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New programs, replacements incite faculty searches

By Laura M. Paetz
News Editor

Faculty searches are currently in progress for tenure track positions in four departments: biology, exercise and health science (EHS), history and art. While the biology and EHS departments are adding on new positions, the history and art departments are seeking faculty replacements.

Each of the departments have advertised the positions in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and other relevant journals and magazines. As in faculty searches campus and nation wide, women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The biology department is hoping to attract candidates with backgrounds in a couple areas of science.

"We are looking for someone to bring some strength in the areas of either environmental or health related sciences," said Richard

Bowker, chairperson for the biology department.

The department has received over 200 applications for the position and has invited several candidates to campus.

According to Bowker, if someone with a strong environmental science background secures this position, "we would hope to build an environmental science program."

The department has recently developed an environmental studies minor, which includes classes in environmental studies, environmental geology and environmental ethics and other courses in the fields of economics, political science and communications.

"The environmental studies minor is intended to go with everyone's majors. Someday we may have an environmental sciences major, which is different. The major would involve lots of chemistry and physics—the hard sciences that would deal with the

environment," said search committee member Kay Grimnes, associate professor of biology.

Grimnes also said the new faculty member is needed to help reduce the size of the basic biology class.

John Davis, chairperson for the EHS department, believes there are two reasons why an additional fac-

ulty member is needed in EHS.

"First, our department has grown substantially in the last five years; and secondly, we feel that we need to add a new emphasis in our department," said Davis. "We are hiring what is called an exercise biochemist—someone who will have a background in both biochemistry and exercise science."

This position received the attention of about 40 applicants, four of whom have visited campus.

The history department is seeking a replacement for former Chairperson M.J.J. Smith, who is on long-term medical disability leave. "Specifically, we are looking for

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Comedian, performers eager for Mock Rock

By Joe Bogan
Staff Reporter

Perhaps Suzan the psychic—who will be appearing tonight in the Gelston Hall lobby—can use her special powers of perception to predict this year's Alma College Union Board's (ACUB) Mock Rock competition winners. The event occurs Friday, Feb. 10, at 8:00 p.m. in Cappaert Gymnasium.

Comedian Gary De Lena will serve as host for this year's Mock Rock. However, this is not his first time performing at Alma College—two years ago he hosted ACUB's All-Nighter. There was a big turnout and many people had a favorable response afterwards.

The feeling was mutual—DeLena had such a good time here the last time that he wore an ACUB T-shirt when he appeared on MTV. "It's going to be a heck of a great time. This top notch comedian should do really well in his performing act before the show and also during the show while he MC's between songs," said ACUB member Ray Kowalewski.

De Lena will be introducing six

acts total, slightly less than the 12 which performed last year. There will be four small groups (groups containing four or fewer performers) and three large groups (with five to 10 participants).

The show will include veteran Mock Rock performers as well as novices to the art of lip syncing.

Lorena and the Missing Links, led by junior Mark St. Martin, is one of the groups hoping to capture a prize with a repeat performance. The group intends to

tickle the crowd with their rendition of "Headline News" by Weird Al Yankovic.

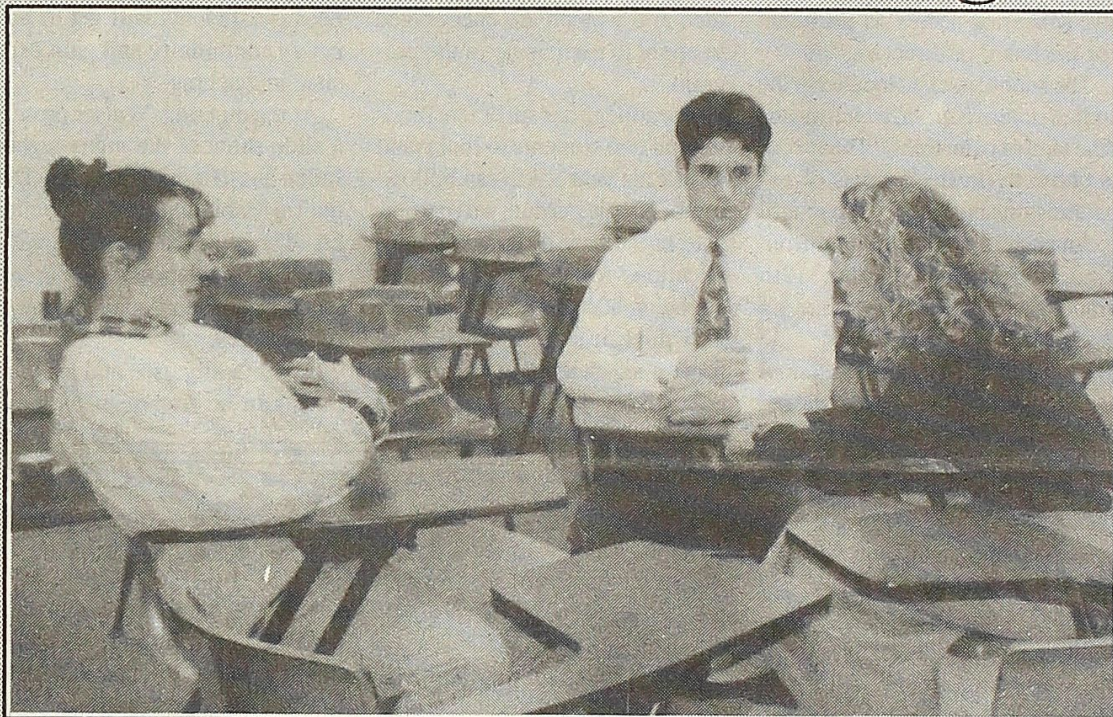
After falling one step short of winning first place last year, they hope to rise to the challenge this year.

"We'll have a really great time. This is a good chance to get out of normal everyday life and be silly—where everyone can laugh at us and we can laugh with them," said St. Martin.

However, Lorena and the Missing Links will have some competition. Kappa Iota (KI) sorority will also be returning from last year,

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1995-96 RA selection begins



The Resident Assistant selection process began Sunday when RA candidates role-played various situations with current RA's and student affairs staff members. Pictured are RA's Shannon Cole, junior and Steve Vance, sophomore, with sophomore RA candidate Alissa Malsom. Photo by Kristin Allen.

High-tech library exceeds budget

By Trisha A. Warner
Staff Reporter

What do March, construction workers and the west side of the library have in common? A new library addition. Hopefully.

Although the Board of Trustees has not yet approved the use of \$2 million to construct a new wing on the west side of the library, Vice President for Finance Jon Groteluschen has been working with architects to finalize the plans for over a year.

The board will meet Feb. 11 to accept or reject the final plans, including the cost of the new facility.

The project originally was to begin in March, 1994, funded by a gift from trustee John Colina and his wife, Nancy. However, after conferring with architects, college officials learned the project would exceed their budget and put the groundbreaking on hold.

Library Director Peter Dollard said President Alan J. Stone offered to help raise the extra money

to complete the much needed addition.

After the year-long delay, construction for the addition is set to begin as soon as the ground thaws in March, barring any unanticipated problems.

The addition, a two story, 9,000 square-foot above-ground facility, will be used mainly for book storage. It will also contain group study rooms, a few study carrels and a wired classroom. The classroom will enable students to learn how to use the internet and microcomputers more easily. Each student will have access to a computer to work with while watching an instructional video during the classes.

According to Dollard, the additions will be a vast improvement. "The present set-up, with students gathered around one computer, is awkward and only one person in the group can really see what's going on."

In addition to the new wing, the main library may also receive a facelift. According to Groteluschen, the circulation desk

will be moved and a new reference area will be built in order to "meet the increased demand and accommodate foot traffic" through the areas.

The present building will also be repainted and carpeted to match the new wing, creating a seamless addition.

Along with the new look, the library will also purchase a new air conditioning unit to cool the entire building.

Dollard also commented on when he thinks the new wing will be open for use.

"Everyone hopes for September 1, but [realistically] the end of December would be nice."

Building the structure is only one aspect of the renovation that needs to be done in order to complete the project.

"We've got to reorganize the entire collection [and] the logistics have not been settled," said Dollard in reference to moving the books and furniture around. It is possible that students may be hired to help with the actual moving process.

I love getting crazy in front of people I don't know...

*-Susan Elliot
performer*

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India program emphasizes service, education

By Christine Ebert
Freelance Writer

In the past, Alma College has tried to send one student per year to Africa through the African Fellowship program where students travel to underprivileged areas to teach.

However, due to political situations, it is no longer safe for the college to send students to Africa; therefore, the Africa Fellowship program will be put on hold while a comparable program in India will take its place.

During winter break, Joseph Walser, chairperson for the religion department and Bishop Thomas Makarios, visiting instructor for religious studies, traveled to India to set up the program.

Selected India fellows will teach at a school run by Makarios' family. Makarios serves as president for the board of directors.

The school itself is located in the Indian state of Karola, which means "the land of palm trees." The school is currently in the process of expanding one building per year until it can accommodate children from kindergarten through the 12th grade. As of this year, there are six grades and 142 children.

Most of the teachers in the school are in their mid-thirties, college-

educated and female. Makarios and Walser emphasized that this does not mean students are not receptive to male teachers. Both

Ann Gibbs, who attended last Wednesday's informational meeting on the new program. Gibbs believes the India program is good

throughout India. A nature reserve where students can observe tigers and elephants in their natural habitat is located near the school.

While the visiting students are learning the language spoken in Karola (there are over 1,000 different languages spoken in India), they will be helping the Indian students learn English. The Indian students' literacy rate is now 100% and teachers want to give their students a chance to learn English as well as their native language.

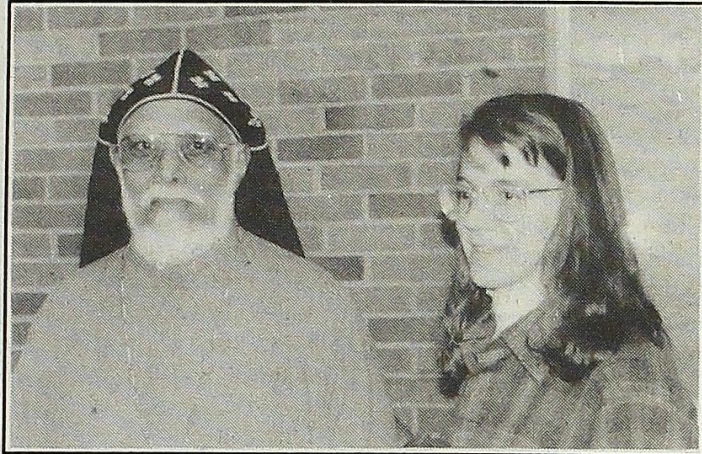
The people of the community are very excited about the possibilities this program will bring to Karola. They specifically want a program that will be mutually beneficial for the community and the students. The area is developing and is full of heritage as well as modern ideas.

"There are unlimited possibilities for this program," said Makarios.

While the focus of the program is to help educate the children of Karola, the ultimate goal of the program is to send the top students from the Indian school to Alma College for their higher education.

Walser said that he named the new program after these children.

"Their eyes are so bright and full of excitement, we named it for them: The Bright Eyes of India."



Due to political tension in Africa, Alma's African Fellowship program has been transformed. The program replacing the former is entitled The Bright Eyes of India. Photo by Tammy Thomson.

men and women are encouraged to apply to participate in the program.

The college has sufficient funds to send two students to India next year. Last year's African Fellow, senior Nicole Perdue, will participate in the new program and applications for the other position are being accepted.

"I think it's going to be awesome and whoever is chosen [to go] is very lucky," said junior

because students will get to help a needy community and gain experience in teaching.

At the meeting, Walser presented a slide show of the many sights of India: the Hindu temples at Delhi, the Taj Mahal and even snake charmers. The slides showed the various types of vegetation in the area, including banana, coconut, papaya and rubber trees.

Additionally, rice and tea plantations can be found in many areas

Class of '97 experiences slump

By Justin Gustafson
Freelance Writer

Sophomores, look out!

A bad rash of sophomore blues circulates campus, many have been infected already. However, this week offers an exciting chance for students to break out of their doldrums during the Sophomore Slump program sponsored by the sophomore class council.

"We hope this week will motivate sophomores to look at their goals and inspire them to achieve more in their next two years," said James Blum, sophomore class president.

The idea was posed by President Alan J. Stone last November. The sophomore council decided it would be better to wait until winter term to implement the idea in order to avoid the rush of exams. Placed strategically on the calendar, the Sophomore Slump program will help the class of 1997 dissipate the mid-winter blahs.

Blum offered his thoughts on why this phenomenon occurs in the first place.

"When first-year students first arrive at Alma College, they find it new, exciting and tough. As they become sophomores, it doesn't seem quite as tough and there are more social activities to get involved in. The trouble starts in at-

tempting to juggle all of these things. Each student's academic standards tend to drop a bit in their sophomore year, I think, when they notice all the high school valedictorians who aren't all pulling a four point in college.

"Sophomores also get bored or uninterested in many of the classes they are taking to fulfill their distributive requirements."

The organizational committee also includes sophomore class officers Lori McMann and Samantha Loree. Carolyn Kaczynski, Bruske hall director, is a significant contributor in event planning.

The week's highlights include four main events. Yesterday, Jonieta Stone, visiting associate professor of education, gave a creative presentation dealing with why this sophomore slump tends to occur. She also gave excellent advice on how people could get themselves out of the slump and jump-start their lives again.

Tonight, in Jones Auditorium at 8:30, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs John Seveland is scheduled to talk about what students can expect to gain from their next two years at Alma. He will also speak on how students can maximize their time here without sacrificing their grades.

"Mr. Seveland is familiar with life outside the 'Alma bubble' and is aware of the skills we need

to continue after college is over," said Blum.

Wednesday night features Provost Leslie Brown, who will lecture on how to choose from the many different majors Alma offers. Brown's lecture will take place at 8:30 in Jones Auditorium. Brown will also speak on her experience in dealing with large graduate schools which many students may plan to attend.

"We tried to bring in a few speakers who are largely familiar to the student body in the hope of attracting more participation," said Blum.

Each student who participates in events earlier in the week will receive one raffle ticket per event, which will be entered into a drawing on Thursday for various prizes. Prizes include sweatshirts, gift certificates for the Book Shoppe, Pizza Sam's and other local businesses.

The week comes to a smashing conclusion with a "Slump No More Bash" on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. This celebration will include free food and beverages, the raffle drawing and a chance for sophomores to chat with Stone and other faculty. Entertainment for the event will be provided by The Stains, a singing group comprised of Alma students.

Trustees to discuss tuition, parking issues

By Kristin Allen
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The Alma College Board of Trustees will gather this weekend to consider several important issues relevant to the student body, including an expected tuition increase, future dorm renovations and current problems with student parking.

The board, consisting of trustees, students, administrators and faculty, will vote on a 4.9% tuition increase already approved by the finance committee.

"[The tuition increase] would put us just over \$17,000 for next year," said associate trustee and member of the finance committee Maggie Taylor, junior. "The committee feels we can still maintain the middle-income students as long as we don't break \$20,000, like many other colleges already have."

Student Congress President Dana Grant will include in her student report an update on how student government is attempting to improve the parking problems troubling students, faculty and community members.

The board will discuss the parking issue but save any decision-making for their May meeting.

The board, which meets three times each academic year, will also consider the approval of dorm renovations, including new windows for Newberry Hall and new furnishings and computer wiring

for some residence hall rooms.

One equally important issue on the board's agenda centers on the college's Evergreen Plan which encompasses long-range planning issues such as enrollment.

"We are expecting a smaller incoming first-year class than last year," said President Alan J. Stone.

Because of the large junior class, however, the enrollment figure for next year will be about 30 more than this year.

In addition, routine matters such as the awarding of faculty tenure and promotions, sabbaticals and the addition of two new faculty positions in the biology and exercise and health science departments will be included on the board's agenda.

According to Stone, for several years the college's goal has been to move faculty salaries into the top 20 percent in all three categories--professors, associate professors and assistant professors.

If the faculty salaries reach the top 20 percent, Alma would attain a 1.1.1. ratio, said Stone.

"Depending on what other schools are doing, if the board approves the pool of funds allotted for faculty salaries, we will have reached our 1.1.1. goal," said Stone.

The board is also expected to approve the awarding of degrees for the class of 1995.

Many trustees will have a chance to experience campus life on Friday, as select students have the opportunity to Adopt-a-Trustee.

Keeping You Informed

Amnesty International chapter founded

Students interested in joining Amnesty International, a non-partisan group working towards the release of prisoners of conscience all over the world, are invited to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in SAC B-11.

ACUB sponsors numerologist/astrologist

The Alma College Union Board invites students to Gelston Hall Lobby at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, to unlock the mysteries of numerology and astrology with Suzan, one of New York's leaders in the field.

The event is free of cost and students are encouraged to come with a question in mind.

Gororitz speaks on medical, moral dilemmas

By Wade Renando
Staff Reporter

In a program sponsored by the co-curricular committee, medical ethics expert Samuel Gorovitz informed students and faculty Thursday on the moral dangers of increased medical technology and on the United States' health care system.

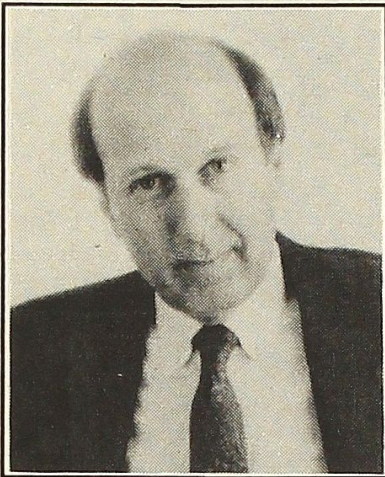
Gorovitz, currently a professor of philosophy and public administration at Syracuse University, earned his Ph.D. at Stanford University. He spoke about several moral dilemmas now facing the medical profession which were unimportant only a few years ago. He also addressed the dangerous state of our health care system in America today.

Rapid advances in medicine in the last few decades have created difficult moral questions. For example, it is now possible to scan fetuses for birth defects to determine if a baby will have future health problems, said Gorovitz. Additionally, Gorovitz explained couples soon may be able to select certain traits in their children, such as sex and eye color.

By explaining these new technologies, Gorovitz raised questions such as where doctors and parents should draw the line between protecting descendants from genetic defects and engineering chil-

dren to their own design.

Gorovitz also commented on America's health care system, comparing it to other systems in various industrialized countries.



Samuel Gorovitz, professor at Syracuse University, lectured on US health care. File Photo.

According to Gorovitz, our nation's health care system is considered the worst in the world. Problems include the 37 million people who have no health insurance, which is unthinkable in other countries.

Those who can afford health care receive excellent treatment, but on average the US is far behind the rest of the industrialized world in

the field, he said.

Gorovitz said a large problem with America's medical care is the desire to search for treatments that are too expensive to be practically used, creating a large gap in the quality of health care for American citizens.

In his lecture, Gorovitz offered no simple solutions for the issues he spoke of and urged everyone to become aware of the increased problems. Health care costs constitute 14% of the country's gross domestic product and will continue to grow if changes are not made, he said.

"I thought it would be more of a debate-type presentation but [Gorovitz] seemed knowledgeable on the subjects," said junior Jason Falk.

Junior Dave Florenski agreed. "[The presentation was] very in-depth and educational."

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someone who can teach courses in selected areas of Asian and US history," said Michael Yavenditti, chairperson for the history department.

In soliciting candidates, the history department's search committee has employed a new

technique in advertising the position: by computer.

"We have put an advertisement on the internet; the

historynet is what it is called," said Yavenditti.

About 90 candidates have expressed interest in this position.

Additionally, the art department is hoping to replace a tenure track position vacated by Art Instructor Jan White Arvanetes, who left on sabbatical to continue her education and chose not to return.

"[Assistant Professor of Art and Design] Paul Romejko came to Alma as a sabbatical

replacement...and kindly agreed to stay on and teach for another year," said Carrie Parks-Kirby, chairperson for the art department.

"This position needs to go back to being a tenure track position rather than a temporary position," she continued.

The art department is seeking

someone to instruct students in graphic design and photography, as well as serve as the director for the art gallery.

Parks-Kirby also encourages students to get involved in the selection process.

"We really want students to participate and come and listen to [the candidates] speak and then give us feedback on their impressions.

From my experience as a candidate here 13 years ago, what impressed me was my conversations with the students who interviewed me. It gave me a much clearer sense of what it would be like to teach at Alma College," Parks-Kirby said.

"It really helps if students participate and are excited about the process."

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-Carrie Parks-Kirby, art department chairperson

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performing "Respect" by Aretha Franklin.

"I love getting crazy in front of people I don't know. This is a good chance to let loose and be someone else for a while," said junior Susan Elliot, a member of KI.

Additionally, a group of women from Bruske Hall's second south floor will be performing "Summer Nights" from the movie "Grease."

Small group performers include sophomore Andre Buschman, who will lip sync his all-time favorite, "Love Potion #9."

The dance talents of Janet Jackson will be featured as one small group performs "You Want This."

"I always liked watching everyone else for three years, and since this is my senior year, I thought I would like to do it before I graduate," said senior performer Melissa Teachman.

Another important, but not as noticeable, part played in Mock Rock is that of the judges. This year seniors Sheri Tulloch and Daniel

Baker, Associate Professor of Political Science Mahmood Monshipouri and Assistant Professor of Psychology Gwyneth Beagley will judge the contest.

"It's appealing to see the combination of talent and fun, blended in with a variety of music. What we try to look for as judges is lip syncing ability, body language, how much excitement the group can arouse and also how comfortably and naturally the group performs," explained Monshipouri, who was a judge last year as well.

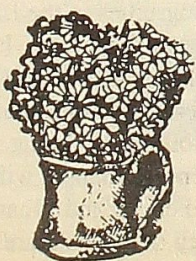
This year, ACUB is hoping to top its turnout of the 600 students who attended last year.

Senior Chris Hayes, ACUB's technician, looks forward to the big event.

"We're hoping it will be entertaining. It should be fun for the campus community, where they can watch their friends, loosen up and have a good time."

An admission fee of one dollar will be collected at the door.

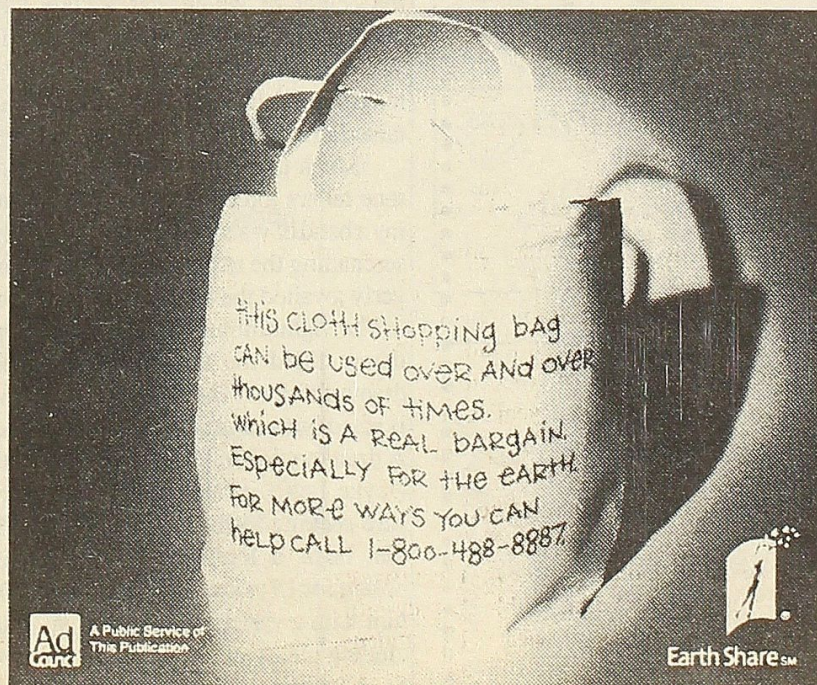
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World News

After five hours of talks in Cairo, PLO leader Yassar Arafat and leaders of Israel, Egypt and Jordan made a new commitment to complete peace in the Middle East. Israel and Palestine agreed to continue with self-rule agreements and Arafat said he will do all he can to prevent violence.

President Clinton is expected to propose a raise in minimum wage by \$.90 an hour, increasing the rate to \$5.15, over a two year period. The plan was proposed after days of talks with members of Congress.

The House of Representatives has been debating the line item veto for several days and is expected to vote on it soon. If passed, the law, which is supported by Clinton, would enable the President to veto individual items in appropriations bills.

Peru and Ecuador gave last minute peace proposals for a cease fire in their week-long border conflict. Both countries attended peace talks in Brazil but new outbreaks of fighting were reported along the disputed area.

Boutros Ghali, chief of the U.N., suggested sending 7,000 U.N. peace keepers to Angola to help reconstruct the southern African region that has been devastated by 30 years of war. Ghali said a November truce appears to be holding.

The republican majority, along with many democrats in the House of Representatives, recently approved the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. The vote was passed by a comfortable 300 to 132 margin exceeding the necessary two-thirds majority required.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan strongly suggested to enact another raise in the short-term interest rates. The Federal Reserve has raised the rates six times since last February.

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Prism to perform unusual music

By Nicole DeBurton
Freelance Writer

Prism. Webster defines it as "a medium that distorts, slants, or colors whatever is viewed through it."

An innovative saxophone quartet, Prism displays these qualities through a melange of music and instrumentation.

The award-winning quartet, consisting of musicians Matthew Levy, Taimur Sullivan, Timothy Ries and Michael Whitcombe, will perform a variety of music at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Heritage Center for Performing Arts.

The group's repertoire consists of classical transcriptions, original compositions, jazz and avant-garde twentieth-century and electronic works, all performed with the help of modern technology.

According to Douglas Scripps, professor of music, the saxophone is a relatively new instrument, invented by Adolf Sax in the Twentieth Century. "There is a significant amount of saxophone literature written for quartet in the twentieth-century," Scripps said. "This should be an interesting concert."

The group will use saxophone synthesizers to perform all types of music. Those who attend the show will see the quartet "playing saxo-

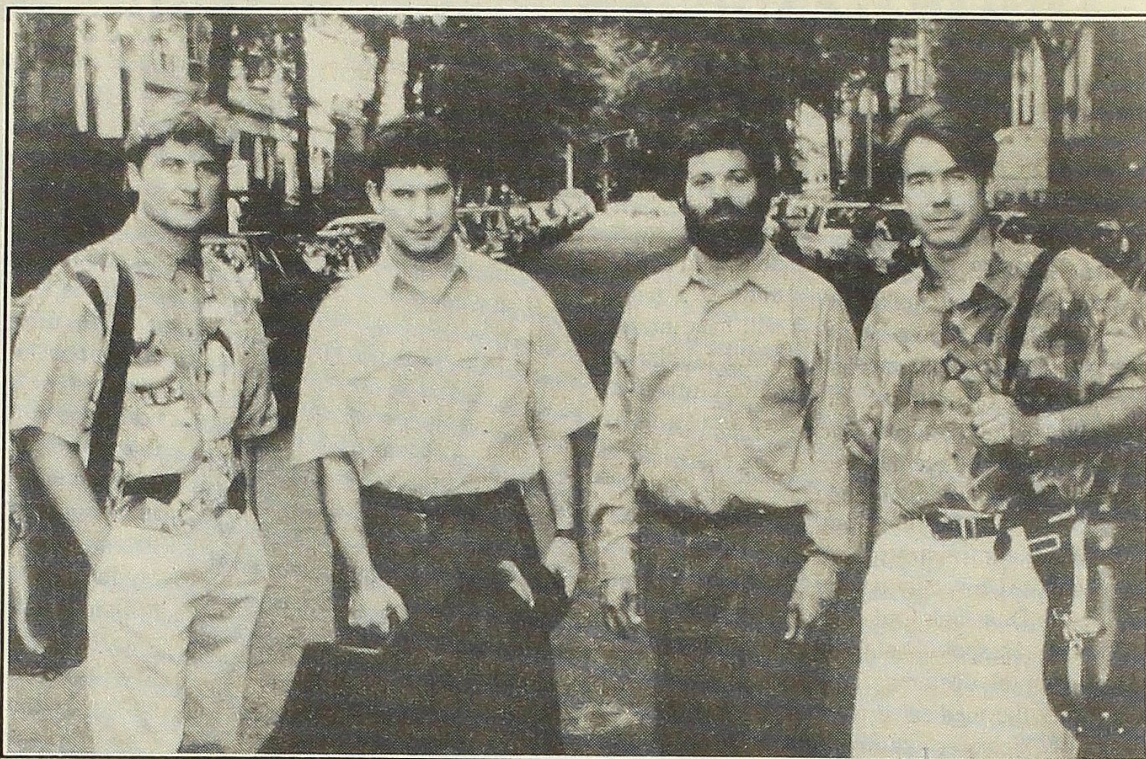
phone but hear the sound of a bass guitar" or some other instrument, said Raymond Riley, assistant professor of music, comparing this kind of electronic music performance to a magic show. Riley, who is interested in the area of electronic music and has instructed classes in the field, is curious to see their set-up and is looking forward to seeing the concert.

The quartet has been the recipient of many music awards including being named co-winner of the 1993 America/American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers Award for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music, the 1992 Chamber Music America Commissioning Grant and the 1993 Residency Grants from Chamber Music America, along with being named "Outstanding Young Artists of 1989" by Musical America.

The Prism Quartet is brought to campus by the co-curricular committee.

Senior Anne Tobian, a member of the committee, recalled that the committee "was impressed with the different sound and was excited about having them come to campus to perform."

Tickets are \$5 for adults, with students admitted free.



The Prism quartet brings innovative saxophone and electronic music to the Heritage Center Wednesday. File Photo.

Taming of the Shrew entertains

By Jessica L. VanSlooten
Feature Editor

Friday night a small group of Shakespeare scholars, myself included, braved the elements and journeyed to Lansing to view the Lansing Civic Players adaptation of the Shakespearean comedy *The Taming of the Shrew*, performed at Lansing Catholic Central High School.

Weaving our way through the crowd to the theatre, we were greeted by roving fortune tellers in Elizabethan garb. Rather amused by the pre-play entertainment, I received my own humorous fortune: "While watching television shalt thou gain mastery over a new kitten." Hmm. Wonder what this forebodes.

Finally seated, we realized to our chagrin that the seats in the auditorium were not staggered and we would have to lean to either side to see past the person directly in front of us (especially if they had big hair, a problem which several of us encountered).

The rather small stage, obviously not the famous Shakespearean Globe Theatre, included a platform, the center of which was a "box seat" for characters in the play. With silk flower arrangements scattered around the stage, the set maintained an indoor/outdoor ambience.

Much to our surprise, the fortune tellers joined together, forming a band of wandering madrigals, serenading the audience as we eagerly awaited the ensuing action.

The lights dimmed, sounds of nature filled the theatre and the drama unfolded. The basic storyline is acted out as a play within a play. A drunken tinker, Christopher Sly (Jayke Pell), is taken in by pleasure-seeking lords, who convince him he is a lord who has been absent for 15 years. They then treat him with a variety of luxuries, including plenty of ale, a robe fit for St. Nicholas and a buxom wife (really a male servant disguised as

a woman).

In Shakespeare's text, Sly disappears after the initial scenes, leaving the reader confused about his significance. This production, however, kept Sly seated in the "box seat" throughout the play, often grabbing the audience's attention with his humorous asides and hilarious and insinuating antics. Sly also concludes the play; back in the streets, he vows to tame his own wife in the way he has been taught in the play he sees.

The play within the play revolves around the two daughters of Baptista (George Duncan), Bianca (Stephanie Berbermeyer) and Katherina (Nina McMenamin). Katherina, the eldest daughter, has been labeled a shrew, and hence cannot attract any suitors. Bianca, Baptista's favorite, cannot be married to one of her many suitors until Katherina is married.

Katherina, with her auburn hair and dark eyes, spends much of the first act growling and shrieking, reinforcing her "shrewish" label. Bianca, with blue eyes and long blond ringlets, played the perfect innocent but was actually more catty than her sister. Katherina's shrewishness appeared to be a front rather than a personality flaw.

Enter Petruchio (Brad Rutledge), a fortune seeker who declares his plan is to "wive and thrive as best I may." He arrogantly proclaims that he will woo, win and wed Katherina no matter what it takes. Portrayed as extremely cocky and overtly male, Petruchio is seen as a controlling man who ensues to fulfill his plans and "breaks" Katherina, who he insists on calling Kate.

The marriage complete, it is now time to marry off Bianca. Her various suitors, who take on elaborate disguises and roles to be near her include Hortensio (Michael Marshall), a character completely lacking personality in this performance; Gremio (Karl Paananen), enlivened, hilarious and old; and Lucentio (Brian Willats), a lovesick

romantic who wins the affections of the calculating and controlling Bianca.

The first half of the play was quite humorous, with the subtle puns over-exaggerated for the uninformed audience members eliciting many a laugh from the crowd. However, the second half of the play was no longer funny, as the drama revolved around Katherina's transformation. Petruchio relentlessly opposed Katherina, until she acquiesced in order to accomplish something. Katherina is a wavering figure in this half of the play, alternating from cunning and in-your-face agreement to broken and forced submission.

Overall, for an amateur production, the performance had merit. However, many fine points could have been improved upon, including believable English accents for all characters and continuity in the portrayal of characters, especially Kate.

Smaller roles, however, showcased talent and brought many laughs. Pell as Sly stole the show with his constant attention to the drama before him and his flawless portrayal of Sly, both as drunk and as lord. Also amusing was John Guth's portrayal of Tranio, Lucentio's servant, who is also transformed into a gentleman and really lives up his new role. And who can deny the humor in the Birkenstock-clad Curtis, played by Christopher Cuddeback, who played the foolish and not-quite-all-there servant with much vigor.

As with any interpretation of a text, various aspects are going to work at the expense of others. Despite the amateurish feel and character incongruities in the Lansing Civic Players production, I found their interpretation of *The Taming of the Shrew* interesting, stimulating and thought-provoking.

Further performances will be at 8 p.m. on Feb. 10 and 11, and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 12. Tickets are \$7 for students.

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If I were an OJ trial jury member...

Elaborate framing leaves OJ not guilty

By Cyndi Hubbard
Freelance Writer

I have always been fascinated by the court system and now that we have Court TV in Alma, I am set. Although the outcome of many cases are a surprise to me, I have been sure of the verdict of one case before opening statements even began: That is the case of the State of California vs. O.J. Simpson.

It is so obvious that O.J. is being framed, probably by the same people who framed Lyle and Erik Menezes. Think about it, the cases are incredibly similar: two people, brutally murdered with obvious suspects. Oh, that's right, I forgot Lyle and Erik confessed.

Maybe that should be O.J.'s new defense. Nicole made him fear for the macho part of his life by moving on with her own life after years of an abusive relationship. Did you know that after the divorce Nicole didn't even invite O.J. into her home while she made love to her new boyfriend? This forced O.J. to peer through the windows of Nicole's condo at 3 a.m.. Boy, the nerve of her! And Ron Goldman threatened O.J. terribly with those eyeglasses he came to return. They should be classified as a deadly weapon. O.J.

had no choice but to stab him over 20 times.

Let's say O.J. decides to keep his not guilty plea. All of this physical evidence is a sham. It was contaminated. It was planted by very bad people. It isn't reliable! There are tons of explanations why carpet fibers from O.J.'s Bronco were found on a hat that was laying by the feet of Ron Goldman. Someone must have broken into O.J.'s Bronco, taken the teeny, tiny carpet fibers, planted them on the hat and made sure the hat appeared at the crime scene. That same someone must have also planted the hair that matched O.J.'s type on the hat too.

What about the shirt fibers from Ron's shirt that were found on the bloody glove found behind O.J.'s

house? Gosh, whoever is trying to frame O.J. is really good! O.J. couldn't have hidden that glove, he was in the house ignoring the limo driver at the gate. Those three bumps that Kato heard must have

African American person dressed in black that the limo driver saw come out of the bushes and walk across the drive into the house was. It was Al Cawllins! Al was there to wake O.J. up since he had over slept. Al is such a good friend of O.J.'s, he even drove him around for a while. Since this until-now unidentified person was Al, we can now understand why O.J. would ask Kato to turn the house alarm on even though this person was inside. Maybe Al even has that mystery bag that O.J. insisted on

loading into the limo himself and hasn't been seen since.

Oh, I guess I forgot to discuss the blood. The prosecution's most damning evidence is the DNA matches in the blood samples. I have a perfectly reasonable explanation for this: coincidence! It is just ironic that O.J. ended up with a bloody car, driveway and house on the same night his ex-wife and her friend were killed. It is really ironic that there was a bloody glove and a pair of bloody socks at his house. It is really, really ironic that some of the blood at O.J.'s matches Ron and Nicole's and that some of the blood at Nicole's matches O.J.'s.

Some say O.J. is not physically capable of committing these murders. He's had so many surgeries from his football injuries, he's practically a cripple! He must have gotten this way after all those beatings he gave Nicole and especially after he choked her so hard he left his hand print on her neck. O.J. should be able to show his knee scars to the jury, as this is very important in a stabbing case. The fact that O.J. is dyslexic should totally get him off because everyone knows people with dyslexia are not capable of murder.

Seriously, these murders are no laughing matter. The only way some of us feel we can deal with them and try to understand such a senseless crime and the circus the trial has become is to make fun of certain parts of it. Let's not forget the victims.

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been an earthquake, even though he was the only one who felt it. People in California are used to earthquakes and Kato seems like he is more in tune with the earth anyway.

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Trio end Alma dance career with senior concert

By Kendra Palmer
Freelance Writer

For many seniors, the culmination of a four-year education is preparing an original work, or senior thesis, in their field.

Senior dance majors Kristin Bender, Kathy Bailey and Dena Hughes have likewise produced a

senior thesis dance concert, which will be presented at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 and 4 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Heritage Center for the Performing Arts.

All three seniors will graduate in April with honors in dance and will continue their dance education in various aspects at graduate school.

The thesis dance concert will consist of dances performed or choreographed by the seniors during their four years of dance, most of which have been developed especially for this concert. This project has been in motion since the middle of last term.

A company of seventeen dancers featuring Bender, Bailey and Hughes perform the various numbers.

Each student is responsible for at least one dance with original set-up and choreography. To meet this requirement, Bender and Hughes each produced two dances and Bailey, one.

In addition, the seniors have created one dance together, which will conclude the program.

All aspects of the concert were

the responsibility of the students, including publicity. Students planned various mediums of publicity, including posters. They also planned a reception to follow Sunday's performance.

Carol Fike, associate professor of dance, said this type of project is really exciting for the department.

"It is very important for the college, community and administration to realize that dance is a viable major. This major can offer a rewarding career and is as important in pursuance as any other major on campus."

Bender said she felt the concert was coming together really well.

"I am very proud of the dedication of all the dancers in the company. Even with their involvement in other activities and performances such as *Cabaret* they are doing a wonderful job."

"I would like to thank the dancers for all their hard work and all the help from various departments who contributed in this concert," said Bailey.

"I hope many people will come and watch the performance and see how much work and dedication went into this project on the part of the seniors who put this together. It will have a different flavor than other Dance Company performances," added Fike.

Tickets for the concert are free, but must be reserved. A reception in the Green Room will follow Sunday's performance.



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Spanish exchange student enjoys America

By Emily Damstra
Staff Reporter

"Excellent" is a word senior Carlos Perez Yuste frequently uses to describe his adventure here at Alma College.

Perez Yuste, originally from the small town of Pucol in Valencia, Spain, is an exchange student from Inter-American University in Puerto Rico. He decided to spend his last term here so he could experience American culture and perfect the English language. His majors are business administration and management information systems.

"I thought [Alma] was an excellent college," he said, explaining why he chose it.

"[It] has excellent resources and high quality education. The people

don't know what they have here," he said, referring to the "excellent" international programs.

One major difference he noticed is that Americans tend to like more private space around them than he is used to--don't be surprised if he kisses you on both cheeks when he greets you, as is customary in his country:

Perez Yuste was perhaps most amazed by snow. Though he has seen it on television, he has never experienced it in person.

"I woke up and I saw this white panorama and I was surprised. It was a wonderful experience."

He almost cried and felt like swimming in it.

"I was like a child when I saw the snow. I forgot the time, I forgot everything. I was admiring what

nature did at this latitude."

Consequently, Perez Yuste is preparing for winter.

"The people tell me this weather is mild. I say 'What? Are you crazy?' It is the first time I have been in this kind of temperature," he explained.

Perez Yuste also thought it was strange to see many Catholics in a primarily Protestant country. He went to church with Spanish house coordinator and Spanish instructor Mayte Galvez one Sunday and noticed "their rituals here are very different from the Catholic church in Spain."

Despite any differences, Perez Yuste "seems like he fits in well," according to sophomore Joe Herrera.

"He's cool to joke around with. It

doesn't seem like he's from another country, besides the accent," he said.

"He's a very caring person and full of life. Carlos is willing to make everybody around him feel happier," said Galvez.

But he is also "very explosive. Wherever he goes he doesn't lose his roots. He's authentic. ¿No Peque?"

He plans to get involved in several campus organizations and participate in as many extra-curricular activities as possible, like Students United for Nature, Students Offering Service, Habitat for Humanity and Amnesty International.

Asked what his best experience has been so far, he replied, "Knowing that there are very nice people at Alma College.

"They treat me very well. They are kind and hospitable. I am meeting wonderful people that I will never forget. Here, I am breaking a lot of stereotypes."

Perez Yuste would like to thank President Alan Stone, along with Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs John Seveland, Director of Admissions Mark Nazario, the administration of the campus and the "wonderful" professors for contributing to his wonderful experience on campus.

"Sometimes I am a little homesick," Perez Yuste admitted.

"But this is going to be unforgettable."

Snow and other oddities have contributed to Spanish exchange student Carlos Perez Yuste's Alma adventure. Photo by Lisa Lyn Christensen.



Busy junior makes time for intercollegiate volunteerism

By Trisha A. Warner
Staff Reporter

What do you think when you hear or read the word "volunteer?" A job without pay or recognition? An activity where you can help others who may be less fortunate than yourself? A learning experience?

Junior Ann Gibbs of Flushing likes volunteering because she enjoys interacting with others and meeting new people.

She says through volunteering she has "met tons of interesting people that I would never have gotten to meet."

With a double major in business and religion, Gibbs hopes to be a minister in a Presbyterian church.

Currently, Gibbs is involved in Michigan Campus Compact (MCC), a group broken down into many committees which perform different tasks. MCC's main function is to promote service-learning activities on college campuses, elementary and high schools and

communities. They also award grants to college service-learning organizations.

The committee Gibbs is a member of is called Student Commu-

a free flow of ideas is created. Students are encouraged to take them back to their campuses and try them out.

Another SCAN responsibility is

ogy committee. She heard that MCC was looking for members and decided to join.

Besides MCC, Gibbs is also part of the Alma College service-learning task force.

Last fall Gibbs coordinated the first-annual Hunger Banquet with Edward Lorenz, associate professor of history and political science.

Gibbs admitted that working on the service-learning task force and MCC is a lot of fun. "I've gotten to meet and have dinner with many interesting people."

Junior Gwen Downs, also a member of MCC and SCAN, agrees with Ann. "MCC is a good opportunity to meet people and talk about things I feel strongly about."

On top of all this, Gibbs finds time to help write a newsletter for the United Way.

If you are interested in volunteering for a service-learning committee or a program like MCC, don't hesitate, said Gibbs. It can change your life.

nity Action Network (SCAN). The group, including students from approximately twenty colleges throughout Michigan, meets at the Kellogg Center on Michigan State University's campus.

Each member brings ideas from his or her college's service-learning group and shares it. In this way

a monthly newsletter entitled *State of Service*. Approximately 10,000 copies are sent to service providers throughout the area.

Gibbs first became aware of MCC as a first-year student. As a charter member of Students Offering Services (SOS), she was on the board and worked on the gerontol-

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Events and Happenings

On Campus:

Feb. 8:
Co-Cur event
Prism Quartet, 8 p.m., Heritage Center, Reserved Seating: \$5 adults, students free

Feb. 10:
ACUB Mock Rock with Gary De Lena, 8 p.m., Cappaert Gymnasium, \$1 student admission

Feb. 11:
Senior Thesis
Dance Concert, 8 p.m., Heritage Center, Reserved Seating: free

Feb. 12:
Senior Thesis
Dance Concert, 4 p.m., Heritage Center, Reserved Seating: free

Ann Arbor:

Feb. 8:
Nick Lowe with Jim Lauderdale, 9:30 p.m., Blind Pig, Advance Tickets: \$10

Feb. 9:
God Street Wine, 9:30 p.m., Blind Pig, Advance Tickets: \$7.50

Feb. 11:
Laughing Hyenas with Hot Footin' Puddin' Pie and Henry and June, 9:30 p.m., Blind Pig, Tickets: \$6 at the door only

NCAA All-American to join administration

By Amy Majestic
Sports Editor

Which individual represents soccer, tennis and women's athletics simultaneously?

On campus, it is Tammy Anderson, a former NCAA All-American recently named the women's athletic director, soccer and tennis coach.

Anderson will officially replace Debra Mapes, previous women's athletic director, in May.

"Anderson is finishing the teacher's program at [Michigan] State," explained men's athletic director Dennis Griffin. "She could have quit early to start this term but we decided not to make her do that before she gets her teaching certi-

cate."

Although Anderson coached the women's soccer team last year, her resume was one of many picked from response to a nationwide advertisement for the position.

A committee of six administrators and two students selected three applicants to interview on campus. Anderson made the final cut.

Interviewing for the position consisted of a screening with each individual member of the committee.

Then, as a group, they decided Anderson was the best candidate.

"All of the candidates had good soccer skills, administrative skills,

lege and Hartford University. As part-time coach of the 1994 women's soccer team, she directed the team to their best record in the program's history.

She holds great memories of last season.

"Soccer was a wonderful experience last year. I see it going very well again this year," she said.

Although she has never coached tennis, Anderson has no worries about picking up the position this season.

"We are already in the second week of practice and we are get-

ting ready for the Florida trip over spring break," she asserted. "The most important thing for me is for the girls to excel to the best of their ability," she added.

Anderson hopes to stay with Alma's program on a permanent basis and possibly teach in the future.

She is thankful for her opportunity here and hopes to make a positive difference in the Alma program wherever it may be needed.

"I'm still learning a lot of the athletic director things, so right now I'm planning on getting my feet wet and getting used to it.

"It's a dream come true for me, so I'm going to give it my best shot," she declared.

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*-Tammy Anderson
Women's Athletic Director*

and tennis skills. But [Anderson] presented herself very well and I think the committee thought so too," said Griffin.

Anderson spent several summers gaining extensive experience in leading soccer camps at Michigan State University, Dartmouth Col-

Men's Basketball

Scots see another unpleasant week

By Maria Toscano
Freelance Writer

The final score was 99-85 Wednesday as the Olivet Comets handed the men's varsity basketball team another loss in conference play. The Scots were scoreless for the first few minutes, which set the pace for the rest of the game.

"We came out flat," stated first-year student Mike Lusardi. "We played catch-up the rest of the night."

Twice, the men were able to bring the game within four points. However, the Comets were able to stack up some great offensive runs, leaving the Scot defense without answer.

"Olivet had two 10-0 runs," said Coach Bob Eldridge. "We couldn't stop them. They had a blistering offense, and we didn't play good defense."

"It was the poorest performance defense-wise the team has had," he added. "Olivet was on fire. They stopped us a few more times than we stopped them. You have to give them credit."

Olivet seemed to pour it on even thicker toward the end of the first half, leaving the score 37-50 at the 20 minute mark.

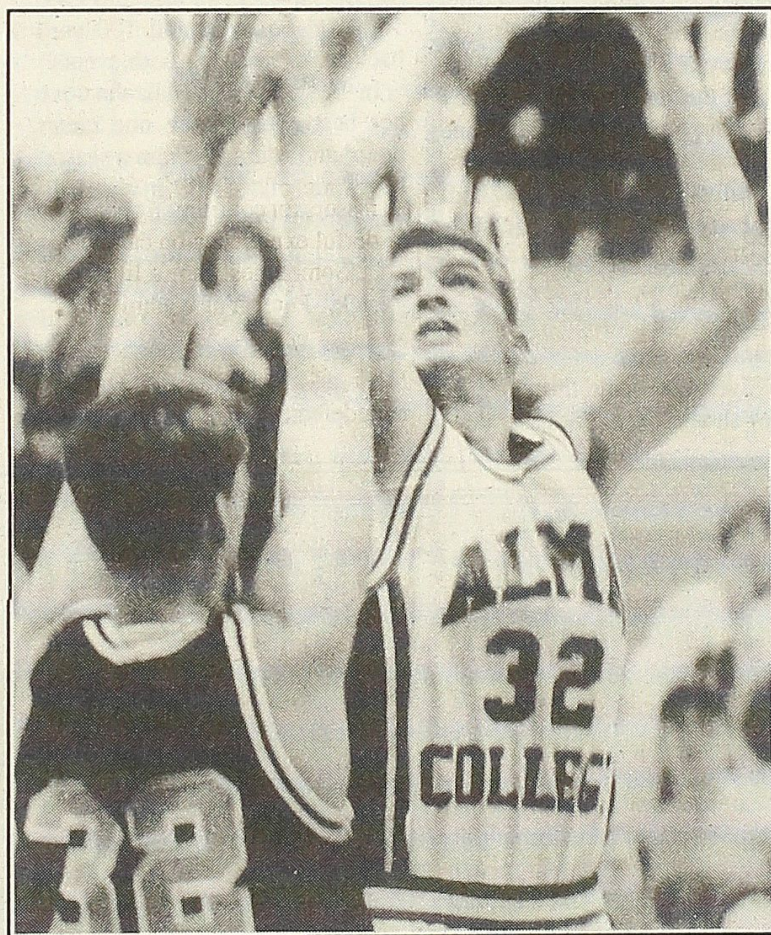
The second half started on a brighter note, giving Alma another chance to come back. Nonetheless, the Comets still had plenty of fuel to spare and kept the gap wide with some key baskets.

"They were able to ice it with some good shots," remembered Eldridge.

Offensively, Alma was more successful than the final score told.

Sophomore Jeremy Trent, who was experiencing a slump in recent games, sank 10 baskets while senior Todd Bloomquist added 16 points and 6 rebounds for the Scots before a foot injury left him out of the action.

"Trent found his shooting eye again, but Bloomquist was banged



Senior Todd Bloomquist drives against a Hope defender. The center currently ranks third in the league in individual scoring and fourth in blocked shots. Photo by Ben Kirkby.

up," said Eldridge. "When you have a leading scorer in the conference on the bench, the team gets a little bit of a punch."

Senior Chad Reagh also added 12 points for Alma and lead the team in rebounds with nine.

"Chad scored on the inside and rebounded and defended well," said Eldridge.

Senior Mike Bjorne would not be left out of the offensive action. He pumped in 14 points for the Scots while junior Rich Katona pulled down six rebounds.

"It was one of those days," said Bjorne. "We were not ready to play, and it was a night everything we did was not good. It was a game full of runs on both sides, we just didn't have enough of them."

Added Eldridge, "We would have little stretches and then noth-

ing and you have to keep a positive attitude."

Lusardi agreed. "It would get close and then they'd make a run of their own."

Bjorne admitted his discontent with the Scots recent playing.

"We did well the first half of the year and it is frustrating now. We just have to get back together."

"The team is snakebitten," stated Eldridge about the season. "We have lost a lot of tough games and you begin to wonder if there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

As for the rest of the season and the upcoming playoffs, Eldridge has decided to remain optimistic.

"We just have to persevere and get back up on the horse. The team needs to continue to hang together and keep encouraging each other."

MIAA BASKETBALL STATS

Throughout the season, the men's and women's varsity basketball teams seemed to dominate the top-five action on the MIAA stats list. Here are a few of their great performances up to the month of February:

MEN'S VARSITY

Individual Scoring:

*3rd in league: Todd Bloomquist, senior, 135 points, 19.3 average points per game

Free-throw Shooting:

*1st in league: Jeremy Trent, sophomore, 22 attempts, 20 made, 90.9%

*2nd in league: Chad Reagh, senior, 20 attempts, 18 made, 90%

Assists:

*3rd in league: Mike Bjorne, senior, 26 assists, 3.7 average per game

Blocked Shots:

*4th in league: Todd Bloomquist, 9 blocks, 1.3 average per game

Steals:

*5th in league: Jeremy Trent, 11 steals, 1.6 average per game

WOMEN'S VARSITY

Individual Scoring:

*1st in league: Melissa VanDamme, sophomore, 154 points, 22.0 average points per game

Three Point Shots:

*5th in league: Melissa VanDamme, 28 attempts, 9 made, 32%

Overall Field Goals:

*5th in league: Ashley Reagh, junior, 66 attempts, 32 made, 48.5%

Rebounds:

*2nd in league: Melissa VanDamme, 6 rebounds, .9 average per game

Assists:

*4th in league: Michelle Olds, sophomore, 26 assists, 3.7 average per game

Blocked Shots:

*5th in league: Melissa VanDamme, 6 blocks, .9 average per game

Steals:

*1st in league: Amy Doucette, senior, 23 steals, 3.3 average per game

Feb. 7, 1995

Beat winter blahs

By Karen Haviland
Freelance Writer

Need new ideas for beating the winter fitness blues? The answers are right here on campus and they're cheap and fun!

Whether you have been exercising regularly or not, you may be overlooking some campus fitness resources. Even if you are not exercising to lose weight or gain muscle, think about the other rewards.

As senior Jeannine McWilliams reveals, "Working out helps me through the winter blahs."

Evening aerobics classes, taught by senior Amy Majestic, have resumed this term.

If you are tired of regular and step aerobics, try a new kind which is available in the Physical Education Center. Water aerobic instructor, senior Jennifer Tymrak, feels everyone can benefit by the type of workout she offers.

"Water aerobics is a good alternative for people with bad joints or people who can't handle the impact of regular aerobics. It's a nice addition to regular aerobics, a lot of fun and a good workout!"

Classes are held in the pool Monday-Thursday 6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Phil Hanson, PE building coordinator, has noticed the pool "isn't real heavily used."

If you are interested in being your own instructor, try swimming laps or just working those tired

studying muscles against the current of the water! Leg lifts at the side of the pool are popular for muscle toning.

If you just aren't the sea-faring type, there other exercise opportunities exist. The racquetball courts can be reserved by calling extension 7268 between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. for evening use.

One court currently has mats covering the floor. However, according to Hanson they will be taken out soon, making one more court available.

The gym is also open for any other sport you can think of, so be creative!

Finally, the fitness center offers many options for both aerobic activity and muscle toning and building.

You can even keep track of your progress by keeping a record of what you do each time you work out. These cards are available in the center and are kept on file there, so you don't have to remember to take it with you each time you work out.

You can stop by the PE building to get a copy of the schedule for aerobics and open times of the recreational facilities. A new hotline number, extension 7173, will tell you the weekly changes in the schedule.

Remember, winter doesn't last forever! Sooner or later you will have to squeeze into that bathing suit.

Gives you shivers, doesn't it?

Astounding week proves swimming abilities

By Emily Damstra
Staff Reporter

Last week was a tremendous week for the men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Both squads emerged victorious when the teams competed against Calvin at home on Jan. 25.

"It was one of the most exciting meets since I have been involved with the program," said Coach Greg Baadte. "It is my all-time favorite [meet] I have ever coached."

He pointed out that the women were down by 13 points after the 500 yard freestyle, but won the last three events to edge out Calvin by three points.

The women proved to be in their best form. Sophomore Danielle Sullivan earned a school record in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:58.22, missing the national cut by a mere three-hundredths of a second. Senior captain Jill Murany achieved her lifetime best time in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:41.89.

For the divers, junior Lesley Malzahn won on both the one meter and three meter boards.

Sullivan said, "I was excited. We had half the people, but it was cool because a 'squad' of 11 knocked down a squad of 22."

Baadte felt the men's side performed well too.

"Everyone came through like they should have," he asserted.

One of the high points was when first year student Rusty Pawlowski touched out one of Calvin's in the 500-yard freestyle with a season-best time of 5:04.24. Senior Radu Danca won both diving events.

"Good strategy" and "team effort" were responsible for the 118-103 victory, according to Baadte.

"We were there to win," said junior captain Eric Zettel. "It was exciting, everyone was ready to swim the fastest they could."

Last Tuesday, Alma lost to Albion in another close meet.

"We were one win away on each side," said Baadte, explaining just how close the men's and women's teams came to stealing the meet.

Sullivan did not consider the meet a loss.

"They had tons of people. We did not get out-swam, we got out-numbered," she explained.

She had another good time in the 200 freestyle, coming within seven-hundredths of a second from qualifying for Nationals. She also achieved her lifetime bests in the 100-yard butterfly and 100 yard backstroke, winning both events.

In the same meet, Malzahn dove her best ever on the one meter board and Murany swam a season best time of 5:33.08 in the 500-yard freestyle.

So far this term, the 200-yard freestyle relay team of first year students Renee Degraaf and Christin Waldron and sophomores Melissa Merwin and Dana Thibault is undefeated.

"We are hoping to continue that in the conference meet," anticipated Baadte.

The men's relay team of junior captain Brett Martin, Zettel, senior captain Paul Schmidt and first-year student Steve Taylor earned a season best in the 200-yard medley.

The rest of the men's team fared just as well. Pawlowski got a school record in the 1000-yard freestyle, finishing in 10:20.32. Zettel secured a season best in the 200-yard freestyle and first year student Scott Cerny did the same in the 50-yard freestyle.

All four members of the 200-yard freestyle relay, Danca, Cerny, Zettel and junior Fred Parsons, swam season best splits in their event. Danca then pushed on to win both diving events.

"The meet was incredible," said Zettel. "We all swam very well," he said, explaining that this was the first time he could remember the team being competitive with Albion.

The men's record is now 4-4, the best since 1978.

"I think we are going to finish higher [at Conference] than last year," predicted Zettel.

"I did not think we would be swimming this fast this early," mused Baadte.

The swimmers have just recently begun to taper and last week was the final week for morning practices.

Hoffman prepares for another successful season

By Joe Bogan
Staff Reporter

After winning the MIAA and regional championships and earning fifth place in the NCAA tournament, the Alma College women's varsity softball team hopes to continue up the winning path this season. One reason for the Scots' success and high expectations is senior pitcher Julie Hoffman.

Originally from Frankenmuth, Hoffman first started playing fast-pitch the summer before she was in the eighth grade. In an attempt to get more involved in the game, she asked her coach if she could try pitching.

"He allowed me to give it a try and I just developed my skills from that point on," said Hoffman.

After improving for two years in a summer league, Hoffman started out on junior varsity and was moved up to the varsity squad because of her ability. That year the team won only four games. The next year, she improved so much on her skills that she became the team MVP.

Hoffman's senior year proved her best yet, as she helped her team win the Class C state championship.

"I enjoyed playing that year, since we had seven starting seniors and I had the same coach that was in summer league. I liked the coach a lot because he always strove to have fun," she commented.

College has been just as successful as high school, if not more. Hoffman, an exercise and health science and elementary education major, has been a starter on the varsity all four years of her sojourn at Alma.

As for her talents and capability, there is no question that Hoffman is one of the best at what she does.

An all-region player last year, she is considered to be a solid performer with a strong arm. Coach Dennis Griffin expressed his content with her skills.

"Not only is Julie an excellent pitcher, she is a good all around athlete. She can also play first base and be a very good hitter when she bats as the designated hitter."

Aside from talent, Hoffman has

proven her endurance. Last year, during the first game of the NCAA tournament, she pitched all sixteen innings.

"I really enjoyed being there. Being in the tournament is something that everyone dreams about. People there are not the money athletes, but play rather for the love of the game," said Hoffman.

Despite being under heavy pressure many times, she has been able to handle it very well.

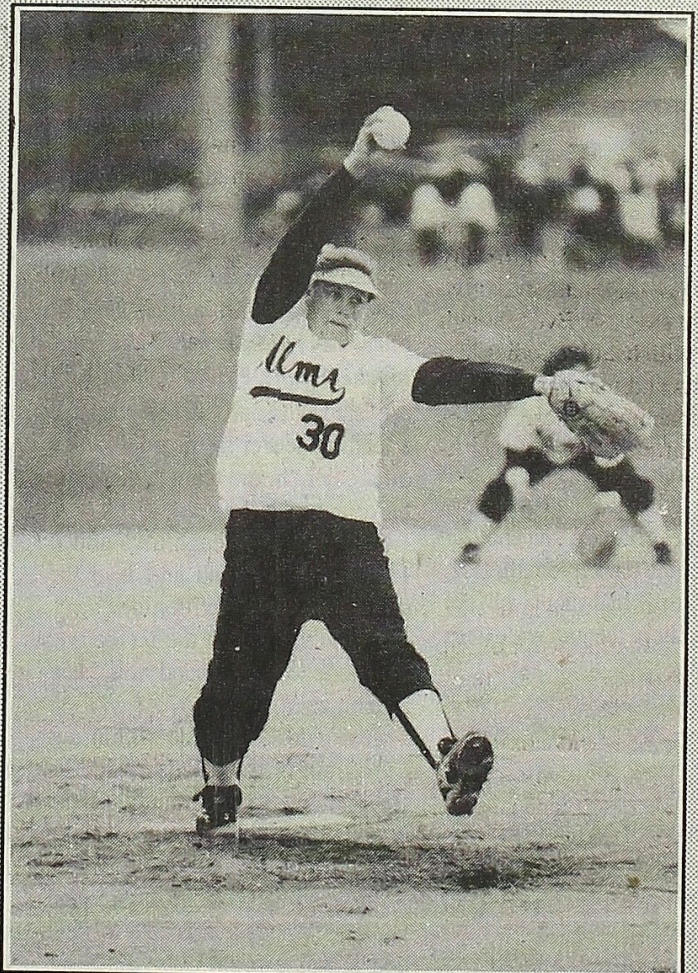
"Julie just makes everything seem so natural. It's almost like she was born to pitch," said sophomore Andrea Hill.

Hoffman also contributes to the team with her many years on the mound and leadership for the Scots.

"This year Julie will provide the experience that we need with all the underclassmen coming in," commented junior third basemen Mandy Devereaux.

Hoffman is anticipating another great year.

"It has been a great experience going through the program. This year I am going to play as hard as I can and give everything I have to make my last year the most memorable one."



Senior pitcher, Julie Hoffman, started her career during her seventh grade summer. From that point on, she has continued improvement and hopes to make her last year of softball her best. file photo

Superbowl XXIX ends in victory for the 49ers

By Tom Glegola
Staff Reporter

Super bowl XXIX is now over, with the San Francisco 49ers trouncing the San Diego Chargers, 49-28 at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami, Florida.

The 49ers did what everyone expected and won their record fifth Super bowl. Even with Vegas giving 20 points, gamblers would have lost, that is, those who would have bet on the Chargers.

Fortunately, I did not.

Steve Young finally escaped the enormous shadow of Joe Montana, becoming perhaps the greatest quarterback in the History of the National Football League with his six touchdown passes, breaking Montana's previous Super Bowl record of five touchdowns in one game.

With the victory clearly in hand, the post-game celebration went into full gear and Young was named Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, despite spectacular performances from Jerry Rice and Ricky Watters.

My personal choice for the MVP would have been Young as well. Watters did score three touchdowns, tying a record also owned by Rice from his last Super Bowl performance and Rice scored two touchdowns, including Young's record breaker. However, Young made several plays that sustained scoring drives, including several scrambles to gain first downs.

Young simply led the 49ers and for his brilliant performance, he deserved to get the MVP:

There were many great moments in this game: the interception by Deon "Prime Time" Sanders; the record-breaking touchdown catch by Rice from Young on a slant, the "bread and butter" play of the 49ers since Bill Walsh started coaching in 1979; the opening drive 51-yard touchdown catch by Rice through blown coverage; and of course, when 49er Head Coach, George Seifert, brought his stars to the sideline one-by-one.

Nonetheless, the greatest moment in my mind, a moment that I will always remember, was after Young and Rice were on the sideline and they hugged each other.

Two of the classiest individuals in the sport today hugged each other and even sports commentator John Madden said that this is what winning is all about. These guys did not taunt, but they celebrated with dignity.

The worst moment in this game happened right after Sanders intercepted a pass deep in the 49er end. After intercepting, Sanders ran and was tackled rather roughly.

After the tackle, Rodney Harmon started to trash-talk Sanders. Sander's response was a fingerpointing to the score board.

Granted Harmon started it, but really, that is one of the greatest displays of a lack of sportsmanship I have ever seen. You never tell a guy who is losing to look at the score—that just hurts.

Still, the good moments outweighed the bad moments and despite the half-time show, this was a tremendous game to watch.

—Pro-File by Jeff List

Young pulls through for the 49ers

By Jeff List
Freelance Writer

The last twelve months have been a long overdue coming-out party for San Francisco quarterback Steve Young. Although his accomplishments before this year read like almost any Hall of Fame football player's resume, Young finally came to realize the success and appreciation he deserved just this season.

Leading the 49ers to a decisive victory in the Super Bowl and being named the game's Most Valuable Player was the pinnacle in a highly scrutinized career.

For the last four years, Young has had to quarterback for a city that was spoiled by one of football's greatest quarterbacks ever, Joe Montana. In turn, Young was constantly compared to him and his Super Bowl success.

Young was a promising athlete right from the start of his professional career. In 1984, he signed a record contract for a professional athlete with the United States Football League.

After two years, he bolted the failing USFL and signed

with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the National Football League. There he struggled mightily for two years before being traded to the 49ers in 1987. San Francisco saw through the out-dated Tampa Bay offense to Young's natural running and passing skills.

Injuries to Joe Montana gave Young the opportunity to show his talents to the coaching staff in San Francisco. Reported bickering be-

Chargers in the Super Bowl, Young finally got out from under the mammoth shadow cast over him by the mystique and lore of Montana. The 49ers finally are Young's team.

Possibly most admirable, Young recognizes his special responsibilities as a professional athlete. Whether he should be a role model or not, he is. He understands his ac-

tions portray an image to young kids who admire him.

During his days off, Young makes visits to the area children's hospitals and local Navajo reservations to offer encouragement to those who are in need.

Often, this is done without the pomp and circumstance

that some athletes carry with them to charity events. These tasks are performed in as much anonymity as can be afforded the NFL's best quarterback.

After his fourth consecutive passing title, a record setting passing year and the second MVP in three years, Steve Young has elevated himself to Hall of Fame status.

The 49ers couldn't have chosen a more classy leader and quarterback to follow Montana and distinguish himself in the legacy that is San Francisco football.

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Community senior citizens refuse to act their age

By Amy Majestic
Sports Editor

Entering the fitness center on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. may give one a slight surprise. Even though it is filled with healthy bodies lifting weights and using the cardiovascular machines, these bodies are a little different. In fact, each of these healthy people are at least 55 years old.

As members of the exercise and health science department's special senior citizen program, they have been coming to work out up to three times each week on a regular basis.

Under the advisement of Robyn Anderson, assistant professor of exercise and health science, senior Jill Stube leads the program from day to day. One of the faces she usually encounters is Alma resident Dick Croucher.

"I used to play racquetball but I decided to give this a try," explained Croucher. "I started coming last year when the fitness center opened up."

Along with his wife Shirley, Croucher tries not to miss any of the days he can attend.

"It's group therapy like AA [Alcoholics Anonymous]. You have to come so you do. You cannot put it off until later," he explained.

Each workout day begins with a 15 to 30 minute "bend and stretch" workout led by Stube or one of the other supervisors she works with.

"After that, everyone tries to get a little cardiovascular workout in," Stube clarified. "Then they all lift weights according to the personal programs we make out [for them]."

The program has been an integral part of the EHS department for many years, but since the new fitness center opened, its popularity has really increased. Stube sees an average of 25 seniors each workout day.

"Last term I had full responsibility but this term I have three people that have just started working with me," Stube stated. "It's really nice to have four people here now."

One of the new supervisors,

junior Nikki Ivkovich, prefers to work with senior citizens rather than young people.

"They're just more enthusiastic," she justified. "They come to work out but they also look at it as a time to socialize and have fun. We [students] are always around each other so it is not as fun."

Mickie Knowles, a regular attendant, confirmed Nikki's comment.

"I think it is more stimulating. I have a treadmill in my basement but I'm looking at a blank wall there. This is more interesting."

Senior Paige Sandberg, who helped with the program for two terms, was impressed by the seniors' willingness to learn.

"They are genuinely interested in learning these things and following through with the exercise. It was a good opportunity for me to work with the older population."

Stube feels it is vital for everyone to realize the opportunities a healthy lifestyle gives you.

"I think it is important for people to know that resistance training is good for all age groups and that seniors do not just sit around at home," she asserted.



Junior Nikki Ivkovich aids Bill Devore, member of the EHS senior citizens exercise program. Photo by Tammy Thomson.

In fact, Stube gave each of the members copies of the "bend and stretch" moves to use over break so they could keep in shape over the holidays.

"They are really health-conscious people," she said. "It has become my goal to be 65 years old and still working out like this."

As the coordinator, Stube has

shared many special memories with the members of the program.

"They are such a great group and a positive way to see senior citizens," she acknowledged. "I have never worked with such an active group and I think everyone should do this at some time."

With any luck, we will all be doing it in about forty years.

Feb. 7, 1995

Europe leads the way in drug reform

By Wade Renando
Staff Reporter

Crime in the US has reached epidemic proportions. Illegal drugs like cocaine, marijuana and heroin contribute to this problem. Almost 30% of the one million inmates incarcerated in federal and state prisons are jailed for drug law violations.

In the past fifteen years the US prison population has tripled. However, crime has increased. Some law makers believe the war on drugs is a lost cause and are looking at other countries for alternatives to incarcerating drug offenders.

Even conservative leaders are looking towards Europe for solutions. Europe has developed a strategy called harm reduction. The idea states that attempts to prevent people from using illegal drugs will fuel an underground economy which encourages crime. By legalizing small amounts of drugs it is hoped drug-related crimes will drop.

About 20 years ago, the Dutch government made it legal to smoke marijuana and hashish in designated coffee houses. Shops were not allowed to advertise the drugs or sell to minors. Shops caught selling hard drugs were closed. The policy increased the amount of minors using marijuana. Yet, this level remained lower than the United States. Few Dutch parents have complained about the new policy.

European ideas toward hard narcotics could also set an example.

To curb the spread of AIDS and Hepatitis B, the Netherlands made it possible for drug addicts to exchange dirty needles for clean ones at police stations with no questions asked.

In Zurich, Switzerland, heroin addicts often congregated in an infamous open park, used until it was shut down. Switzerland didn't have any slums into which they could sweep this problem, so it created a series of injection rooms where addicts could use their drugs in a hygienic environment.

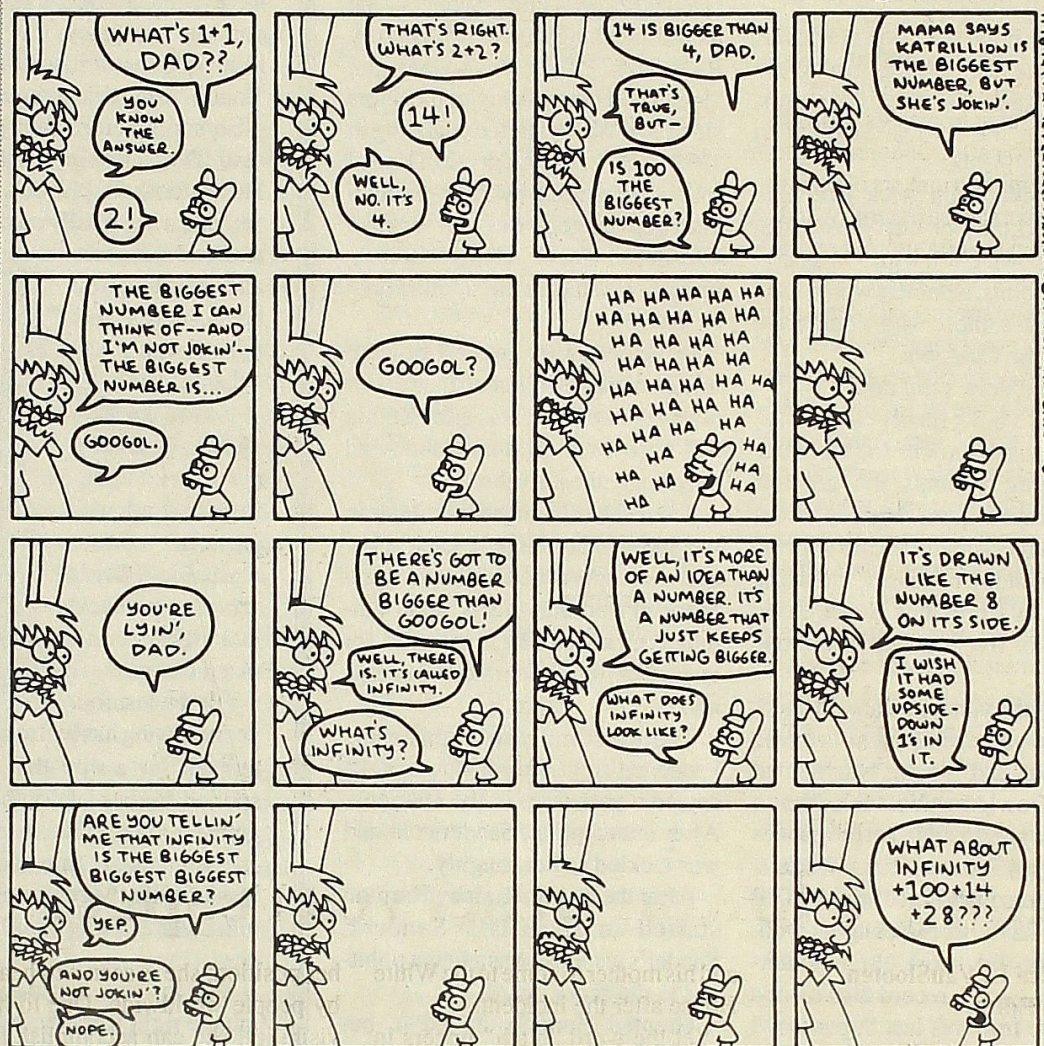
To combat illegal heroin dealers, the Swiss started a program prescribing heroin to addicts. This has been going on for a year, yielding impressive results. Heroin causes few health problems when users can control their dosage and take it in a clean environment.

Although some Swiss think life has become too easy for junkies, most support the drug clinics because they do not have to see the addicts shooting up in public.

There are no judicial reasons why legalizing small amounts of marijuana, injection rooms and heroin maintenance programs cannot be used in the US. At the moment, many politicians do not like the idea of legalizing drugs because of the moral messages it conveys, but new ideas are being sought.

As the US Prison population and drug-related crimes continue to rise, new ways to combat drugs will become necessary.

LIFE IN HELL



President Clinton's track record filled with broken promises

By Tom Glegola
Staff Reporter

President Clinton's State of the Union Address has certainly received a great deal of attention. It should have, considering that during his address Clinton gave the appearance of abandoning his extreme liberal platform for a more moderate position. He even went as far as supporting seven out of ten of the major proposals from the Republican's "Contract with America."

I must warn you, however, not to believe everything that you hear from our President. If we stroll down memory lane, we can find many instances where Bill Clinton said one thing and did the complete opposite or nothing at all.

First, let us begin with his up-bringing, just to get a better insight on Clinton.

To understand Clinton we should look at the environment in which he was raised. Clinton grew up in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Regarding that town, the President's mother, Virginia, stated it was: "A town in which the con job was considered an art form, it was a place where rules were made

to be bent and money and power—however you got it—were the total measure of a man."

More importantly, we should look at Mr. Clinton's record as President compared with his promises.

In his 1994 State of the Union Address, Clinton issued the following threat,

"I want to make this very clear," he said while waving a pen at the lawmakers present, "If you send me legislation that does not guarantee every

American private health insurance that can never be taken away, you will force me to take this pen, veto the legislation and we'll come right back here and start over again."

Later on at the National Governors' Association, Clinton stated covering 95% or more of the popu-

lation was what he aimed for in health care reform.

Of course, by the end of September, Clinton Health Care Reform

Rather than cut taxes, Clinton has signed to increase them.

Another promise was to establish a Children's Tax Credit. This promise has not yet been kept.

Another campaign promise was to oppose increases in Federal Gasoline Taxes. Clinton's budget imposed a 4.3 cent per gallon tax on transportation fuels, including gas.

Another promise was to charge higher fees for nuclear waste disposal. This has also not happened.

Clinton's record with Bosnia has gone from doing nothing, to talking, to bombing, to sanctions and back to nothing.

Clinton's greatest campaign promise was to give the American people one of the cleanest govern-

ments in our history. This has also failed.

Commerce Secretary, Ron Brown, was investigated in 1993 after a Vietnamese businessman stated that Brown was to have been paid \$700,000 to help lift the trade embargo against Vietnam. The case was closed quickly, though questions still remain.

HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros is under investigation for lying to the FBI during his conformation process about payments to his mistress. Cisneros now admits to lying about not paying \$256,000 in additional support.

Other cabinet members and advisors have been investigated as well. The promise to give a clean government has clearly failed, in fact, this might be one of the dirtiest governments in our history.

This is not to say that I am not giving Clinton a chance; he still has two years left to prove himself. I will give him that chance, but I think it is important to point out that his past record speaks for itself. That is why people should be skeptical.

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Media reinforces Greek stereotypical images

By Derek Handzo
Freelance Writer

Both nationally and locally, fraternities possess a dastardly image. Many powerful opinion makers envision fraternity members as drunk, sex-crazed, egotistical, brain-dead couch potatoes with one ambition: to party. Of course these so-called opinion makers often fail to truly understand a fraternity, and, for personal benefit, present one as if it were a ruthless biker gang.

Like biker gangs, producers use date rape and binge drinking as prerequisites for fraternal involvement, but, while these do occur, they are the exception rather than the rule. Greedy television producers argue otherwise, but, they conveniently forget that date rape and binge drinking occur more often outside the fraternal realm.

To poison people's minds, these leeches unleash the sleazy soap opera. "One Life to Live" believes a fraternity commonly performs inhuman gang rape and "Days of Our Lives" portrays a fraternity house as nothing more than a "watering

hole." Though these shows are less credible than the boy who cried wolf, millions of people witness and believe these slanderous portrayals.

Also, to influence the younger audience, television employs wrongful imagery. "The Simpsons" recently expelled all members of "Chug-a-lot house" and the ever popular "Beverly Hills 90210"—the show whose fantasy level rivals Peter Pan and Puff the Magic Dragon—always manages to negatively depict fraternities. The cold, heartless images these fairy-tales present strongly corrupt those who have no real fraternal experience.

Sure, most of the negative publicity results from shows whose major selling points are sex, corruption and back-stabbing, but respectable programs also slander. A recent "ER" episode had a college

student—the assistant dean's son—suffering near-death from alcohol poisoning. Of course this incident occurred at a fraternity party. Dramas such as "ER" falsely display

their members based on two things: how much beer they drank and how many pornographic films they watched.

Of course, these groups did not bother to look at the person's personality, characteristics, life styles, beliefs or anything else important. No, that would kill the "Animal House" image. It would be unfair to assume a fraternity member could be a normal, cultured person.

The article continued to say the author belonged to a group where she was accepted for who she was. The author explained fraternities mold their members into Blutarskis and Ogars.

This extremely absurd implication almost does not rate rebuttal. A fraternity is a brotherhood, not an inner-city gang. People join because they are accepted for who they are and what they can offer.

Saying fraternities pick their members based on beer and sex and selfishly-molded members is completely ignorant. Such unsubstantiated libel would get a big time author fired, but, somehow, it was allowed to manipulate many unsuspecting readers.

The fraternal system has made many attempts at increasing public relations, but the ignorant opinion makers and authors obliterate their efforts. The rare mishaps continually become over dramatized, while the well-intended charitable efforts go unnoticed.

Even when the entire fraternal community attempts to promote Greek/non-Greek relations, these same ignorant opinion makers and authors reverse the intentions and use the efforts against the fraternal system. If these ignorant opinion makers and authors would simply check their egos and investigate the fraternal system fairly and unbiasedly, then it would be portrayed as the tremendous entity it is.

Unfortunately, I doubt this will ever happen.

Many powerful opinion makers envision fraternity members as drunk, sex-crazed, egotistical, brain-dead couch potatoes with one ambition: to party.

fraternities to the older, more conservative crowd.

It is bad enough television maliciously destroys a fraternity's image; it is even worse when contemporaries preach uneducated accusations. Some time ago, an article claimed that fraternities choose

Hillary Clinton deserves respect for her strong leadership

By Jessica L. VanSlooten
Feature Editor

"When I grow up, I want to be just like Barbie."

"When I grow up, I want to be Hillary."

For young women growing up in a society where the most recognized female figure is the impossibly-proportioned plastic Barbie doll, Hillary Rodham Clinton is a realistic and strong role model.

Yet as the recent media snafu involving Newt Gingrich's outspoken mother illustrates, women in power positions are still regarded as "bitches." And as many right-wing individuals have pointed out, Clinton is only capable of her role because she is the first lady.

But does her power really come from her husband? Consider the fact that Hillary Rodham Clinton is an honors graduate of Wellesley College and Yale Law School who taught law at the University of Arkansas School of law and was a partner at the Rose Law Firm. She also contributed a great amount of time and energy to children's advocacy groups and was a member of the board of directors of Walmart and TCBY. It is ridiculous to try and attribute these accomplishments to anyone but Clinton herself.

Clinton is in a powerful and highly visible position, doing her job despite the wave of criticism concerning everything from the health-care policy to her latest hairstyle to the alleged comments of the newly elected speaker of the house. In fact, she handles such problems with grace and ease without sacrificing her power, most notably her invitation to Gingrich

and his mother to come to the White House after the incident.

Yet the word "bitch" lingers in the minds of many, male and female alike, who for various reasons find her perhaps too powerful for a woman of her position. After all, why doesn't she just read stories to children like Barbara Bush and call it social responsibility?

Clinton realizes the potential of

her position; she is seen and heard by people worldwide. Due to her visibility, she can accomplish for the feminist movement what thousands of "closet feminists" cannot.

By projecting an image of strong womanhood serving her country, millions of people just might stop and think "Hey—this woman really knows what she's doing!"

"She's not afraid to take on the old

boys club—she is a great example for her sex!" "If a woman can do all this as the Presidents wife, just think what she could do if she were the President!" "If Hillary can accomplish so much, I can surely do my part."

Of course, I am not so naive to think everyone or even every woman respects her and finds her the image of strength. For some

women, party lines keep them from appreciating Clinton's work.

What an error in judgment—if you are supportive of women's rights and equality, look beyond her political alignment and realize that regardless of party her accomplishments benefit all women by setting a strong example and encouraging others to follow her bold lead.

True Scot by Susan Elliott

Legendary remedies fail to cure severe hiccup episode

It started out a nice enough day. I was strolling along the sidewalk in front of the music building, humming the theme to "Brady Bunch" and enjoying the wonderful, snowy weather.

With a bounce in my step, I carried on completely oblivious to all but the tranquillity of the winter world. Little did I know that my peaceful morning would soon be no more...

As I approached SAC, a great, overwhelming force welled up inside of me and suddenly culminated in an explosive "Hiccup!"

I stopped in my tracks, crossed my fingers and hoped it would be a singular incident, but the silence was soon broken by a barrage of barbaric noises.

Hiccups are indeed a scary phenomenon—they can render even the strongest victim helpless. Knowing this, I decided to head straight for my bedroom.

Gelston seemed farther and farther away as I struggled to reach it in my quickly-deteriorating condition. My steps were

weaving, my chest was heaving and with each painful burst, my head snapped back like the top of a Pez dispenser.

By the time I reached the safety

of my room, I was feeling quite weak from the disabling effect of relentless hiccuping.

As I approached SAC, a great, overwhelming force welled up inside of me and suddenly culminated in an explosive "Hiccup!"

Determined to rid myself of the cursed affliction, I threw my refrigerator door open and grabbed a bottle of water. In a panic, I tried to drink faster than I could swallow. Water flew out of my mouth

at a tremendous rate and I was soon standing in a puddle of spit. Besides making me have to go to the bathroom, this method had no effect on me or my hiccups.

After an unsuccessful attempt at holding my breath as a cure, (during which my face turned all sorts of cool colors) I remembered that you could sometimes scare hiccups away. So, I tried looking at old physics exams—that didn't work either.

The terror of my situation

slowly came upon me...what if they didn't stop? I wouldn't ever be able to think, eat or sleep! Death was inevitable.

Frantically, I began tearing around my room in search of a paper bag. The faster I looked, the faster my devilish hiccups came until I was clutching my stomach and wildly gasping for air. Then, something inside of me snapped.

I began beating my chest like Tarzan and let out his jungle yell—"ahAHahAHah!"

Pleading in broken syllables, I realized that the transformation was complete—"Me...Susan...want...bag..." Once a relatively sane college student, I became a raging beast in a matter of minutes.

The rest is too gruesome to relay...

When it was all over, I lay on the floor (in the warm spit pool) a broken woman. All of my energy, most of my sanity, and some of my hair was gone. But—so were my hiccups.

I smiled.

Feb. 7, 1995

Staff Editorial

Updated policy reflects modern times

Years ago, Alma College residence halls were never co-ed, a strict curfew was enforced and relationships developed under Puritan guidelines.

Changes in these rules came about as society's attitudes about relationships and the roles of both genders relaxed into the comforts we enjoy today.

Monday, Jan. 23 marked another updating in policies regarding relationships.

As currently stated in the *Manual of Organization and Operation*, "It is imprudent for faculty to date students." The reasoning being that it would conceivably cause problems between the staff member and student, i.e. "...develop into one that could be construed as

sexual harassment or as the exchange of grades for sex."

The Task Force for Sexual Harassment Review proposed an amended Statement on Relationships.

The revised statement says, "Amorous/sexual relationships which might be appropriate in other circumstances are problematic when they occur between any faculty or staff member of the college and any student or supervisee for whom he or she has professional (i.e., evaluative or supervisory) responsibility..."

Though the editorial board of *The Almanian*, is not encouraging student/staff amorous relations, we do commend the task force for realizing the need for updating the former statement and for undertaking this responsibility.

In cases where a faculty/staff member becomes involved with a student/supervisee for whom the staff member is responsible, conflicts could clearly arise. Not merely between the two individuals involved, but if both were in a course together, fellow students would conceivably develop jealous sentiments towards both parties and regard the grading system as biased.

As with any working environment where individuals come in close contact, amorous relationships do develop and this college setting follows similar tendencies.

However, as long as the academic, impartial environment is secure, these relation-

ships should have the freedom to develop if mutually consensual.

If however, the work/academic environment is placed into jeopardy by the relationship, all parties involved must be in agreeance. The task force's revitalized statement does in fact do this. It offers suggestions to alleviate the likelihood of problems arising.

We congratulate members of the faculty and staff and particularly members of the Task Force for Sexual Harassment Review, for keeping open minds about private relationships and for carefully developing steps to insure that the rights of everyone directly and indirectly involved are protected.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to last week's "Point...Counterpoint," [regarding the Roe v. Wade decision] I would like to contribute my view on the issue, since I think some points pertaining to the controversy over abortion are often lost in the fervor of argument. First of all, I doubt that any woman has ever 'wanted' an abortion. It is a physically as well as psychologically traumatic experience. I would be willing to bet that few if any of the women that have ever had an abortion wanted to become pregnant. I would also doubt that few if any of the women who have given a baby up for adoption wanted to become pregnant so they could give their baby away, disregarding surrogate births. This can also be a psychologically traumatic ex-

perience.

Since it is likely safe to say that these women did not want to become pregnant, and if so, their partners likely did not want them to become pregnant, I think the focus should be not on ending the pregnancy, but on preventing it. Abortion is birth control, not pregnancy control. There are enough methods of 'birth control' which are actually 'conception control' that whether or not to have an abortion should not be a choice one has to make. We have choices. We can choose not to have sex. We can choose to use condoms, or birth control pills, or several other methods. We don't need to include abortion as one of these choices.

If abortions were eliminated, not just made illegal, there would be no 'back alley abortions' and there would be no psychological trauma of abortion for women

and men, to deal with. Even if it were illegal, it would likely go on. That is why I think it should be eliminated altogether.

Eliminating abortions starts with 'conception control.' We can have all the reproductive rights necessary, without any sort of government involvement. I think it would also shift more responsibility to men. Think of recent cases where children were put up for adoption without the father's consent, only to be taken away from adoptive parents and returned to their parents. But if instead of these children being put up for adoption they were aborted, their fathers would have had no say. To avoid this, men can take responsibility and exercise their reproductive rights to prevent pregnancies. If we all did this, we would eliminate abortions in a complete nonviolent way while maintaining re-

spect for everyone's privacy.

Sincerely,

Hedlun Walton
Class of 1996

Dear fellow Greeks:

On behalf of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority we would like to congratulate you on a successful rush and would like to welcome all of the pre-actives to the wonderful world of Greek life.

The Gamma Phi Beta's are excited for the year ahead and are looking forward to spending time with all of you during Greek Week!

Sincerely,

The sisters of Gamma Phi Beta

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ATTENTION EDUCATION STUDENTS: Again this year, the US Department of Education is continuing their funding for the Paul Douglas Teacher's Scholarship Program. You must have graduated in the top 10 percent of your high school class to be eligible. The maximum award is \$5000 each year. Stop by the Education Department for an application (Mrs. Farrier, AC 237). See Dr. Markham if you have questions. DEADLINE is April 15.

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