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"Wild" events planned for Homecoming

By Cheryl Lenard
Staff Reporter

"Bigger and better than ever before" boast the Homecoming 1997 flyers around campus. The Alma College Homecoming Committee has been working since last winter to ensure that this year's homecoming lives up to that claim. Under the theme "Where the Wild Things Are," the committee has planned many more events for homecoming week than in the past.

The biggest issue the Homecoming Committee had to work with this year is the fact that Homecoming is the weekend of fall break, a weekend when students traditionally go home. To counter this and to encourage students to stay on campus, the committee has added several new events to this year's schedule such as magician, Dan Baker and the band They Might Be Giants. In addition, Marriot food service is staying open over the weekend and all meals are free. The committee is also trying to add new interest to events which have traditionally taken place but where attendance may have been low. The Homecoming dance is an example of this.

According to Sarah Hoeft, "We

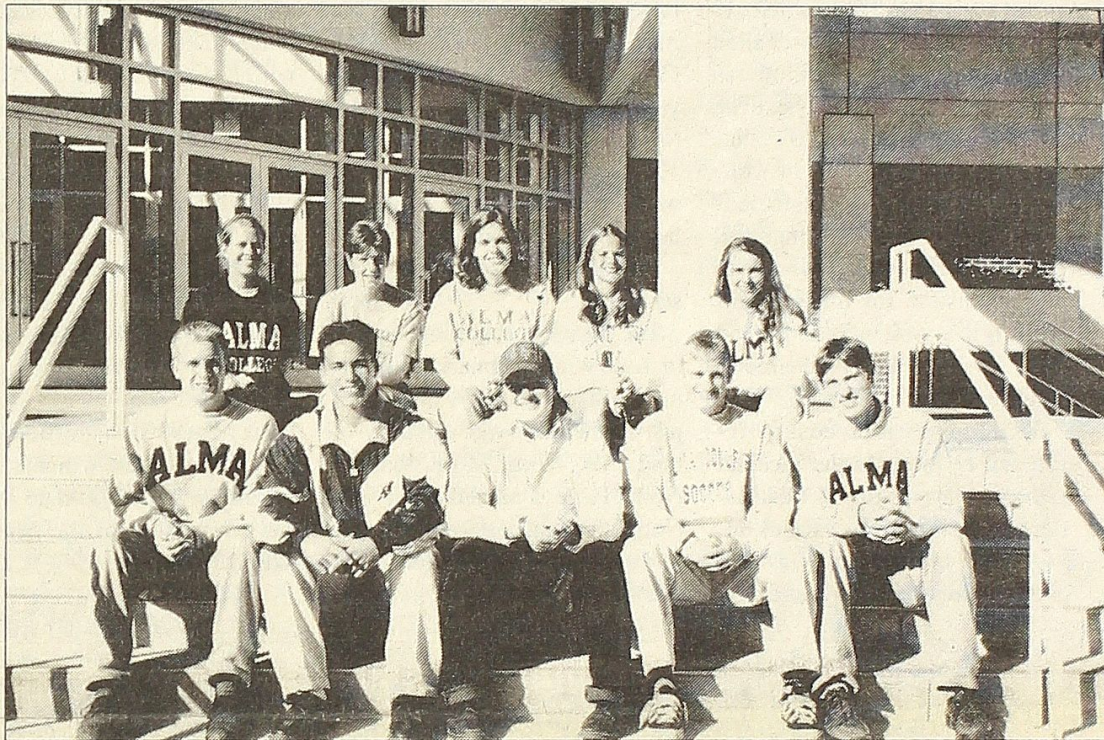
are really encouraging everyone to come to the dance this year. It's come as you are. You don't have to wear a formal or anything."

She also explained that the dance, which will be in VanDusen, will be near a cash bar which Bob Eldridge, Alma College Director of Alumni and Community Relations, is helping plan. The bar is open to all alumni and students over 21 and will be near the Rotunda. The bar will also feature free hors d'oeuvres for all students and alumni. The committee is hoping that these events will prompt much alumni and student interaction.

The Homecoming Committee is hoping that the "Where the Wild Things Are" theme will be very obvious at the parade on Saturday at 11 a.m. All student organizations have received letters from the committee encouraging participation.

"We are trying really hard to encourage groups on campus to start making floats because then it's not only exciting for us but for the community as well," said Beth Rosenow, a member of the Homecoming Committee.

Along with the football game which begins at 2 p.m., the women's soccer and volleyball team also have home games on



The Homecoming Court poses for a picture outside the Heritage Center. The court includes front row (l-r) seniors Eric Reed, Chris Ahn, Warren Rojewski, Ben Hondorp and Curt Schubert. Back row (l-r) seniors Jill Hopkins, Sarah Kampf, Kim Irish, Jill Braun and Sarah Hypio. The Homecoming queen and king will be announced during halftime of Saturday's football game. Photo by Colleen McGrath

Saturday at noon. The football game half time events will include performances by the Alma College Kiltie Band and the crowning of this year's Homecoming king and queen. This year's potential Homecoming queens include seniors Jill Braun, Jill Hopkins, Sarah Hypio, Kim

Irish and Sarah Kampf. The men's royalty includes seniors Chris Ahn, Ben Hondorp, Eric Reed, Curt Schubert and Warren Rojewski.

Any questions about Homecoming week may be directed to the Homecoming committee. The committee includes Colleen

McGrath (99), Kim Irish (98), Sarah Hoeft (99), Julie Yaklin (00), Bob Seger (98), Jason Paetz (99), Maria Toscano (98), Heidi Grantham (00), Ben Hondorp (98), Alicia Sanchez (98), Emily Jefferson (00), Deena Evans (99), Beth Rosenow (99) and Sarah Jefferson (98).

Students have opportunity to travel abroad

By Missy Crossnoe
News Editor

Students who wish to study off campus for Spring Term 1998 have many different places to choose from this year. As of now, there will be nine Spring Term classes traveling around the state, nation and world.

Alma College encourages students to study off campus during Spring Term. Two Spring Term courses must be successfully completed by each student, except for transfer students of sophomore standing or above who must complete just one. One of the Spring Term courses taken must be a designated "S" course.

"S" courses take advantage of the unique format of Spring Term by crossing geographical, cultural or disciplinary boundaries. The "S" course requirement applies to classes entering fall 1995 and after.

Those interested in off-campus study who wish to stay in Michigan can consider Raymond

Riley's, associate professor of music, course which will be taking students to the Gilmore International Music Festival in Kalamazoo. The title of the course is MUS 180: Music in Michigan.

"There will be many big name classical and popular artists appearing down there," said Riley. Contact Riley at 7295 for more information.

Traveling to Washington D.C. this Spring Term will be Sandy Hulme, associate professor of political science, and his students in POL 127/327. Students will choose a topic from the Nixon administration and have the opportunity to research in the National Archives, where they will find papers, memos, and documents produced by Nixon and his staff. The first deposit for this class is due on January 9, 1998. If you are interested contact Hulme at 7387 as soon as possible as only 12-13 students will be allowed to go.

"This class is a unique opportunity for undergraduates

to do research that usually only Ph.D.'s can," said Hulme.

Also, Diana Hulme, instructor of American studies will be offering a Spring Term for those interested in the American Studies minor, AMS 180: Introduction to American Decorative Arts. The class will be traveling to Boston

“Traveling off campus for spring term is a beneficial experience”
•Martha Schaefer (99)

and New York for one and a half weeks. The first deposit is due on January 9, 1998.

In the business department, Elizabeth Cameron, associate professor of business administration, will be taking students who enroll in BUS 480 to Australia. Cameron can be contacted at 7226 if you are interested.

Ute Stargardt, professor of English, will be taking her students to London for three weeks. This Spring Term, ENG 183/383: Medieval Literature, is limited to only 15 students. Contact Stargardt at 7224 as soon as possible if you are interested.

The education department will be taking students to London also. These students will observe public and private schools in London.

"Students who participate in this trip will learn more about themselves as future teachers and about a culture other than their own," said Lynda Ludy, professor of education.

Deposits for EDC 180: Comparative Education in London are due on November 1, 1997. Ludy can be reached at 7166 for more information.

Math students who would like to spend their Spring Term in Scotland can do so by taking MTH 280 with John Putz, professor of

math and computer science. Putz can be contacted at 7253.

Sociology students also have a chance to study off-campus for Spring Term in Macerata, Italy. Gina Petonito, associate professor of sociology, will be teaching SOC 380: Social Movements in Europe. SOC 101 is a prerequisite for this course. Petonito can be contacted at 7257.

To gain a cross-cultural and service learning experience, students can enroll in STC 005 with Karen Garner, assistant professor of history. This class will travel to Jamaica for Spring Term. Call Garner at 7179 if you are interested.

"Traveling off campus for Spring Term is a beneficial experience," said junior Martha Schaefer who went to Colorado to study altitude physiology for the exercise and health science department last year. "I liked the trip because I got to participate in research and get hands on experience at the same time," she added.

American biologist honored

By Wendy Holmes
Staff Reporter

On Monday, October 6, it was announced to the world that an American scientist had won this year's Nobel Prize in medicine. The prize, awarded by the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, was granted to Stanley B. Prusiner, a biologist from the University of California at San Francisco.

Prusiner was honored with the prestigious award for his discovery of a new class of germs called prions. Prusiner's citation, as quoted by ABC News, said he was honored because he "...has added prions to the list of well-known infectious agents, including bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites." Prions are believed to be responsible for many brain-wasting diseases, including "mad cow" disease and Alzheimer's disease.

His discovery is especially significant to those in the medical field who are trying to treat patients suffering from various degenerative brain diseases, as well as the victims themselves and their

families, to whom this discovery brings new hope.

Winning the Nobel Prize is a long-awaited pay-off for Prusiner, who began his research a quarter of a century ago after he lost a patient to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. A variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is believed to cause the "mad cow" disease that made headlines as it swept through Britain last year.

The 55-year-old biologist joins an elite group of Americans who have won the Nobel Prize for medicine, including Alan Cormack, one half of the duo who developed computer-assisted tomography (the CAT scan) in 1979 and David Baltimore, who was a winner in 1975, before he became well-known as one of the world's most visible AIDS researchers.

The award is sometimes given to those with landmark achievements in physiology, instead of just in the narrower category of medicine. Worth \$1 million, the Nobel Prize is named for Alfred Nobel, a man best remembered for the invention of dynamite, whose estate established the

prizes.

The Nobel Peace Prize winners were announced in Oslo, Norway, on Friday, October 10. The prize went to Jody Williams and the organization she leads, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. The group works to get rid of land mines all over the world which kill or maim 26,000 people a year.

The \$1 million will be split between Williams and the group, which is comprised of government officials, activist groups and others. The prize for economics will be announced today, followed tomorrow by the announcement of the winners of the physics and chemistry prize. The date of the literature prize announcement is not yet known and will only be announced a few days before the winner is declared, as tradition states. The literature prize is always announced on a Thursday.

The prizes will not officially be presented to the winners until December 10. The date marks the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel.

News Briefs

National News Briefs

Authorities confirmed that John Denver was killed on Sunday when his plane crashed into Monterey Bay, 100 yards off the California coast. Denver's body was positively identified through fingerprints on file in Colorado.

An Argentine DC-9 Austral airliner crashed into a swamp in neighboring Uruguay during a violent storm late Friday night, killing all 74 people aboard. Officials confirmed that the storm most likely caused the crash of the plane, which was en route to Buenos Aires from Posadas, in northeast Argentina.

President Clinton challenged the entertainment industry to join his crusade against drug use among children. Clinton wants the industry to refuse to portray "warped images" of narcotics as cool. He signed legislation that included \$195 million for a high profile, prime-time media campaign against illegal drugs. The president said that too often drug use is depicted in films, videos and magazines as "cool." He said the message should be that "drugs are wrong, drugs are illegal and drugs can kill you."

Campus News Briefs

Fall term recess begins tomorrow at 5 p.m. and classes will resume on Monday at 8 a.m.

Second 7-week classes begin on October 20 and mid-term grades are also due out the same day.

Last day to add a second 7-week class is October 22.

Homecoming Schedule of events

Today: Court Dinner, Hamilton Commons at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Twister Tournament, Tyler-VanDusen at 7 p.m.

Thursday: Bonfire, location to be announced, at 8 p.m.

Friday: Magician Dan Baker, Tyler-VanDusen 4 p.m. Concert, "They Might Be Giants" in Cappaert Gymnasium at 8 p.m.

Saturday: Parade 11 a.m., football game 2 p.m.

OΔK Leader of the Week

Each week, Omicron Delta Kappa (OΔK), the national leadership honorary, honors one outstanding non-OΔK student who exemplifies the qualities of outstanding leadership on the Alma College campus. This week's honoree is junior Pete Muccio.

Muccio is a Resident Assistant in Mitchell Hall as well as active on the Mitchell Hall Council, a member of Sigma Chi (ΣΧ) fraternity, General Manager of WQAC and Vice President of Student Congress.

Muccio is a member of the Communications committee and leads the Budget and Finance committee of Student Congress. He is also a

member of the Model United Nations (U.N.) team and a co-captain of the cross country team.

Within these roles, Muccio is especially proud of his role this year in "turning the station (WQAC) around by increasing the numbers of listeners and running an effective Executive Council." Always having been passionate about running, Muccio feels his role as co-captain for men's Cross Country has also been positive. He is responsible for "leading and influencing the team within and outside racing." Muccio is an example of varied leadership ability through his involvement in several campus activities. It is for these contributions that he has been declared OΔK leader of the week.

Promise Keepers rally Christian men on the Mall in Washington D.C.

By Joey Mead
Staff Reporter

On October 5, the National Mall in Washington D.C. was flooded with hundreds of thousands of men attending an event called, "Stand in the Gap: A Sacred Assembly of Men," sponsored by the Promise Keepers.

Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney left his job as a successful head football coach at University of Colorado to pursue his vision of filling stadiums full of men all pledging to follow Jesus Christ and become better Christian men. Not only has he accomplished that vision but he managed to arrange a gathering at the nation's capital last Saturday, which some speculate over one-million men attended. This assembly ranked in the numbers with the largest events ever held in the mall.

Scattered through the mall were

18 Jumbo-tron television screens that made it possible for most of the men to see. An announcement was made in the middle of the assembly telling men to get the word out to tell others of the screens because there were still hundreds of men packed in the streets of Washington D.C. trying to get to the mall.

The men listened to many different speakers and worshipped in song for six hours. The speakers had four main points: changing within themselves by repenting and asking salvation through Jesus Christ, stopping abuse and neglect of their wives and children to love their families as Jesus loves the church, creating unity among the churches by becoming one body through Christ and ending racism.

The phrase, "Stand in the Gap" comes from the biblical book Ezekiel, verse 22:30 in which God declares, "I looked for a man

among them who would build up the wall and stand before Me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."

The speakers made it very clear that the assembly was not about showing off their religious strength, making any political statement or celebrating their masculinity, but it was about them coming before God and admitting that they were all sinners and they must repent. A poll by Promise Keepers found that the men said their biggest problem was "sexual sin."

Reverend Dale D. Schlafer, a director for the "Stand in the Gap" event, told *The New York Times*, "We gather not to point fingers at society. We're not here to say that the government has failed. We're here to say that the problem is with us, with us men who are in the church. We are coming to confess our sins."

McCartney told *The Saginaw News*, "Men have been irresponsible; men have not stood strong for their convictions; men have not been men of their word. We see a downward spiral in morality because men of God have not stood together."

However the National Organization for Women (NOW) feels that the movement led by Promise Keepers is very dangerous. NOW president Patricia Ireland told *The Detroit Free Press*, "The Promise Keepers talk about taking responsibility but what they mean is taking charge. I see the Promise Keepers and I am afraid. I am very afraid and I am very angry."

In the *Saginaw News* Ireland added, "The Promise Keepers come to rally and check their wives and daughters at the door like coats."

Responding to Ireland was Promise Keeper President Randy

Phillips who said, "No woman should feel threatened by this gathering because the ground is level at the foot of the cross."

President Bill Clinton in his weekly radio address October 5 said, "No one can question the sincerity of the hundreds of thousands of men who have filled the football stadiums across our country and who are willing to reassume their responsibilities to the families and to their children and therefore to our future."

Promise Keepers events usually cost \$60, but "Stand in the Gap" was free. Before the assembly began, McCartney told press in a briefing that he plans to have 37 events over the next two years that will be completely free. McCartney also set a date, January 1, 2000, when Christians will rally at every state capital to pray. He also plans to spread his ministry globally.

Recent deaths tarnish Greek image

By Wendy Holmes
Staff Reporter

Two recent alcohol-related deaths among college students has universities across the nation tightening up their restrictions on underage liquor use in their wake.

A month and a half ago Louisiana State University's Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣAE) chapter lost one of its fraternity brothers when Benjamin Wynne, 20, died of alcohol poisoning the same night he received his pledge pin. Wynne's celebration began with an off-campus keg party, where everyone was "funneling" (using a rubber hose to shoot beer into the drinker's mouth).

The fraternity members then moved on to a local bar, Murphy's, where Wynne and his new brothers downed high-octane mixes of 151-proof rum, Crown Royal whiskey and Jagermeister liqueur. Many of the pledges were unable to walk following their time at the bar, so their fellow brothers wheeled them out of Murphy's in shopping carts for the trip back to the fraternity house.

By the time police arrived at the house hours later, almost two dozen men were on the floor, unconscious. Four men were hospitalized that morning; Benjamin Wynne was later pronounced dead of alcohol poisoning. Wynne's autopsy found he had consumed the equivalent of 24 drinks, leaving him with a blood alcohol level six times the limit at which the state of Louisiana labels a person legally intoxicated.

Wynne's death has forced LSU to defend its policies to the nation. Although there was a schoolwide no-alcohol policy in effect that night, it didn't stop one underage drinker from finding an off-campus keg party or a local bar willing to serve him enough alcohol to kill him.

William DeJong, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, told *Time* magazine that the LSU incident proves that "you can have a perfect program on campus, but if you don't do anything about the liquor store across the street that sells to minors or the bar that serves intoxicated students, you haven't solved the problem."

Less than four weeks later, this point was driven home yet again when a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) first-year student fell into an alcohol-induced coma following a fraternity party and later died. The fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta (ΦΓΔ), was subsequently suspended by both M.I.T. and its national headquarters.

Scott Krueger's night began innocently enough. He arrived at the off-campus fraternity house on Friday, September 26, 1997, where he was introduced to his "big brother." Then the party really got underway.

Shortly after midnight, Krueger, 18, had passed out and was having trouble breathing, prompting his new fraternity brothers to summon the paramedics. Krueger was taken to Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, where he slipped into a coma. He was placed on a respirator and remained in critical condition for the duration of the weekend. His parents decided to turn off the machines keeping him alive when he didn't regain consciousness. His blood alcohol level was found

to be 0.41, over five times the legal driving limit for Massachusetts.

When police searched Krueger's room at the fraternity house, they discovered vomit and empty liquor bottles. Although M.I.T. officials claimed all the drinking had been done at a party among friends, an investigation was nonetheless opened to determine what role, if any, hazing had played in the tragedy.

Alcohol at pledge activities is strictly forbidden, according to Bill Martin, the executive director of Phi Gamma Delta's national headquarters. He told the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, "Any consumption of alcohol at chapter social functions is prohibited, and there is not supposed to be any alcohol at pledge activities."

All 39 fraternities, sororities and independent-living groups at M.I.T. voluntarily canceled all events involving alcohol for a period of time while they reviewed their policies. M.I.T. officials responded to the incident with a plan to further restrict alcohol use.

Charles M. Vest, M.I.T.'s president was quoted in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* as saying, "We must redouble our efforts to educate our community about the risks and consequences involved in drinking, and do all that we can to see that this kind of tragedy never happens again."

Reaction here at Alma College is mostly one of scorn. "You have to be stupid to drink that much," said Heidi Sackett (01).

Rachell Monville (01) agrees. "It's stupid..." she said. "I mean, I don't think it has anything to do with people being in fraternities; it's just stupid people drinking too much at the parties. It's crazy."

Most feel that it's up to the people drinking to watch out for themselves and know when they've had too much. "I think it's more or less the responsibility of the person to control his or her alcohol intake and in doing that people can prevent such things from happening as what happened to those two guys," said Shonda Brown (00). "It doesn't matter if you're in a fraternity or sorority, you should still take responsibility for yourself."

ΘX executive director addresses risk management

By Missy Crossnoe
News Editor

Several incidents have recently occurred on college campuses around the nation concerning hazing, alcohol consumption and the Greek communities. A few of the incidents have resulted in death.

Dave Westol, executive director of Theta Chi (ΘX) international fraternity, came to Alma's campus on October 9, to address the Greek community on how to incorporate better risk management so that we can avoid these serious problems.

"It is important for Greeks to have an understanding of how to implement risk management and

of the consequences if it is not implemented," said J.J. Klimkiewicz, Newberry Hall director and Panhellenic advisor.

Westol was a member of Theta Chi (ΘX) at Michigan State University. After graduation, he went on to law school and eventually practiced law in the Lansing area. Throughout his years of practice, he prosecuted many hazing trials. "He decided that he wanted to get involved with his fraternity again to try and stop the incident's of hazing and alcohol abuse on campuses nationwide," said senior Marc Alderman, Theta Chi (ΘX) president.

Westol talked extensively about what the Greek chapters on

this campus can do to promote risk management. He offered four ways to implementing a safer, more-controlled party environment. They are: always have a guest list, have a maximum number of people allowed in, sponsor closed events and never supply the alcohol: BYOB.

He also warned Alma students of the serious law suits that can result from poor risk management habits.

"Westol brought awareness to

our campus about all the national problems that are occurring because of hazing and alcohol related issues," said sophomore Amy Jo Craig.

"His speech was eye-opening for many students. It was phenomenal. He showed that it can happen to you, whether you are part of a fraternity or sorority," said Cindy Contreras, chapter consultant for Phi Sigma Sigma (ΦΣΣ).

Westol was sponsored by Bill

Arnold, assistant dean of student affairs, and the Greek community. He spent time with Alma's Theta Chi (ΘX) chapter while he was here, but left the college Thursday night to prepare for his next speech.

"Westol always gives an excellent program," said Klimkiewicz. "He has a way of incorporating humor into his speech and in choosing real life experiences that the audience can relate to."

IFC looks to improve party policies

By Cheryl Lenard
Staff Reporter

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is off to a busy start this year planning activities and events for the school year. IFC is the governing body of five campus fraternities including Zeta Sigma (ΖΣ), Theta Chi (ΘX), Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣAE), Sigma Chi (ΣΧ) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (ΤΚΕ).

IFC wants to remind students who attend fraternity parties to remember a few guidelines while having fun. First, open containers of alcohol are not allowed outside of the fraternity houses. Senior Jeff Joy, IFC publicity chair stated, "If you are 21 years of age, feel free to bring alcohol up to the six pack limit, but do not leave a house with an open container in hand. Such action puts the hosting fraternity at considerable risk." Second, partygoers should remember to be

considerate to the neighbors surrounding the fraternity houses. This includes avoiding socializing on the porches and front lawns and littering in and around houses. "Scattered trash and beer cans make the entire campus look bad, so be considerate," Joy said.

Senior Tim Lynott, IFC fraternity affairs chair, said, "We invite a variety of people to our houses and as long as they respect us and our houses everything should run smoothly." He went on to explain that even when students leave the houses, especially if they have been drinking, they are the fraternity's responsibility for the entire night because of liability situations which can arise.

Besides monitoring social events, IFC is working on preparing for winter rush, philanthropy projects and inter-Greek events. Junior Troy Cox, IFC Rush chair, said, "We want to let individuals know that our Rush is not the same as some other schools. We have a much stricter policy than some other schools

and we want to emphasize a little more how the Greek system creates leaders, friendships and contributes to the outside community."

Some philanthropy projects which IFC is working on for this year include Adopt-a-School, an after school tutoring program at Alma Middle School and the Lighthouse Project, a recreation program for children. The Panhellenic Council participates jointly with IFC in Adopt-a-School.

IFC, in coordination, with the Panhellenic council, is attempting to create new and more frequent inter-Greek activities to promote Greek unity. According to junior Rick Villarreal, IFC special events chair, the members of IFC and Panhel are considering eliminating Greek Week in lieu of monthly or regular inter-Greek activities.

Although many activities and events for IFC are still in the planning stages, the group is optimistic and excited for this year, according to Villarreal.

PEACE CORPS

Information Seminars

Swanson Academic Center, Room 106
Tuesday, October 21 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Information Tables

Hamilton Commons Cafeteria
Tuesday, October 21 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Hamilton Commons Lower Level
Tuesday, October 21 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Interviews will be conducted at
Central University Friday, October 24.
Call Annette at (517) 774-3068.



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First phone bills raise questions

By Karin Shrum
Staff Reporter

Two weeks ago the first phone bills of the year were distributed, and for many first-year students especially, the dollar amount spent on long distance, and even local calls, was a severe reality check.

Students are charged for their long distance phone calls by the same MCI direct dial rates that the school is charged on their phone bill. The individual bills are then calculated by Physical Plant from the school's total bill. In order to gain access to an outside line a student must enter a FAC, or forced authorization code. The FAC is used to register all calls made off campus to the student's name and allow Physical Plant to calculate each student's bill.

MCI direct dial rates are determined by the air mile or distance, increasing in amount per minute in five mile increments up to one

hundred miles away (anything further than that is the same price as one hundred miles) with different day, evening and weekend charges. Actual rates are available at the Physical Plant.

Charges are also made on local calls at the rate of \$.08 per call. This charge is due to the fact that Alma is a business and because the residents' phone bills are tied into the overall bill, students must also pay the local business rate.

"Just recently the FCC wrote a tariff so that now colleges and universities can separate the residential part of the telephone service from the business part of the system," commented Vice President of Finance Jon Groteluschen.

Alma looked into the possibility of switching to the different system last year and will be again this year. However, what they found last year was that a student, on average, will only spend about \$.56 a month on local calls. The cost of installing all the new equip-

ment to run the new system would be around four to five thousand dollars initially followed by a yearly rate of three thousand dollars for the new trunk lines that would run just to the residential phones.

"When we looked at this last spring we said, 'Gee three thousand, four thousand dollars of installation costs and an extra three thousand dollars a year that we are going to have to pay, with no additional revenue for the college, and all of this just to save students on average \$.56 a month,'" stated Groteluschen.

The decision to keep the system was presented and explained to Student Congress this fall. The school will be looking again, this year, at the proposition to see if it has become more reasonable since last spring.

Another complaint about the phone system is the busy signals that are reached from incoming calls when there seems to be no

Rates for phone calls from Alma to...

	Rate/min. 1st min./ Addn'l min.	Rate/min. 1st min./ Addn'l min.	Rate/min. 1st min./ Addn'l min.
Detroit	\$0.24/ \$0.218	\$0.175/ \$0.163	\$0.135/ \$0.125
Lansing	\$0.24/ \$0.218	\$0.175/ \$0.163	\$0.135/ \$0.119

*Rates courtesy of Physical Plant and are rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

one using the phone they are trying to reach. The reason for the busy signals are the number of trunk lines on campus.

Currently the campus has between 35 and 40 trunk lines that handle all of the incoming calls on campus. There are certain peak times of the day and evening when it is likely that the trunk lines are all busy and regardless of whether

or not there is somebody on the line, incoming calls will get a busy signal.

To many, the phone system may seem costly and full of obstacles. On the other hand, there are always prepaid calling cards and company sponsored calling cards, so there are alternatives to the current system if the bills just seem too outrageous.

Alma to rock with They Might Be Giants on Friday



The band They Might Be Giants, composed of John Flansburgh and John Linnell, will be performing as part of the Homecoming festivities. Photo courtesy of They Might Be Giants.

By Rhonda Smith
Staff Reporter

As part of Alma College's Homecoming festivities, a concert will be held headlining the band, They Might Be Giants. The concert begins at 8 p.m. on Friday in the Capert Gymnasium. Tickets for the show are available for \$10 each on Monday and Tuesday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Fireside Lounge and Wednesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alma College Union Board office. Students are limited to two tickets each.

Opening for They Might Be Giants throughout their Severe Tire Damage Tour is the band Lincoln, a new band coming out of New York City. The four-piece band blends rock with electronic keyboards and sampling.

Front man Chris Temple said, "I really started writing songs for the same reason most people go into therapy."

Lincoln recently released a self-titled album containing such

tracks: "Blow" and "I love you, I miss you, I wish you were dead." *Entertainment Weekly* awarded them an "A-" for this release.

They Might Be Giants, whose name was chosen from the title of a 1970s flick starring George C. Scott, consists of John Flansburgh (electric guitar, vocals) and John Linnell (keyboards, accordion, saxophone, vocals). The duo hails from Brooklyn, New York. They have been recording together since 1986 and have been touring with a full band since 1992. The members of their ensemble include Eric "Wah-Wah" Schermerhorn (guitar), Brian Doherty (drums), Graham Maby (bass), Dan Levine (trombone) and Jim O'Conner (trumpet).

They Might Be Giants, since making their television debut in 1985 on *The Joe Franklin Show*, has appeared on numerous other shows such as *The Larry Sanders Show* and *David Letterman*. The band received the MTV Breakthrough video award for their video for "Istanbul (Not

Constantinople)."

Over the years, the group has sold over two million records. They also constantly tour the United States and Canada, and have toured Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand as well.

Flansburgh commented, "John [Linnell] and I collaborate on some stuff. But mostly we write separately, but then work on the arrangements. That's where our collaboration comes into play."

Their LPs include *Lincoln*, *Bar None/Restless* (1988) and *Apollo 18*, *Elektra* (1992) among many others. They Might Be Giants' most recent album, *Factory Showroom*, *Elektra*, was released in the fall of 1996. The album includes songs entitled: "XTC vs. Adam Ant," "James K. Polk" and "S-E-X-X-Y," their first single off the album *Factory Showroom*.

Linnell said, "We're mainly interested in writing songs that are new and fresh and we don't really want to sound like somebody else."

College increases diversity with international faculty hirings

By Wendy Holmes
Staff Reporter

Alma College's faculty became more diverse this year with the addition of seven full- or part-time international faculty. All seven have earned degrees from institutions all over the world.

Two of this year's additions are full-time, tenure track faculty members.

Kuldip K. Kuwahara, a native of India, is the new assistant professor of English. Before coming to the United States, she earned two degrees in her home country—a bachelor of arts degree

from Loreto Convent College and a master of arts from Panjab University. After leaving India she earned a doctor of philosophy degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has taught at all three of the previously mentioned universities as well as at Guilford College.

Another of the full-time, tenure track faculty members is Aklilu Zeleke, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science. He earned his master of science degree at the University of Leipzig in Germany and his doctor of philosophy degree at Temple University. He has previ-

ously taught at Temple and Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, his native country.

The chemistry department received two new instructors.

Olivier Jean-Charles Nicaise, assistant professor of chemistry, received both his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Universite Pierre et Marie Curie in his native country of France. He earned his doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His teaching experience includes Hamline University and Universite Catholique de Louvain in Belgium, where he also con-

ducted research after receiving his doctoral degree.

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Bernhard Hansert earned both his master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees from Universitat Freiburg in his native country of Germany. After receiving his doctoral degree, he served in the capacity of laboratory coordinator at Universitat Freiburg. His teaching experience includes four years at the University of Wyoming.

There are also three new part-time faculty with international degrees and experience. Two of these three are currently employed

in the Spanish department. Fanny Osuna Acosta earned her bachelor of arts at the Universidad de Occidente in Mexico while Mary Ellen Brines received her master of science degree from Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo in Brazil.

The last of the seven new international faculty members is Wendy Gordon, also a part-time faculty member. Gordon, who is currently teaching a Scottish history class, is a doctor of philosophy candidate in history at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland and Central Michigan University.

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— Review by Rhonda Smith —

Intriguing characters steal the stage in *Hot I Baltimore*

This past weekend the Alma College Theatre performed Lanford Wilson's play *The Hot I Baltimore*, directed by Joe Jezewski, chair and associate professor of theatre and dance.

The play revolves around the residents of a hotel in Baltimore on Memorial Day during the early 1970s. The group, containing various and diverse characters, is notified that the hotel will be demolished in a month and they must move on.

This news adds to the strife the characters must deal with in their everyday lives. The different characters confront this problem in various ways. Some take it as a part of life; some become frustrated. Even by the end of the play, many of the characters never find a solution to ease their angst. The initial problem of the hotel closing its doors not only gives the characters a new battle, but demonstrates that life never gives up, that life always asks of its participants uneasy questions.

These battle-stricken characters were portrayed well. Each character had their own angle to life

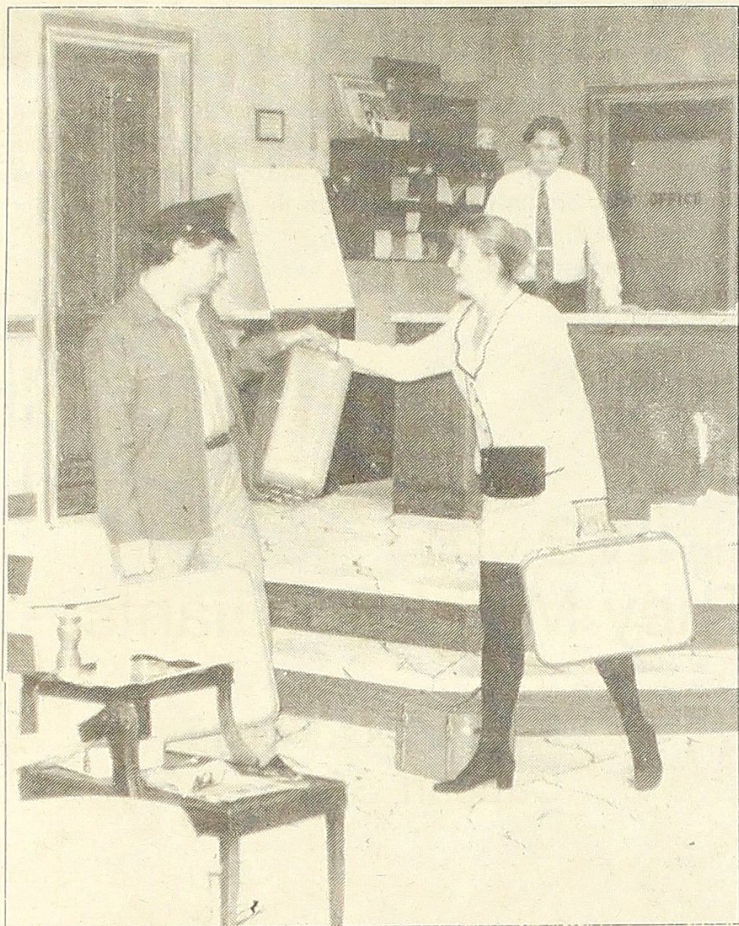
and the students successfully captured their essence. First-year student Shaina Hewitt played a girl who changed her name every few weeks. This girl was very troubled by the fact that the other residents were not passionate about life. She, therefore, became easily discouraged and angry. This was aptly demonstrated by Hewitt.

The weight of life and loss of identity was also depicted in the character of Jackie, played by Bridget Brown (00). Jackie, a young girl trying to keep herself and her brother, Jamie, portrayed by Matthew Singletary (00), on their feet, struggles financially to stay ahead. The news of the closing does not hit her, for she planned to take her brother to Utah. However, she must struggle to be an adult and deal with adult issues. When she is caught with another resident's stolen possessions, Jackie realizes that life is not exactly fair and takes off, leaving the residents wondering if she abandoned her brother.

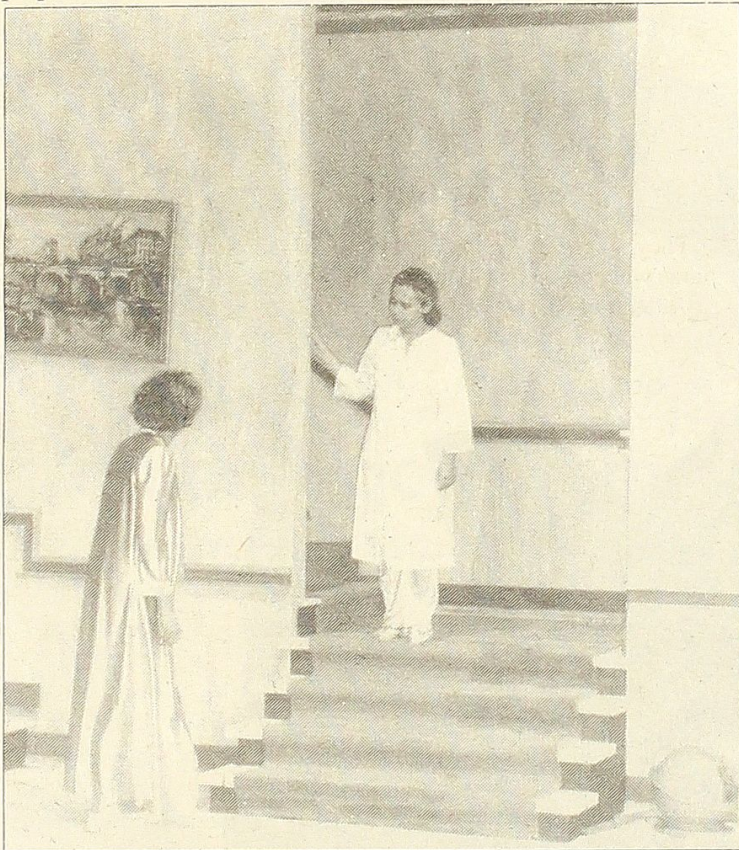
The play was full of overlapping dialogue and physical acting. The actors did well perform-

ing during these simultaneous speeches that signaled the ascending confusion and rage. Pushing, pulling and slapping were acted out realistically and looked unrehearsed. The mass chaos which concluded the first act required much concentration on the part of the audience. Coinciding arguments, punching and chases in underwear illustrated the diverse effects the rigors of life had on the characters. Action as well as dialogue assisted the audience in identifying with characters.

Overall, all of the actors performed with passion and never "left" their characters. The various quirks in Wilson's characters kept the *Hot I Baltimore* audience's attention on the actors even when they were not speaking. The set was elaborate and displayed the decrepit hotel. Costumes matched the characters well and at times helped "reveal" the nature of a character. The cast and crew of *The Hot I Baltimore* did well bringing Wilson's play to the stage.



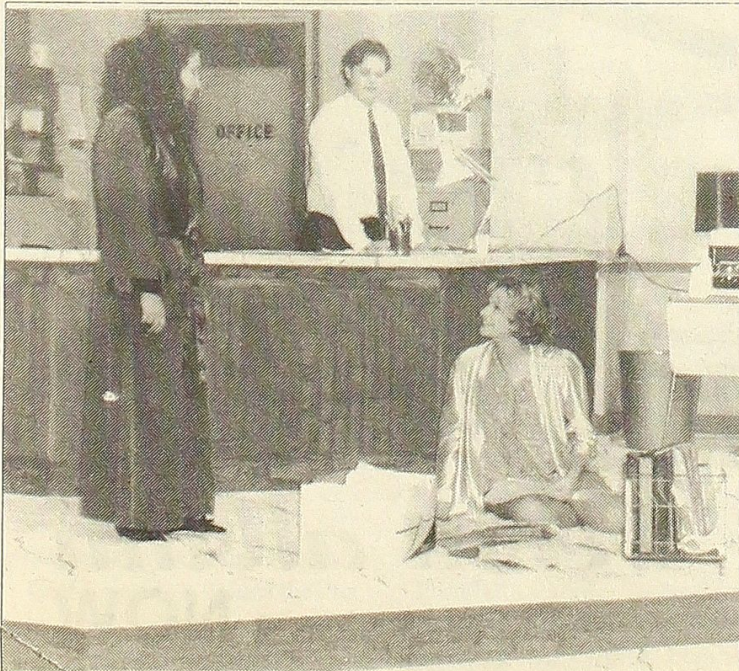
Suzie (portrayed by senior Nicole Bartell) collects her bags as she prepares to leave the Hotel Baltimore. Photo by Jon Croff.



Above: Millie (portrayed by junior Leah Christopher) talks to the girl who kept changing her name (played by first-year student Shaina Hewitt).

Right: Jamie (played by sophomore Matt Singletary), April (portrayed by Jennifer MacKillop) and Paul (played by Brain Papendick) congregate in the lobby of the hotel.

Below: The girl who kept changing her name searches through papers in an attempt to locate Paul's grandfather. Photos by Jon Croff.



Area program teaches art appreciation

By Patricia Baldwin
Freelance Writer

Any Alma College student who has approximately four hours a month to share art appreciation with young students should look into being a volunteer for the Art Reach Picture Program. The program needs volunteers for two Alma area schools, the Alma Middle School and the Pine Avenue Elementary School.

The time required is about four hours a month usually in the first or second week, but the times are very flexible. The program runs from October to May. Volunteers work with the classroom teacher. During the training for the program, volunteer are given guidelines on how to present the material.

The Art Reach Program began in 1984 when a group of concerned citizens purchased several art sets. The sets include articles about renowned artists and a well-known print of their work. The mission of the program is to help the students enjoy and appreciate art as they begin to understand art and its importance in life. A volunteer's job is to get the students involved and help them to think and feel what the artist was trying to do in the painting. An Alma College student with an interest in a teaching career would not only be helping young students, but would also

gain experience for the future.

Since its beginning, the Art Reach Picture Program has grown. It currently serves 31 school districts in Gratiot and Isabella Counties and reaches about 11,000 students. The program and its volunteers give children valuable tools for learning about art. Additionally, these short session about art help the students in other areas of the curriculum.

The art sets include nine pairs of artists. Leonardo DaVinci's "Mona Lisa" is paired with Francisco Goya's "Señora Sabasa Garcia" in the category labeled Portraits of Women. The pair of paintings in the set called Horses in Action, Frederic Remington's "Turn Him Loose, Bill" and Diego Velazquez's "Prince Balthazar Carlos on His Pony" should also spark interest among students.

A presentation by the volunteer might include a comparison of Pablo Picasso's "Still Life with Lemons and Oranges" to a realistic painting of lemons and oranges or a photograph of real lemons and oranges. Students would learn about cubism and realize that all art does not have to be life-like.

Four hours a month for eight months isn't much time when all the positive aspects of the Art Reach Picture Program are considered. Any Alma College

student who has the time or is just interested in helping young people understand art may call Stone.

Alma College students who are interested in helping young people enjoy and appreciate art may call Jonieta Stone, part-

time education faculty, at 463-7363 for additional information about the short training program and the details of serving as a volunteer for the Art Reach Picture Program.

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Alma Pride promotes acceptance, equality

By Charlotte Grant
Feature Editor

What started out as a support group for homosexual students at Alma College six years ago became the organization now called Alma Pride. The group that met in the Center for Student Development desired to take more of an activist stance on campus and a constitution was drafted.

According to co-chair Karl Wolf (99), the group is now dedicated to the more general goal of "[bringing] information to campus about homophobia and heterosexism" as well as "[being] a support group for people."

Wolf has been co-chair of Alma Pride for two years and has been a member since he was a first-year student at Alma. Alma Pride's other co-chair is sophomore Erica Wichello.

Concerning Alma Pride's purpose on campus, Wolf said that the goal of the group is to make the atmosphere on campus "more casual" and to promote the acceptance of homosexuality.

This is not always easy, as Alma Pride has met with opposition in the past.

"There was a lot of opposition [when the group first started], even from some professors," said Wolf.

He also noted that most Christian groups on campus were opposed to Alma Pride's ideals.

With only seven "core group" members, Wolf said that the group is trying its best to

do the most under limited circumstances.

On October 11, Alma Pride celebrated National Coming Out Day, which is the anniversary of the first ever march in support of homosexuality. Wolf said it is a time to remember and to promote acceptance.

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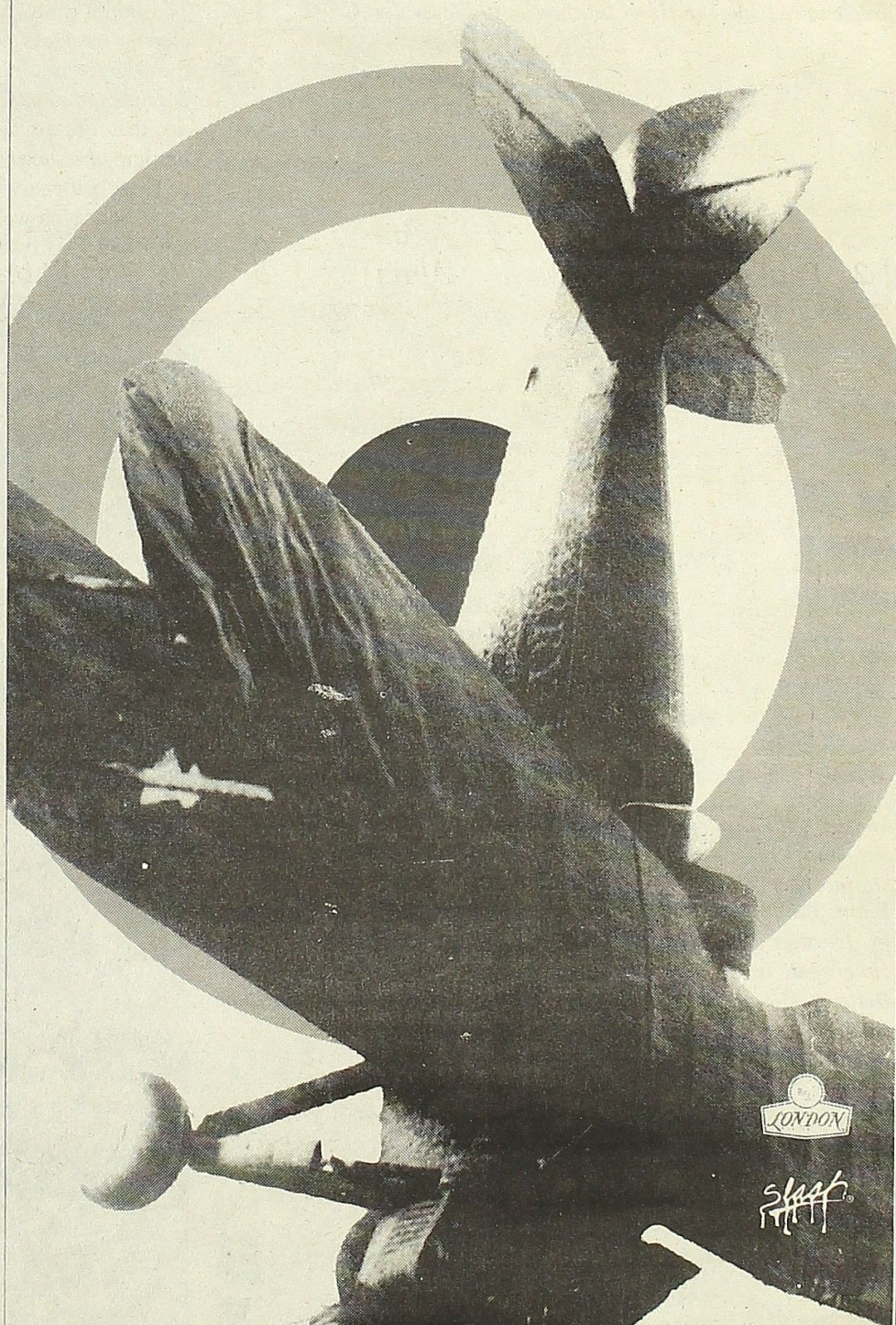
Events being planned for the rest of the year include Pride Week, which will take place in January or February. Pride Week usually includes Blue Jeans Day, when students wear denim to show their support, a poetry reading and a "day of observation" when the group does chalkings.

Wolf said that they hope to bring a speaker to campus this year as well.

Another planned event is the distribution of "safe sex packs," which will include condoms, dental dams and pamphlets concerning sexually transmitted diseases.

Other activities are being discussed, but at this point Wolf says that they are "just ideas, just brainstorming."

The group meets Mondays at 8:30 p.m., either in Bruske Blue Room or the Multicultural House. All students are welcome. Wolf stressed that the group is not only for homosexual or bisexual students. He said it is for anyone who is interested in promoting acceptance and equality.



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Sophomore Mark McClutchey battles for a loose ball in Tuesday's victory over Hope College. Photo by Derek Warner.

Men's soccer defeats Hope

Key victories move Scots to third place in region

By Sean Babbitt
Sports Editor

Last week the Alma College men's soccer team took a giant leap forward when they won two key MIAA games over Hope and Adrian. On Tuesday, the Scots beat the four-time defending MIAA champion Hope Flying Dutchmen 2-0. Saturday Alma defeated the Adrian Bulldogs 3-0 improving their record to 7-0 in the conference and 10-2 overall. This week's wins also improved the Scots' ranking in the Great Lakes Region, moving them to number three, one place ahead of Hope.

Hope came to Alma Tuesday one game behind the Scots hoping to pull even. The Scots closed that door on the Dutchmen with the 2-0 win, placing them two games behind Alma. Sophomore Matt

Keller scored the opening goal in the second half, his league leading fifth MIAA goal of the season.

"He [Keller] is a great scorer, he is really filling the net up for us," said senior co-captain Jeff Bateson.

Alma then destroyed any hope of a comeback when first-year student Paul Aceto scored to put the game out of reach in the second half. Senior Todd Ruiter recorded the shut-out for the Scots, his third of the MIAA season.

Saturday the Scots were home to play the Adrian Bulldogs. Controlling the game the entire way the Scots battered the Bulldogs 3-0. Scoring his sixth and seventh goals of the MIAA season was Keller. The other score, a blast from Aceto, finished off the Bulldogs. Another shut-out was recorded by Ruiter, his fourth of the season.

"These games last week were big for us," said Bateson. "We are looking to stay undefeated going into the last game against Hope, so this next week is going to be very important for us," he added.

Next week the Scots will be away for two very important games in their pursuit of the conference championship. They will be at Kalamazoo on Wednesday where they will try to sweep the Hornets and move to 8-0 on the season. Next Saturday they will travel to Calvin.

The women's team had an up and down week as they played Hope on Tuesday and Adrian on Saturday. Despite goals from junior Jaclyn Sauter and senior Lesley McDougall, the Scots lost a tough game against Hope 3-2 on Tuesday.

On Saturday, the Scots played at Adrian and beat up the Bulldogs 2-0. Junior Laura Keisoglou and first-year student Annie Bolan scored for the Scots. The win upped the Scots record to 4-3 in the conference and 7-5 overall.

Next week the Scots will have two tough games at home as they will play the second place Kalamazoo on Wednesday at 4:00 and will try to upend first place Calvin on Saturday with the game starting at noon.

MIAA Men's Soccer Scoring Leaders

Goals		No.	Goals		No.
1. Matt Keller (00)	Alma	7	6. Garrett Hotchkiss (00)	Adrian	3
2. Paul Aceto (01)	Alma	5	6. Jeff Bateson (98)	Alma	3
2. Goeff Alexander (00)	Kalamazoo	5	6. Clayton Bergsma (00)	Hope	3
4. Randy U'Ren (99)	Alma	4	6. Blair Richards (99)	Hope	3
4. Robert Hillard (00)	Kalamazoo	4	6. Brad Grueter (99)	Olivet	3

Women's golf team holds off Hope, wins championship

Peters earns individual championship honors; Scots overcome early difficulties for victory

By Joey Mead
Staff Reporter

Last Saturday Alma College women's golf clinched the 1997 MIAA championship title. Sophomore Jennifer Peters also won the individual conference championship.

The Scots had their last two matches this week, one on Monday at Kalamazoo Country Club and the final match at Marshall Country Club on Saturday.

Monday's tournament for the Scots turned out to be one of the worst they had had all season. The lowest score that day was 87, shot by both sophomore Ellen Colenbrander from Hope and first-year student Melissa Hall from Albion. Alma's top player, Peters, shot an 89.

Alma came in third place with a total of 385 behind Albion's 378 and Hope was at 367.

Coach Charles Goffnett said, "It was a catastrophe. We had a 31 stroke lead going into the match. I don't know if it was fatigue or what, but we shot a 385 and lost 18 points off our lead over Hope. The only person who shot well was Jen Bondi. She shot a 107 which was a good round for her."

Goffnett added, "I think the loss was a real wake-up call for the players. Sometimes you relax with

a big lead. The barn door was pretty much closed, but Monday we opened the door back up. But it did put pressure on Hope."

Another big battle that tensed up was the individual standings. Sophomore Jennifer Peters had a strong lead in the individual scores all season, but after Monday her lead cut to only five strokes.

Peters said, "It was a tough course and Hope closed the gap a little."

The pressure was weighing on both Hope and Alma as they went into their last tournament of the season at Marshall Country Club in Olivet.

Not all top four players played as well as they wanted, but it was enough to win the conference. Peters shot an 80, followed by senior Carrie Hunt shooting 85, Mandy Bowler shot a 97 and Jody Taylor shot an even 100. The Scots total was 362. Hope only shot a total of 369.

"It came down to the last match [and] it was really exciting. What I thought was really an interesting coincidence was that Mandy Bowler and Carrie Hunt both started and finished their college golf careers on Marshall Country Club," said Goffnett.

Bowler said, "Andrea Stanaway, a friend of mine from Albion insisted I tee off first on

the last hole. I broke down; I couldn't even see the ball when I hit it. I was really excited to know that I was a part of a winning program. The four years I played, we won three championships."

On top of the team championship, Peters won the individual conference championship with a total of 585 and an average of 83.6 strokes. She ended up 11 strokes under Colenbrader.

Peters said, "It was just an all-around great season. I shot the lowest average I have ever accomplished and I broke 80 twice. I finished third last year and I knew that first wasn't out of my reach. So, it was a goal of mine."

"Ellen Colenbrader gave me some competition. The top three spots are going to be tough for a while because Ellen is a sophomore and Melissa Hall is a first-year," she added.

Peters was also named the MIAA most valuable player, and was on the All-MIAA first team along with Bowler and Hunt.

"I was so happy for [Peters]. She has a lot of mental strength and for a sophomore to achieve what she has is outstanding. I've been coaching for eight years and I'd say she is the best golfer we've had yet," said Goffnett.

"Ellen Colenbrader won last year and she was a 1995 class A

medalist for Michigan, so Peters had to earn the championship. Jenny is very goal oriented-She's taken her scores from mid-80s to low 80s in a short time. Her golf game is very mature, she knows

her strengths and knows her limitations," he added.

The team totals at the end of the season are as follows: Alma 2741, Hope 2761, Albion 2835 and Olivet 3246.

MIAA MEN'S GOLF STANDINGS

	(after 6 tournaments)				
	T4	T5	T6	Total	Avg.
Olivet	393	400	386	2306	384.3
Hope	405	406	400	2369	394.8
Albion	423	405	414	2412	402.0
Calvin	407	402	413	2436	406.0
Alma	432	415	425	2481	413.5
Kalamazoo	434	427	433	2533	422.2
Adrian	444	447	456	2611	435.2
Defiance	476	447	477	2747	457.8

Football team struggles in third, falls to Adrian 27-24

By Sean Babbitt
Sports Editor

Last Saturday under sunny skies the Alma Scots paid a visit to Adrian to play the Bulldogs in the first MIAA contest of the year. Almost 5,000 fans were on hand to witness an exciting game between two evenly matched teams.

The Scots suffered their second straight defeat as the Alma succumbed to the Bulldogs 27-24. The loss dropped the Scots to 0-1 in the MIAA and 3-2 overall.

The Scots took the opening kickoff in the first quarter and marched down to the Bulldogs 20-yard-line before being forced

to have junior Rick Brands kick a 40-yard field goal. After holding the Bulldogs and forcing a change of possession the Scots started on their own 22-yard line. Junior quarterback Jason VanDerMaas directed an eight play 78-yard drive culminating with a 51-yard pass to senior tailback Ray Dawood, bringing the score to Alma 10, Adrian 0. The Bulldogs finally struck back in the first quarter connecting on a 40-yard field goal with 4:58 on the clock, drawing Adrian within 7 at the end of the first.

In the second quarter both teams traded scores. The Bulldogs scored first on a 34-yard touchdown pass thrown by

quarterback Dan Huchison tying the score at 10. The Scots then scored late in the quarter on a 12 play 80-yard drive finished off by a 6-yard run by senior runningback Scott Heymoss. That score ended the first half at 17-10 Scots.

The Bulldogs owned the third quarter as they scored 10 unanswered points to put them in the lead for the first time at 20-17. At 11:04 of the third Huchison hooked up with wide receiver Dave Huchison on a 19-yard pass to draw the Bulldogs even once again at 20.

Late in the third kicker Clint Irwin of Adrian hit a 20-yard field goal, his second of the day, to put

the Bulldogs ahead.

In the fourth quarter the defenses controlled the play early. It was not until 6:12 of the fourth that VanDerMaas scampered into the end zone on a one-yard run, capping a 13 play 52-yard drive and putting the Scots back out in front at 24-20.

The Scots then put the game into the hands of the defense as they were not able to put any more points on the board the rest of the game. On what would prove to be the last series of the game for the Bulldogs the Scot defense went with a bend but do not break defense and allowed Adrian to march 74 yards down the field. With 16 seconds left on the clock

runningback Sam Fields punched into the end zone on a 2-yard run to bury the Scots at 27-24.

VanDerMaas finished the day with 37 yards rushing on 13 attempts to go along with one touchdown. VanDerMaas also passed for 149 yards, one touchdown and had three interceptions. Dawood rushed for 34 yards and caught three passes for 95 yards and one touchdown. Senior John Streeter led the defense with 15 tackles.

The Scots will come back home next week as they take on the MIAA favorite, 6-year defending champion, Albion Britons for Homecoming. The game will start at 2:00 p.m.

And then there were four . . .

Orioles, Indians, Braves, Marlins advance in baseball playoffs

By Sean Babbitt
Sports Editor

Last week the divisional series was completed, cutting four teams from contention in pursuit of the World Series Championship.

The expansion wild card winner, Florida Marlins, dispatched San Francisco Giants, the Western Division champion, in three straight games.

The Eastern Division champs, the Atlanta Braves eliminated the Central champion Houston Astros in three straight to advance to the National League Championship series for the sixth year in a row.

In the American League, the Central Division champion Cleveland Indians did away with the defending World Series champion New York Yankees three games to one, ending the hopes of a repeat by the Yankees. In the other Divisional series, the Baltimore Orioles beat Ken Griffey and the Seattle Mariners three games to one.

These Divisional series set up the contestants for both the League Championship series where the Orioles, Indians, Braves and Marlins will compete to represent their respective leagues in the World Series.

Key in both the LCSs will be, as always is the case, pitching. Baltimore in the American League will have to be looked at as the clear favorite in the series because of that reason. The Orioles will throw Scott Erickson, Jimmy Key and the winningest

pitcher in the last five years, Mike Mussina. A very solid line up headed by iron man Cal Ripken will try to power their way past the Indians. Former fifty home run hitter Brady Anderson leads off, setting the table for Ripkin, Rafael Palmeiro and Geronimo Berroa.

The Indians will counter with a starting rotation of Chad Ogea, Orel Hershisier, Charles Nagey and twenty-one-year-old rookie Jaret Wright. The real strength of the Indians is their hitters. An out field consisting of spray hitter Brian Giles, power threat Manny Ramirez and the always dangerous speedster Marquis Grissom. Sluggers Matt Williams and Jim Thome will patrol the corners on the infield with all star MVP Sandy Alomar calling the pitches behind the plate.

If the Indians are going to win they are going to have to hit the Orioles starting pitching early. The Indians need to hit early because the Baltimore bullpen is the best in the league. Closer Randy Meyers finished the regular season with a major league high 47 saves. He will be set up by right-handed flame thrower Armando Benitez.

The Baltimore bats should be able to hit the suspect Indian starting pitching and then shut down Cleveland to take the series and advance to the World Series

for the first time since their World Championship season of 1983, the first year of Cal Ripkin's record streak.

In the National League two eastern division rivals will square off for the right to play in the World Series.

The Atlanta Braves advance to the championship series after not being tested by the Houston Astros. Again, pitching will be key. The Cy Young foursome of the Braves, Greg Maddux (4), Tom Glavine (1), John Smoltz (1) and this year's favorite Denny Neagle have the ability to dominate a game and should if the Braves want to advance to the World Series for the third straight time.

Chipper Jones and Fred McGriff are the

catalysts of the Braves offense who generally only need to score three to four runs a game. The Florida Marlins boast a very strong pitching staff to counter the Braves. Kevin Brown, Al Leiter, Livon Hernandez and Dennis Cook are the starting rotation with staff ace, Alex Fernandez, out for a year to 18 months with a torn rotator cuff suffered in his first start of the series. Triple crown threat Gary Sheffield leads the Marlin offense.

If the Marlins can knock out the Braves starting pitching before the game gets into the hands of all star closer, Mark Wohlers, they may have a chance. If not Atlanta could find themselves in the World Championship series once again.

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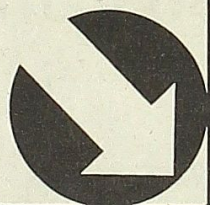
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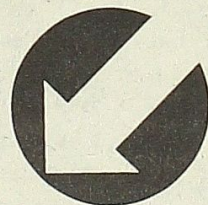
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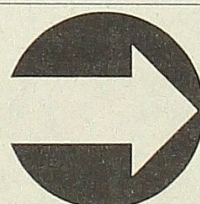
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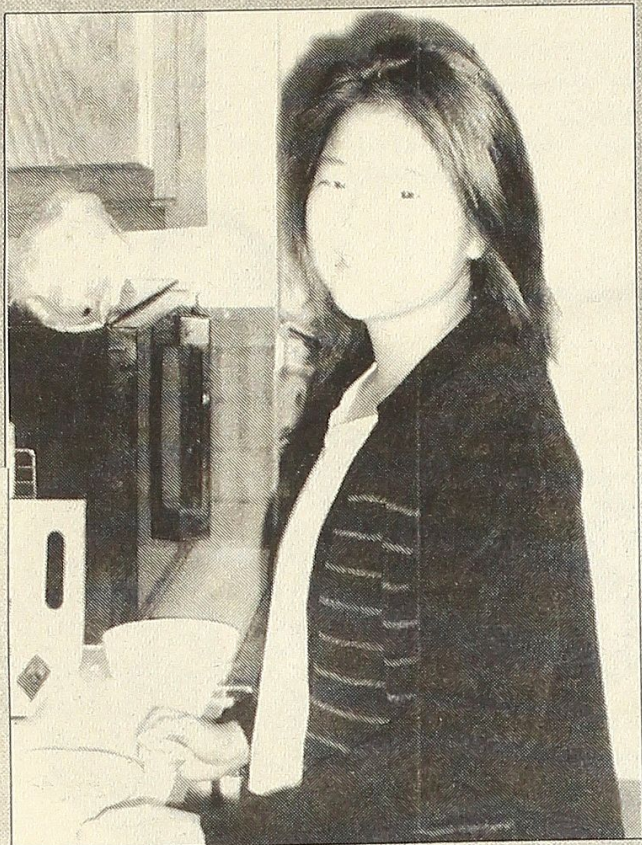
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Senior Joy Engblade makes dinner in her off-campus apartment. Photo by Jon Croff.

Senior impressive in cross country debut

By Beth A. Knapp
Co-Editor in Chief

When senior Joy Engblade decided to run cross country this season for the first time ever, she never imagined that she would emerge as a team leader. In four of the five invitationals held thus far this year she has placed first among Alma runners.

"I thought I'd be struggling just to be competitive," commented Engblade.

Not only is she becoming competitive, but she is also gaining confidence as the season progresses. Head Cross Country Coach Dan Gibson stated that Engblade ran very well at the MIAA jamboree on Saturday, September 27, where she placed seventh. According to Gibson, Engblade was in position to win the jamboree or at least finish second up until the last half mile of the race. She ran this race in 18:47, her best time of the season.

"It was at that meet [that I discovered the] need to kick at the end," stated Engblade. Since then she has been working on just that in practice.

At the Earlham Invite, held on Saturday, October 4, Engblade won the invitational, as she placed first out of 149 women. This victory was a surprise for Engblade.

"Even when I was running the race and was in the lead I thought there's no way I'm going to win," she stated.

Engblade decided to run cross country last spring. "I ran track and Coach kind of talked me into running cross,"

she explained. In track, Engblade ran anything from the 800 to the 10K. She also played basketball as a first-year student.

Engblade's interest in athletics dates back to at least high school. While attending Montague High School, Engblade played basketball, was a cheerleader and ran track. Her high school did not have a cross country team, so she did not have the opportunity to compete in the sport at that level.

In addition to being a good athlete, Engblade is also an excellent student. She is a chemistry major with a biology minor and has aspirations of attending medical school. She has applied to twelve different schools, all in the midwest, and is just waiting to hear back.

"[Medicine] is the only thing that I've been interested in," she said. "Ever since I was eight I knew I wanted to be a doctor."

Although, Engblade is not sure as to what area of medicine would be her specialty she did have the opportunity to job-shadow an Ob/Gyn and found that line of medicine interesting.

"It was really cool seeing babies born and stuff like that," she said.

Engblade is also a member of Gamma Delta Alpha (ΓΔΑ), the women's honorary society, and Chi Epsilon Mu (ΧΕΜ), the chemistry honorary. She was also a member of the Alma College Dance Company (ACDC) for her first three years at Alma.

Lopiano embraces Title IX

By Rhonda Smith
Staff Reporter

Speaking last Wednesday on the importance and influence of Title IX was Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation.

Lopiano has had much experience in the field of sports. At the University of Texas she was the director of women's athletics. She also held the office of president for the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. Lopiano has coached various women and men's sports and as an athlete she participated in 26 national championships. The National Sports Hall of Fame, the National Softball Hall of Fame and the Texas Women's Hall of Fame have all recognized Lopiano for her contributions.

Lopiano opened her presentation with the story of how as a child she practiced everyday to pitch for the New York Yankees. When she was eleven, Lopiano tried out for Little League. She was first in the draft, however, as she waited for her first uniform the head coach read to her from the rulebook, "No girls allowed."

"No child should ever be told not to pursue their dreams," said Lopiano, marking that event as an influencing factor to her crusade.

Title IX was passed in 1972 and required all federally-funded institutions to accept gender equity in educational and extracurricular programs. No one at first thought about sports, but by 1973 this possibility was being pursued. The government then regulated in 1975 that in three years all institutions should comply.

Between 1975 and 1978 progress occurred; however, after 1978 it was realized that Title IX was not being enforced. The legislation provides for the loss of funds if it was not followed, but no one was being made an example of and in 1978 "everything comes to a screeching halt."

Since then, interest has been renewed due to the fact that parents are taking institutions to court. Adults who believe in Title IX grew up in the '70s and now have teens participating in sports. Lopiano also pointed out that it is the dads fighting for their daughters "not mom, women coaches, or feminist organizations."

Lopiano believes sports has a positive effect socioculturally. Sports is not all fun; it is a learning environment. She stressed that active participation in athletics boosts people psychologically, socially and in the corporate world.

Lopiano suggested that since the Title IX appeared in 1972 economics in the United States have embraced the idea and national women's sport teams have appeared.

Since 1972 more female athletes sponsor advertisements and are portrayed as icons and role models. Commercially, executives realized what sort of revolution Title IX had given them. Females are top consumers.

"Women are genetically superior," said Lopiano, "when it comes to the shopping gene," she continued after a pause.

Also, four new professional women's leagues have been created in the last eighteen months: basketball, soccer, fast-pitch soft-

ball and hockey. Lopiano believes that spectators embrace women's teams because they "cannot see women athletes embracing violence" and that "Female athletes are not afraid to laugh and kid [during the game]." Women's ice hockey will be a non-contact sport making it "skill winning a game."

In closing, Lopiano informed the audience of some myths still being circulated about Title IX. One is that the reason why men's sports such as lacrosse and wrestling are being cut is due to Title IX. People believe that institutions take the money saved for men's sports and give it to women. According to Lopiano that is not the reason. Rather, all the money not spent on sports like wrestling is going to other men's sports like basketball or football—not the "minor" men's sports.

Title IX is halfway to success according to Lopiano. As long as institutions show support and are attempting to open up opportunities for female athletes by giving them the same quality and attention in equipment and training, they are complying. Lopiano closed by asking that the audience, the next time they are out shopping for a present for a little girl, please buy a piece of sports equipment.

"Words mean little to kids. Kids know by two years old if they should play sports," she said.

Sophomore Amy Czabala, a member of the softball team, remarked on how Lopiano's presentation affected her. "I thought she was motivational. It hit home. It made me feel what I am doing is worthwhile and gave me more pride in my sport," she said.

—The Lions Den by Scott Ferrante—

Lions fans must maintain faith in team

Brace yourself. Here we go again. The Detroit Lions have begun what looks like one of their typical underachieving seasons. Beat Atlanta, lose to Tampa Bay. Beat Chicago, lose to New Orleans. Beat the super bowl champion Green Bay Packers, and lose to Buffalo. However, Detroit will need much more than an inconsistent "pattern" to beat the most improved team in the National Football League. They will need consistency—something they have searched for way too long.

What can we point to in order to understand their recent inconsistency. Wayne Fontes was a common scapegoat for many years, but now is working the midnight shift mopping floors at the YMCA. Fontes can no longer be the scapegoat. I suppose we could say that we have a new coach and with a new coach and a 4-12 record in 1996 comes a rebuilding process. However, Bobby Ross was suppose to come from San Diego and utilize the

Lion's already existent pool of talent. No rebuilding was suppose to occur. No rebuilding should have to occur. Yet the Lions continue to struggle. Management is a possible answer. Has Detroit Lions management truly committed itself to winning? I am not so sure it has. Yes they showed Barry Sanders is the most valuable running back in the NFL. Yes they showed that Wayne Fontes was not an NFL caliber coach. But other than that, what have they shown? What they have shown is that they are happy with a sub par defense that has existed in Detroit as long as I can remember. They have shown that they like to put all their marbles in the basket of a long list of quarterback flops. (ie. Andre Ware, Rodney Peete, Dave Krieg, Eric Krammer and potential flop Scott Mitchell.) They have truly not showed commitment to winning consistently.

All of the other excuses and scapegoats can not hide the fact that the Detroit Lions

underachieve. It's the players that have to take the field every week and play the game. The players in the end win or lose, and the Detroit Lions players seem to lose more than they win.

My roommate asks me every Sunday, "how many yards did Barry Sanders get? I don't care about the Lions, just about how many yards Barry gets." This attitude has become an all too familiar one among Detroit Lions "fans". Many have given up on the Lions, it is hard not to. I, myself keep the faith. Keep the hope. And every Sunday seem to keep the heartache. If consistency is all that the Detroit Lions need, then success may be just around the corner. Who really knows what the Lions need though? My advice to Detroit Lions fans: Keep the Faith! It makes it that much sweeter when they finally do win. Still not so sure? Just ask the Detroit Red Wings fans. They will tell you, it is definitely worth the wait.

Greeks gain awareness

By Timothy R. Caister
Opinion Editor

In light of the recent deaths of two Greek new members, there are new measures being brought forth all over the nation by national and local fraternities to help curtail, prevent and stop the abuses of alcohol. Active participation is being undertaken by everyone to stop this problem, not just within fraternities, but within our society. Risk-management insurance rates are rising, and fraternities and sororities are paying the price. Their only choice is to become more preventative and start taking initiative.

These two cases involving Greek life have tarnished its luster. Hazing, and more specifically alcohol abuse, has taken the national spotlight. A first-year student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Scott Krueger, age 18, lost his life after overdrinking at a fraternity party. A student at Louisiana State University met the same tragic end in August. This also occurred at a

fraternity function.

The ironic situation here is that fraternities are constantly in the spotlight from this abuse, but are not the cause of it. Correlation does not mean causation. Anyone is susceptible to alcohol abuse. Whether you are 50 or 20, people of all ages make the same mistakes and put their life in danger. Fraternities, and the Greek community as a whole, are only coincidentally related.

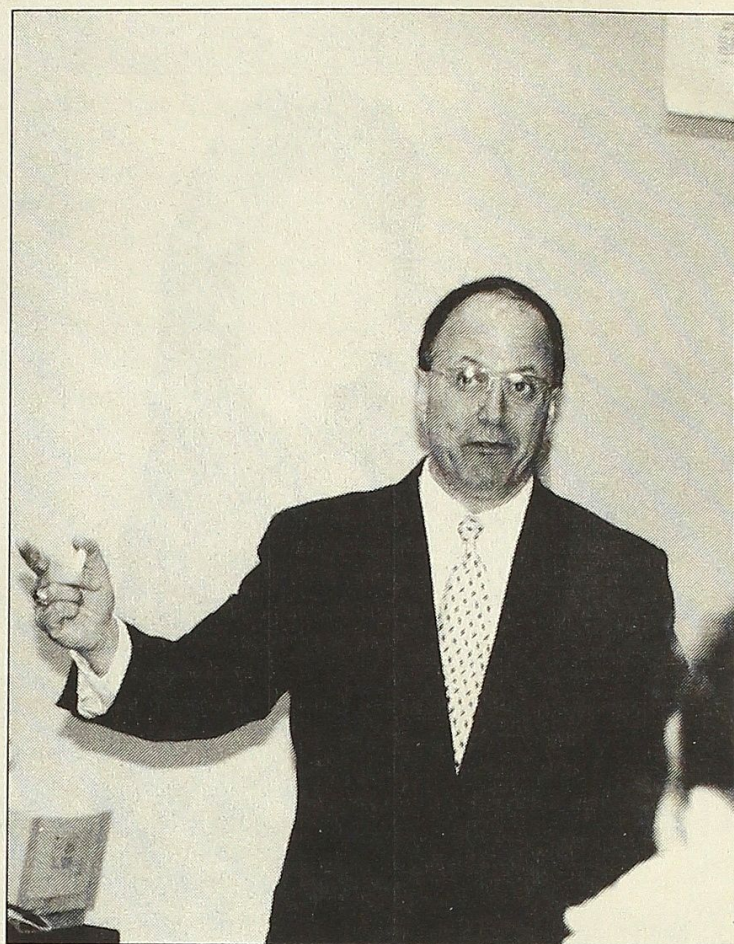
Locally, on the Alma College campus, Dave Westol from the Theta Chi (ΘΧ) international fraternity, spoke about the dangers of alcohol abuse and risk management. He alerted the Greek community to the dangers and repercussions of this abuse. Awareness is vital to prevent future catastrophes, especially when it involves lives. When abused, alcohol can kill.

Fraternities do recognize the problem associated with alcohol abuse and are combating it. There is a new trend concerning every Greek organization, "going dry".

Although "going dry" within a respective fraternity is a positive sign, and it may help alleviate some of the concerning issues, it will not help the occurrence of binge drinking. This will only stop when all of us recognize the problem and stop it before it starts.

Accidents do happen. However, preventable accidents shouldn't. Information is becoming available through many different channels exposing the dangers of alcohol abuse and Greek communities are paying attention. If awareness of alcohol abuse and its dangers fell on deaf ears, there would be even more cases of alcohol related deaths and Greek communities would begin to crumble.

Having speakers on campus to discuss the dangers and open our eyes to them is one way to help the situation. Another way is to listen and take action. These unfortunate cases around the country won't stop until others, and not those just within the Greek community, take heed to them.



Dave Westol, executive director of the Theta Chi (ΘΧ) national fraternity, spoke to a number of Alma College students about the dangers of alcohol abuse. The program was brought to campus by the Greek community in cooperation with Bill Arnold to raise awareness about risk management. Photo courtesy of Ryan Fletcher.

UN treaty will cripple american economy

By Shannon Casey
Staff Reporter

President Clinton recently convened a special White House Conference on Climate Change on October 6. He invited numerous scientists to come together and talk about the threat of global warming. While most scientists and politicians agree that global warming should be further researched and considered, few agree as to the extent and the imminence of the threat.

The most peculiar aspect of the President's conference was the absence of scientists who questioned the imminent nature of this

natural phenomenon. The conference was convened as the debate on the United Nations' proposal on reducing global emissions heated up. The United Nations' proposal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by between twenty and thirty percent.

There is great debate on the level of importance attributed to global warming. Many scientists regard global warming as a purely natural process. Others question the concept itself. NASA satellite measurements actually show a slight trend towards global cooling over the past eighteen years.

The United Nations is rushing to finalize an international cli-

mate treaty that will have major impacts on the United States economy. Limiting carbon dioxide emissions will mean significant changes in energy use and energy sources with the potential of drastically crippling the United States economy.

Energy price increases will impact most severely those Americans who can least afford it: the working poor and those on a fixed income. A twenty percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions has the potential of increasing gasoline prices by forty percent, electricity rates by twenty-three percent and natural gas rates by forty-six percent.

Ratification of the United Nations' proposed treaty would be a severe blow to the United States' sovereignty regarding internal affairs. A national body would be created to oversee the compliance and enforcement of this treaty. Does the United States really need another national body dictating its internal affairs?

The concept of fairness has also been brought up regarding the United Nations' proposed treaty. This "international" treaty cannot be considered international because it exempts 132 of 166 nations. The exempt countries include China, India, Brazil, Mexico and most OPEC coun-

tries. The nations not affected by the U.N. proposal account for half of the current carbon dioxide emissions and it is speculated they will account for over 75 percent over the next century.

The debate on global warming is not about who supports the environment and who doesn't, but on what is to be done to ensure the stability of the environment as well as the economy. Consumer groups and labor unions both agree that more research is needed before the United States signs a legally binding commitment to reduce gases that may or may not have a significant effect on the environment.

Sports Uncovered by Tim Caister

College basketball undergoes changes

This past week has seen some interesting moves within the ranks of college basketball. Michigan, North Carolina, and Arizona find themselves making headlines once again.

After 36 seasons with the North Carolina Tar Heels, coach Dean Smith has retired. No longer will we see the Wizard of Tobacco Road walking up and down the court coaching the likes of Billy Cunningham, Michael Jordan and James Worthy. The coach who continued the legacy of Adolph Rupp who continued it from James Naismith, the founder of the game, has left the very floor which holds his name. For a

coach who has more tournament victories than the Wizard of Westwood, John Wooden, the end for Smith did not come easily. His legacy will continue. Former players and coaches are still loyal to him and his system. Larry Brown, coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, is one example.

Smith's replacement is Bill Guthridge, who has remained at Smith's side for the past 30 years. Guthridge shows the same type of a father figure and loyalty as Smith showed. It is reassuring to hear that the replacement for Smith is of the same caliber. He was offered a head coaching job at Penn State in 1978, was scheduled to accept it, but declined when his loyalty to the university and Dean Smith was expressed.

The coach who holds the record with 27 straight 20-win seasons is stepping down. The fans of the game owe him a great deal.

In other news, the Michigan Wolverines are in the headlines for two reasons. First, the Michigan basketball program was discovered to have three minor violations after investigations by the NCAA. Secondly, they have fired coach Steve Fisher. This comes at a good time. Fisher came into the head coaching position at Michigan after Bill Freider left in 1989 before the tournament. He went on to win that year's championship and has not reached that same plateau since. The opportunities given to him were numerous, including: Chris Webber, Juwan Howard, Jalen Rose, Rob-

ert Traylor, etc.- the list goes on.

Fisher was an excellent recruiter, maybe even too good, but failed as a coach. Talent took him to the tournament final twice and twice his coaching failed that talent. Good bye coach, I hear there's a spot in Tempe.

Speaking of Arizona, our infallible national champions, the University of Arizona has some explaining to do. A seemingly spotless program may have some holes in it. Miles Simon, a key component for their past championship and future plans, is reported to be academically challenged. There are reports that he has been suspended before with a D-minus average over a semester and has had this suspension rescinded at the request of the sports

program. Other reports state that he has been admitted into academic programs which he didn't meet the minimum grade point average for. Yes, exceptions to athletes to occur at universities, and they are numerous, but it's nice to see some of them become highlighted. Nothing will ever take away Simon's ability to play basketball but someone is charitably giving him the ability to think.

The college basketball season is almost here and many new stories will turn up to give a new perspective on the game.

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McCain-Feingold bill hurts political parties

By Shannon Casey
Staff Reporter

With the Campaign Finance Hearings well underway in the Senate, President Clinton and the Democrats in Congress are calling for a change in the law. They see their approval ratings dropping as the hearings progress and the money trail unfolds.

In order to show the American public they are dedicated to responsible campaign finance practices, the Democrats are throwing their support behind the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Bill. Sponsored by Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI), the McCain-Feingold bill would ban all soft money contributions.

"Soft money" is money given directly to political parties for party building purposes and is not used to support specific candidates. Under current campaign laws, there is no limit on the amount of soft money a donor can give to a political party.

Soft money is important in political campaigns. It was designed to spread donations to numerous candidates so no single candidate felt obligated to repay large donors with political favors.

Limiting soft money invites a constitutional challenge. The Supreme Court has consistently defined soft money contributions as a form of free speech protected by the first amendment.

The McCain-Feingold bill also bans political action committees (PACs). This does nothing more than hurt the little guy. Not everyone can afford to wave millions of dollars of their own money in front of the President or members of Congress. To get their message across, groups of like-minded citizens combine their money and donate it in the name of a single cause. PAC contributions are the only way these small businesses and citizens are able to let their voices be heard.

This hastily-written campaign finance reform bill will also impose spending limit for House and Senate campaigns. In return for limiting their fundraising efforts, free airtime will be offered for the candidates.

Of course, this free airtime comes with federal strings attached. The use of negative ads will be forbidden and federal officials will determine what constitutes a negative ad. This will reduce all attack ads that challengers aim at incumbents with a questionable voting record. Do we really need less accountability in Congress?

Free airtime would have to be distributed to every fringe candidates, therefore, wasting federal money. Do we want federal money supporting the David Dukes of the world?

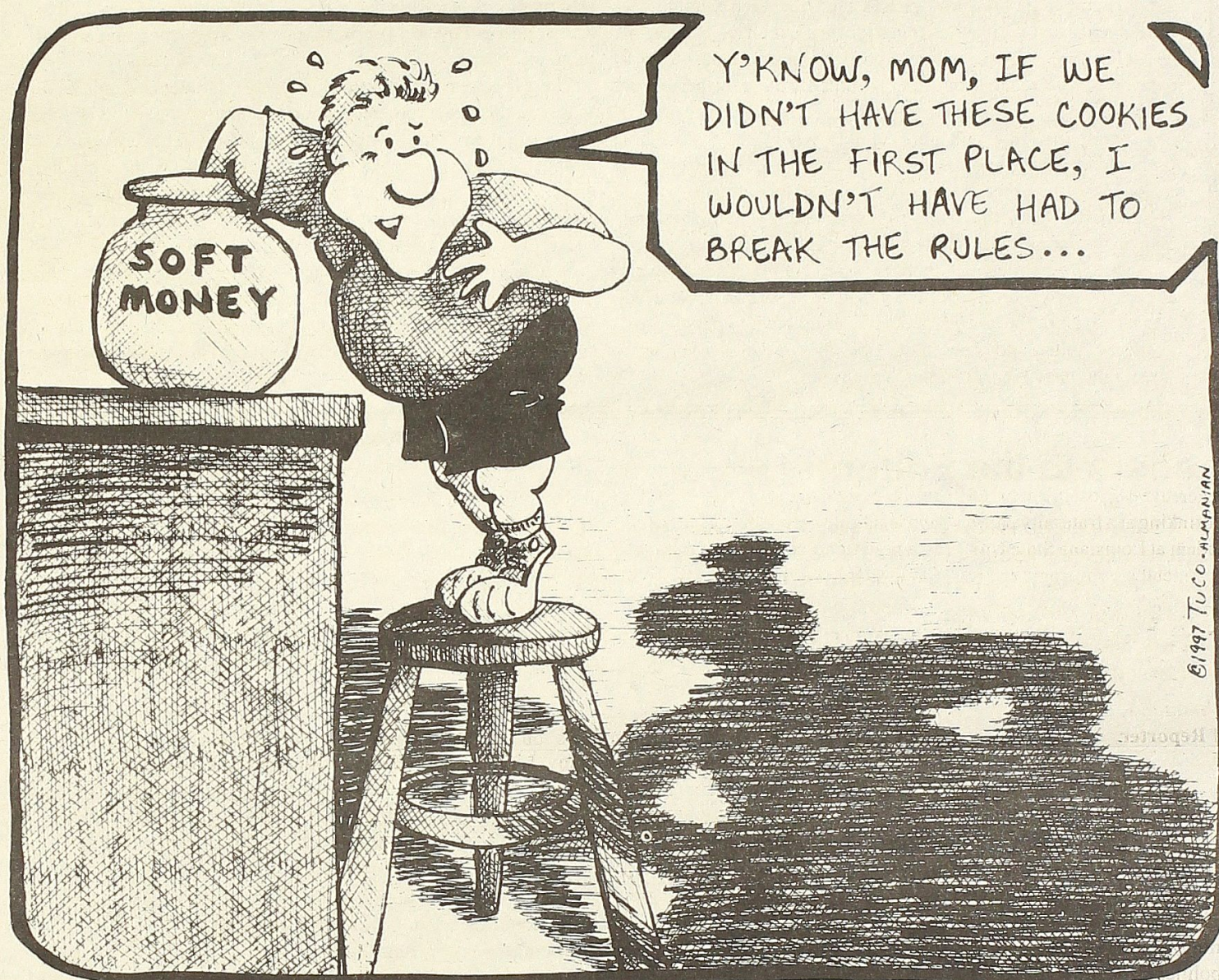
Activist organizations could not even mention a candidate's name in their political education cru-

sades. This would prohibit organizations from publishing voting records of members of Congress. This is just another ploy designed to protect incumbents.

What makes everyone think Congress will follow these new laws when they blatantly disregard the current laws? Laws are meaningless if nobody follows

them. Their proposed legislation will do nothing more than shift the blame of illegal fundraising practices from the individual candidates to the concept of soft

money. The only chance of restoring faith in government is if Congress starts obeying the current laws rather than shifting the blame.



GOP selects money over will of people

By Daniel Scripps
Freelance Writer

In the wake of the recent McCain-Feingold Congressional debate, many Americans are left wondering what controls the thinking in Washington. Is the key to political success in what we think of as a democracy money or votes? Clearly, those in Congress are betting on money.

What happened was this: two United States Senators, one Republican and one Democrat, put forth a proposal to ban soft-money contributions to political candidates. Soft money is that which is given to political parties for promoting the entire party and is not used for promoting individual candidates. The proposal had strong bi-partisan support from Americans across the country. However, despite the neutrality of the bill, the positive impact it would have on campaign finance reform and the overwhelming support it received from Americans, the bill didn't pass.

While the reasons given for the bill's failure depend on who you

ask, what is important in this debate is that some Washington politicians chose money last week over the will of the American people. The amount of money that was generated in these soft-money contributions was too much to turn down, so they did what they had to make it fail. By adding provisions to the bill in the form of amendments, a group of representatives completely changed the nature of the bill from one that was neutral and had bi-partisan support to one that focused on financially hurting one party while leaving the other alone. By adding what has since been described as a "poison pill," Republican Senators changed a bill that promised real reform in the area of campaign

finance to one that specifically targeted the Democratic Party and its ability to accept contributions from labor organizations.

The ironic thing about all of this is that the bill focused only on soft money. While the Democrats

do indeed receive a fair amount of money from unions, there are many issue-oriented organizations who give as much to the Republican Party. In order to build the bi-partisan support needed to achieve real reform, these sources of party revenue

were left untouched by McCain and Feingold, who focused on an issue that was of concern for both parties. Labor money, like money generated from the issue-groups which routinely fund the Repub-

lican Party is not soft-money, and so it was intentionally left out of the proposal in order to ensure the maximum amount of support. This didn't seem to be good enough for the Senate Republicans.

It is disappointing that the process of attempting to truly reform politics into an arena where public policy is made on the basis of the good it will do inherently becomes so political. Even an issue such as this, campaign finance reform, which is supported by a majority of Americans from both sides and was represented as such in the Senate by members of both parties inevitably succumbs to petty political partisanship. It makes one wonder whether any issue will ever be decided on whether it will actually make things better.

It is important for Americans to remember that for some Washington representatives, money is more important than presenting the will of their constituents. A good time to remind these "representatives" of their true obligations is in the next election cycle.

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Staff Editorial

Weekend towings serve no purpose

The parking problem on the Alma College campus is a topic that has been much maligned and talked about over the years. Students are given the privilege to park on campus for a fee. The system that is now in place is for the large part a very good one. A certain number of preferred passes are sold each year to the student body that will be returning for the next term. The rest of the students are given the option to buy a lesser priced pass to park in the non-preferred lots that are distributed around the perimeter of the campus. The problem in this system is the number of people who ignore this rule and park in lots where they have not purchased the privilege to do so. Because of these offenders, finding a spot in a preferred lot continues to be difficult.

The school is being much more aggressive this year by cracking down on the people who violate this rule by enforcing the practice of towing. During the week there is no reason that a person who has paid their sixty dollars for the privilege to park in a preferred lot to be closer to their residence hall should have to park out by the soccer fields, and there should be no sympathy given to a student who has blatantly violated the rules.

While it is wonderful that the school is enforcing this rule during the week, it is completely absurd that it is being enforced on the weekend. While there is a fight for the limited number of spaces that are available during the week, this scarcity transforms into a glut of open spaces on the weekend. Anyone who stays around on the weekend can tell you of the deluge of spaces that are available as the weekend commuters vanish from this campus to go elsewhere.

There is no reason that weekend guests of students should have to rescue their car from an impound when they have to leave to go back to their homes. This impound sometimes is not open for people to get their cars back until Monday. At this point, weekend guests have been forced to miss school or work because they parked in a lot that had fifty open spaces.

To remedy this situation, the college should stop towing cars on weekends. It is wonderful that the school is enforcing the rule during the week, as parking spaces are made available for those who have paid for them. However, it is absurd that the rule is being enforced on the weekend, when there is no reason to do so.

Letters to the Editors

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even quoted Pyle's observation that the soldiers were fighting more for the comradeship they shared with the others in their ranks than for any patriotic ideals.

Given this, we, the members of Alma Young Democrats, would like to pose the following question for campus consideration: how would Pyle react to having his story told and observations documented by a Scab reporter for the *Detroit News*?

The hypocrisy involved with having an individual who turned his back on the others in the journalism profession since the Detroit newspaper strike in 1995 detailing the observations of the supreme sacrifices made by soldiers for this same ideal of comradeship was blatantly obvious to the members of this group. We sincerely hope the rest

of the campus also made this connection.

Sincerely,
The members of Alma Young Democrats (AYD)

To the Editors:

All week long I have been waiting to be awakened at 3 a.m. by a car alarm like I was on Saturday, October 4, 1997. The alarm sounded because this car was being towed. Fortunately for the owners of illegally parked cars on our campus, this has not occurred. Why is this an issue you ask? Saturday night, nine cars were towed from Bruske parking lots at 3 a.m.

The drivers were warned by a knee high, one square foot sign as they enter the parking lot off of Vassar Street that reads "Unauthorized vehicles will be towed." Why then has this not happened since Saturday?

Are there not any illegally parked cars on our campus? Are the tickets only given when the parking lots are empty? When the drivers are either asleep or not in a condition to move their cars? Or does it depend who is issuing tickets? Will there be a long line of parents, alumni and friends of the college waiting next Saturday after the game to retrieve their cars?

The answers to these questions and many more will probably be

pondered while you wait to pay your \$30 in order to retrieve your car after 2 p.m. on Sunday when you had to be at work at 11 a.m. or had to drive six hours to get home. A pretty cheap price if you ask me.

Sincerely,
Alyson Ferriss (98)
Annie Grover (00)
Christine Marable (00)
Sara Peel (99)

Dear Editors,

This letter is to make a few corrections in the September 30 issue's article, "WQAC Branches Out to Provide Better Variety". In the article there were two misspellings: 1) my name is spelled with a c: Marc Alderman 2) the type of music I play on the radio is spelled with a k: ska. I am also quoted as saying "I've been calling a lot of record stores for help on finding more sca(sic) music." This is not exactly correct. I stated that I had been contacting record companies such as Moon Ska NYC, not record stores as indicated.

These companies have been helpful and sent me promo copies for use on the radio to add to the WQAC Ska library. Thank you for the coverage of an up and coming music genre and remember "Even bad ska is better than no ska at all".

Sincerely Yours,
Marc Alderman (98)

The Almanian is now accepting guest editorials any interested individuals should contact Tim Caister at 7161 or submit a signed copy of the editorial to the *Almanian* office in the basement of Newberry.

To the Editors:

This past week, Alma College welcomed author and Detroit News reporter Jim Tobin to campus. Tobin spoke to the campus community on his reporting of PBB and on his recent book, *Ernie Pyle's War*, which details the life of the famous World War II reporter.

During his address, Tobin spoke on Pyle's ability to report the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. At one point in the speech, Tobin

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