

# The Almanian

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## New rules installed for winter term rushing

By Marcus Yamashiro  
News Editor

Winter Rush '89 has started, and many Alma students will be making decisions on which Greek group to pledge.

This year approximately 85 men and 120 women have signed the Interfraternity Council Rush List and the PanHellenic Council Rush List, respectively.

But this year several changes will be apparent in rush.

A new policy has been installed for rush this term requiring all rushees to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (CPA) throughout the rush/pledge period. All people rushing or pledging must have a 2.0 at the start of rush, at midterm and after pledging is over. Those not maintaining a 2.0 at the end of the term, but completing pledging, will be required to remain inactive from their fraternity or sorority until the CPA is raised to at least

a 2.0.

Another difference with this year's rushing is that two of the five social fraternities are on probation.

Zeta Sigma is on party probation and is not allowed to have a smoker, the traditional

single fraternity rush function, according to IFC Rush Coordinator Jason Sylvester. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is not allowed to take pledges because of probationary measures set down during the fall of '88, according to SAE

President Dave DeVine. SAE will again be allowed to take pledges in the fall of '89.

All four social sororities and one service sorority are participating in Rush. Sorority Rush consists of three functions: teas, spreads and

desserts.

Fraternity smokers will be conducted through Feb. 1, and sorority desserts will conclude Feb. 3. No talks, a period when rushees cannot communicate with Greeks, go into effect the evening of Feb. 3. Rushees

become pledges Feb. 4, with sorority wake-ups in the morning and fraternity runouts at 8 p.m. in the gym.

The entire campus community, Greeks and non-Greeks, are invited to attend the runouts ceremony.

## National fraternities propose an end to pledging

CPS—National fraternity leaders, hoping to end a rash of hazing deaths and injuries and to stave off simply being banned from many campuses, say they are seriously con-

sidering a radical reform: ending pledging.

The national presidents of 59 fraternities voted to ask their organizations to study alternatives to pledging dur-

ing the annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), held in December in Burlingame, Calif.

"Despite our best efforts,

the hazing and the death continue," said Drury G. Bagwell, president of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and assistant vice president for student affairs at the University of Maryland.

"Nothing seems to eliminate hazing and death from the structure of pledging.

While the national fraternity presidents - all of whom are no longer students - called for reform, active members disagreed.

Membership should be earned, not given away," said Delta Tau Delta's Todd Mantz, a senior at Kansas State. The pledge period "let brothers see if the pledge contributes to his house and what kind of person he is."

Hazing should be abolished, he added, but otherwise the present system is "okay."

Some national leaders, too, felt that dropping the pledging process would be too drastic.

"I don't support the notion that pledging and hazing are synonymous," said James C. Cherry, a Sigma Nu official. "I don't agree that all efforts to eliminate hazing have failed. Many of our chapters have found success with a judicious application of education and enforcement."

Students invited to join a fraternity are known as "pledged" during a period in which they're supposed to prove their fitness to belong to the chapter. Many fraternity chapters subject their pledges to arcane rituals - much of it harmless, but some of it degrading, dangerous and in some cases deadly - before initiating them as full members.

For example, Scott Phillips, a University of Texas Delta Tau Delta pledge, was killed in September after he fell 125 feet from a bluff during a hazing incident.

In response, courts, schools, other students and parents have taken turns starting public demonstrations of revulsion at the carnage.

Dozens of states, including Texas, Missouri and Pennsylvania, have enacted anti-hazing laws in recent years.

Schools themselves have cracked down hard. Cal-Santa Barbara, for one, banished Delta Tau Delta while Tennessee placed Kappa Alpha Psi on indefinite probation.

Several, including Colby, Amherst, Gettysburg, Middlebury and Castleton State colleges have banned all fraternities and sororities from their campuses in recent years.

"Pledging has become synonymous with hazing," Tau Kappa Epsilon's Woerpel argued. "Our environment is moving against us. If we don't move soon, we will die like the dinosaurs who could not adapt. This is no time to wait and see what happens."



Greek leaders say abolishing pledging may put an end to abusive drinking and other hazing practices. COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE/COLORADO DAILY PHOTO

The reduced size and delayed distribution of this week's Almanian is due to an equipment breakdown. We plan to return to our regular production schedule with an eight-page issue on Monday, Jan. 30. The Almanian staff apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## Africa Fellow applications are now available

By Jennifer Dine  
Editor in chief

Each year, an Alma College student spends an enlightening year on the dark continent.

For nearly three decades Alma College students have been teaching at the Mayflower School in Nigeria through Alma's Africa Fellow Program. 1987-88 Fellow Emerson Green is now on campus completing his senior year, Michelle Myers has been at Mayflower School since August, and applications are currently available at the Provost's Office for juniors interested in becoming the 1989-90 Africa Fellow.

The application process includes a several-page application, resume, five letters of recommendation, and an interview.

According to Sharon Shible, assistant to the provost, two students—Scott Perkins and Tammy Rench—have received application materials to date. Deadline for applications is Feb. 17, and one-hour interviews will be conducted with applicants after mid-term break.

"(The interview) is a pretty intense grilling. We need to make sure they (applicants) know what they are getting in to, and can handle it," said Shible.

"It takes a special kind of person who takes a year out of his or her life. Not everyone is comfortable with that culture," she said.

"Nigeria is a totally different culture. Especially for women, it's very different then what they are used to here. And blacks are in the minority here, but African Fellows are part of a very small minority there. They really know what it feels like to be in a minority," said Shible, noting that there has not yet been a black Fellow.

The Africa Fellow program offers valuable short-term and long-term opportunities, according to Perkins, who recently returned from a term in India.

"After I returned from India, I realized the experience gained in different cultures and countries is invaluable," he said, adding the Africa Fellow Program holds special interest

because he "would love the chance to teach children."

"Traveling is addictive. Once you try it, it's hard to give up," said Perkins.

Rench was unavailable for comment.

"Even if I don't get accepted, the program offers a great opportunity for a student," Perkins added.

The cost of the program — and there is "someone living in the Alma Cottage (in Nigeria) almost 364 days a year" — is partially covered by student

congress allocations, according to Shible. The remainder of funds, about half of the total cost, must be raised elsewhere.

The annual Africa Fellow Auction, which raised a record-breaking \$3,000 last year, is the main source of revenue. The auction is scheduled for Feb. 10.

"It keeps getting more and more expensive to send them each year," said Shible, adding that student participation in the auction helps cut costs considerably.

"It's always well supported. There are a lot of runners, student auctioneers, and we try to involve people who are applying," she said. Green, Perkins and Rench will all be involved this year. A "behind the scenes" crew of recruiters, transporters, publicity personnel and others also organize the event.

A new Spring Term trip to Nigeria arranged by Provost Ronald Kapp may also increase interest in the Africa Fellow Program.

"The Spring Term trip will help in a lot of ways to bring (the Africa Fellow program) closer to home for all of us. It helps make the connection between us and them stronger," said Shible. Two former Fellows, students, faculty, alumni and community members will be participating in the trip.

"Kapp is such a wonderful support system for fellows. Now he can go and come back and tell us how it is. He can see where they live."

### New poetry contest sponsored by American Poetry Association

Poets can now enter a new poetry contest with \$11,000.00 in prizes. The Grand Prize is \$1,000.00 and the first prize is \$500.00. The contest, sponsored by the American Poetry Association, is open to the public, and entry is free.

Poets may enter the contest by sending up to six poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-22, 250 A Potero Street, P. O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1803. The contest remains open until June 30. Poets who enter early will be invited to another contest with another \$1,000.00 Grand Prize.

### And From the Annals of Good Taste

Four University of Michigan freshman pleaded "no contest" December 15 to charges of running naked through the Gamma Phi Delta sorority house two weeks earlier, stealing underwear from it and demanding that the house's residents — not a little frightened by several recent rapes in and around campus — sign their buttocks to prove to their fraternity brothers they had been there.

## News Notes-----

### Calculator donation drive on for Jamaica

Calculators are being collected by Alma College for donation to the Green Island, Jamaica secondary school secretarial program. Anyone with calculators to donate should contact Dr. Ute Stargardt (7224, AC 337) or Dr. Nicholas Dixon (7219, AC 347) as soon as possible.

### Midland art fair '89 applications available

The Midland Art Council announces that applications are now available for the Summer Arts Fair '89. The fair will be held June 3-4, 1989 on the Grounds of the Midland Center for the Arts and the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Applications must be postmarked by March 17, 1989.

By ACNS and  
Jennifer Gilchrist  
Staff Writer

Tonight retired Colonel Charles W. Scott will be on Alma's campus to speak on "International Terrorism and the Middle East" at 8 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel.

Col. Scott is a military expert on the Mideast who, in 1979, was one of the 52 hostages held in Iran by terrorists for 444 days.

Because he was a military expert he was inflicted with extreme torture and deprivation while held hostage in Iran.

However, Scott soon gained the confidence of a few of his

captors. By talking with these radicals he was able to capture a rare insight to their psychological make-up.

After his release Scott wrote a book about his experiences entitled *Pieces of the Game*. This book explains the forces which drive Iran into conflict with the U.S..

According to a Alma College News Services release, Scott is described as the "best informed, most articulate speaker available on international terrorism and what it means for the United States."

"Terrorism is a direct act of war," Scott has said.

Newspaper accounts note that the former captive applauded the United States'

military strike against Libya in 1986, advocates more active strike-back tactics in dealing with terrorism, and says that to win the war, "We need to take preemptive action."

Col. Scott's 31-year Army career included service in the United States embassy in Iran, where he was Chief of the Defense Liaison Office when it was invaded by terrorists in 1979.

After reading *Pieces of the Game*, Atlanta Journal columnist Durwood McAlister wrote that in telling the story of the young terrorist "Scott humanizes, and makes understandable, the forces which drive Iran—and too

many other nations of the world—into conflict with the United States.

"We need to understand those forces. I wish every decision-maker in Washington could read Col. Scott's book, from the President down to the faceless bureaucrats who run the lowest desks in the State Department."

Col. Scott is one of several speakers scheduled as part of Alma College's Winter Term 1989 Public Events. Other notable speakers coming to campus are Phi Beta Kappa lecturer Dr. Martha Nussbaum, the David Benedict Professor of Philosophy, Classics and Com-

parative Literature at Brown University, who will give a public address Feb. 13 on

"Knowledge, Love, and Human Action," and controversial anti-pornography

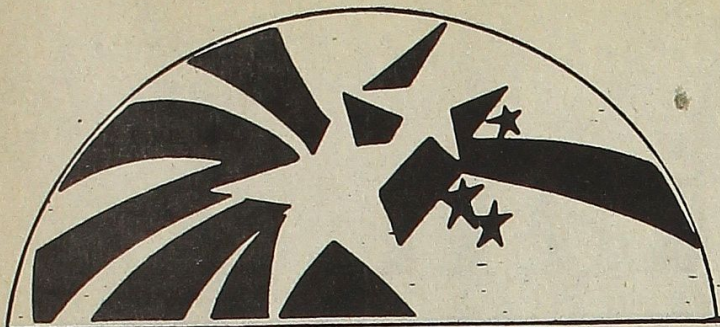
activist Ann Simonton, a former top model who has appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* and *Seventeen*,

who will speak Mar. 8 on "Sex, Power, and the Media: The Myth of the American Dream Girl."

Like Col. Scott, their addresses begin at 8 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel and are free of charge.

## Terrorist expert and victim Col. Scott to speak tonight





## First annual Scottish feast is planned

By Jennifer Dine  
Editor in chief

Kiltie dancers, bagpipers and poetry readings will highlight the first annual Robert Burns Dinner tomorrow in Van-Dusen Commons.

Robert Burns is a Scottish poet annually honored on his birthday with a traditional meal in his native land. Burns' fame stems from his patriotic writings, including "To a Haggis," a poem to be read by Michael Cameron of Alma at the dinner. Professor Scott Messing will also conduct readings throughout the meal, which runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Haggis, the main dish, is a Scottish food made from oatmeal, sheep's liver, beef

suet, onions and spices.

The purpose for establishing the tradition at Alma is two-fold, according to Food Service Director John "J.R." Reid.

"We want to bring out Alma's Scottish heritage, and we want to make an annual event," said Reid, noting that the idea was presented to the food service by Joneita Stone, and various members of the faculty and food service staff.

"We want to make it as authentic as possible. The food itself is important, and we are bringing it in from a Detroit Scottish bakery and meathouse," said Reid.

One traditional element will be absent from the meal, however.

"We want to be responsible. Typically, a Burns dinner involves alcohol. There is no alcohol," he said.

"I think we're all interested in allowing people the opportunity to be involved in Scottish heritage. It's unique to Alma. Small schools' heritages have tended to drop by the wayside. It's unique to Alma to keep it alive."

"Scottish heritage isn't shoved at you, but it's there if you're interested in it," he said.

The Burns Dinner will be a "testing ground" for other similar meals, according to Reid.

"It's tricky for us to do a nice meal from time to time when students just don't have

time, at least all at one time," he said, adding that Monthly Specials are designed so students can come and go within 20 to 25 minutes.

"We couldn't do it (Burns Dinner) in half an hour and be successful," he said.

The dinner can accommodate approximately 175 students and faculty, leaving room for dancers and pipers.

Students have the option to attend the regular meal in Hamilton or to attend the Burns Dinner at no additional charge. Pre-registration at the Food Service Office in Hamilton Basement is required. If successful, the dinner will be opened to the public next year, according to Reid.

## Bush inauguration sets tone for term

By Kristine Lovasz  
Assistant News Editor

Friday, Jan. 20, 1989 was the inauguration of the 41st president of the United States: George Bush.

Bridging the gap between church and state, Bush's first act as President was to lead the nation in prayer. This set the mood for an address which was consistent with his low-key personality.

Bush emphasized traditional American morals. He said, "We must hope to give them [children] a sense of what it means to be a loyal friend, a loving parent, a citizen who leaves his home, his neighborhood and town better than he found it."

The purpose of his administration is "to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world." He discussed the commitment that must be made to curb crime, drug abuse, and the plight of the homeless.

"We have a deficit to bring down," said Bush. This statement being the closest to address the excesses of the Reagan administration. Bush's solutions centered

around American will and decision making based on "honest need and prudent safety."

Bush directly addressed the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader in an attempt to regain the bipartisan spirit of compromise with Congress. He said, "To my friends - and yes, I mean friends - in the loyal opposition - and yes, I mean loyal: I put out my hand."

The solution for a hopeful future is the American people. Bush indicated that the problems to be faced are large, but "we will turn to the only resource we have that in times of need always grows: the goodness and courage of the American people."

## Monte Carlo a good bet

By Kris Kyle  
Staff Writer

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity sponsored its annual formal event, Monte Carlo, in Tyler-VanDusen last Saturday evening, Jan. 21.

The theme of the evening centered around the glamour of old-fashioned gambling, with blackjack tables set up around the room.

The first place winner in the gambling sweepstakes was freshman Curtis Bryant, while

Mike Miles and Chris Nixon finished second and third respectively.

At 11 p.m. the music and dancing began, with juniors Carl Grant acting as deejay and Rick Warmbold serving as master of ceremonies.

Sophomore Tim Wiggins, SAE special events chairman, was assisted in planning the evening by Andy Mehl and Mike Skinner. According to Mehl, "the night went smoothly and everyone seemed to have a great time."

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## Kelley brings Motown sounds to Coffeehouse

By Kelly Hak  
Staff Writer

Alma College students may have gotten a little more than they bargained for last Thursday night when they attended singer/songwriter Rick Kelley's performance, an Alma College Union Board Coffeehouse.

As part of Kelley's "Get Involved Tour '89," he had the Alma audience up and out of their chairs, dancing a somewhat synchronized line

dance to Motown sounds in Jones' auditorium. When not dancing on the floor, students were moving in their seats to the beat of great hits like "Dancin' in the Streets," "Wait 'Til the Midnight Hour" and Stevie Wonder's classic "Signed, Sealed, Delivered—I'm Yours."

At the end of his program Kelley received a standing ovation from the audience and responded with an encore presentation of the Benny King favorite "Stand By Me."

This was Kelley's third time at Alma since 1985. According to Union Board member Stephanie Cole, he has twice been nominated for Favorite Coffeehouse Entertainer.

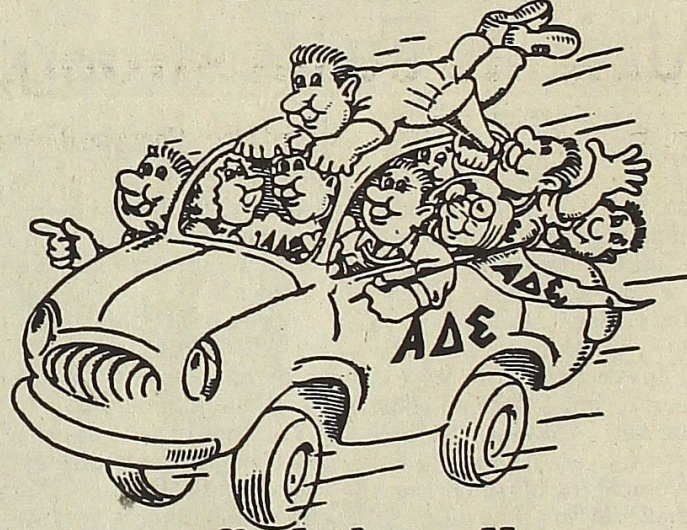
Kelley, originally from Muskegon, Michigan, said he first became interested in singing when he was a senior in high school, where he decided to join the school choir. Upon graduation he attended the University of Michigan and



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Dancer displays traditional Scottish moves

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## Twins: double the laughs?

By Tupper Lysaght  
Staff Writer

I recently attended a showing of the movie "Twins" which starred comic Danny DeVito and famed muscleman Arnold Schwarzenegger.

I have to admit the film was a funny movie, but I couldn't help feeling a bit disappointed. The movie was about a chaotic reunion between two supposedly identical twins, who, in reality, couldn't be more unidentical.

The twins, not realizing they each had a brother because they were supposedly separated since birth, were played by the diminutive DeVito and the hulking Schwarzenegger.

I felt Schwarzenegger did a terrific job portraying the naive, perfect individual who

yearned to join together his family once again, while DeVito played his usual comic badboy role pretty well. However, at the end of the movie there was definitely something missing in this well-cast film.

The laughs were there, but what started out to be a clever storyline ended up depending only on that storyline and not on very capable actors.

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# Dutch ditch both teams, but women sting Hornets

## Kulawiak, Friar high scorers

**By Mary Buckley**  
*Staff Writer*

The men's varsity basketball team had a disappointing week suffering losses at both Hope and Kalamazoo.

A rowdy Hope crowd filled the Holland Civic Center Wednesday night. The Scots entered the game with one win and one loss in league play. At half time, the Scots were up by one point with a 47-46 lead.

Coming into the second half, sophomore Steve Ernst's attempts to drive to the net were unsuccessful, leading to several Alma turnovers. High scorers for Alma were sophomore Todd Kulawiak with 34 points and senior Tom VanSumeren with 16 points. High scorers for Hope were Colby Carlson with 25 points and Eric Elliott with 22 points. Senior Mike Friar of the Scots fouled out in the last minutes of the game.

Sophomore Andy Mangin pulled the Scots within nine points with a last second three point basket. In spite of their playing well, the Scots lost the game 104-95.

Alma entered Saturday's game against Kalamazoo with a 1-2 record for league play while the Kalamazoo team was 1-1 for the league. By the end of the game, the Scots had suf-

with 22 points and Mangin with 15.

Coach Ralph Pim was disappointed, but not discouraged following the loss to Kalamazoo.

"The game had good moments, but we had some defensive breakdowns and Kalamazoo was able to take advantage of that," said Pim.

"Their half court to half court game was better, they played better and deserved to win," Pim added.

*"We have the makings of a great team and we'll be concentrating on fine tuning our game now."*  
—Coach Ralph Pim

fered a disappointing defeat, losing by 10.

At the half, the Scots were ahead 40-38, and both teams were playing well.

The Scots came back in the second half unable to contain the Hornets. A series of defensive breakdowns allowed the Hornets to beat the Scots 87-77. High scorers were Friar

## Spaulding and Comtois lead

**By Heather McPhillips**  
*Staff Writer*

The Alma Women's Basketball team split their games this week with a heartbreaking loss in Wednesday night's game against Hope followed by a thrilling win over Kalamazoo on Saturday afternoon. This gives the Scots a 4-1 record and puts them into first place in the MIAA.

Wednesday's game against Hope was a fast-paced, high-scoring and aggressive game. At the half, the Scots were behind 30-37 and never could quite catch up, though many times in the second half, they were within five points of the Flying Dutchmen. The game ended with a final score of 58-71.

Unable to match the fast tempo set by Hope, the Scots "certainly could have played better," according to senior center Lisa Elbers.

"But the team hung in there the whole time," she added.

Elbers had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Last week's MIAA player of the week, Kelly Spaulding, had an excellent game with 25 points and six rebounds. Chris Comtois finished the evening's contest with six steals. Hope's Dina Disney was high scorer for her team with 19 points.

*"The team hung in there the whole time."*  
—senior center Lisa Elbers

Saturday's game against Kalamazoo was a defensive battle with Alma coming out as the victors. The Scots kept Kalamazoo to just 12 points in the first half.

The second half, both teams put on a tough full-court press which resulted in turnovers and missed shots for both sides. Kalamazoo came back from a six point deficit with

three minutes remaining to tie the game with 20 seconds left on the clock.

After a time-out for the Scots, Kalamazoo put on a tough full-court man-to-man press with less than five seconds to go. Alms's junior forward Melanie Martin found Kelly Spaulding in the lane with an excellent pass and Spaulding responded with a quick lay-up at the buzzer, claiming the victory for the Scots.

Coach Charlie Goffnett was very pleased with his team's defensive effort, saying, "we played very well defensively, especially in the first half."

Chris Comtois was leading scorer in Saturday's game with 12 points, high rebounder with nine rebounds and had three blocks. Melanie Martin had four assists including the pass which won the game

### MIAA MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

OVERALL					LEAGUE				
	W	L	AVG.	O. AVG.	W	L	AVG.	O. AVG.	
CALVIN	9	4	81.5	79.6	4	0	82.0	73.0	
HOPE	12	2	88.5	73.4	3	1	82.8	77.5	
KALAMAZOO	12	3	82.8	72.9	2	1	81.7	80.0	
OLIVET	7	7	77.8	79.4	2	1	78.3	72.7	
ALMA	10	4	94.3	87.5	1	3	86.0	88.5	
ADRIAN	8	6	71.4	73.0	0	3	76.0	89.0	
ALBION	10	4	72.7	65.6	0	3	67.0	77.3	

### MIAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

OVERALL					LEAGUE				
	W	L	AVG.	O. AVG.	W	L	AVG.	O. AVG.	
ALMA	10	4	61.9	53.4					
KALAMAZOO	9	3	64.3	49.5					
OLIVET	8	6	71.7	67.2					
CALVIN	11	5	58.2	52.6					
HOPE	10	4	68.8	55.9					
ADRIAN	5	7	66.4	62.7					
ALBION	4	7	55.6	63.3					

W	L	AVG.	O. AVG.
4	1	57.2	56.4
2	1	50.3	44.7
2	1	69.3	61.7
3	2	59.4	47.4
2	2	60.3	60.5
0	3	55.7	69.3
0	3	48.3	69.7

## Members swim strong, team loses

**By Tia Brandel**  
*Staff Writer*

Saturday, the Scot swim teams traveled to Kalamazoo with high hopes. After struggling throughout the afternoon against defeat, the team was forced to make the long trip home filled with disappointment.

Both the men's and women's teams lost their meets. According to senior team member Cheryl Reibling, both teams swam well, but "Kalamazoo is just really strong."

For the men's team, Dave Anderson swam a good race in the 100m freestyle, receiving

second place. Charlene Bartley also swam well for the women's team improving her times in all three of her events. The 200m Medley relay team swam with a time of 2:08 and came in second place. The

team was made up of Reibling, Theresa Wood and Melissa Sondej.

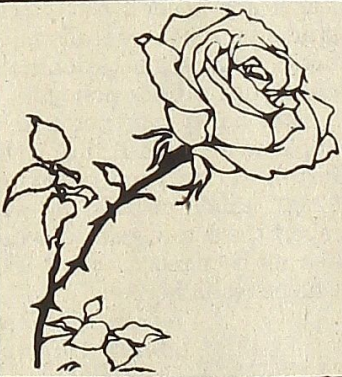
The next home meet for the team will be against Hope this Saturday at 1 p.m.

### MEN'S SWIMMING

	W	L
Albion	3	0
Hope	2	0
Kalamazoo	2	0
Alma	0	2
Calvin	0	2
Adrian	0	3

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

	W	L
Hope	3	0
Kalamazoo	3	0
Albion	2	1
Calvin	1	1
Alma	0	2
Olivet	0	2
Adrian	0	3



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-Your geek Photo Editor

**SUBMISSIONS:**  
The Pine River Anthology is accepting poems, short stories and essays to be considered for publications. All submissions should be sent to Robert Henry c/o Almanian by Friday, Jan. 27.

Mindy-  
How's your handwriting?

KI Bro Andrew.  
When are you going to shave your beard? Everyone's doing it!!  
KI love,  
Big Sis Pat

### WRITING CONTEST WINNERS 1989

#### Essay Division

First Prize: "The Fragility of Life" by Dan Zettel  
Second Prize: "The Limited Ground" by Thuy To  
Third Prize: "Tank Hill" by Matt Pifer

#### Fiction Division

Third Prize: "Birthday Girl" by Robin Rummel

#### Poetry Division

First Prize: "Blood" by Jodi Blankenburg  
Second Prize: "Drawing Dead Trees on My Church Program" by Heather Brinker  
Third Prize: "Jamaica" by Sara Amell  
Honorable Mention:  
"Worm" by Mary Loos  
"Monologue of Mr. Barleycorn" by Robert Henry  
"Daily News" by David Engleman

Note: Because only one paper was submitted for the Research Paper Division, judges did not award a prize.

Dear "congratulator,"

I'm sure we appreciated the award in the "Christmas light contest." Our 500 points of light were put up in order to revive a tradition we used to follow at the old house from 1977. We hoped it would show neighborhood spirit, too.

With regard and respect for the student for whom you named the contest, as for every Alma student student, past or present, living or dead, I am Adelphically yours,

Eugene H. Pattison  
TKE ZD 0055, '56  
Donor

Five hundred lightbulbs and five hundred flower bulbs - a thousand points! Watch for the garden!

#### SIGMA CHI

Our congratulations to you Worthy and condolences to Michelle! The pickled priest shocked the guests with a fine cuffing ceremony. Who needs a ball and chain, eh? Let's have a great time in Rush and get those few good men (LCL Campell)!

Hey all rushing girls!

The AGDs would like to remind you that choosing to go through Rush is a big decision in your college career. Each sorority has a lot to offer, so take the time to sit back and think during these hectic weeks. By doing so, you'll be able to make the best decision for yourself.

But, most importantly, just be yourself and have a great time. That's what rush is all about!

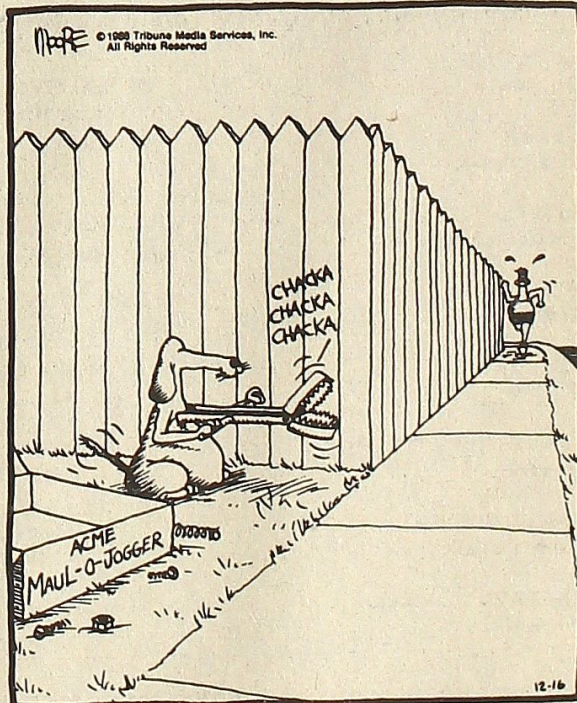
The Sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta

SIGMA CHI  
He ain't heavy  
He's my brother

In Hoc  
Banshee

The Womens' Topic Group meeting on Monday, Jan. 30, will focus on "Hunger and Eating Disorders," presented by Gwyneth Beagley. Programs are held in either the faculty or Presidential Dining Room from 6 to 7 p.m. Look for the signs!

## IN THE BLEACHERS



by Steve Moore



Student drama unnoticed

# Performing center needed?

Robert Henry

## Opinion Editor

How many of you went to see the one-act play, *Fragments*, directed by Jean Rydahl? How many of you really care?

I am conducting this imaginary poll in light of my impressions about the interest that students, faculty and administration have in seeing students participate in the performing arts, especially since the college is currently generating support for the proposed performing arts building.

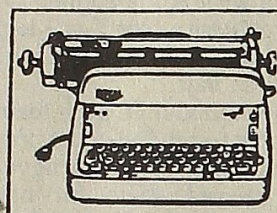
The recent issue of "Alma Accents" features a wonderful sketch of the future facilities for science and for theatre and dance productions. The article covering the new plans focuses on the new science building because crews will begin work sometime this May and because sciences are admittedly more important from a practical point of view. I think it is a positive step for Alma's science programs.

Unfortunately not much was mentioned about the plans for the performing arts building. It is encouraging to hear that plans actually do exist and that the building may be built in the somewhat near future. I am concerned about the lack of information made known to students. Perhaps I have no right to ask since I will not be a student after April. Then again, I will be an alumnus and a potential benefactor to the endowment and ironically more important in the eyes of the administration.

Maybe we don't even need a performing arts center. I say this with tongue in cheek knowing full well that I would love to see the building's plans come to fruition. An entire facility devoted to the performing arts is an attractive idea and would enhance Alma's look to prospective students and benefactors.

As an actor in the play, I obviously have a natural bias. I am not personally bothered with the fact that very few people attended our performances. On the other hand, if

we are proposing that a building of this importance be built here, then where is the interest? I could understand that most students would not be interested in a serious play from the "theatre of the absurd" genre, but I could not understand why hardly any members of the faculty and the administration (including our president) showed up for what many considered a moving play.



## Letter to the Editor

Let me add several observations on the *Almanian* reports about the Library's fines policy.

I want to stress first of all that the letter from Cathy Palmer that was published in the January 16 *Almanian* was not an official statement of library policy. As Director, I am the one responsible for articulating library policy. Cathy's letter was only an expression of her personal point of view. I would have told Cathy not to send that letter if she had shown it to me since it did not address the real issue and since it clearly misrepresented both student attitudes and *Almanian* policy.

My experience with students at Alma College over 14 years has been that they have almost always been very positive about and supportive of the library. Many students over the years have gone out of their way to say positive things about the library and we appreciate their having done so. The *Almanian* has always been very cooperative about bringing library concerns and services to the attention of our community.

Cathy Palmer's statements about Alma students and the *Almanian* were simply wrong and I want to apologize if they were interpreted as representing some sort of official library view.

Jennifer Dine has, I believe correctly identified the problem. The library failed to explain the \$100 policy clearly and we have not always been consistent in enforcing our fines policies.

The Library had fines in order to maximize accessibility to our collection. Any student who needs a book for longer than the regular loan

In this age of technology and the increasing need to show prospective students that Alma is one of the elite schools, it makes perfect sense to build a performing arts center. It would be far greater than the existing "theatre" in Dow. I just wonder if we can justify the new building without the physical (not financial) support. If the administration is interested in building a place for students to experience the performing arts, then maybe it should consider justifying this seeming hypocrisy.

period may renew for virtually any time period just by explaining to one of the librarians why an extended loan period is needed. We make such extensions frequently. However, we do want items not being used by students to be returned to the library so that other students have a chance to use them.

The Business Office formerly prevented registration of students who had failed to return library materials. The Business Office's new policy is that it will prevent registration only if a student has a total obligation of at least \$100. That means, for example, that a student with seven books worth \$98 checked out could register without returning any of those seven books. We therefore decided to take the position that *any* student who had any unreturned materials would be charged \$100 so that we could get all items not needed back from students. What we really have here is a registration-hold policy not a fines policy.

That policy was not wisely implemented this Term. In the future, rather than reporting \$2,000 kinds of bills, we will report the actual value of what has not been returned or \$100, whichever is higher.

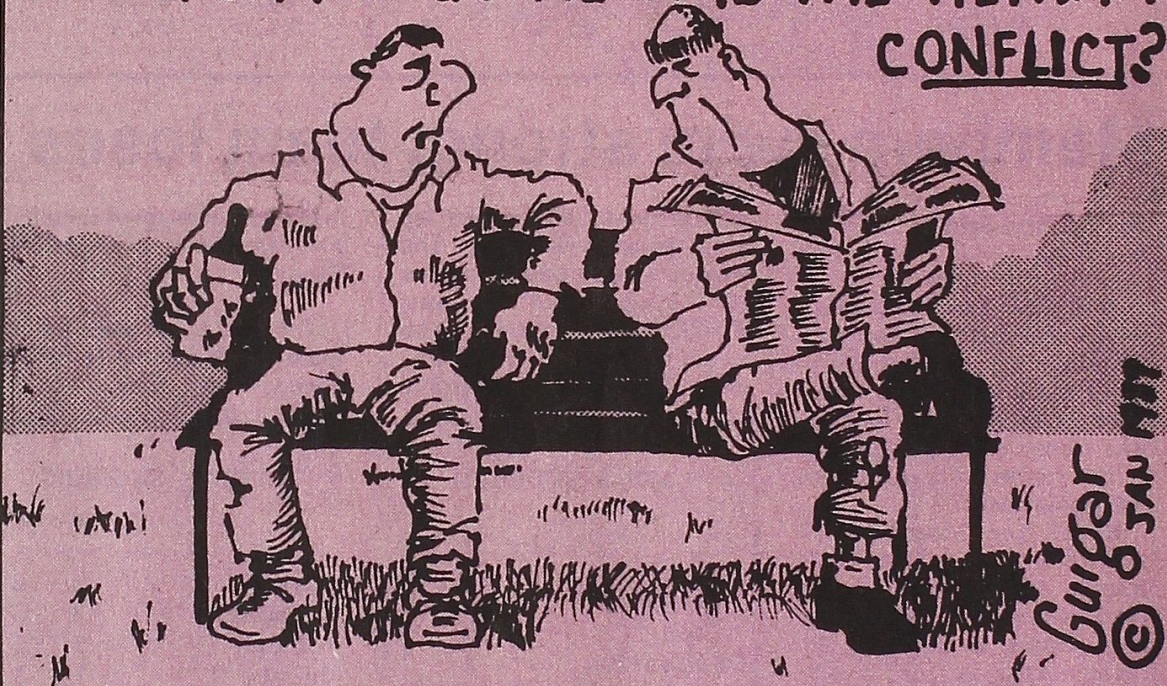
—Peter Dollard  
Library Director

## Farewell to the Reagan years

by Gerlach and Guigar



## WHY IS NANCY REAGAN'S HOBBY "THE WAR ON DRUGS" AND TWENTY-ODD YEARS AGO WE HAD THE VIETNAM CONFLICT?



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## Classifieds

GPB-

Here comes rush girls. Fire up!! Marty isn't about time for you to fall off the mash wagon? Two and a half months!! Great job om the new scrapebook J.S.

Janet, did you keep your hands to yourself this weekend!! Lilly has been having coffee in a green area of Saga lately! Kelly, did you get a new Leas on life!!

Love you girls!  
click, click, click

Gamma Phi Beta says good luck to all the Sororities and Fraternities this rush!!  
Go Greek!!

TKE Twice!

Congratulations to Tim Bonter, Matt Brown, Tom Van Sumeren and Scott Alexander who divided the second annual Tim Patterson Memorial Invitational Scholarship awards for 1988.  
Really they did!

Dear Girth,

There's like this really tall guy in my religion class. Sometimes in class I imagine myself at the movies with him, but I can't always see real well from the back row when I'm not wearing my glasses. Should I tell him about my daydreams?  
Wendy

A CPR instructor course will be offered at the Wilcox Medical Center, Alma College starting on January 24, 1989 from 6-10 p.m., the last half of the class will be on February 7, 1989 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.

### JAMAICA SPRING TERM

A few extra places have just become available. If you are interested in either the marine biology course, or the cross-cultural experience, please contact Nicholas Dixon, AC 347 or extension 7219, as soon as possible.

Cream of our coffee,

You'd rather do *what* than go bowling?

OX Bro Perky-

Confucius say:  
"Beware - small mistake often leave you out in cold."  
Love,  
Sis

Marcus-Lookin' sharp!

Gary, Gary, Gary, Gary.....

Kev-

If there's anything else I can do...

...you're gonna have to tell me that nickname first!

Confidential counseling for couples or families is available at The Center for Counseling, Career Planning, and Placement. If you'd like the chance to enhance your relationship with your boyfriend, girlfriend, or family, give the Center a call at 7225 and make an appointment.

Dear Girth,

I have a friend whose birthday is coming up. I'm not creative, so I need buttoads 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 you. Todd

Dear Todd,

If you need "butoffs" of help, you shouldn't talk to me! I'm not that kind of guy! What kind of friend is this? Whatever you do stay away from me! Have fun over at van Dusen with the rest of the low life, social lightweights! End about 10 pm so you can get up to watch Oral roberts or such.

Girth

LOST

Gold link - chain bracelet  
Weekend of 1/13 - 1/15  
Reward offered / no questions  
call 7519

Alpha Xi! Fire-up for Rush! Foota, you're too young for raed R movies! Happy 21st birthday Joanne and Kelly B. Queenie tied the knot! Congrats you commiment-hungry woman! Mono McFeath- you are not supposed to do that! Thanks Theta Chi for a great time Friday night. Kelly Long- heard you had a Hard Time at the bar! Kandy, how pregnant are you?! Hi Alice, Becki, Amy! We're thinking of you. Bendle, heard you hand's heavier!! TFG Xi love, (come to Tia's game Monday 6:30 at the high school.)

Alpha Gam I-

Well, Jungle women, Rush is in full swing! Hopefully the Wild Side won't get too dangerous for us. Thanks a million for everyone's help this past weekend- it really helped to make Teas as successful as they were.

The T-shirts look great, Kelli! Awesome job!! Can't wait to wear them...

Alpha Gam II-

Marie - we didn't know you liked to jump around in public, Hang in there Mary O. because swimming really is good for you! Pretty soon you aren't going to be the babies anymore Christy, Cherly and Carrie!

It's gonna be a great week everyone-

The Pub Crew

P.S. New fun fact: 62.3% of us are brunettes, 35.9% are blondes, and 1.8% are red-heads (go Foo!)