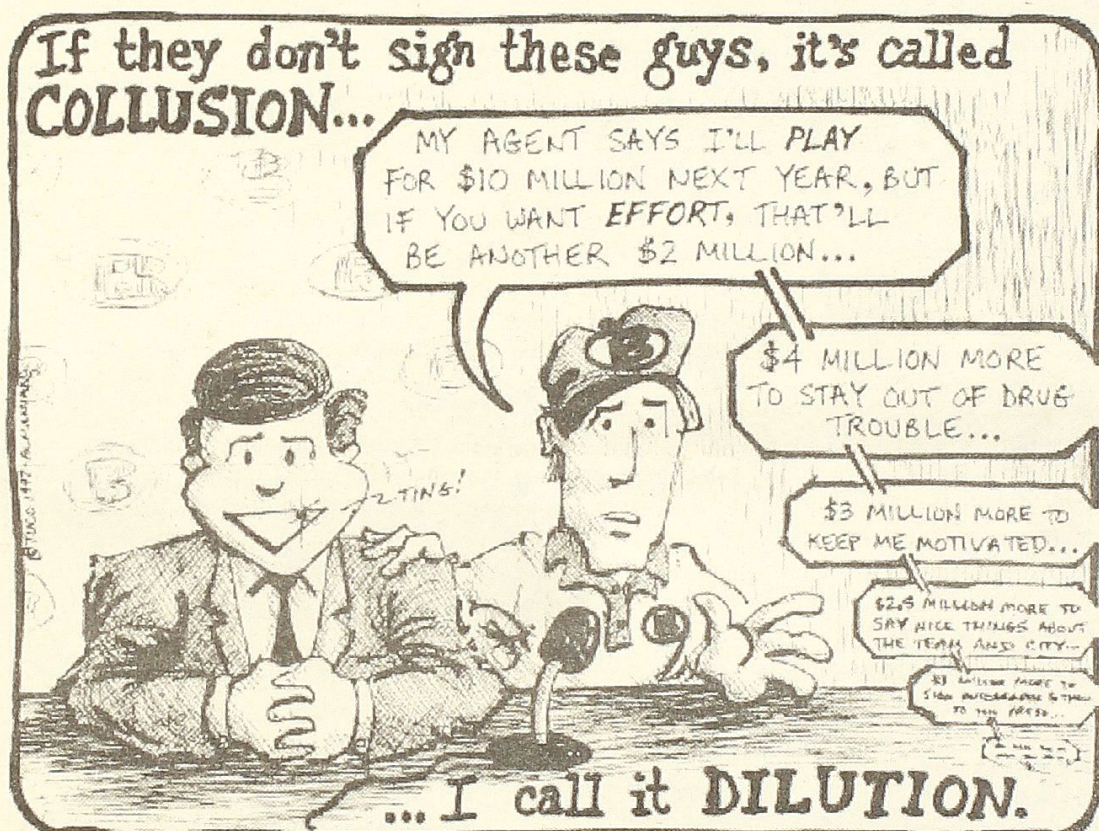
needs to know the plays to run, and also what to do if the plays go wrong. So quick thinking and calm under pressure are also needed. A rare combination of ability in anyone. Just think of the ability of a Jordan or a Shaquille O'neill to dominate a league filled with such athletes!

Second, the way these fantastic athletes draw spectators to their respective events. Professional sports is a business, and if it weren't so successful, professional sports would go bankrupt just like any other business. Jordan, Shaq and Albert Belle draw spectators to stadiums. "Average Joes" like you and me want to see these Hercules-like men perform. Shouldn't they be paid for giving a good show?

Finally, the fact that professional athletes have a limited private life. If a professional athlete does something wrong, it's all over the news, and everyone is judging that athlete to be a terrible person. How many times have your mistakes been shown on ESPN or the 6 o'clock news for everyone to see? Albert Belle cusses at reporters for getting in his face at a time when his emotions are running high, and he gets ridiculed by the media. Personally, I have a hard time controlling my words when I'm angry at myself. Another reason why these athletes get paid so much.

Professional athletes have to be in fantastic physical condition, not missing a beat, or they lose their livelihood. They are also the reason that professional sports exists. It is not the advertising, not the differ-

ent names of the teams, and certainly not the guy who sells hot dogs, even if he is a nice guy. It is the big name athletes that draws the crowds and brings in the money. Finally the lack of a completely private life means the professional athlete deserves a compensation for something we "average Joes" take for granted. All these factors should explain why professional athletes get paid so much, and why they deserve it.



which money is placed in sports has shifted. No longer do sports gain their financial resources from the fans, but mostly from the commercialization of it. This has affected the amount the fan has had to pay. Players' contracts are to blame. Tricked-down economics has no place in any of the major professional sports because, in the end, the fan is expected to pay more.

Angeles Lakers. Do these amounts seem extravagant for someone who plays sports for a living? Of course they do! Why do they get paid so much?

First of all, playing a professional sport is an extremely difficult living to have. Training constantly, an athlete must be in prime physical shape. Speed and strength are the obvious factors in sports, but intelligence is also needed. A basketball player

## John Douglas's latest book: *Mind Hunter*

By Charlotte Grant  
Feature Editor

Chilling, explicit descriptions of crime scenes, long lists of fallen victims and horrifying glimpses into the mind of a killer: *Mind Hunter*, by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker, is not a book for the faint of heart.

A non-fiction documentary of cases investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) serial crime unit, the book was published by Pocket Books in 1996, and is largely based on the experiences of now retired special agent John Douglas.

The central theme of the book is "profiling", a method of using crime scene information to propose theories about various psychological and physical aspects of the killer.

Douglas and Olshaker illustrated this process by describing brutal and often sadistic crimes and then showing how each murderous detail leads to a conclusion about the killer. The authors then compare the investigators' profiles to the actual murderer when they are caught.

*Mind Hunter* contains case by case descriptions based on murders investigated by Douglas and

his colleagues. However, one of the most fascinating parts of the book is when Douglas probes into the minds of famous serial killers of the past, such as Ted Bundy, Charles Manson and even Jack the Ripper.

The descriptions in *Mind Hunter* are explicit in every detail. Every wound, every rape, every mark of torture is laid out. This makes for fascinating, although gruesome, reading.

As a side story the book also discusses the rise of behavioral analysis in the FBI and also in courtrooms. Douglas discusses the first case where FBI profilers

were allowed to testify in a trial.

Historians might find this book fascinating for the information it provides on J. Edgar Hoover, former director of the FBI. Douglas worked for the FBI during Hoover's administration and he discusses Hoover's policies on concepts like profiling and behavioral analysis.

Overall the book is well-written, although it suffers from time to time due to Douglas' tendency to be egotistical and condescending. He often assumes that his readers have the intelligence levels of amoebas, and he never passes up a chance to toot

his own horn.

Douglas will also often talk about the criminal justice system. He is less than pleased with it. Douglas believes that too many crimes are committed by former felons and that prisoners are being released too soon. Not surprisingly Douglas uses up a fair amount of text preaching his advocacy of the death penalty.

But with the help of Olshaker, Douglas' work is smoothly written. It reads like a novel, not a technical manual on crime psychology. But when you overlook these rough spots, the book is a fascinating tale of the evils a human can commit.



## Staff Editorial

### Opportunities for campus involvement abound

**H**ave you ever heard someone complain about a decision that was made about the campus. Whining because they don't have a say in what happens at Alma. Next time remind these people they do have a say in what happens at Alma. All it takes is a little bit of initiative and a willingness to try.

There are numerous ways students at Alma can make a difference. Students can run for student congress or class officers, apply to be resident assistants, run for associate trustee positions, serve on committees ranging from the food committee with Marriot to the presidents advisory committee, join hall councils or become active in one of the 132 student organizations on campus.

These opportunities also serve another purpose. Education is enriched greatly by what goes on outside the classroom. What better way to enrich one's self than to become involved in a cause that is worth while, or maybe just by having fun in an organization, or by learning to lead and teach others.

Students will have a chance to see what some hard work and effort can do later this month when the AIDS Quilt comes to Alma. Bringing the Quilt to Alma is a culmination of months

of hard work by dedicated students, faculty and staff. The Quilt will make a difference in the Alma campus and it happened because students saw a need and did something about it.

The Quilt is not the only thing like this that has been accomplished at Alma. Last year, The Clotheslines Project was brought to campus in order to raise awareness about rape and other forms of sexual abuse. Numerous speakers have been brought in from various sources in order to inform the campus about important topics. Students have played large roles in all of these things.

Besides improving the campus and community, getting involved in various projects can help in the future. Often times volunteer experience can lead to jobs or at least connections which lead to jobs after school. By working on projects valuable work and leadership skills can be learned.

So get out and get involved. Nothing will ever get done if everyone does nothing but complain. If there's a problem take action. If something can be improved take action. Don't just sit there and wait for the changes to happen, but be the one to make the changes. Be the one who takes charge and gets things done. Let the world know what is important to Alma students and make a difference.

## Standardized testing proposal lacks merit

By Timothy R. Caister  
Opinion Editor

This past week, Congress was debating whether or not there should be a national standardized test for schools. A reading test for fourth graders, and a math test for eighth graders are the beginnings of the idea. The test would be voluntary, and the decision to use them would remain in the hands of the states.

Colleges and universities are in favor of a national plan to help even out the differences between students of local schools. The idea of a national standardized test might help level the inequalities between local schools by setting an education standard nationwide. Both Bill Clinton and Congress seem to agree with this point. They evidently see the need to federally control the standards of education.

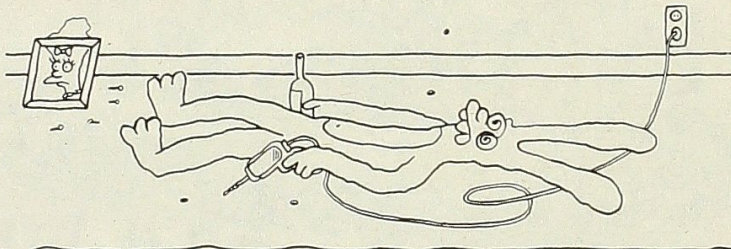
This may very well turn out to be another nationalization of an important aspect of government which should remain in the hands of local communities and states. Granted, the states can decide whether or not to use them, but there may be a peer pressure from other states and the federal government to use them.

These proposed tests would create a curriculum change in local schools in order to help students perform on a national test. This is definitely an influence on the states' affairs by the federal government. Even though they are voluntary, the pressure for one school to meet another's scores would significantly alter their curriculums and budgets.

On the other side, there must come a time where states need to tell whether Joe can read, write, and do basic arithmetic. This is where there is a difference of philosophy to combat this problem. Working from the top down through the federal government just means more regulations and control over Joe by Uncle Sam. Whereas, the better avenue to resolve this problem is to work with those who communicate, and even more, teach Joe. Teachers are the ones who stand to have a better chance at turning unequal schools and lower achieving students around. To do this, states need to take heed at their own standardized tests, rather than the federal government acting as a seeing eye dog. Isn't that what Uncle Sam is doing? If the states aren't successful in teaching their own students, then Uncle Sam deems it necessary to take over.

Fortunately, the federal government is taking a stand in local community's education. Unfortunately, they feel that a national standardized test would help resolve the issue. A much more efficient approach, especially in terms of bureaucracy and to the tax payer, requires a longer examination of where the problem lies. Solutions solve problems, not expand them.

This debate over a national standardized test is good to some extent. The alarm that Bill Clinton is sounding might be premature. We must solve the problem of underachieving school districts through the guidance of states first, then see if there is still a need for such a test.



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London offers exciting possibilities for Spring Term 1998. You can walk through modern residential and shopping areas, tour historical sites dating back over 1000 years, see an original Shakespeare manuscript, talk with teachers and students in local schools. I will plan many activities for the group AND leave plenty of time to choose additional experiences for yourself. You will learn from experiencing London and from studying in London. You will focus your study on Comparative Education (EDC 180; an S course). For EDC 180 you will observe and assist in kindergarten, elementary or secondary classrooms and will read about the British school system. We will discuss the National curriculum for British schools and visit the University of London Library to review children's textbooks. Upper level credit in EDC will be available by

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