

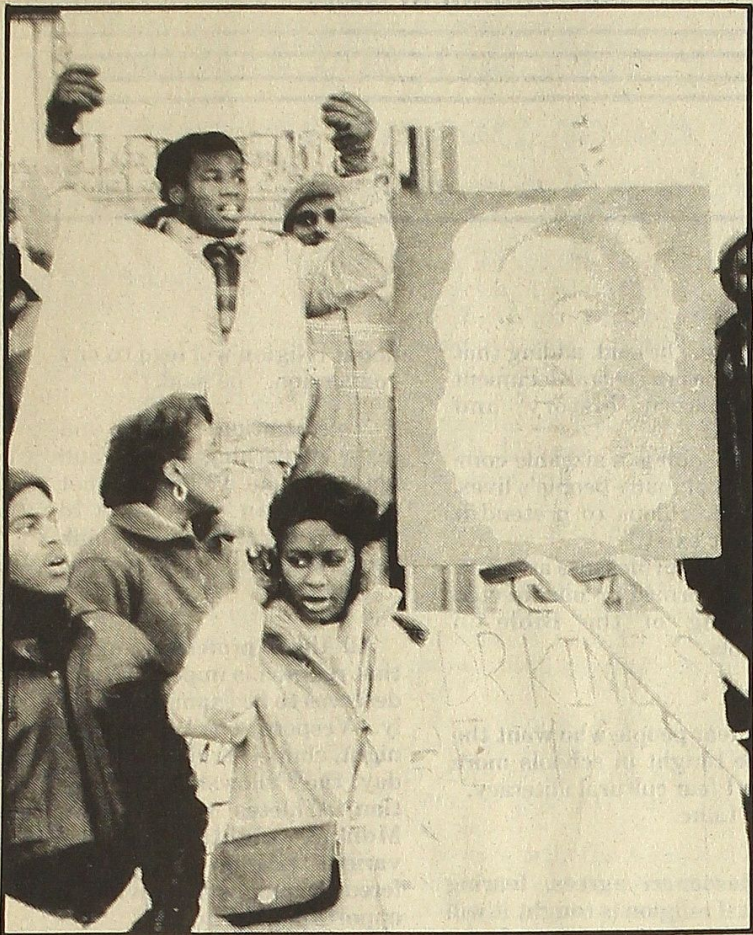
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## Martin Luther King Day time to reflect

*Black faculty, students speak on academics and assimilation*

By Catherine Swender  
Staff Writer

Since today marks the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., many members of the Alma College community are looking back on the changes that have occurred.

"There are now more opportunities for blacks to succeed without having to worry about discrimination as a factor," said Assistant Chaplain Jesse Perry, one of two black faculty members at the college.

"At the time I was going to college, you had to be very

brilliant and have a lot of money to have a chance at college. Now a minority student can attend any college he or

she qualifies for. There are no longer separate qualifications for black students," he said.

Although only 13 of Alma College's 1,200 students are black, Perry sees no problem with students blending together in the school population. Black students belong to a large variety of social and academic organizations and have not found a need for a primarily black organization,

he said. Perry stated that all students become assimilated to the Alma College community regardless of race.

Kevin Hoffman, a senior, agreed with Perry, and said that he quickly felt accepted at Alma College and has not experienced discrimination here. Julia Robinson, a sophomore, has not experienced real discrimination, either, but has observed some "ignorance and stereotyping toward black culture."

President Stone has announced that one of his goals is to increase minority enrollment.

Robinson feels that increasing minority faculty and special programs for minority groups would be one way to achieve this and to enhance

the college's cultural atmosphere.

Scholarships are a good idea, according to Hoffman, who is cautious about social clubs exclusively for minorities.

"They might unnecessarily set such groups aside from the campus community," he said.

Perry, Robinson and Hoffman all feel that the small number of minority students and faculty at Alma does not pose significant social or racial problems. However, they feel the low number may cause some people to miss worthwhile cultural experiences.

More minority faculty could provide important role models who could help minority students with academic issues, said Perry.

A civil rights march in Kalamazoo last January  
photo by Jenny Dine

## A dream that opened many eyes

By Seth Twigs, Jr.  
Staff Writer

The following is a staff writer's tribute to civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

—Editor

Last night I had a dream. In my dream, I saw a man. A man whose life he devoted to painting a vision of a possible future. A future of equality for people of all colors. A future of racial harmony.

In my dream, I saw a man who knew the power of non-violent protest and the injustice of segregation.

I had a dream of a man, a

political leader, a clergyman. I saw him in Birmingham, Alabama; sitting in a jail cell writing a letter. His letter

forced to confront the issue." This is what he wrote. This was his "Letter From Birmingham Jail."

*"...a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue."*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

defended the impatience of people in the civil rights movement. He declared, without forceful actions, equal rights would never be gained.

"Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is

I had a dream in which I saw a man born Jan. 15, 1929, assassinated 1968. In 1964, I watched him receive the Nobel Prize for Peace, and I saw him four years later shot and killed. I saw his country declare a national holiday every January to commemorate his life.

Is this enough? Is this what he gave his life for? A holiday?

A holiday.

I had a dream in which I saw a man speaking to hundreds of thousands of people. Washington, D.C., Aug. 28, 1963. I can see him now, still.

I can hear him talk about his dreams.

Listen:

Can you hear him too?

A dream deeply rooted in the American dream: we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

Listen to our dream. A dream of the red hills of Georgia, where the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners sit down together at the same table. The table of brotherhood.

I had a dream.

He had a dream.

Now you tell me:

Is Martin Luther King Day just a holiday?

Was it just a dream?

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## Women's topics group advises students

By Kristine Lovasz  
Assistant News Editor

Gossip, eating disorders, PMS, careers and anger are only a few subjects that the Women's Topic Group discusses.

The Women's Topic Group is a group of women and men that meet every other Monday from 6-7 p.m. in either the Presidential or Faculty dining room of Hamilton Commons.

"Women need a place to go to talk," said Maggie Martin-Echternach, group moderator and assistant director for the Center for Counseling and Career Placement. The group is informational, and provides support and increases awareness.

Alyson Crabtree, a junior member of the Women's Topics Group, described the group as "small, but diversified." She said, "It allows women and men, who are in-

terested, to discuss women's topics."

The members of the Women's Topic Group choose their own issues. The topics, therefore, are always very relevant to the present situation of women in today's culture.

Although women's issues are very important, Crabtree doesn't "see Alma College picking up a curriculum of women's studies." Martin-Echternach indicated that she wished to see this program increased but she also agrees that it unfortunately will not become a part of the curriculum.

The meetings are open to all men and women alike. Upcoming topics are:

January 16- Backstabbing and Gossip (Group discussion)  
January 30- Hunger and Eating Disorders (Gwyneth Beagley)

February 13- PMS and Prescription Drugs (Irene O'Boyle)

March 6- Soviet Women/ Women's Roles Interculturally (Sharon Shible)

March 20- Professional Women's Career Panel

April 3- Women and Anger (Tracy Luke)

## Faculty speak on importance of religious freedom

By Seth Twigs, Jr.  
Staff Writer

The role of religion has been an important one in the shaping of the American culture, according to three Alma College religion professors.

From the very founding of the nation to the current debates surrounding issues like abortion and the death penalty, religious viewpoints have been a backdrop helping to define the moral character of the people.

One reason religion has had such an impact on Americans is the freedom they have in exercising it, according to Professor of Religion and Philosophy Ronald Massanari. He added that the freedom of religion was established in America largely for practical reasons. The country was populated by people from all over the world, and they all brought their own religious beliefs with them. It would have been impossible for the state to support any one religion, he said.

Massanari also points out that the freedom of religion also means the freedom to not have a religion, but other freedoms are threatened by this aspect. An atheist, for example, may have a difficult time becoming President of the United States due to the country's strong Christian tradition, he said. For the same reason, it may be difficult for members of non-Christian faiths to attain



1970's photos courtesy of the Scotsman

## Peace promoters of the past and present

Attempts to make the world a more peaceful place have long been associated with college students, and Alma students of the past two decades are no exception.

Above left is a typical scene on the chapel lawn in 1970: guitar strumming, sing-alongs and folk music.

Below it is a scene from a campus Zen gathering during the spring term of 1977.

Above right is a snowsculpture— made for the 1970 Alma Col-

lege Snow Carnival. Although the carnival has been discontinued, the symbolism behind this idol is indicative of that era.

There are currently campus organizations working toward gaining and maintaining rights for individuals and societies. Amnesty International, a worldwide group, works toward freeing prisoners of conscience and, like the locally formed Students for Peace and Non-violence, heightens public awareness of social issues affecting society today."





# Religion

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elected offices. Individuals' understanding of religions besides their own is valuable, according to Joseph Walser, professor of religious studies and the campus chaplain. He expressed his feelings on the importance of being open to other people's religious beliefs, which he views as the backbone of religious freedom. "We are all limited by our environment and experience. We cannot look at the whole world. We cannot say that God is working my way. God is important to the whole world, not just a part of it. We

must know the world and be open to new things," he said. Religious views are largely a result of upbringing, said Walser, noting that what appeals to one person may not work for someone from another environment. "We must all choose our paths, and the paths will be different. If you reduce God to a religion, you have made simply another idol," said Walser, adding that he doesn't want "to confuse a means with an end." When does the right to express religious belief begin? Tracy Luke, professor of

religion, said it begins in childhood. As a child, he said, religious beliefs are basically provided by parents, and children are not considered to

high schools to teaching the Bible as literature. As a result, the vast majority of educators never come close to teaching anything with even a

heritage," he said, adding that the Bible is a central document of western history and thought. "Religion is a sizeable component of many people's lives. It is ridiculous to pretend it doesn't exist." But the professors are wary of uninformed or misdirected teaching of the Bible in schools.

about religion will lead to any conversion," he said. "In education, how can you make something taboo, and not talk about it? Then it's not education. In our efforts to preserve our freedoms, I think we've lost one," said Walser.

All three professors agree that religion is important and deserves to be examined closely. Vespers on Wednesday night, chapel services on Sunday, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings on Monday nights, and the various religion courses offered on campus all provide an opportunity to do so.

"Religion is a part of our culture...a form, a framework, which human beings have used to deal with some of the perennial questions which face us," said Massanari.

*I fear people who want the bible taught in schools more than I fear cultural illiteracy.*

—Tracy Luke

have enough maturity or experience to choose a religion on their own. The same reasoning explains why colleges may teach religion and Bible courses, but a Supreme Court ruling limits

hint of religious overtones, according to Walser, who said that Americans have created a huge gap in knowledge by not treating the role of religion in society in a historical context. "It is part of our cultural

"I fear people who want the Bible taught in schools more than I fear cultural illiteracy," said Luke.

Massanari agrees, fearing that if religion is taught it will be with the intention of converting students to a particular religious view. However, Walser disagrees. "It is difficult to talk about religion and not preach it, but it is possible and important. I don't think that teaching

# Classifieds

Alpha Gams I. Well, the candle flame has certainly been active lately! Congrats to Lisa and Lisa (the two "birds") for their pearls. And Laura, you certainly surprised us with your gorgeous diamond!! We wish you and Steve all the best.

To Christine, Jenny, and Amy: Good job on being rush counselors! You three are going to be great.

Good luck to Spider's Doctors of Hoopology. Keep up the tradition.

**WOMEN'S TOPIC GROUP** meets tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. The topic is "Backstabbing and Gossip."

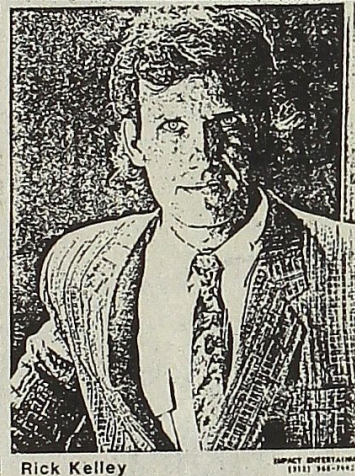
Congratulations to the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity for winning the First Annual Troy Schelke Greek Housing Christmas Light Decoration Contest. Good job.

Hi Barbs! How's your concussion doing? Mine is fine. I hope the movie we saw on Saturday was good. Love, Brawn P.S. Don't give anymore ripped-up paper to strange men.

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Sig I How about that ski party, eh? The week has fared well for most of us even Heckler got a little younger. Gizmo went on vacation to Grant's Tomb, while Snake was that you in the Kroeger Family meat department? Boo Boo last seen picking a Bean. The more we're subject to punishment the stronger we get. Fire up green, they have not seen the last of us! Bleed Green, Zeta Sigma



Rick Kelley

Learn self-defense! Two students from Michigan State will be teaching self-defense techniques on Monday, Jan. 16 in the dance studio from 7-8 p.m. (co-sponsored by AGD and Student Affairs.)

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Alpha Gam II, Hey Marie, do you think you could get lunch down to about four minutes flat instead of five? Remember that highways can be icy, too. Just ask Paula and Renee! Julia—how's that "Gumby"? Anna, climb through the window next time instead of ringing and ringing the doorbell! Everyone fire up for rush because it's gonna be awesome! The Pub Crew P.S. Fun fact: 30% of Alpha Gams here at Alma have singles. Enjoy them to the fullest, girls!

Class of 1991 Sweatshirt Design Contest prize: \$25

Entries must be in to 226 Newberry by Tues., Jan. 24

Dear Girth, I have a friend whose birthday is coming up. I'm NOT creative, so I need buttloads of help with ideas for planning a time and/or space filling (low budget) event. I realize this is a little outside your field of expertise, but I have faith in. Please respond in the next Almanian. Todd

Almanian Editors meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday in the office

The Almanian is in need of writers and photographers. Starting pay is \$5 per article or photo. If interested, please contact the Almanian at 7161 or stop by the Newberry Basement office any day or night.

These are the times that try men's souls.

### DID YOU TRAVEL OR STUDY OVERSEAS IN 1988?

If so, you're invited to attend an International Reception hosted by Alan and Jonieta Stone at their home, 313 Maple Street on Monday, January 23, 1989 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

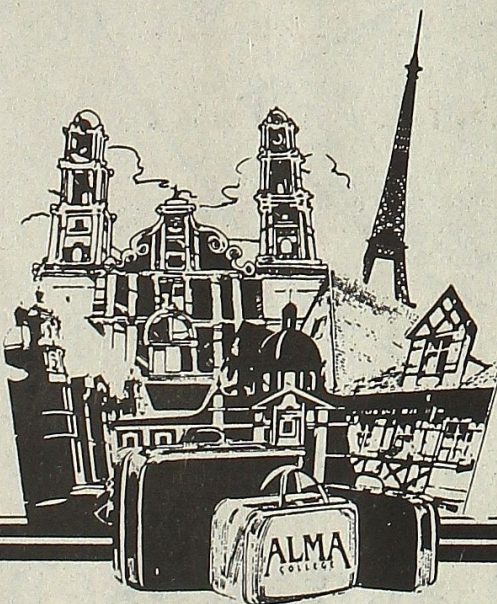
In addition to international refreshments, we plan to shoot a photograph for the next issue of *Accents*, the College's newsletter. Since the theme of this issue is "Alma's International Initiatives," what more impressive cover picture than one showing all of the College's student and faculty travelers for 1988. There are over 100 of you!

We also invite you to bring one or two reprints of your favorite travel photos (or negatives). We'd like you to donate them to the Public Relations Office photo library. Of course, our idea of a great photo is you in an Alma shirt in front of an obvious landmark -- but we'd be glad to see your great ideas, too. If possible, we'll use as many of your pictures in a photo spread in *Accents* as well.

If you have an artifact from the country you visited, bring it along as a conversation piece. You could even dress the part and be a conversation starter yourself!

Take advantage of this brief break from studies, taste an international treat, and celebrate your experiences overseas with Alma's other travelers.

Please let us know if you can attend by calling the Public Relations Office at 463-7327 by Friday, January 20.



Congratulations to the Zeta Sigma #1 volleyball team on its championship victory over Big Jimmy Schizzman and to Midnight Schizz-Men, Aerial Circus and Power Volleyball Destruction Machine. It will truly go down as one of the greatest stunning upsets in I.M. history.

Bill, If you're all alone when the pretty birds have flown, honey I'm still free...take a chance on me.

Joe, We've found Brother Bobo at the circus. Mom shaved and now has a goatee.

Bill

Eric S., A little between the cheek and gum is all it takes.

Keifer

Alice, Bendle and Becki! We miss you guys already!! Hope everything is great over there!

Xi love, TFF

Has anyone seen any Al Jolson lookalikes around here lately? If so, please call 7469—ask for Andrew.

Hey Eric (Chinbeard), Remember to drink lots and lots of water and to eat something sweet before retiring for the evening.

A CPR instructor course will be offered at the Wilcox Medical Center starting on Jan. 24 from 6-10 p.m. The last half of the class will be on Feb. 7 from 6-10 p.m. The cost for the course is \$21.75 and all the books and materials will be available the first evening. If you are interested in participating please call 7181 as soon as possible as enrollment will be limited.

Hey Alpha XI! Welcome back from Merry Christmases! Hope the new year is full of fun and more SPONTANAEITY! Sparky, how R you? Bean-stop it! Nice Lion mascots at the House. Good work to the BBall team! Zeta Sigma—thanks for tying one on with us! Welcome back Amy, Kathy and Ann! We missed you!!

TFJ

Mdme. Smythe, See vous play el writo soono! We are planning a Paris Cafe tribute just for you. Hope you are enjoying yourself immensely. We miss you!

KI

Kappa Iota: Pat and Todd-next time you disappear on Friday the 13th please call! Bill—how's it feel to be top you-know-what? Brenda-Steve and I found birdseed in the heat thingy, so it made the wait worthwhile. Susan- you're a wildwoman, but not as much as Becky. Should we give Al Jolson a brother bid?

Happy 18th, Bob!

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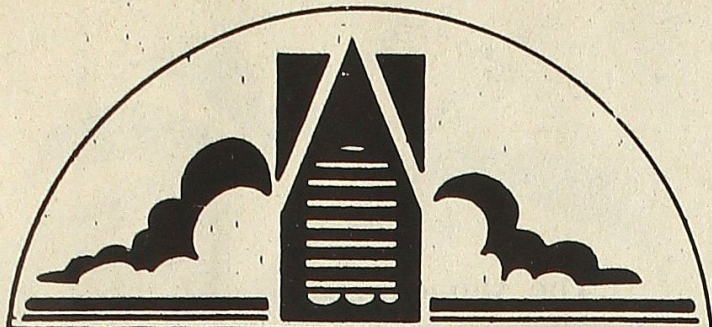
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## CAMPUS NEWS

### New student support group

# Alma Ambassadors recruits new students

By Pat Soszynski  
Staff Writer

The Alma Ambassadors, formerly the Student Support Group, is part of Alma's Admissions team. The group helps with the recruitment of prospective students. Their job consists of giving guided tours, phoning prospective students, hosting them and holding panels to answer any questions these students might have.

The members of the Alma Ambassadors consist of student volunteers, two Admissions leaders, Rachel Hanson and Sue Deel, and three student coordinators, John Wilson, Christy Licht, and Steve Scott.

The student coordinators get paid for their positions, which they applied for last Spring. They must also be

qualified for the Work Study Program at Alma College.

"The Alma Ambassadors' goal is to work towards making prospective students' introduction to Alma College as successful as possible," said Rachel Hanson, Admissions Counselor and the Alma Ambassadors' leader. "Visiting students want to interact with the real Alma students."

There are additional benefits for volunteers: a free brunch at The Embers, and a five minute phone call to anywhere in the U.S.

According to Wilson, "The Alma Ambassadors is great practice for leadership skills. Plus, I got to meet Mr. Phone."

Twice a term the Alma Ambassadors hold an informative pizza party for recruiting more volunteers. "We are always looking for more people," stated Hanson.



Alma Ambassadors, the new student support group.

photo by Todd Klesert

## News Notes

### Poor won't borrow

The people for whom most student aid programs are designed are the least willing to use those programs, a new report says.

"With the lack of growth in Pell Grants, the lowest-income kids don't have an alternative but to go into a loan program if they're going to pursue higher education," said Thomas Mortenson, a senior ACT research associate and author of the report. "But most poor folks have a less-favorable attitude toward borrowing, and that's when warning flags go up."

### ACT more difficult

Starting next fall, about one million college applicants will take an ACT program exam that is longer, demands more scientific knowledge and requires more abstract thinking than previous versions of the test, ACT officials announced Jan. 4.

ACT President Richard L. Ferguson said his company wanted to revise the test because some colleges complained that it sometimes didn't weed out applicants who arrived on their campuses still in need of remedial courses.

### More students will have to pass drug tests

According to a survey by Victor Lindquist, author of Northwestern University's Lindquist-Endicott Report, last year 47 percent of the companies hiring on the nation's campuses will test job applicants for drug use.

Another 7 percent are expected to start drug testing in 1989.

### Sorority rush meeting

The will be a mandatory sorority rush meeting on Wednesday at 9:00 in the Jones Auditorium.

### Wordsworth exhibit

A set of 24 full-color posters on "William Wordsworth and the Age of English Romanticism" is on display through the end of January in the Library.

The Exhibit is made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Michigan Council for the Humanities.

## College bowl begins its season Student Congress discusses pledging, new library hours

By Missy Eveleth  
Staff Writer

This year the College Bowl is again underway at Alma. The intra-school trivia competition is sponsored by the Alma College Union Board.

ACUB, under the direction of Karen Ruedinger, president, and Michelle Kaufmann, special events coordinator, sent away for the questions, which are sealed for one-time use. These questions are presented every Monday in January at 7 p.m., and are asked by College Bowl Moderator Charlotte Schmidtko.

There are 12 teams composed of four members and one optional alternate. Each week four of the teams compete

round robin in a single elimination event. After three weeks there are three teams left, and the first place overall winner of a tournament among these three then receives a \$100 prize.

*The first place overall winner... receives a \$100 prize*

ACUB is currently trying to organize a Common Hour where the overall winners would play a faculty team.

Before any of these matches take place, the teams must first be formed. Anyone wishing to start a team can.

According to Ruedinger, students should "ideally balance their team," so they are well rounded.

This is just one of ACUB's numerous events throughout the year. Participation in this event and others is encouraged by ACUB.

The next ACUB activity will be on Jan. 27. Singer Rick Kelly will be performing in Jones Auditorium.

This is very important, says Stephanie Cole, because "the level of difficulty has increased greatly from last year." Cole is among many of the ACUB members who carry out such responsibilities as scoring, keeping time and monitoring equipment.

By Mike Collins  
Staff Writer

Student Congress conducted the first meeting of winter term on Thursday night. Most of the time was spent discussing business from last term.

A letter was sent recommending that the library, on a trial basis, open at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. A survey done by a committee headed by Bill Schultz indicated that students favor earlier library hours on weekends.

Julie Kimball, president, disclosed that the college is in

the closing phases of a purchase for a copy machine for the Van Dusen area.

It was also announced that the Student Congress sponsored Book Drive for Alma's sister university in Korea was nearing completion as the final books were being wrapped in preparation for shipment.

The only new business was offered by Dean of Students, Jim Kridler, who highlighted plans to alter the pledging program. It was decided that these proposals would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Student Congress's new meeting time is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in AC 113. All are welcome to attend.

## Influx, outflux of students due to various factors

By Leigh Walker  
Staff Writer

While several students transferred to Alma College winter term, several left the college.

Why would students wish to transfer to or away from Alma? According to John Seveland, vice president of enrollment and student affairs, those reasons are as different as the students themselves.

For example, reasons to transfer into Alma include finishing a program at a junior college, dissatisfaction with another school, changing a major or deciding to pursue a program not offered at another school. The size and location of Alma College might also be factors for some students, according to Seveland.

These are basically the same reasons that a student would

wish to transfer out of Alma College. According to Robert Perkins, director of counseling, career planning and placement, students who transfer to another college are usually looking for a specific program

not offered at Alma. They may want professional training not offered at any liberal arts college.

Students who simply drop out of college altogether may do so because of poor

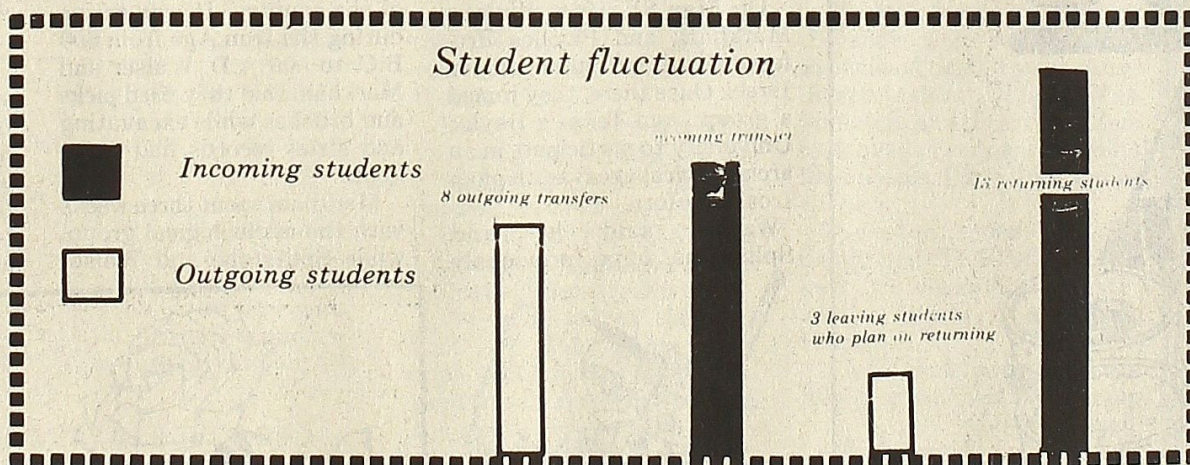
academic performance or financial reasons. Perkins pointed out that in the past couple of years, there has been an increase in students who leave the college for a term, go to a community college or get

a job, and come back to Alma later. Perkins says that this really shows how great an attraction Alma College has for them.

Registrar William Potter says that there are two categories of incoming students. This year, 10

students who have never been to Alma before transferred in. Another 13 returned to Alma after taking some time off or going to school elsewhere.

There are also two categories of outgoing students. Eight transferred out, and three are guest students at another college and will come back later.



Graph shows fluxation of students at mid-year.

## Job market for '89 grads booming despite earlier poor predictions

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The job market for this year's college grads is booming.

"There's no question about it," reported Angie Aschoff of Linn-Benton Community College's placement office in Oregon, "the number of jobs advertised with us is up this year."

It's happening nationwide. Two major annual surveys, released in December, of national corporate hiring of new grads both predicted a happy spring.

Northwestern University's Lindquist-Endicott Report predicted an 8 percent jump in corporate demand for graduates with bachelor's degrees. Those graduates will receive starting salaries that

are an average 4.6 percent higher than those garnered by the Class of '88.

While Michigan State University's Annual Recruiting Survey does not paint as rosy a picture, it does predict "new graduates will face a healthy job market."

MSU asked 427 corporations about their hiring plans. In response, the firms expected to make 3.1 percent more job offers to students this year, and said they were especially interested in hiring more women and minority grads.

Some students consequently feel they're in the driver's seat.

"I'm looking for an attractive company with travel and

benefits," said University of Maryland senior Maurice Boissiere of his job search. "Right now I'm looking at company profiles. I'm interviewing them."

The companies feel it, too.

"We will be offering jobs to people who know they are going to be in great demand," conceded Sally Odle, recruiting manager for IBM. "We have to offer jobs that are challenging and interesting."

Observers attribute the scramble for students to corporate concern that there won't be enough grads to hire in the future.

A recent U.S. Labor Dept. study predicted one million

fewer young people will enter the job market during the next decade than during the 1970s.

"We are doing everything we can to prepare for the shrinking labor market," said Trudy Marrota of the Marriott Corp.

Victor Lindquist of Northwestern added companies also are hiring because the companies themselves expect to prosper.

Sixty-one percent of the firm NU surveyed thought they'd be more profitable in 1989 than they were in 1988.

"Corporate American is confident the economy will remain strong despite concerns by so-called experts about the volatile stock market, the

deficit, trade balance, megamergers and the increased competition in the marketplace," Lidquist said.

His report closely followed an early December survey of 14,000 employers by Manpower, Inc., a temporary employment services company.

Twenty-two percent of the companies expected to add to their workforces during the first three months of 1989, while 11 percent foresaw staff reductions.

"We were a bit surprised at the hiring strength indicated by those figures," Manpower President Mitchell Fromstein said. "After a year in which

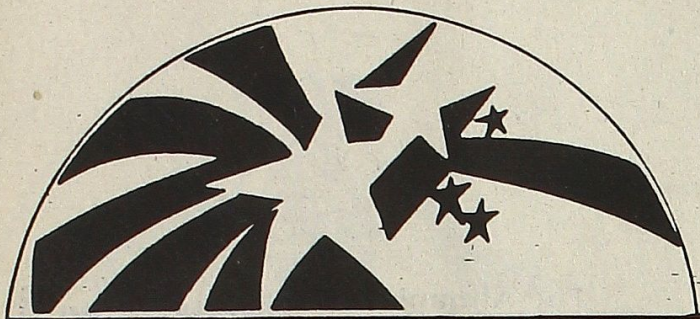
three million new jobs were added to the U.S. workforce, we expected to see a slowing down of job formation.

The boom is better for some students than others.

"Engineering, accounting and health professions are our most sought-after graduates," said DeBow, while Linn-Benton's Aschoff finds clerical, nursing and automotive students in high demand.

The Southwest, according to the Michigan State report, will offer 1989 graduates the most jobs, follow by the Northeast, the Southeast and the North Central states. The South Central states and the Northwest will offer the fewest new jobs.





## FEATURES

# Wanderings on a Friday evening Movie portrays deejay's lifestyle

By: Seth Twigs, Jr.  
Staff writer

Dear Nell,  
Last night I went to see 'The Four Guys Standing Around Singing'. The name of their group turned out to be very descriptive. That is what they are and that is what they do. They are an a capella group, meaning no instruments, so they had a little trouble when it came time to introduce the band. A few of the songs in their act were

little low. I always do on Friday nights, when everyone either 1) goes home for the weekend, 2) gets drunk, or 3) walks around feeling low. Okay, I admit I was feeling lonely and maybe a little homesick. Not so much wishing to be home exactly, just wishing to be someplace else, anyplace else.

Looking up at the sky, the immense expanse of it all, didn't help much. I started thinking how small and insignificant we are. The Earth, the USA -- what importance

getting brighter. The sound actually hurt my eyes.

And then, very suddenly, a whoosh came from behind me and made my hair stand up. Not forty yards in front of me, an alien spaceship of some sort had landed.

The spaceship was not at all like one of those saucers you see in movies. It was kind of blue, and pretty lumpy. In fact, it looked for all the world like one of those cookies my sister used to bake and force me to eat.

I should have started to run when I saw the door in the side start to open, but I was glued to the ground, frozen in terror. I was expecting a sign to flash across some screen saying "To be continued next week..." I felt like I was trapped in some 50's comic book. All of my fears were dispelled however, when I recognized the figure who stepped out of the flying ship. It was Elvis. The King himself.

*"Alma is such a small place and I'm such a small person."*

Elvis walked towards me, his hips gyrating. I could have been a statue for all the movement I made. The King took out a hammer and started to pound a sign into the frozen ground. When he was finished, he turned to address me before stepping back into his space craft.

'Don't be cruel' is what he said.

Well, I have to admit, I was all shook up. I suppose I might be standing there still if the sound of his retreating spaceship hadn't woke me. Curious to see the sign that the King had set up, I walked around to look at the front side, and this is what it said:

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As I walked back to my dorm room, the stars seemed somehow to be very much closer. I have yet to go back to that spot, afraid of the implications. Afraid of the responsibilities that will be mine if the sign is still there.

Oh, to be insignificant again.

# JUST SAY NO!

By Kerry Radcliffe  
Staff Writer

I recently attended a showing of the movie "Talk Radio" which takes a look at the somewhat different world of radio station disc jockeys.

The movie bombarded me with data about those who put their hate, misery or profound ignorance onto the airwaves and about the "shock-jock" who communicates these messages to the listening public.

In watching the movie I found it to be rough and arresting, crammed with information about the love-hate relationship between the man at the mike and the losers who have made him a celebrity.

Eric Bogosian, author and star of the play that started

the movie version, again plays the maniac, abusive, and wildly self-loathing talk show host.

I felt "Talk Radio" was a performance of great urgency; both emotional and physical. Bogosian all but surrounds himself with crackling, electric-blue current. It's guaranteed you won't forget him.

What you get from the film, essentially, is a report. It's certainly more provocative than edifying, and it's very current. You won't have to leap to make the connection between this movie's shockjock, based in part on the murdered Denver talk-show host Alan Berg, and television's Morton Downey.

All in all I found "Talk Radio" to tell an interesting story, and it's one I feel college aged students would enjoy.

written by members of the group, including my favorite, 'Devileena'. This song recounts the trials and torments of a man in love with a schizophrenic girl, otherwise known as 'Sybil syndrome'. He laments: 'You're playing with my head/ Menage a trois with two in bed'. But looking on the bright side, 'Most guys get one/ I get two/ I never know/ exactly who'. Another of their songs claims 'Your love is like a roach motel'. I leave it up to you to decide if they have reserved a permanent position for themselves in the annals of great Twentieth Century artistic expression.

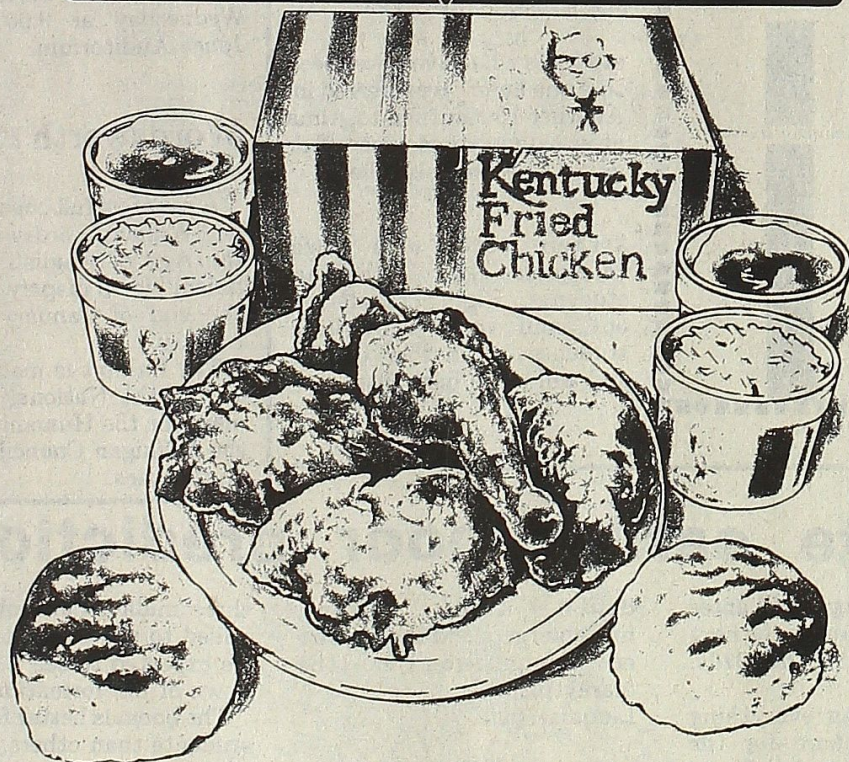
As for me, I liked them. After the show, I went for a walk, as I am wont to do. The stars were shining, the sky clear and cold. I was feeling a

do they have in relation to the universe as a whole? Not much, apparently. And if you bring it down to an even smaller scale? Alma? Sure, I stand here in the middle of the Alma College campus and see the sun rise in the morning and the sun set in the evening, but does that mean that the sun revolves around Alma? Alma is such a small place, and I am such a small person. Lonely and alone, insignificant as far as everything else is concerned.

Lost in these thoughts as I was, I didn't notice the thundering sound that had gradually been growing louder until my ears started to hurt. My eyes were beginning to ache too. If its possible, if anything I saw last night is possible, then the sound was

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## Profs talk on Israel excavations

# COMMON HOUR

By Barb Sutherland  
Staff Writer

Religion Professor Joe Walser and Education Professor Lynda Markham presented last Thursday's Common Hour which dealt with the topic of Israel.

On May 31, 1988, Walser, Markham, and Physics Professor Paul Splitstone left for Israel. Once there, they joined a group from Texas's Baylor University to participate in an archeological excavation of an Iron Age fort.

Walser said he and Splitstone have previously

joined the Baylor group.

When Markham accepted an invitation to present a paper at the University of Haifa, she decided to go early to also participate in the excavation.

The fort they excavated was near Arad in the southern part of the country. It was active during the Iron Age from 600 B.C. to 500 A.D. Walser and Markham said they used picks and brushes while excavating and strict records had to be kept.

Markham spent three weeks with the archeological group, while Splitstone and Walser

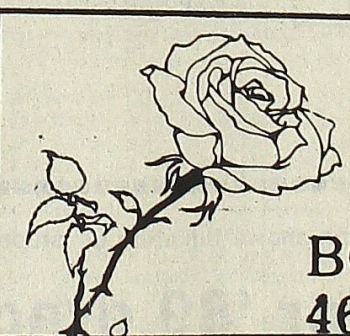
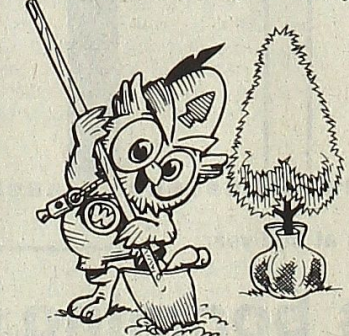
continued excavating. At the end of the three weeks,

Markham traveled north to Haifa to attend a week-long conference. The paper she presented concerned sexism in children's reading books.

After the conference, however, Markham rejoined the excavation group.

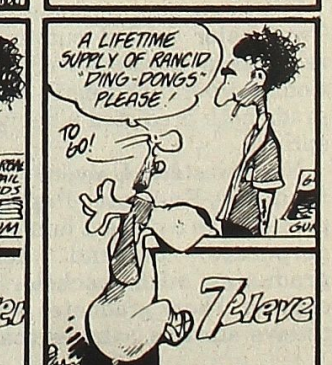
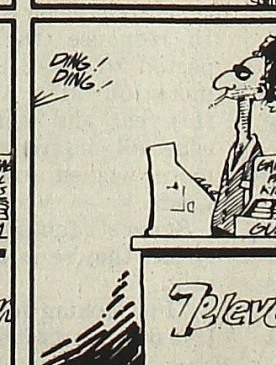
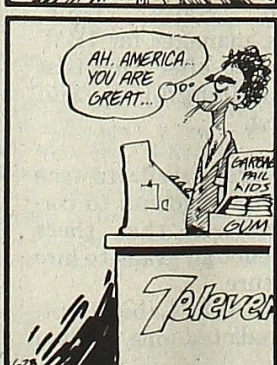
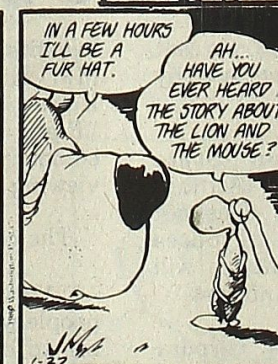
While they spent most of their time in Arad, they also traveled elsewhere, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Jericho.

Markham, as a first time visitor, said she was primarily impressed by the large number of flowers she saw. In addition, she said she was also fascinated to see all the different types of Israeli architecture.



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## FEATURES

# Senior Rydahl to direct thesis play this weekend

By Elizabeth Burchill  
Staff Writer

The upcoming play "Fragments" will be put on at Dow Auditorium this weekend with Alma College senior Jean Rydahl directing the production for her senior thesis.

Rydahl, a theatre major from Stanton, explained her desire to direct lay in the fact that she will be graduating this April, and so wanted to do something independent of the theatre department.

In addition, Rydahl cited the necessity of completing a thesis in order to get into graduate school.

According to Rydahl, she chose "Fragments" after sifting through several other one-act plays. She said she picked this particular script because it fascinated her in how it deals with people.

"This plays shows that although we are supposedly whole, we are made up of different parts—physical, mental, and spiritual. I feel the play

portrays this concept well," she said.

Rydahl went on to explain that she feels the average Alma student will be intrigued by "Fragments" because it goes against the conventions of society.

"This is not a typical play. It has an emotional intensity which keeps the production moving."

According to Rydahl, the most difficult aspect of directing the play herself was at-

Rydahl, have been exceptional in devoting time to rehearsals, thus making it easier for her to direct.

Cast members include Sean Budlong, Robert Henry, Julia Boldt, and Steve Morgan. The stage manager is Laura Ober.

"Fragments" is not Rydahl's directing debut. She directed both Gilbert and

*"Since I'm graduating this term and I'm a theatre major, I wanted to do something independent of the department."*

*Jean Rydahl*

tempting to bring everything—props, set design, publicity, programs, acting, etc.—together in such a short time.

"We had only 15 rehearsals, so it was difficult because I'm responsible for the bulk of the material since it is a thesis," she said.

The cast consists of four individuals who, according to

Sullivan, operas performed here during the previous two spring terms, and she also spends summers directing various productions.

Seating is general admission, with \$1 cost. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3:30 p.m.



photo by Jenny Dine

Left to right: Robert Henry, Julia Boldt, Sean Budlong, Steve Morgan

## Mandatory sorority rush meeting Jan. 18

By Sara Amell  
Staff Writer

Panhellenic winter rush formally begins on Jan. 18 with a mandatory rush meeting for any non-Greek women interested in participating in winter rush '89.

The meeting will be held at 9 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. After the meeting, the women will have the oppor-

tunity to sign the rush list, thus signifying an interest in rushing. The fee to be paid at that time is \$2.

In order to participate in winter rush a woman must have a cumulative 2.0 grade-point and must attend the mandatory meeting.

For any questions pertaining to the rush meeting or winter rush in general, contact Cathy Pattengale at 7673 or Sara Amell at 7551.

## RA of the month

By Sara Amell  
Staff Writer

Every month an outstanding resident assistant is recognized as Alma College's RA of the month. Karen Hessel, an RA on third west in Newberry Hall, was given this honor for the month of November.

Hessel, a sophomore and a first-time resident assistant, was nominated by Newberry Hall director Anne Lombard. According to Lombard, Hessel makes excellent use of her time and is a hardworker deserving of the award.

"Karen was the stage manager for The Imaginary Invalid and was still able to balance this with her RA duties. She turned her paper-

work in on time, finished a number of programs, and attended all staff events. During this busy time she demonstrated excellent time management," Lombard explained.

*"She demonstrated excellent time management and she took it all very seriously."*

*Anne Lombard*

After finding out she won, Hessel said she was quite honored because she considers herself among "a lot of good RAs."

Hessel, who's in charge of a specified "quiet" corridor, said that all students on her hall are respectful of the rules. She added that her hall residents tend to be women who want to study.

## 4 guys singing to success ACUB

By Kelly Hak  
Staff Writer

There was no excuse for any Alma College student not to have fun this past Friday night as Alma College Union Board presented students with an opportunity to spend an inexpensive, fun-filled evening of quality entertainment.

The date was Friday the 13. The place was Jones Auditorium, and the attraction was Four Guys Standing

Around Singing.

The "Four Guys" are Scott MacEwen, Rick Vamos, Noah Budin, and Darren Stephens. The group is a Chicago based acapella quartet that sings mostly early 1960s style music.

Some of the songs performed Friday night were "The Lion Song," "Four White Guys doing Motown," and their own version of "Rock Me Amadeus."

When not entrancing the crowd with their singing, the guys poked a little fun at the audience with the comedy side of their act. A few members of the audience were singled out and razed, but it was all in

good fun.

Union Board president Karen Ruedinger said she felt the whole production went smoothly.

"Everyone seemed to have a good time. I think the crowd really made the act," she explained.

According to Ruedinger, an estimated number of 70 people showed up at the event. The audience gave the group a standing ovation and even persuaded the group to do an encore.

Treatment such as this, however, is not uncommon for the quartet. In 1988 they were nominated for Best College Campus Performers by the

National Association for Campus Activities.

In addition, the group's voices are recognizable through their singing in the commercial "Breakfast by the Hand" for McDonalds.

The next ACUB event will be Thursday, Jan. 19 at nine p.m. in Jones Auditorium. Singer/keyboard player Rick Kelley will be performing as part of Union Board's Coffeehouse activities.

Kelley, who visited Alma two years ago, was well received by students here due to his entertaining act which includes plenty of audience participation.

Admission price is \$1.

## Around the world with TKE

By Kris Kyle  
Staff Writer

Last Saturday evening the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and their sisters put on their annual production of TKE on the Town, with the theme this year being TKE Around The World.

This year's theme provided for acts including Sumo wrestling in Japan, a beer garden in Germany, fighter planes from the U.S. and Libya, and hunting strange animals in Zaire, Africa.

The highlight of the first half of the show was sophomore Jodi Halas, who performed a solo while playing the guitar. Halas sang again shortly after the intermission, this time being accompanied by Steve Manko and Aaron Fletcher. Halas performed the hit "Hotel California."

The TKE sisters started the evening off with a skit imper-

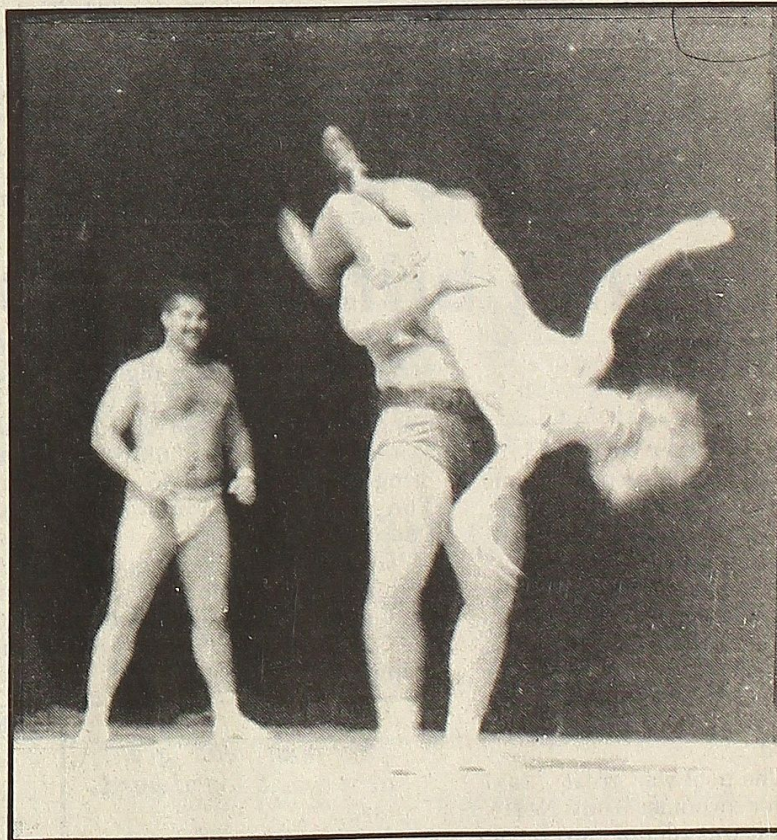
sonating the brothers. The traditional sister dance, choreographed by Kelly Long and Laura DallaVecchia, also was well received by the audience.

The MCs for the first half of the show were seniors Matt Brown and Scott Taylor. After intermission, Tom Van Sumeren and Steve Walters took over as very entertaining little people, Elton Tom and Ki Ki Beav.

The show ended with the traditional TKE slide show and the sweetheart sister award going to Kristin Hagopian.

TKE president Dennis Regan said he felt the evening went very well.

"The crowd turnout was great, things were well-organized, everyone had fun doing the acts, and we raised a lot of money for the Big Brother organization," Regan said.



Right: TKE aviators relax after shooting down an enemy plane while in Libya during the fraternity's "TKE Around the World" show in Dow.

Above: Scott Borgeson cheers on fellow sumo wrestler Larry Gregory as he tosses Steve Walters around the stage. This skit portrayed the stop in Japan during the TKE's 'world tour.'



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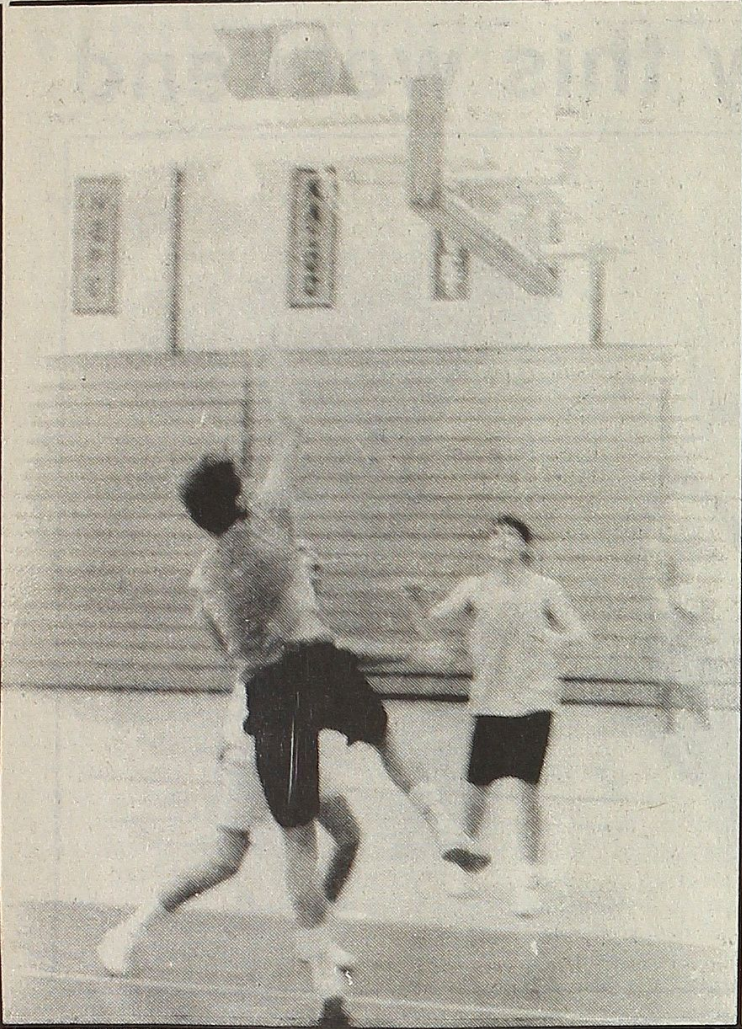


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The Zeta Sigma 3-on-3 tourney semi-finals

## ZS sponsors 3-on-3 tourney

By Ann Fuller  
Staff Writer

A total of 25 teams signed up for the 3-on-3 tournament sponsored by the Zeta Sigma fraternity Sunday. Each team paid an entry fee of \$30 and all proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Gratiot County. Event Chairman Dan Koschtial was unsure of how much money was raised by the competition,

testants. Dan Darby won the three-point competition, beating nine other players.

The winners of the "amateur division" were a group from Central Michigan University who called themselves "Mt. Pleasant." Members of the team were Brian Shomock, Julian Darden, John Ruddell and Stacey Williams.

Winners of the "30 and over" division were Stan Almacher, Jerry Stuart, Gary Taylor and John Skinner whose team name was

Zeta Sigmas are hopeful that next year will be more successful.

"I think for being the first year, the tournament was

pretty much a success," said Koschtial.

"We will know better what to do in the future," he added.

*"The tournament was pretty much a success."*  
—Dan Koschtial

but estimated that after a little more than \$350 in prize money was distributed, proceeds would be somewhere around \$400 just from entry fees. In addition, refreshments were sold and there will be some profit from those.

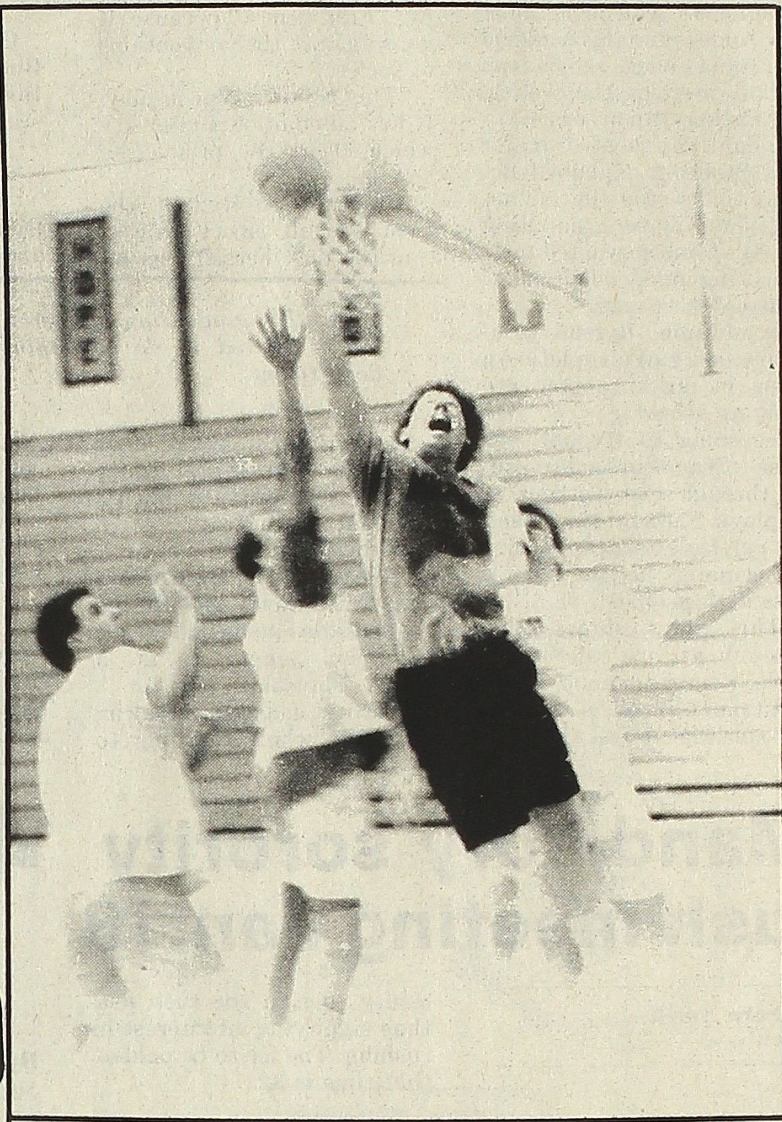
The tournament offered not only the 3-on-3 competition, but also a free throw and a three-point shot contest. Mike Schanski was the winner of the free throw contest competing against 14 other con-

"F.U.M.C.M.P."

In the women's division, a team called "J.B.L.S." were the winners. Its members included Marcia Larkins, Kris Johnson, Ann Sheedy and Jamie Blow.

Each winning team was given \$150 in prize money.

According to chairman Dan Koschtial, there was some disappointment in the low turnout from the Alma College campus. This is the first year for the tournament and the



Members of the second place team go for the ball.

## Where to go for winter fun

By Ann Fuller  
Staff Writer

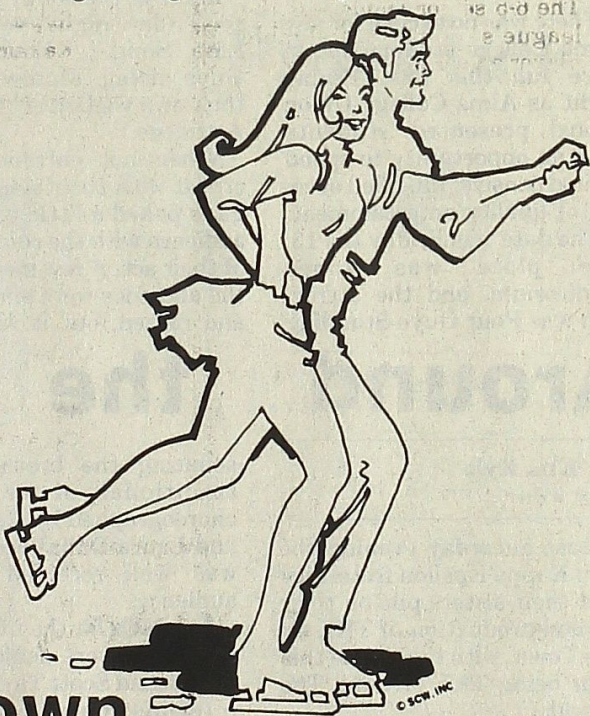
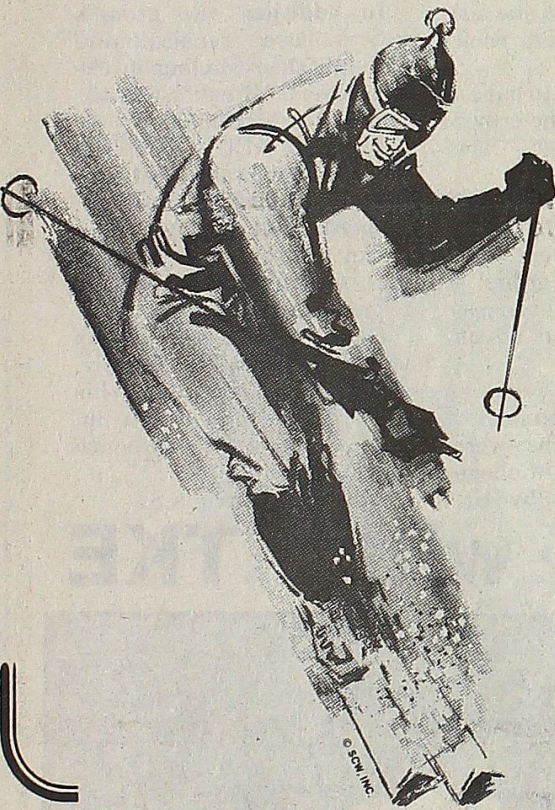
Looking for outdoor fun this winter? The Alma area offers some possibilities for outdoor sports lovers.

For those who own skates, the tennis courts in Wright Ave. Park near St. Mary's Church behind 7-11 are flooded and frozen for all to use. Nearby is a small building with a fireplace and benches where skaters may go to warm up. The courts are lit for night skating.

If you prefer sledding and tobogganing over skating, you'll have to travel outside the Alma city limits into Ithaca. In Woodland Park there are two hills. There is also an ice skating pond at the base of the hill and a building with a fireplace. This park is also lit for nighttime sledding.

For nearby skiing, again travel boundaries must be extended outside of Alma. Many

Alma College students have travelled to Snownake Ski Slope located in Clare approximately 35 minutes north on US-27. At Snownake, night skiing is available. The cost is \$8 plus rentals, and night skiing closes at 10 p.m.



## Training brings times down

by Tia Brandel  
Staff Writer

Instead of spending time with families and old friends, the Scot swimmers dedicated part of their Christmas break to increased training. The swim team traveled south to Indianapolis, Indiana and trained at the Indiana University-Purdue University pool—one of the fastest in the world.

"The pool was great," said Junior swimmer Tony Nellis, "but it was a lot of hard work. It will pay off, though. I can see people improving their times already."

Junior Teresa Wood echoed this comment.

"(The meet in) Indianapolis really pulled the team together. I am sure the hard work will pay off."

The team came off this hard

workout to take on Albion at home last Wednesday night. The women lost 90-142 to bring their early season record to 0-3. The men lost 68-149 bringing their record to 0-2. The losses didn't dismay Coach Kathy Davis.

"Everyone had some good performances...coming off the Indianapolis training. Times are coming down and the training is paying off."

*"The pool was great but it was a lot of hard work."*

—Tony Nellis

Double winners for the women were Melissa Sondej in the 1000m (12:44.5) and 500m (6:09.17) free and Teresa Wood in the 50m free (27.04) and the 100m backstroke (1:10.75). Also bringing in a win for the

Scots was Cheryl Reibling in the 100m breaststroke (1:17.47) The men's 400m free relay team of Tony Nellis, Dave Anderson, Joel Buchanan and Todd Emerson won with a time of 3:31.38. Also winning was Nellis in the 200m individual medley (2:10.04), Anderson in the 100m free (51.54) and Buchanan in the 100m backstroke (1:10.09).

### MEN'S SWIMMING STANDINGS

	W	L
Kalamazoo	1	0
Albion	0	0
Alma	0	0
Calvin	0	0
Hope	0	0
Adrian	0	1

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING STANDINGS

	W	L
Kalamazoo	1	0
Albion	0	0
Alma	0	0
Calvin	0	0
Hope	0	0
Olivet	0	0
Adrian	0	1



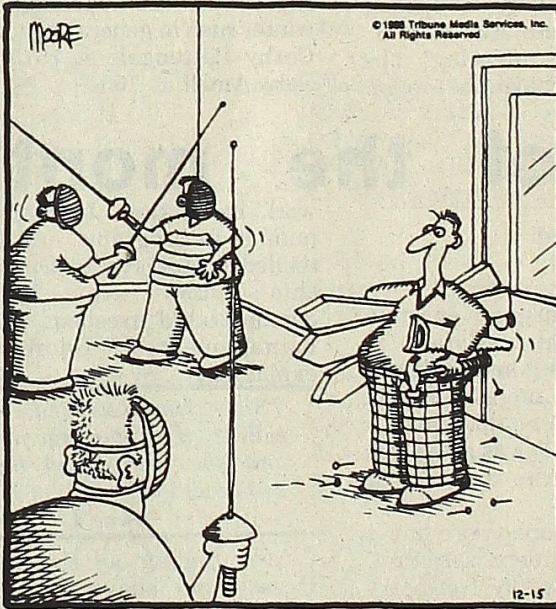
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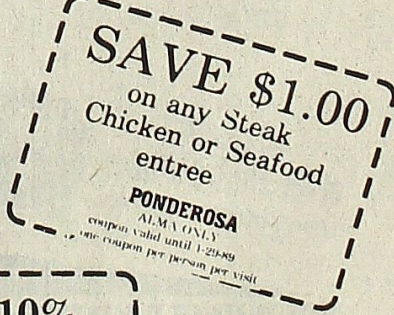
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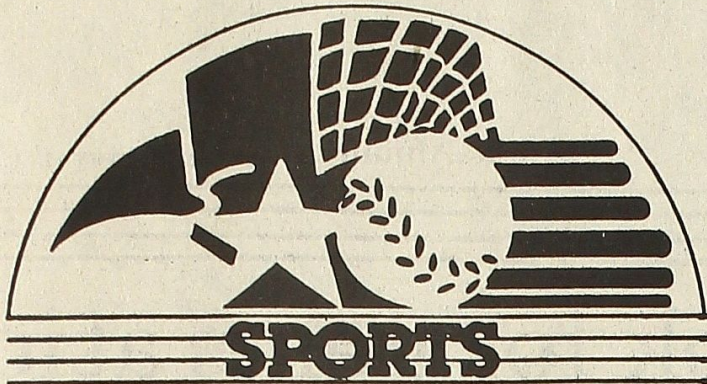


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## Jumping the gun



Swimmers begin a race at Saturday's meet. photo by Jenny Dine

## Men's basketball splits week 1-1

By Amy Reis  
Sports Editor

After one week of conference play, the Alma Men's Varsity Basketball team is 1-1. Wednesday, the Scots took on Olivet in what Coach Ralph Pim termed a "disappointing loss."

The final score was 79-62 and Pim said that his team was not pleased with the results.

"We shot poorly and never really put together what we had to."

After two days of intense practices, the Scots were

ready to face Adrian on Saturday, finishing with a 110-84 win.

Leading scorer was Andy Mangin with 28 points followed by Mike Friar with 19 points and 11 rebounds, Steve Ernst with 14 points and 11 assists, Tom Van Sumeren with 14 points and Todd Kulawiak with 11 points. All totaled, the Scots had five players in double figures.

"We shot the ball well," said Coach Pim. "We have a young team and we are ready to keep moving forward with strong leadership from our two seniors."

## NCAA retains power

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A December U.S. Supreme Court decision has confirmed the power of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to punish its member schools.

"I'm tickled to death," said NCAA lawyer Jack Kitchin.

"The court," added NCAA Executive Director Richard Schultz, "reaffirmed that the membership of the NCAA has the right to enact and enforce legislation that is binding each member."

On Dec. 12, the court ruled the NCAA had acted properly in 1977 when it ordered the University of Nevada-Las Vegas to suspend basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian for allegedly breaking NCAA recruiting rules.

Tarkanian had argued the NCAA could not force a public body like UNLV to remove him from his job without going through legal procedures that would give Tarkanian his day in court just like any other citizen.

But Justice John Paul Stevens, writing for the majority of justices disagreed, saying UNVL could either drop out of the NCAA if it didn't want its coach to subscribe to its recruiting

rules or "it could have stayed in the association and worked...to amend rules it deemed harsh, unfair, or unwieldy."

The 5-4 decision resolved a longstanding debate whether the NCAA, an association of almost 1,000 private and public members, should be considered a governmental body whose actions must meet constitutional due process requirements, or a private organization not covered by the Constitution.

NCAA officials had feared a contrary judgement would have destroyed their enforcement powers by exposing them to constant litigation whenever they tried to discipline schools for violating rules on recruiting, drug use and academic eligibility.

"I think it will make the NCAA less subject to lawsuits, for one thing," lawyer Kitchin said.

The NCAA has not yet announced if it will again try to suspend Tarkanian, who obtained a court junction winning a reprieve from suspension in 1977, when the NCAA first charged him with recruitment violations.

He has avoided suspension ever since as he won various lower court decisions.

## MIAA's 77th season a close race

MIAA

HOLLAND--In the beginning, MIAA coaches said overwhelmingly that Calvin College would be the team to beat in the league race this year.

The Knights were the unanimous pick of the league coaches in a pre-season poll, followed by defending champion Hope, Adrian, Albion, Kalamazoo, Alma and Olivet.

After seven weeks of non-conference competition there is every indication that one of several teams is capable of challenging the Knights. Calvin has a deceiving 5-4 record entering MIAA play, but the Knights are unbeaten against NCAA Division III teams.

MIAA teams have enjoyed one of their best pre-league "seasons" in history, winning 75 percent of their games. As of January 9, all but one team has a winning record entering league play. MIAA teams have a cumulative 54-18 record against non-conference opponents, led by Albion, Alma and Hope who are all 9-1 and Kalamazoo which is 9-2. By comparison, MIAA teams all of last year had a 52-35 record outside league play, a winning clip of 60 percent.

No MIAA team should be able to match Calvin across the front line because of forwards Dan Davis of Newaygo and Bill Sall of Hudsonville. The 6-5 senior Davis was the league's co-most valuable player a year ago with Hope's Matt Strong. This year he has teamed up with 6-5 junior forward Bill Sall, a first team all-MIAA player two years ago, for a combined average of nearly 50 points and 20 rebounds per game. A big question for Calvin entering league play is the durability of Davis who is coming off a fractured ankle suffered in the pre-season. Junior guard Jim Timmer of Grand Rapids is averaging nearly 15 points a game for the Knights.

The Flying Dutchmen have again succeeded in staging a balanced attack with ten

players averaging 13 or more minutes per game. That has resulted in four players averaging in double figures and four others with seven more points per game. Hope enters league play as the best shooting team, 51 percent from the floor and 76 percent from the free throw line. The absence of the "big man" in the early going of league play (6-9 freshman center Wade Gugino of Midland is sidelined with a stress fracture) will test the abilities of the Dutchmen in the board battles.

Adrian got off to its best start in 34 years by winning seven games in a row. The Bulldogs then dropped three straight, but are back on track with an 8-3 record. Adrian features the best outside shooting attack, averaging 46 percent from the three-point range. That's equivalent to shooting 69 from the two-point range! The Bulldogs are led by junior guard Brent Kelly of Twelve Mile, IN who is averaging 17.9 points a game and in the league's three-point shooter, making 36 of 68 tries

from long range.

Albion was picked in the pre-season poll to finish in the middle of the pack, but the Britons have shown that they are once again a solid contender. The Britons will begin league play with a six game winning streak, their longest since the 1986-87 season. Albion is led by senior center William Taylor of Detroit (Henry Ford HS) who is averaging 17.4 points and 10.3 rebounds per game. He is supported by multi-dimensional junior guard Ken George of Farmington Hills, who is averaging 14.4 points a game and leads the MIAA in assists at 5.6 per game.

Kalamazoo continues to be the MIAA's most improved team. The Hornets are already within a couple of victories of their entire 87-88 campaign when they finished 11-14, the best record by a Hornet team since 1981-82. Sophomore Ron Barczak, of Centreville, leads the Hornets in scoring at 13 points a game.

Alma's Scots obviously don't agree with the pre-

season poll that pegged them to finish sixth in the seven team MIAA field. Alma won its first eight games this season and for awhile was the nation's leading Division III team in scoring. Already this season, Alma has gone over

100 points five times. The Scots have four players averaging in double figures, led by 6-3 sophomore guard \*Tod Kulawiak of Beulah at 20.6 points per game.

Olivet is the only team entering league play with a losing record, but three of the Comets' losses have been by seven or fewer points. The Comets like to shoot from long range; they are averaging nearly eight three-point baskets per game.

The MIAA's 77th men's basketball season should be and exciting one. Standby for seven weeks of fun!

### MIAA MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

	League				Overall			
	W	L	Avg.	OAvg.	W	L	Avg.	OAvg.
Adrian	0	0	00.0	00.0	8	3	70.2	68.6
Albion	0	0	00.0	00.0	9	1	72.7	61.3
Alma	0	0	00.0	00.0	9	1	97.5	81.7
Calvin	0	0	00.0	00.0	5	4	81.3	82.6
Hope	0	0	00.0	00.0	9	1	90.8	71.7
Kalamazoo	0	0	00.0	00.0	9	2	81.9	72.0
Olivet	0	0	00.0	00.0	5	6	77.6	81.2

### MIAA Coaches

						MIAA
		<u>Years</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Titles</u>
Adrian	Buck Riley	7	78	75	.510	0
Albion	Mike Turner	15	208	128	.620	3
Alma	Ralph Pim	3	37	21	.638	0
Calvin	Ed Douma	16	243	148	.621	1
Hope	Glenn Van Wieren	12	192	80	.706	7
Kalamazoo	Joe Haklin	2	20	16	.556	0
Olivet	Gary Morrison	22	216	266	.448	3

## Winning week for women's basketball

Shannon Nichols  
Staff Writer

The Alma College Women's Basketball team has two more league games in their win column after this weeks matchups with Olivet and Adrian.

In the Jan. 11 game, the team scraped by Olivet 59-58. According to Coach Charlie

with 28 seconds left on the clock.

Melanie Martin contributed 11 points to the team's victory followed by Tricia Todd who came off the bench and scored seven points.

In Saturday's game, the Scots beat Adrian 67-59 after Kelly Spaulding and Heather Hall gave the Scots a small lead by hitting consecutive freethrows at the end of the game.

In the week to come, the Women's Varsity team is scheduled to take on Hope Wednesday, Jan. 18 followed on Saturday by a match-up with Kalamazoo. Both games will take place at home.

## Spaulding player of week

By Beverly Brown  
staff writer

For the week of Jan. 1 to Jan. 7, Alma College Women's Varsity Basketball player Kelly Spaulding was named MIAA player of the week.

Spaulding leads the MIAA in freethrow percentages with 87. In the Scots two winning games last week, the 5'9" junior forward scored 41 points and pulled down 20 rebounds to add to the team's overall success.

Spaulding started off the week with a 21 point contribution to the Spring Arbor win aiding the Scots in an 86-41 victory.

with 12 rebounds to help pull off a 63-55 victory over the Knights.

Spaulding continued her success in Wednesday's contest

*"I think it's nice to see someone that works so hard get rewarded."*

—Charlie Goffnett

Jan. 7, the Scots took on MIAA defending champions Calvin College where Spaulding scored 19 points and aided her team's defense

against Olivet College where her freethrow shooting skills proved to be crucial. With 28 seconds remaining, Spaulding made two freethrows pushing the Scots to a 59-58 victory over their opponents.

Alma College Women's Basketball Coach Charlie Goffnet is very proud of Kelly's accomplishments.

"I think it's nice to see someone that works so hard get rewarded. She's one of the hardest working girls I've seen in my 13 years of coaching."

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	League				Overall			
	W	L	Avg.	OAvg.	W	L	Avg.	OAvg.
Alma	1	0	63.0	55.0	7	3	64.1	52.1
Adrian	0	0	00.0	00.0	4	4	74.9	71.0
Albion	0	0	00.0	00.0	4	4	58.4	60.9
Hope	0	0	00.0	00.0	8	2	72.2	54.1
Kalamazoo	0	0	00.0	00.0	6	2	69.0	51.1
Olivet	0	0	00.0	00.0	5	5	72.3	69.0
Calvin	0	1	55.0	63.0	8	4	57.4	55.7





## EDITORIAL

# King's dream remains an open book for generation

Robert Henry

Opinion Editor

I was told that my column this week should be pertinent to this issue in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. I always feel pressured when asked to write something specific like this, but I also have been thinking about race issues recently so this seems as good of a time as any.

The Civil Rights movement is not one confined to a fixed period such as "the sixties." The movement has been more gradual than anything, hitting peaks, valleys, and plateaus. But more than anything, it tends to be a state of mind rather than an absolute truth.

I feel that I really don't have a whole lot to say about civil rights except what impressions I have from my limited perspective. As a "white" I have no real authority in making judgements or statements about the movement, but as a person I do have something to say.

We all feel the effects of racism differently, but they are still there. People tend to generalize to the whole when it comes to racist statements. I literally am filled with pain, anger and disgust when I hear someone make a racial joke—or ethnic joke. That reflects on

me. Maybe I am too worried about my own image, but I believe much of the racial tension could be eased if these tendencies were discontinued.

Alma (both the college and the town) are limited culturally and racially. Hence, the traditional "hick town" image can flourish if we are not able to understand those who seem so different on the outside but really are not different.

This is not a matter of just being exposed to other groups. If all we have to do is put all of us in one big room together and magically become non-discriminating, then life would be meaningless. Racism is no longer a problem when it is natural for us not to mention a person's race—perhaps even if the word race became extinct in our vocabulary. Perhaps even the word

discriminate is misleading. It means to make distinctions which is a normal human instinct. The problem arises when those distinctions become based on racial, ethnic or gender fallacies.

What is most difficult in our existence here is to finally realize that our perception of the world is not the only true one, that it is possible to be utterly wrong about our way of

Luther King, Jr. was a great man. I see his work affecting us even today. I was too young to remember the riots, the segregation of people and the outright hatred between the races.

Let's not think that much has really changed. At least the tension was recognizable. What we have now is a more subtle racism. We have quotas to maintain. We say that we

not speak for the black community when I say this, but it seems that this is a disgrace to blacks because they are not always hired because they are qualified.

Let me back up for a moment to say this. The policies of non-discrimination have good intentions, but they have become monsters which prey on our weak minds. Without them, we would be back where King left off. Maybe we would have clearer ideas about racial inequality. Today's racism is hidden behind a facade of intelligence and sophistication. It is masked and lurks behind closed doors. It keeps many pacified, but not everyone is satisfied by this de facto equality.

Today we have different problems. We have lost sight of King's dream. Many of us never saw it or saw a distorted view. Others still will never understand his vision. I dream of the day when racism and sexism are not problems for us, something we can hope for our children.

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looking at the world. This is why I continually challenge the way we see the world. Even in my attempts I could be way off base; however, it is our responsibility to make an honest attempt to seek a better view.

Now that I've done my preaching for the week, I can return to the topic for this week. I know that Martin

are not discriminating in our workplaces because we hire blacks as well as whites. This may even be worse than what King faced, not physically of course, but it shows that our wishy-washy standards protect the black community but do not give them personal liberty. That is, they are sometimes employed just because they are black. I can-

## \$100 fine fails as incentive

Jennifer Dine

Editor in Chief

By Jennifer Dine  
Editor in Chief

The new \$100 library fine does not exist.

Yes, the Alma College library initiated a policy in December stating that students could be charged a \$100 fine.

But the policy has created more confusion than controversy, since it seems to apply to—nothing.

The fine was supposedly installed to cut down on the number of overdue library materials. But, in a recent letter to The Almanian from Library Automation Coordinator Cathy Palmer, she states "If the student returns the book to the library, the only cost is the charge of the overdue fines," and "If the book is really lost, the student is charged the replacement

cost of the book and the \$100 charge is waived."

The incentive for students to return books to avoid the new policy is nonexistent if, according to these statements, the \$100 fee is waived in two situations: if the student returns the book, and if the student doesn't return the book. I fail to see any situation not covered by these exceptions.

The only increased incentive for students is to cry lost and keep unreturned books locked safely in dorm rooms if the replacement cost of one or several books is less than overdue fines ('overdue fines' are the 25-cents-per-item-per-day-minus-a-week-long-grace-period policy already in effect when the \$100 fine was instituted).

Even when student David Bolde received a bill for \$2,500

for 20 books not returned at the close of Fall Term, he was able to reduce the fees to \$100 after returning the materials—\$165 less than the overdue fines for the two month period he had had the books. And how did his bill amount to \$2,500 if he only had 20 books anyway, since the policy states students will only be charged \$100 per item at the end of the term and no additional overdue fines or replacement costs?

Library officials' statements and actions reinforce Bolde's feelings that the policy is a "scare tactic," as he told Almanian staff writer Missy Eveleth for the Jan. 9 article "New library fine activated."

After years of dishing out big bucks to purchase texts students understand the value of books. If overdue and lost books are truly a significant problem, perhaps the reason is not a lack of incentive to bring the books back but a lack of understanding regarding library policies and a lack of consistent enforcement of those policies.

## Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

The article which appeared in the Jan. 9, 1989, issue of the Almanian concerning the new library overdue fine policy gave impartial coverage to a potentially controversial issue.

The article does however contain an error. The new fine policy states that if materials are not returned by the end of the semester, the student is charged \$100. The student is not charged the cost of the overdue fines and the price of the book in addition to the \$100 charge. If the student returns the book to the library, the only charge is the cost of the overdue fines. If the book is really lost, the student is charged the replacement cost of the book and the \$100 charge is waived. However, the student MUST come to the library in order to resolve the problem.

I would like to make an additional comment about the Almanian's coverage of the Library's new fine policy. It was interesting to me to note that there was no coverage given to the new automated catalog which makes access to library materials much easier for library patrons. When these terminals appeared in the Library, no effort was made on the part of the student paper to print an article about an event which to my mind must have had some value as a news story, although news stories did appear in other publications. The paper did however manage to print several articles concern-

ing the noise level in the Library.

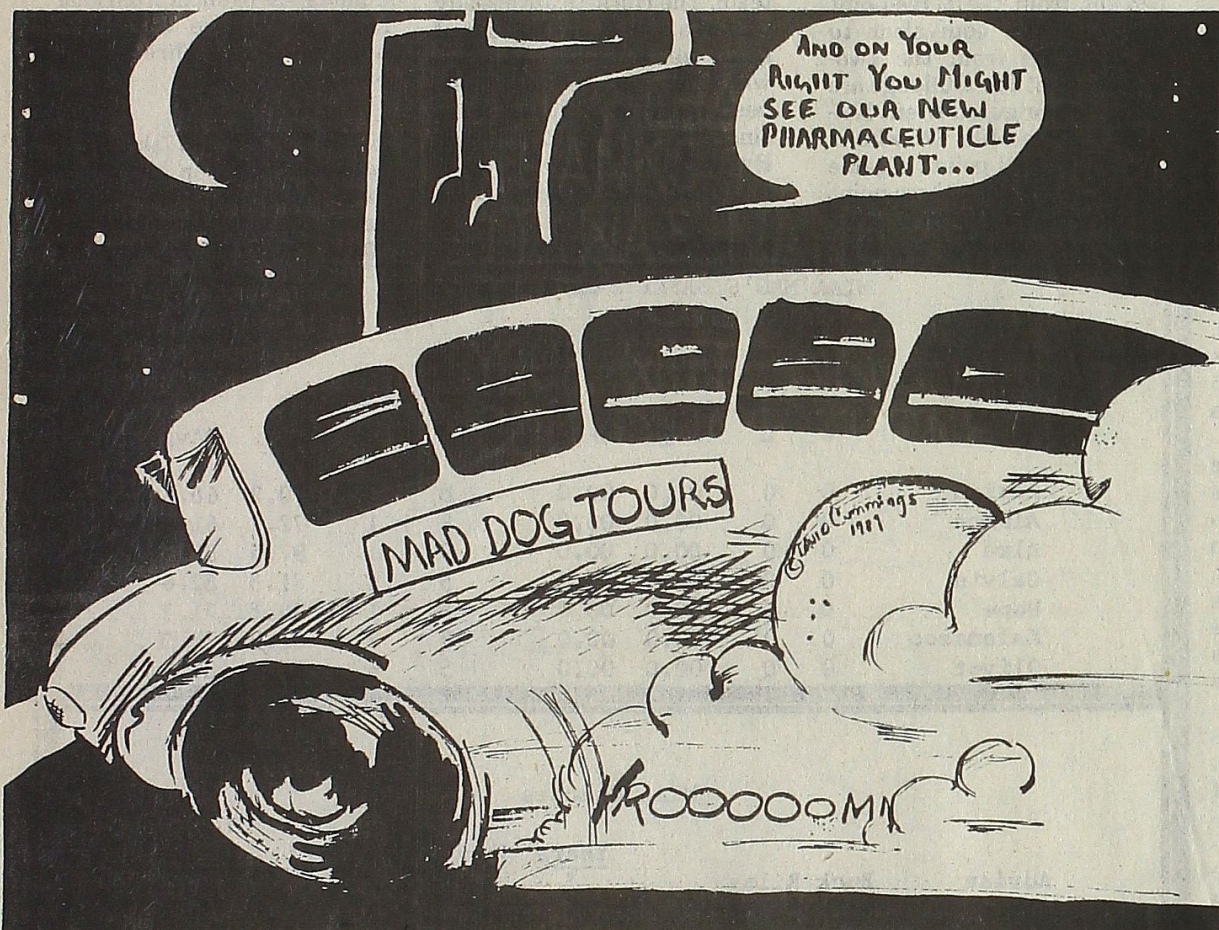
One might conclude from the coverage given to the Library that the students at Alma are quick to criticize that which displeases them and slow to praise, or even notice, that which is done for their benefit. Perhaps the Psychology 101 concept of "positive reinforcement" is one that needs some review by these disgruntled students.

Yours sincerely,  
Cathy Palmer  
Automated Services Librarian

The article "New library fine activated" (Jan. 9, 1989, page 1) is accurate and complete.

The Almanian agrees that the installation of an automated library system is an important addition to the library and the campus, as conveyed in the Sept. 12, 1988 article "Library automation system offers easy access." The library is an integral part of campus life. The newspaper will continue to cover library issues—including the automated system, noise levels, library hours and book fines—completely, objectively and accurately.

—Editor



## CAMPUS COMMENT

By Toni Coral

*How has Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream affected our generation?*

Carl Grant

Before Dr. King, blacks were looked down upon, but now we can look the world in the eyes.

Cathy Farrell

Actually, I think it's sad that it hasn't affected a lot of people in our generation. The ones who have been affected, well I don't know if that will carry on to the future. I think a lot of people just don't care.

Laura Ober

Looking at schools like U of M today, you see a lot of racial tension and even violence, not only between blacks whites, but between whites and Hispanics and whites and Asians. But in the 1960's it was schools like U of M that tried to foster the civil rights movement in its area. It seems people have forgotten Dr. King's dream.

Carol Childs

I think we've become less racial and more equal. We don't judge people on looks as quickly as before.

Steve Scott

I think that Dr. King's dream was a vision for the future, and I feel that it started the movement that brought minorities out of the shadows. I think he was a great man.

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