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## Which lucky two will it be?

By Everett Wiggins  
Staff Writer

It took two elections, but the senior class was finally able to decide on a homecoming court. Due to the fact that some names were left off the first ballot, a second nomination ballot was taken Thursday which yielded the nominees below for the 1989 Alma College Homecoming Court.

Lillian Korbus is a business major from Sterling Heights. She is currently the senior class secretary and the manager for the Women's Soccer Team. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and served on this year's Orientation Committee. After graduation, she hopes to work in advertising or marketing.

Mike Skinner of Midland is a chemistry major. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and belongs to the Chemistry Club. He has been offered a position at Dow Corning, where he completed two summer

internships, but hasn't decided whether to take the offer or attend graduate school.

Kelly Long is also from Midland. She is majoring in Business Administration and history. She served as Orientation Committee Co-Chair this year and also serves on the Senior Challenge Committees, the Student-Alumni association, Presidential Service Group, and Alma Ambassadors. She is also the President of Alpha Xi Delta and is a Tau Kappa Epsilon sister. Kelly plans to attend law school next year.

Aidan Lysaght is a History major from Royal Oak. He is on the football team and is a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He plans to attend graduate school and to work in Business following graduation.

Michelle Stahl is a Business Administration and History major from Caseville. A Resident Assistant this year, she is a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority as well as being a member



1989 Alma College fall Homecoming Court. Photo by Jen Remenak

of the Sigma Chi sister organization. Michelle plans to attend law school next year.

Kirk Miller, a native of Bay City, is a Business Administration major with an emphasis in Accounting. Kirk serves as Senior Class President and is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity

as well as being captain of the soccer team. He plans to become a Certified Public Accountant.

Mary Sweet is a Public Relations major from Battle Creek. She is a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority and is a sister to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. She is the Chairman of the Senior

Challenge Committee and also of the Presidential Service Group. Mary hopes to work in Public Relations after graduation.

Steve Manko is a History major from Almont. He is a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity who plays tennis, is a

member of the Jazz Band, and plays with the percussion ensemble. He plans to attend law school next year.

Laura Vintevoghel is a Dance/Theater major from Harper Woods. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta and is a Zeta Sigma sister. She is also an aerobic instructor, and is very active with Orchestras. Laura would like to dance professionally after graduation.

Kevin O'Shaughnessey is a Biology/Mathematics major from DeWitt. He is the Student Congress Treasurer and plays tennis. He is also a Resident Assistant and a member of the Tri-Beta biology group. He hopes to get a job in Pharmaceutical sales with Upjohn after graduation.

The homecoming King and Queen will be chosen in a campus-wide election held during meals as part of Homecoming week. The King and Queen will be announced at half-time during the football game on Saturday.

## Four new trustees are appointed to board

Eric Caugh  
Staff Writer

The Alma College Board of Trustees has four new members, all of whom have been elected to three-year terms that begin in 1989.

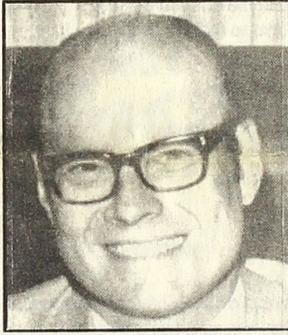
The trustees are Dr. James W. Delavan of Grand Rapids, John Colina of Riverview, Charles W. Elliott of Kalamazoo, and the Rev. V. Bruce Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Park.

Delavan, a 1960 graduate of Alma College, is a thoracic surgeon. Upon graduation from Alma, he earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan, and then served an internship and general surgery residency at the University of Nebraska Hospitals. Following this, he served as a thoracic and cardiovascular resident at the University of Michigan Hospital. Delavan has served as a



thoracic surgeon since 1971. He and his wife, Marianne, have four children. Delavan is also the president-elect of the Alma College Alumni Association.

Colina, president of Central Distributors of Beer, Inc., earned both B.A. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State University and



has also taken graduate work at Wayne State University. He serves on the Riverview Planning Commission and he is a Grosse Ile Presbyterian session member and the secretary of the Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. Both Colina and his wife, Nancy, serve on the Alma College Parent



Board. Elliott, a graduate of the University of Illinois, retired in 1986 as a Price Waterhouse partner in Chicago. He is presently executive vice-president of administration and Chief Financial Officer for the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek. He is also a member of the Nazareth



College Board of Trustees and the Western Michigan University Foundation Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Donna, have two adult children.

Rigdon, a former professor of church history and current pastor for the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms,

earned his B.A. from the College of Wooster. He also has a certificate in Chinese Studies from the University of Hong Kong, a B.D. from Yale Divinity School and an M.A. and Ph.D. degree from Yale University Graduate School. He taught church history at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago from 1965 to 1988. His other current memberships are the Society for Values in Higher Education and the US-USSR Church Relations Program, which he serves as chairperson. He and his wife, Mary, have three adult children.

All four trustees have been assigned to committees. Colina is on the Committee for Finance and Property. Both Rigdon and Delavan are on the Committee for Instruction and Faculty and Elliott is serving on the Committee for Investment.

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## Blood drive surpasses goal

By Sharonne O'Shea  
Staff Writer

The American Red Cross, Gamma Sigma Sigma and Sigma Chi teamed up to make the September 29 Blood Drive a success. They surpassed their goal of one hundred donations by having 121 people donate blood in the Tyler-Van Dusen Student Center. A total of 105 pints were collected, according to Red Cross figures. Nineteen of these were first time donors. When first-time donor Amy Derusha was asked if she was nervous about giving blood, she replied, "I'm premed. This doesn't bother me."

Giving blood is easier than you might imagine. First, to determine if you are eligible to give blood, a short medical history questionnaire is filled out. Next, your blood pressure, temperature and pulse are taken to make sure you are in good health. If everything "checks out," you may move on to making an actual donation of blood. A Red Cross nurse will clean an area on the inside of your arm and insert a hollow needle to draw the blood from your body. Finally, you just relax and let your heart and gravity go to work to fill a coded plastic bag with "the gift of life".

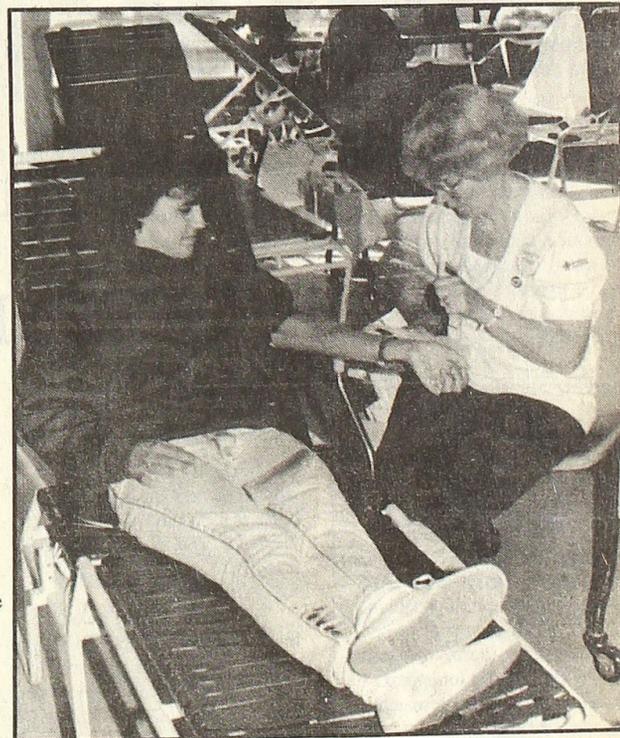
Despite many common fears, giving blood is really harm-

less. There is no way to get AIDS from donating and there are numerous professionals on hand if you should feel dizzy. Michelle Judd, a freshman from Gelston and a four-time donor, offers the following advice: "People shouldn't be afraid to give blood. Afterwards, you'll feel really good about yourself," she said.

If this reassurance isn't enough, there are also prizes and incentives given away by the Red Cross. They held a t-shirt raffle and a plaque was given to the organization with the highest percentage of its members giving blood. The winner was Phi Mu Alpha with 58%. Gamma Sigma Sigma came in second at 30% and Alpha Xi Delta was third with 29.3%. The choir had 25% of its members donate and the band had 13.2%. All other organizations had less than 1%.

If, for whatever reason, you can't muster up enough courage to give blood, you can always help in other areas. Sybil Wilson, a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma and a volunteer at the blood drive, said, "We can always use more people and you don't have to be a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma or Sigma Chi to help. Volunteers can carry blood, escort people, and work at the canteen."

So, whether you decide to



Donor giving blood for Blood Drive. Photo by Scott McCreedle

give blood or give time, the Red Cross, Gamma Sigma Sigma and Sigma Chi ask you to consider

volunteering. The next blood drive is January 29, 1990.

# NEWS

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## News Notes

### Car pulled from beneath the Straits of Mackinac

On Saturday, September 30, the car which fell from the Mackinac Bridge during high winds was recovered along with the body of the driver. The car was brought to the surface at 6:40 p.m. Saturday night—eight days after it plunged from the bridge. The car has been taken to Mackinac City where tests will be done to determine the cause of the accident. Witnesses reported that the accident was due to the winds, but officials do not agree. They believe the driver was speeding and lost control. State House and Senate transportation committees are investigating the design of the bridge and closing policies due to bad weather.

### Gay activists fight back

On Thursday, September 28, gay activists filed a civil rights suit against neo-Nazi "skinhead" groups who supposedly injured a man because he was homosexual. The activists seek \$20-million in damages from four men who are already facing criminal charges in a baseball bat attack. The civil suit claims that the "Skinheads" are responsible for the rise in gay related assaults.

### New heads will roll

260 representatives and 66 senators of the U.S. Congress recently signed on as cosponsors of a legislation for the production of new coins. This idea for new coinage was a result of congressmen's boredom. The proposed coins will have updated portraits of the presidents, and themes on the "tail" side which celebrate the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The weight, color, and size of the coins would be intact. The only real opposition to this legislation has come from the Department of Treasury—the expense might not be worth the effort.

### A 'pop' to wake you up

The Pepsi-Cola Company will soon be putting a new product on the market. Pepsi A.M. and Diet Pepsi A.M. will be occupying shelf space at the local store. The new soft drink will have more caffeine than regular Pepsi.

### Lebanese lawmakers talk peace

Saturday, September 30, Lebanese lawmakers met in Saudi Arabia to try to devise a comprehensive peace settlement that would end fighting between Christian forces and Syrian troops. 63 members of Lebanon's parliament attended the conference.

### Another Stonehenge?

Large round areas of maturing crops in various parts of England have mysteriously been partly flattened and entangled. The circles appear overnight and look like a whirlwind has hit. The crops are all bent in the same direction and are intertwined in a swirling pattern. The crops still grow in this rearranged position (horizontal instead of vertical) and last for approximately three months. Research is being done to discover why these circles appear in the middle of a field for seemingly no reason. Nothing has been resolved, but a few possibilities have been eliminated after nine years of research; the circles are not caused by whirlwinds, crop over-fertilization, or wind vortices.

## Kiltie band is new and improved

By John Wilson  
Assistant News Editor

New Freshmen. Leaves changing colors. The weather turning colder. These are the changes that most people associate with the coming of autumn. This fall brings some sweeping changes in the Alma College Kiltie Marching Band. The band, consisting of 54 members, has undergone a restructuring of its leadership.

Kevin Smith is the director of the marching band. He also directs the Alma College Jazz Bands and is the Alma Middle School Band Director. He has written almost all of the marching drills for the songs that the band plays. Smith's efforts have been aided by several other key people.

Among these are Dave Zerbe (Percussion Coach) and Ed Carr (Drum Major). Zerbe is a student at Central Michigan University. He has been a snare drummer in the CMU percussion line and has been their percussion coach. He also has assisted several high schools with their drum lines. Zerbe's other assignments here at Alma College include teaching percussion lessons and directing the Percussion Ensemble. Zerbe said, "When I got here, the drum line was considered to be the pranksters of



The Kiltie Band marches into action

the band. There were several problems with discipline. Now, with the installation of the new leadership format, the percussion line has become one of the most solid sections of the band."

Ed Carr is a senior Biochemistry major here at Alma College. This is his fourth year at the helm of the marching band. Ed plays trombone when he is not leading the band. "The new leadership structure has helped me to control and conduct the

band much easier than in the past. The band has shown more respect and we are getting more done than in recent years," said Carr.

The improvements in the band started early. Zerbe had all of the percussionists arrive on campus one week before the first football game. The percussion line practiced for nearly nine hours every day during that week. Smith said, "It's important that the drum line be solid and confident so that the band has a base from

which to grow."

Bill Sommerfeldt, section leader of the percussion section, can sense the changes being made. "We have come a long way from last year," Sommerfeldt said. "This year we have a new cadence, a new attitude and we are memorizing our music. Our section's enthusiasm is rubbing off on everyone else as well. The rest of the band is getting excited and memorizing their music, too. This will make for

a much tighter show."

The band has played some very exciting tunes this year. These range from spicy Spanish songs like "Malaguena" and "El Campeon" to ballads such as "We are the Reason" and The "Impossible Dream."

During the Parent's Day game, the band honored seniors. They are: Jenny Balten (flute, piccolo), Ed Carr (drum major, trombone), Lori Erskine (baritone), Cory Hackett (mellophone), Kristie Palus (mellophone), Tim Plagge (trumpet), Andy Wheeler (tuba) and John Wilson (percussion).

The improvements that have been made will aid the band when it goes on tour during the 1990 winter break. The marching band will send an audition tape to Walt Disney World of Orlando. This may lead to a marching performance at the vacation resort.

The band's next performance will be this Saturday in the Homecoming parade and during pregame and half-time of the football game. The band will also be on hand at the pep rally on Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium where the percussion line will be featured.

## Student Congress

By Mike Collins  
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday Dr. Stone paid a visit to Student Congress to give a presentation on how Alma College is doing in respect to its five year plan submitted to the Board of Trustees and the campus last year.

In his forty minute talk, Stone presented a fairly positive picture for the school, showing that Alma College is on its way to meeting its stated goals that would allow it to remain a college of about 1200 with an impressive national reputation. Among the bright spots was the increasing size of the endowment which now stands at over \$40 million. Other encouraging signs are that minority enrollment is up, and that one of the hardest goals to

accomplish according to Stone, raising the average ACT one point from 24 to 25, was already at 24.6 after just one year.

Dr. Stone also reported on areas in which the college needs to continue to work. One major problem area is the lack of funding for the Performing Arts Center. Stone said, "Right now we still have about a two million dollar hole." To fill this, the campaign is looking for a single large donor. Another area Dr. Stone would like to see progress is the purchase of more houses near the college in order to create a buffer zone with the community and provide more green space.

In normal business, Treas-

urer Kevin O'Shaughnessey reported that the contingency committee recommended that congress give \$450 for Orientation Committee co-chairs Rick Warmbold and Kelly Long to attend a conference in Traverse City and bring back ideas on how to improve the orientation process for Alma. This motion passed unanimously.

On the issue involving lack of exercise equipment, it was reported that equipment had been ordered and is on its way and will be located in Gelston and Bruske Halls.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:00 P. M. in AC 113.

## Student Judicial Committee gives fair hearings

By Janet Walker  
Staff Writer

The Student Judicial Committee is part of the campus judicial process and appeal procedures as it is stated in the student handbook. This student committee is regarded as a "jury of peers" for the students.

The cases that go before this committee are those that do not warrant expulsion or suspension from school. The cases may involve the administration filing against the students, the faculty against the students, or the students against the students. The complaints range from violation of visitation hours, malicious destruction of property, to alcohol-related cases.

As stated in the Alma College student handbook, the

judicial structures and procedures are as follows: all possible disciplinary matters begin with a complaint filed with a member of the Student Affairs staff by any member of the college community. Each complaint is investigated and, if formal disciplinary action seems called for, then the student or group alleged to have violated college policy, is notified by a staff member of the Student Affairs Office that the matter is being referred to an appropriate judicial body or hearing agent. After the sanction has been handed down to the student or group, they have up to 48 hours to appeal this decision.

The Student Judicial Committee is made up of eight students. Student Congress chooses

five of these students; four being on the committee and the fifth student as the alternate, then the other four are chosen as representatives from the Inter-Fraternity Council, PanHellenic Council, a resident assistant from the south complex and a resident assistant from the college's north complex. These students attend a training session with Anne Lombard, who is the Coordinator of the Student Judicial Committee, before hearing the cases of the students. This committee meets once a week.

The purpose of this committee is to give the students a fair hearing while applying the college's policy and the law to disciplinary actions.

## Grant from Kresge Foundation

By Stacie Herriman  
Staff Writer

The Kresge Foundation awarded Alma College a \$500,000 challenge grant toward the construction of the new science laboratory and the renovation of the existing Dow Science Center.

"It is especially fitting that Alma should receive a half million dollars for this purpose," said Alma College President Alan J. Stone. "The College's long standing reputation for leadership in the sciences is widely known."

Alma College must meet two basic requirements in order to receive the \$500,000 grant. First, campaign funding goals must be achieved by October 1, 1990. Second, upon the conclusion of the campaign drive the College must be able to show the Kresge Foundation that sufficient funds were raised to cover construction costs.

In order to construct and equip the new 27,000-square-foot laboratory facility and to renovate and equip the present science center, approximately \$8.25 million of the total \$13 million Campaign for Science and the Performing Arts goal is needed. Alma College still needed about \$2.8 million to reach that goal when the Kresge Challenge Grant was awarded to them.

Signs of construction can be seen on the campus. The Chemistry Department professors broke ground for the new science laboratory facility on May 5 with "explosive" public ceremonies. Fred Secrest, Chairman of Alma's Board of Trustees and former Executive Vice President of the Ford Motor Company, explained the event's significance. "You can't maintain a reputation for excellence without a parallel commitment to excellent facilities and equipment. With these building and renovation projects, Alma College reaffirms these commitments," he said.

Institutions operating in the areas of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, social service, science and the environment, and public affairs are eligible to receive grants from the Kresge Foundation. The Foundation awards the grants for projects involving construction or renovation of facilities and for the purchase of major capital equipment or real estate. Initial funds toward respective projects have been raised by most grant recipients prior to their request for foundation assistance.

The Kresge Foundation had awarded 72 grants in 1989 for a total of more than \$24.4 million at the time of the April 1989 grant announcements. The Foundation is not affiliated with any corporation or organization; it is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge.



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## Homecoming week

By Pat Soszynski  
Staff Writer

The 1989 Alma College Homecoming Week will officially begin on Sunday, October 1. It will be a week of "Clownin' Around" filled with many exciting activities, including the selection of Homecoming King and Queen on Friday, October 6 by the student body.

This year's theme, "Clownin' Around at Alma College" was presented by the Homecoming Committee which consists of two administrators and eight students. They are Anne Lombard, Head Resident of Newberry, Chuck Fibernitz, Chairperson of Alumni Affairs, Kim Driver, Chair of Homecoming Committee, Lisa Duetsch, Parade Chair, Heather Jelley, Homecoming Court Chair, Janai Steppe and Carrie Schmidt, Dance Committee Co-chairs, Pat Soszynski, Half-Time Chair, Steve Douglas, Publicity Chair, and Kim Kaczmarek, Special Event

Chair.

The events planned out this year will kick off with "Controlled Drinking" on Sunday, October 1, at 8 p.m. in Van Dusen. This event is sponsored by the Homecoming Committee and the Mitchell Hall Staff. On Monday, October 2, Carol Fike will once again give her dance lesson where students can learn to waltz and polka. This event will take place in Jones Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3, the Homecoming Committee will present Alma Pursuit at 8 p.m. in Swanson Academic Center, room 113. The Alma Pursuit will have questions concerning Alma College. Wednesday, October 4 at 8 p.m. in Jones Auditorium, the Alma College Union Board (ACUB) will be sponsoring Barber and Seville, a ventriloquist.

The week continues with an ACUB movie night. The movie on

Thursday, October 5, will be K-9. The showings will be at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. Mariott will also be sponsoring a special Carnival Night during dinner in Hamilton. Ben Barber, the magician, will be the special dinner entertainment.

Next, on Friday, October 6, at 8 p.m. there will be a Pep Rally in the Cappaert Gymnasium. The Masters of Ceremony will be Martel Peguese and J.C. Clarkson.

The finale of the Homecoming Week will be The Homecoming Dance. Starting at 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 7 and will be held in the gym. The dance will end at 1 a.m.

The Homecoming Football game against Olivet will begin at 1:30 pm. The Kiltie Marching Band will offer pre-game and half-time entertainment.

## Aftermath of Hugo

By David Engelman  
Staff Writer

In the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo, both the Senate and the House of Representatives have approved \$1.1 billion in storm-damage relief to areas in South and North Carolina, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. President Bush is expected to approve their decision and has announced plans to tour the worst-hit counties in the Charleston area.

The 135-mile per hour winds that raged across the Charleston coast at midnight September 21 caused 29 deaths; 18 in South Carolina alone. Fifty-thousand South Carolina residents are homeless and 220,000 remain without electricity. The Associated Press estimates the damage in 15 South Carolina counties at \$3 billion.

Bill McAda, of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) commented on the \$1.1 billion in damage relief. "There never was this much money given for any other national disaster. But this may be the most damaging one (hurricane) in history," he said. Senator Ernest Hollings, D-South Carolina, on Thursday, called the FEMA a, "sorry bunch of bureaucratic jackasses."

The Insurance Information Institute, a trade group, claimed Hugo caused more damage than Hurricane Frederic in September of 1979. Frederic resulted in \$742.5 million in storm loss in the states of Mississippi and Alabama.

As of September 27, teams of National Guardsman continued to patrol Charleston. Since last Friday, 75 adults were charged with looting in Charleston County, police officials said. The Red Cross is running 18 storm shelters for the homeless in Dorchester, Berkeley and Charleston Counties, with 3,500 victims using them per night. Detroit Mayor Coleman Young offered to send crews to damaged areas to help repair electric lines. Anyone interested in sending donations to aid storm victims may send them to:

Charleston Disaster Relief Fund  
c/o Charleston City Hall  
P.O. Box 652  
29401

## A stargazer's adventure

By Eric Caugh  
Staff Writer

Night fell early for approximately 45 people on Thursday, September 29. It didn't really, but that is what it seemed like at the Common Hour presentation in the Dow Science Center's planetarium. "From Dawn to Dusk: A Journey through Space and Time" was presented by David DeGraaf, Associate Professor of Education. The presentation was a grand opening to alert people to the fact that the planetarium has recently been upgraded.

The renovation process was initiated two years ago when the science faculty had the task of deciding how to spend a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The general consensus among them was to renovate the planetarium.

The renovations include

refurbishing the planetarium projector and all of its related controls, as well as upgrading the auxiliary slide projectors located around the room.

DeGraaf handled the first part of the presentation, which included a condensed version of how the stars would look at different times throughout the night. He pointed out various constellations and then gave a brief history of the myths behind each constellation. DeGraaf also pointed out the visible planets, the moon, and even another galaxy.

When asked how some of the constellations got their names, DeGraaf said, "Originally, a lot of stories and mythology were assigned to areas of the sky, not necessarily because a group of stars looked like a

particular object or animal."

The second part of Common Hour was conducted by Scott Bouldrey, a science education major. In this part of the presentation, Bouldrey demonstrated many of the capabilities of the refurbished projector. These capabilities include showing the movements of satellites, movements of the moon, constellation pictures, and daily, monthly, and yearly movements of the constellations in the sky.

"It was worth going to," said Luke Person, a freshman who attended Common Hour, "Too bad more people didn't go. I hope they have more shows."

"I found it quite interesting," said Reid Sissan, freshman at Alma College, "I really learned a lot."

## Raleigh appointment

By Sharonne O'Shea  
Staff Writer

Alma College has a new Director of Corporate, Foundation and Community Relations. Daniel E. Raleigh's appointment to this position was recently announced by Dr. Richard Warmbold, Vice-President for Development and Institutional Relations here at Alma.

The Alma Campus is not new to Raleigh. He was a 1969 graduate of Alma and Director of Alumni and Community Relations here on campus since 1984. Other experience Raleigh brings to his new position includes being the Director of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, the General Manager of Mid-Michigan Sport Shops, Inc., managing numerous children as a school teacher at Sumner Elementary School.

Raleigh is also involved in community affairs and is a family man as well. He has been president of the Alma Highland Festival and Games and also the Kiwanis Club. Other offices Raleigh has held are Vice President of the Alma Chamber of Commerce and Secretary of United Way. In the First Presbyterian Church of Alma, Raleigh has served as an elder. He does all of this and together with his wife Anne, also an Alma alumni, raises two children.

Raleigh has been honored with many awards as well. For example, last year he received Alma College's Presidential Award for Administrative Excellence and in May, he was one of 17 to receive Gratiot County's Minuteman Citations for contributions to local Communities.

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It's as easy as counting  
from 1 to 10.

Guests:

1. Know your limit—stay within it.
2. Know what you're drinking.
3. Designate a non-drinking driver.
4. Don't let a friend drive drunk.
5. Call a cab if you're not sober—or not sure.

## Six goals to strengthen IFC

By Stacy Herriman  
Staff Writer

IFC? Those initials stand for the Interfraternity Council, which is composed of the five fraternities on campus: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Chi, and Zeta Sigma. IFC works to enhance and to provide for the growth of the Greek fraternity system. With this purpose in mind, the IFC held a retreat, which 17 people attended, on Sunday, September 17, 1989, at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant.

The purpose of the IFC retreat was to go off campus and to get together in an informal, yet structured, manner in order to discuss the goals of IFC. The retreat gave each fraternity chapter an opportunity to talk and to communicate to IFC what they would like done for them this year. Emily Perl, the new Assistant Dean of Students, is in charge of the fraternities, and guided this discussion. Overall goals to remedy existing problems were formed. According to Dave Devine, IFC president, the organization will be concentrating on six key objectives for the 1989-90 academic year.

Improving public relations, improving interrelationships among Greek organizations specifically

between sororities and fraternities, and strengthening IFC were three of the objectives. IFC would like to establish a judicial process that will make the fraternities more responsible and self-reliant. Other objectives include establishing a concrete policy with Student Affairs so that IFC knows where they stand, improving Greek housing, and improving the pledging system through the new pledge policy effective this fall.

IFC plans to implement the above-mentioned aims in a variety of different ways. They plan more use of the resources that they have available to them, especially public relations. Overall, communication will be the key factor in carrying out these objectives and for establishing a concrete policy with Student Affairs. IFC will strive for better communication with one another through the help of their advisor and more chapter input. Furthermore, IFC would like the administration to look at the Greek housing in those two specific cases and see the need for renovation in the next five years. Team work and cooperation will be the IFC's main tools for implementing their policies.

In just one week IFC has already made some progress in carrying out its established aims.

Furthermore, Tim Heckler, Vice-President of IFC and in charge of the IFC judicial system, has undertaken the rewriting of the IFC Constitution which is another step towards realizing their goals.

In addition to these measures, IFC has formed a definite policy with Student Affairs and has agreed to be pro-active. Therefore, IFC will go to Student Affairs with ideas for policy and will work with them in enforcing these policies because the actions of Student Affairs affect IFC too. Devine said, "Student Affairs seems willing to work with us at this point and we're willing to work with them. IFC would like this hand-in-hand work with Student Affairs so that both sides will receive the greatest possible benefits."

"Members have shown, and hopefully will continue to show, that they are committed to making IFC work. The executive committee is dedicated to making IFC an integral part of campus life and working with Student Affairs," said Devine.

## Is your resume written?

Michele Myers  
Staff writer

Most seniors won't even need to read this since all of their resumes are completed and filed. But if you are one of the few seniors who doesn't have a resume written or a junior working on your resume early, Bob Perkins, a counselor at Alma, has some tips.

When you start your resume, the first item after your name and address should be your objective. Writing this may seem tedious but Perkins advises that recruiters like it and look out for a written objective. The next topic is education. Perkins suggests making it continuous starting with your most recent institute. Experience should be the next item on the resume with both work experience and any other jobs (i.e. volunteer) you may have been involved in. Call previous employers for suggestions you concerning job titles. Sell yourself.

Consistency and uniformity are a key to a clean, clear resume; so decide on a format for experience and continue it throughout. Be concise in your descriptions while avoiding monotony through the use of action words. Also include in your resume any internships or impressive achievements, such as the percentage you financed of your education. Next, honors and activities can be written separately or condensed. Finally, references should be included, or this statement, "Available on request from Alma College Placement Office, Alma, MI 48801, 517/463-7356."

Perkins stated that while recruiters may only take a 30 second glance at your resume, it is still a very important part of your interview. These guidelines will give you an extra edge.

When your resume is written you need to obtain multiple copies. Alma's campus computers are an excellent source to use with special paper purchased from the Copy Center. Another choice is any of the printing shops in downtown Alma. They should print your resume for \$25-50; depending on type, paper quality, and quantity.

The Center offers other assistance in reaching employers through programs such as Resume Link, a database form which is sold to companies and serves only private schools. The Michigan College Foundation also offers these services. The next deadline is in December. Careers '90 recruits companies and sets-up career fairs. They have invited Alma and will have students submit resumes and cover letters. Their staff select the participants and have a reception, with interviews the next day. The submission deadline for this is the second week in November.

Now is the chance for juniors to get a head start on their resume. If you're a senior and you need assistance or a final reading, call the Guidance Office at 7225 and schedule an appointment. Don't procrastinate! "Get it done YESTERDAY!" said Perkins.

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## Marriot Really Is Healthy Marriot Workers Enjoy Job, Students

By Sarah Houghten  
Staff Writer

At one time or another we've all walked into Hamilton Commons dying of hunger, but after glancing at the menu board all one can do is groan and say, "I'd kill for a real meal." Marriot may not provide you with a "real" meal but does it provide a healthy and nutritionally balanced meal?

Firstly, many "Saga myths" exist that need to be dispelled. One myth is that Marriot primarily serves starches. It is true that at every meal a potato, rice, or noodles dish is offered, but along with this is several entrees. In fact a large variety of foods are offered daily such as desserts, sandwiches and fruit.

According to J.R. Reid, Marriot Food Service Director, one-hundred and eighty different entrees are served per month, counting lunch and din-

ner, thus adding up to roughly three entree choices per meal.

The second myth revolves around the idea that starches and carbohydrates contribute to weight gained by students. Theoretically one doesn't actually gain weight from the type of food one consumes, but the amount of consumption. For instance, the average student eats slightly under two meal portions per meal. Also posted on the menu board are calorie, fat and sodium counts for each entree offered. In essence, then, it is left up to the student to control what he or she eats and how much.

Despite these myths, Marriot Food Service, in conjunction with Alma College and a registered dietician, provides many segments of a nutritionally balanced meal. Every day colleges across Canada and the United

States enjoy Marriot Food Service and here on campus the food program is unique by the fact that, in addition to the basic menu, other extras have been added such as deli bar, special food nights, etc.

Although in print Marriot Food appears healthy, what do the students who have to eat it think? Many students reacted in accordance with the myths, with the general student response being Marriot does, indeed, provide too many starches. Some students said they believe Marriot needs to provide more fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, while others agreed Marriot already provides nutritionally balanced meals. The most common reaction among students, however, was that even though Marriot food may be healthy, it simply isn't very tasty.

By Cara Sell  
Staff Writer

In attending a small college such as Alma, one usually becomes accustomed to seeing the same people several times a week, and so, as a result, one usually gets to know a few things about them. This, however, doesn't seem to be the case with Marriot Food Service employees, otherwise known as "Saga workers," for students may see these employees as much as two or even three times a day, and still not know them by name.

Many Marriot employees have worked with the college food service for varying lengths of time. Some have been employed here for only a few months, while others have worked at this job for years.

"I was here when it was originally [owned by] Saga," said Judy Hadanek, a checker who has worked in the cafeteria for six years.

Before being employed by Marriot, many of the Saga workers were employed at home.

"I was a full-time mother and housekeeper before coming to work here at Alma," said Kathy Stoneburner, a line server at Saga.

Delores Baxter, a checker, was also a housekeeper, but in addition is also a licensed beautician.

Most employees of the food service said they like to work with people and it's the contact with the students that originally attracted them to the job.

"I like the Alma College atmosphere. It's got a personality," said Toni Rodriguez, a line server.

According to Rodriguez, the work is a lot fun, but that high and low points do inevitably occur.

David Cummings

Most of the workers agree that lunch is their favorite time to work because it isn't as slow-paced as breakfast, but conversely not as busy as dinner, easily the hardest meal to work. Diane Galehouse, a deli server, doesn't think it's so bad.

"Dinner is kind of busy, but it's nice to see all of the students."

As anyone who's worked before realizes, it's indeed difficult to fit free time into a hectic schedule. Most of the Saga workers said they find their time taken up by their job, family and housework. Despite this, several of the employees said they enjoy spending time doing needlework and other types of crafts.

Kathleen Starkey, a deli and concession stand server, works part-time in Saga while continuing to be a full-time student at Mount Calm College. In two years she said she will have her associates degree and plans on working as a medical secretary.

Besides the regular meals Saga workers serve, many employees said they enjoy the special themes that are occasionally chosen. No employee said a favorite theme stands out above all others, but Baxter admitted that "the Hawaiian theme was really unique."

Working at Saga means more to these people than just making money. Each employee has different things they enjoy doing, both on and off the job, but they also have a common tie: they enjoy working with the Alma College students.

## Levin Brings Knowledge, Intellect

By Teresa Kellogg  
Staff Writer

Alma College played host last Wednesday evening to New York Times journalist Doron P. Levin in the third part of its fall term speaker series.

Levin, a graduate of both Cornell and Columbia Universities, currently works for the Times out of the Detroit Bureau. He has recently published a book entitled Irreconcilable Differences that discusses the conflicts between former EDS chairman Ross Perot and Roger Smith, chairman of General Motors.

In his speech, Levin discussed his work on the GM story. He had been transferred to Detroit from Pittsburgh in 1984, when he was writing for the Wall Street Journal, and he was then assigned to research the auto industry, with focus put on General Motors.

After trying unsuccessfully to obtain interviews with several members of the GM board, Levin was at last able to talk to Ross Perot. Perot had joined the GM board as chairman of GM's new data processing system, EDS. Perot made several remarks on the problems within General Motors, and these were later published by Levin in the Journal and in his book.

Following Levin's story, several other periodicals published articles on Perot and General Motors, thus leading to serious conflicts between Roger Smith and Perot.

In the end, Smith, however, emerged victorious and General Motors bought out Perot for \$750 million.

In the last part of his lecture, Levin discussed entrepreneurship (opting to go into business for oneself). He said American people are too dependent on the big industries for jobs upon graduation from college. In addition, he said Americans need to "try things that are a little adventuresome" and take chances. He cited the example of Perot, who built EDS from scratch into a major data processing company. Levin said he feels strength for America's future lies in the people who take the risks and start their own businesses.

## Student Congress On the Ball

By Robin Olsen  
Staff Writer

In past years Alma College Student Congress has played an important role in voicing the opinions of the students and making improvements on campus.

This year, according to president Kim Driver, the congress hopes to achieve similar goals.

Close to fifty students comprise the student organization which is led by Driver. Other officers include Vice-President Lisa Duetsch, Secretary Michelle Wemple and Treasurer Kevin O'Shaughnessey.

Each class is represented by four officers and every organization on campus is allowed one representative.

Last year many goals were accomplished around campus due to the directed action of congress. For instance, lighting in the dorms was improved, more parking was made available and security on campus was strengthened.

Driver said this year she hopes to "maintain pace with the dynamics of last year."

Some of the problems Student Congress will be addressing this year

are managing the licensing of WABM to an FM or AM radio station, and putting exercise equipment in Newberry and Bruske Hall.

All of us have been annoyed at one time or another by the busy phone lines at night. This year Student Congress hopes to alleviate this problem by initiating a phone study to be undertaken by Bob Weaver, director of the physical plant. Weaver will conduct a time survey to determine the busiest times at night and print out a list of times which it is best to try and call.

The radio station is, however, the large endeavor Student Congress is tackling. As it currently stands, WABM is rarely received in Newberry Hall—only doors away from Gelston where the station is located—and, similarly, is almost never heard in new dorms which are just across the street. The question to be addressed by congress, then, is if re-formatting WABM into an AM or FM station would work to make it a more productive aspect of campus life.

The lack of access to the Exercise

and Health Sciences Room is another issue which Student Congress is facing.

According to Driver if the college installs similar exercise facilities in Newberry and Bruske Hall it will alleviate this controversy.

The Congress is also hoping to have another successful leadership day this year. In fact, Lisa Duetsch, Michelle Wemple and Kevin O'Shaughnessey are all planning on attending a conference in Orlando Florida to bring back some new ideas for the conference.

As always the congress will try to be increasingly aware of student concerns. According to Driver, last years Greek pledging issue of maintaining a minimum G.P.A. proves that Student Congress is a mutually beneficial result for all who are concerned.

If you have concerns which you would like to address try attending the next Student Congress meeting. The Congress meets every Tuesday night at 7:00 in room 113 of the S.A.C building.

## A Man and His Art

By Heather Laird  
Staff Writer

Dark eyes consider you intently, then dart to the sketch pad, where quick strokes of an art design marker form an image.

"Smile," he suggests, and then nods, satisfied, when you comply. A couple minutes later, he hands you the completed caricature.

David Cummings, a senior from West Branch, Michigan, has worked at Cedar Point for the past three years doing just this.

"The caricatures are actually done through Kamans Art Shopes," said Cummings. "When I applied to Cedar Point, they forwarded my application." After an interview including a sketch test, Cummings was hired. He eventually became assistant manager at Kamans.

The job included on-the-spot training. "I'd already done comic books, so I was used to doing the faces, although mine were more he-

roic. We had regular working hours, eight hours a day, six days a week, although we could work later if there were a lot of people. We were on commission, so the more, the better." Cummings said.

Kamans employees stayed in the dorms with Cedar Point workers.

"You hear some people complain about [the dorms]," Cummings said. "But Cedar Point is the only amusement park that provides housing. Anywhere else, you'd have to rent an apartment, find transportation..."

He said he found working at the park "a lot of fun, and it helped me with people. Before, I was terminally shy. But I'm a lot more confident now, from having drawn in front of people... The sheer variety of people was great."

Cummings, an art major with a minor in biology, declares himself a self-taught artist. "I pretty much taught myself from comic books, drawing

what I saw. There was no formal art program until I got to high school."

Cummings said he has also done artwork for the art and biology departments at Alma, as well as for the newspaper.

"I did political cartoons, but no one really understood them," he said. "I would like to do more this year, but I've got to come up with some people understand."

Cummings said he hopes to pursue a career in biological illustration, with possible freelance work as a fantasy illustrator.

"I'm looking into the Dow Chemical Illustration Department." In the winter, an Alma graduate in biological illustration is visiting campus, and I'm waiting to talk to him about the different opportunities... I'm going to hold off on applying [for a job] until I get a solid portfolio."

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# OPINION

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## Homecoming for the Beautiful

By Karen McDonald  
Assistant Opinion Editor

Alma College is regarded as a prestigious liberal arts college in which students are judged by looks and personality, rather than brains and ability. Despite the harshness of this statement, one cannot help but agree when considering the tradition of electing a Homecoming King and Queen.

It is a time where every student of the senior class is judged by their degree of popularity. It is a time when the original meaning of Homecoming is set aside and a popularity contest takes over. Traditionally, Homecoming is a time where past students of a particular school can return to their alma mater and enjoy the time spent with their friends and old surroundings. The question that must be asked is "is the election of a king and queen conducive or necessary to Homecoming?"

College is a necessary step in the preparation for "the real world". It is a crucial point in one's life where maturity and development takes place to enable the student to function independently. The election of a Homecoming Court seems to do nothing more for the students of Alma than promote a superficial, image-conscious society.

While it would be naive to assume this society does not exist, the amount of importance placed on it can and should be controlled. For four years this institution has strove to create a student with a strong sense of professionalism based on one's ability and desire to succeed. To subject members of the senior class to a popularity contest after three years at this institution seems to be a contradiction in itself.

If the student body feels it absolutely necessary to elect a king and queen than each student should be given a choice as to whether they consent to this judgement made of them. If this occurred, than only those students that wish to compete in this contest will be considered.

With the arrival of Homecoming, the student body will assemble during half time to witness their selection of the two most popular seniors. Standing proud, the students of Alma can rest easy knowing that only these two individuals are worthy of becoming this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

## Album Review

### The Stone's and Jethro Tull

By Drew McLetchie  
Staff Writer

One of the most common, expected, inevitable and often disappointing occurrences in the world of popular music is the proverbial comeback by an aging artist or group who yearns once again for the musical spotlight. This year alone has been a banner year for many such comebacks. The Who are on their second "Sell Out" tour. Ringo Starr is touring with his "All-Starr Band." Both the Bee Gees and Dion put out new work this year, and, of course, The Rolling Stones are back with a new album, "Steel Wheels," and a tour to follow this fall.

Wow! Just think that every member of the Stones is older than our Vice-President and still rocking. The only problem is that when a group such as the Stones who have not put out any decent work in years comes out with a new LP, it either becomes an instant classic, or nobody really cares. All indications are that "Steel Wheels" is not a classic and probably never will be. Many critics have sung its praises loudly, but this seems to just be in hope of a minor miracle.

The Stones are really showing their age on this one. The music has gone from bad to simply generic. "Sad, Sad, Sad," the best track on the album shows a faint glimmer of the magical connection that used to exist between Keith Richards raw guitar riffs and Mick Jagger's even rawer vocals: as for the rest of the album, no show. Aside from this track and maybe "Hold On To Your Hat," the music is simply too polished.

The first single, "Mixed Emotions," while serving nicely as a trib-

ute to the reconciliation between the feuding Jagger and Richards, has none of the raw power of early Stones' work. Groups like the Stones, who could put out twenty to thirty albums over two decades, tend to release work less frequently now, indicative of the fact that whatever magic was there before is gone now.

Rolling Stone magazine asserts the strength of "Steel Wheels" and claims the Stones are reaching farther out musically. This is true. However, they are reaching farther from a sound that suited them better, and closer to generic, polished guitar-solo ridden pop. Their early sound, raw guitar riffs, edgy vocals, and almost sloppy solos, that gave us such classics as "Brown Sugar," "Midnight Rambler," and "Honky Tonk Woman," shows up with irregularity now. I eagerly awaited hearing "Steel Wheels" but was badly disappointed. Hopefully the live show will still be worth it.

Out of a possible 100: 68 Letter Grade: (CD)

Another group of veteran rockers has a new release this month. Jethro Tull's "Rock Island," their first new release since their twenty year anniversary compilation, reinforces the longevity of progressive rock, and will reassure many fans of the steady talent of Tull that has allowed them to be one of rock's most enduring bands (even if they have gone through a billion personnel changes). The strength of Tull's music lies in its diversity, which is embodied in lead man Ian Anderson's use of flute music with hard rock. The flute is back and more prevalent than on 1987's "Crest

Of A Knave," along with Martin Barre's masterful guitar riffs, this time reminiscent of early Tull. The flute's diversity is heard in its use in the rocking opening track "Kissing Willie," to its equally adept use in the mellow "Another Christmas Song."

"Rock Island" is a welcomed progression from the solid, yet not quite true Tull sound of "Crest." The use of Anderson's flute is reminiscent of early work such as "Aqualung," and "Songs From The Wood," while maintaining an updated sound. All ten tracks are strong by themselves as well as collectively. "Another Christmas Song" reminds one of the earlier "Living In These Hard Times." "Kissing Willie," "Undressed To Kill," and "Rattlesnake Trail" rock fully with Barre's melodic hard-rock guitar, Anderson's flute, Dave Pegg's bass line, and Doane Perry' drum-work blending in true Tull fashion, hard edged yet harmonious. Lyrically strong as well, the album contains true works of poetry such as the evocative "The Whaler's Dues," and "Rock Island."

Anderson wrote all of the songs, produced and engineered the album, on Chrysalis records (a common occurrence as he has been the binding force in the band since its inception). Jethro Tull is playing a show at The Palace in Auburn Hills. This is a great live band, so this is a great opportunity for Tull fans, new and old. Again, if you want to hear either album call 7905 or come by 304 Mitchell (and bring a blank tape).

Out of 100: 92 Letter Grade: A.

## Campus Comment

By Karen McDonald  
Assistant Opinion Editor

In a recent divorce case a Tennessee judge ruled that embryos created by artificial insemination and then frozen at the four to eight cell stage of development were alive, and granted custody to the mother.

The question: Are frozen embryos alive?

Amy White—freshman:  
"I have two tests tomorrow and I couldn't possibly pull an answer out of my head."

Evan Vlaeminck—senior:  
"No, because they can't drink beer."

Kathy Dunbar—junior:  
"Yes I think they're alive, and I think they should be treated like human beings."

Andy Clay—sophomore:

## Stranger Steals Soap Suds

By Heather Herman  
Staff Writer

We are back again for yet another school year filled with tougher classes, new professors, old friends and lots of memories awaiting us.

We are completely moved in now. Most of us have decorated our rooms according to our individual interests and tastes. The posters are hung. The carpeting is laid. The photos from years past are scattered in every corner of the room. Everything is complete now.

Alma's dorms have become our second home. These cramped and cozy rooms are each one of our homes away from home for about nine months. This is our residence.

The dorms on campus are supposed to make all of us feel comfortable. But do they?

At home with our families there is an atmosphere of trust, honesty and security. We are able to be our true selves and we can do and say what we want. We are also at ease with our siblings and familiar with our environment.

Here at Alma, however, is there

a sense of security? Are our possessions safe? Are we able to trust the others on our hallway and floor with our personal belongings? It does not seem to be true.

It is very frustrating when you take your clothes in your laundry basket, your laundry detergent and fabric softener down to the laundry room, leave for a few seconds and return to find your clothes thrown on top of the dryer or scattered on the floor.

What is even worse is when you're doing a couple of loads of laundry and leave your clothes basket and detergent unattended in the wash room for an hour and someone either steals your soap, your basket or both.

Your feel angry and hostile when you realize that something of yours has been ripped off. You feel violated. And there is no one you can accuse of such a crime. It is you against everyone else who does their laundry in that same room. You are the victim and this make you feel helpless.

You look suspiciously at any

human you see entering of exiting the laundry room. Who's the guilty one? Who's the culprit?

Is it your next door neighbor, or the person down the hall? Or is it the one you showered next to the other morning? Or could it be the person you brushed your teeth by before your afternoon class?

It seems to me that anyone who attends a college that costs almost \$13000 a year would have enough money to buy their own laundry basket and washing supplies. After all, a box of laundry detergent is only three or four dollars, and if you go to DollarDays at K-Mart I'm sure you can find a clothes basket for about seven dollars.

However, perhaps it isn't a priority for people to invest in such things as laundry soap when they can steal such items from the others who live around them. Such an atmosphere isn't safe or secure. It doesn't feel like home when others steal what is rightfully yours.

## Sea of Love Sails

By Tupper Lysaght  
Opinion Editor

When one thinks of actor Al Pacino, one generally refers to the movie "Scarface." When I reflect back on this film, I think of that appealing scene where a man gets chain-sawed in a bathtub. Pacino's new film "Sea of Love" surprisingly does not contain the violence or verbal obscenities that I was expecting.

"Sea of Love" is about a New York policeman, portrayed by Pacino, who gets involved in a particular case where a series of murders have occurred. Someone keeps answering dating service ads that have poetic connotations; and these men who have written them have been murdered all in the same humiliating way. So Pacino and his partner, who is played by John Goodman from the television series "Roseanne," try to uncover the murderer. Goodman does a fine job with his role. You are bound to get a good laugh from him.

During the investigation, Pacino meets his soon-to-be-lover, who is played by Ellen Barkin. It does take a while for these two to get together but when they finally do they really get together. You may remember Barkin from that, I thought, stupid movie "The Big Easy." One of the movie reviews that I read in the paper on this new Pacino film describes Barkin as a "goddess of sexuality," however I thought desperate, easy and sleazy fit better (the same could be said for Pacino). Well Pacino falls in love with her while at the same time remains extremely suspicious of her because of her possible linkage to the murders. It was a pretty tasteless relationship and I was glad not to be a part of it.

On a more positive note this movie did not fall into the realm of most "cop-type" movies. Pacino is a good actor; he reminds me of guitarist Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones because he seems basically chemically dependent, worn out and unhealthy. Goodman also does a good job as Pacino's partner and Barkin is well-casted for her part. This movie also has a surprising ending which I found refreshing. I did not love this movie, but I do think it is worth viewing. I would label it as pretty good.

## No Numbers for Me

By Leigh Walker  
Staff Writer

John Allen Paulos spoke to the Alma College campus on Wednesday, September 20, on the topic of innumeracy, a subject upon which he has written a book. I confess that I was tempted not to go, for I am the very sort of person that Dr. Paulos talked about.

It's true. I hate numbers; they terrify me. I don't even take the easy way out and use a calculator—I just avoid them altogether. Therefore, the last thing that I wanted to do was listen to

some speaker rub it in.

Luckily, I was in no way humiliated by his talk, and I sometimes even found myself nodding my head in agreement. Numerical and logical errors can indeed be embarrassing or disastrous, and doubtless every effort should be made to impart calculating abilities to the innumerical populace. Agreed, it seems strange that learned people who fall into a rage at any other sign of widespread ignorance should shrug off—or even

boast about—their difficulties with numbers.

Still, I don't see that the situation is apt to change in the near future. To thousands of students like myself, numbers are somewhat cold and fearful. Risking the wrath of any math majors in the audience, I must also confess that I don't much care if I'm innumerate or not. Anything is better than venturing into such strange, calculating territory.

## FROZEN EMBRYOS, LIFE OR NOT?

By Karen McDonald  
Assistant Opinion Editor

"I do not feel they are alive. Although growth has begun, I don't feel that they are a human being until they are born. Therefore the issue of custody is irrelevant."

Martha Hubbard—senior:  
"Yeah, I guess they are because it is a living thing whether it's frozen or not."

Rebecca Martien—freshman  
"Yes I do. I've always believed that it is alive from the moment of conception. I wouldn't want to take the chance of saying it isn't alive if it really is."

Maria Stephens—freshman  
"I think they are, once the egg has been fertilized it has the potential of becoming a human being."

Scott Alexander—senior  
"Ask God.....I don't know."

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# SPORTS

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## Football

### Team Approaching League Opener

### Volleyball Moving Up

By Dean Potter  
Staff Writer

By Shannon Nichols  
Sports Editor

The Scots football team will begin their quest for a second consecutive MIAA title Saturday, October 7, when they play host to the Olivet Comets. The Comets are a "Tremendously improved team," said Jim Cole, defensive coordinator for the Scots. Olivet opened the door for Alma last year by defeating MIAA co-champion Adrian by a score of 7-0, at Adrian's homecoming. The Scots had been beaten by the Bulldogs the previous week.

Coach Cole said that the Scot defense will be tested because the Olivet team is extremely hungry and they have the new offensive threat in transfer quarterback, Ken Kubiak. Kubiak, who transferred from Northern Michigan University, has led the Comets to a 2-1 start. Last week against Defiance of Ohio, Kubiak completed 8 of 17 passes for 167 yards and one touchdown. He also gained 43 yards in 10 rushes with two touchdowns as he led Olivet to a 27-7 victory over Defiance, and was named MIAA Offensive Player of the Week.

Offensive line coach, Mike Cavanaugh, also feels the Comets will be a challenge. "They're aggressive and have outstanding linebackers, we can't overlook anybody."

Although the Scots have played well in non-league play, the coaching staff feels they have not reached their full potential. "Offensively, we have to cut

down on our mistakes," said Cole, "Against Findlay we had six fumbles, we're still looking for a solid performance."

"Right now our offensive line is really starting to blossom," said Cavanaugh, "We're getting close to our potential but we're not quite there."

Even though the Scots are waiting for a solid performance, there are some good points in their effort thus far. Both teams, offense and defense are getting a good workout as well as time to mature and grow. The Scot offense is averaging 440 yards of offense per game and the defense is only giving up 250 yards.

Aaron Fletcher, the Scots leading receiver, continued to shine. Linemen Aidan Lysaght and Andy Lewis are also turning in consistent play. Defensively, Scott Borgeson has been a dominant player coming up with big plays at crucial times in many games. Senior defensive back Mike Cherry has also continued to play well for the Scots.

The Scots returned from Iowa with their first loss of the season. The loss was disappointing for the Scots but, according to senior Scott Borgeson, "We are going to learn from this defeat and go forward into the MIAA and win the league."

The Alma College volleyball team is continuing to improve their league standings. The team's league record as of now is 3-1. The Scots pulled out victories against Albion, Kalamazoo, and Olivet while suffering a disappointing loss to Calvin.

"The victory against Kalamazoo was a hard fought one," said Tia Brandel. The Scots came out strong at first, beating the Hornets in the first two games. They then dropped the next two games, as Kalamazoo played tremendous back row defense.

"They (Kalamazoo) are a dangerous team," said Coach John Chiodini. Luckily for the Scots, not dangerous enough to pull out the last game which the Scots won 15-11.

The most recent contest for the

volleyball playing Scots was their match against Olivet. The Scots came out in the wrong lineup which forced them to play out of sync. They dropped the first game but managed to win the next three to win the match. "The girls played as well as I expected them to," said Chiodini.

"It felt good to come out in that second game and really show them what we could do," said sophomore setter Cindy Howell. The women agree they still have a lot of improving to do but they are getting better and playing more like a team every game.

The Volleyball team has two away matches this week at Adrian and Hope.

## Aaron Fletcher: The Need to Win

By Tia Brandel  
Staff Writer

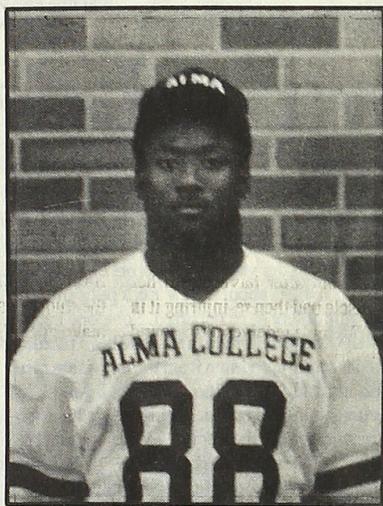
Alma College has many gifted athletes who are equally talented in the classroom as well as the field. Aaron Fletcher is one of those student-athletes whose successful nature shines on every aspect of his life. A senior physics major from Vassar, Michigan, Fletcher is a dual athlete here at Alma, playing tight-end on the Scots football team and specializing in field events for the men's track team.

Wearing #88 on the field, Aaron is well-known as an excellent receiver. He was recognized as Second-Team All-MIAA his sophomore year, and First-Team his junior year. In his final season, he is striving for even more. The All-League Team is a definite goal, but Fletcher has also set his aspirations towards the All-American level.

"Of course, I want to improve on my pass-catching," he said, "but I also want to improve on my blocking. I want to be known as a good blocker. When I leave here, I want to be remembered as a good player on an awesome team. The league title is a definite mission, then the play-offs."

Alma football coach, Jim Cole, is excited about Fletcher's continued growth. "Aaron is a super young man," said Cole. "He is just now realizing his personal and athletic potential. It will be really exciting to see him progress throughout the season and in track this spring."

Aaron's pre-collegiate accomplishments set the stage for his success here at Alma. His two years of high school varsity football earned him two years of All-Conference and All-Area Honors. Although his team's performance was under .500 his senior year, Fletcher was still named to the All-State Team. He was also chosen to play tight-end



Senior Aaron Fletcher. Photo by Dave Estrada

for the East Team in the Michigan High School All-Star football game. Aaron admits that playing in that game was a tremendous honor. "It's neat to see the guys I played with, on TV," said Fletcher, "and to know I was chosen to play with them."

When track season rolls around, Fletcher specializes in the discus, javelin and triple jump as well as some sprints. Earning League Champion and All-MIAA in the discus his junior year, Aaron would like to repeat these honors and add a few more. "I'm going for some records," he said. "I want to be known as a threat in at least three or four events."

Fletcher's abilities move beyond the scholastic and sports arenas. He is a talented artist and musician. Though he plays many instruments, his first love is the guitar. Never having had the opportunity for music lessons, he began teaching himself guitar at the age of thirteen.

With all of his accomplishments, one must wonder what has spurred him to such success. According to Aaron, his distaste for losing or being second-best has served as his inspiration. "Success is key. You just have to go for it," he said. "I know that I have to sacrifice in order to reap the benefits of life."

When asked why he came to Alma College, Fletcher's one-word answer is the same as many other Scotsmen—"academic." But his answer is much more apparent in light of what he turned down to be here. After receiving football offers from such Division I and II schools as Central Michigan, Ferris State, and Michigan State, Aaron decided that the lack of academic emphasis on scholarship athletes was not for him. "Academics were always first," said Fletcher. "It was a good decision to come here. Here I can get the best of both worlds."

## I.M. Sports

By Chip Miller  
Staff Writer

Intramural Sports, an organization that has come to be synonymous with the words fun and relaxation, has had an enormous turnout of teams for this year's opening season. The I.M. schedule holds 8 games a week.

The need for referees has been a big problem since the referees could not be trained. "They had called a meeting for all the people that wanted to be refs," said Chris Komperda, Assistant I.M. Director. "They got the hours that they were available and made a schedule." The lack of a training program for refs could be significant since it is true that referees, experienced or not, are sometimes blamed for the outcome of games but that is to be expected in all arenas of sport.

What do the winning teams get out of this competition? Teams do not merely compete for fun and games. "The best men's and lady's teams are allowed to go to New Orleans over Christmas and play in the National Flag Football tournament," said I.M. director Denny Griffin.

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## Golf Team Under "Par"

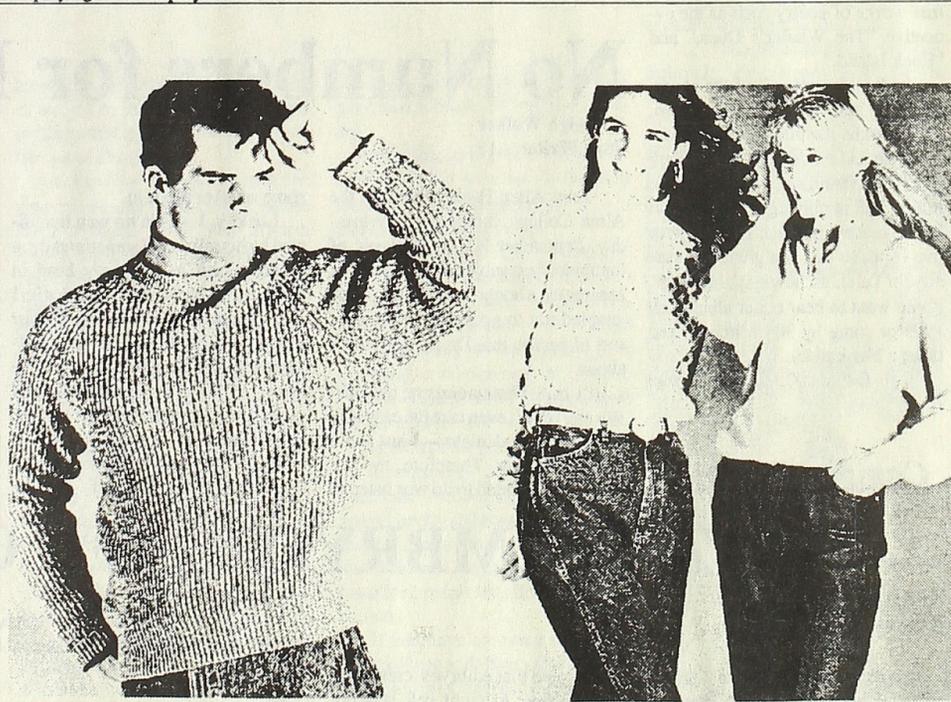
By Mary Sweet  
Staff Writer

Injury and bad luck have contributed to the sub-par performance of the Alma Scots golf team this season. Senior Dooney Lewellen, who was out with a back injury, has returned but hasn't been able to get back into the swing of things.

Last week's matches proved to be a let down as the team didn't perform as they hoped. Alma hosted the MIAA tournament last Saturday, and finished fourth. Sophomore Scott Moore shot a low 81 and finished sixth overall. Monday the team traveled to Kalamazoo and placed a disappointing seventh, and Thursday they played at Hope and placed fifth. Senior Dave Devine had an excellent day finishing fifth overall with a round of 84.

The team is not happy with the way they have been playing. "We are not playing up to the potential we know we have," said Moore. "Hopefully, we will play better in our last two matches."

"The younger players have really been an asset to the team," said Devine. He feels the team is being left in good hands. "We have a young team. Hopefully they have gained the experience necessary to lift the team next year," said Devine.



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# SPORTS

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## Off and Running

By Kerry Radcliffe  
Staff Writer

Bright and early Saturday morning, the men's and woman's cross-country team loaded the bus and headed to Angola, Indiana for the 1989 Tri-State Invitational. They returned that evening with a second place trophy in the women's division and a strong seventh place finish in the men's division.

Falling only to Calvin, the woman's team was led by sophomore Sarah Braunreiter, with a time of 19:29, and senior Captain Amy Wolfgang, running a 19:36.

"We are looking toward Calvin and Hope as being the biggest season competitors," said assistant coach Emerson Green, of last year's conference champs. "Our freshmen should prove to be strong assets in the coming meets," he added.

Other team scoring runners include senior Kelly Chura, sophomore Michelle Snyder, sophomore Janet Reinowski, sophomore Jenny Gradowski, freshman Pam Dickman and sophomore Kerry Radcliffe.

The men's team was led by junior Captain Bill Arnold and sophomore Bill Huddleston. Arnold and Huddleston placed 29th and 37th respectively, from a field of over 220 runners. Filling out the line-up were sophomore Mike Holic, senior Mike Pope, junior Chris Jonas, junior Matt Chovanec, senior Dana Dewitt and junior Steve Cassar. According to Chris Jonas, despite Saturday's performance, the men have positive attitudes and believe the leadership and potential they possess will pull them through.

On September 12, the team traveled to Holland where the women placed first and the men second. Four days later both teams won second place trophies from the Calvin Invitational.

The next meet is scheduled for October 6, when the Scots take on the fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

The teams are coached by Dr. Gray, Dan Gibson, and Emerson Green.

## Women's Soccer

### Plagued by Injury

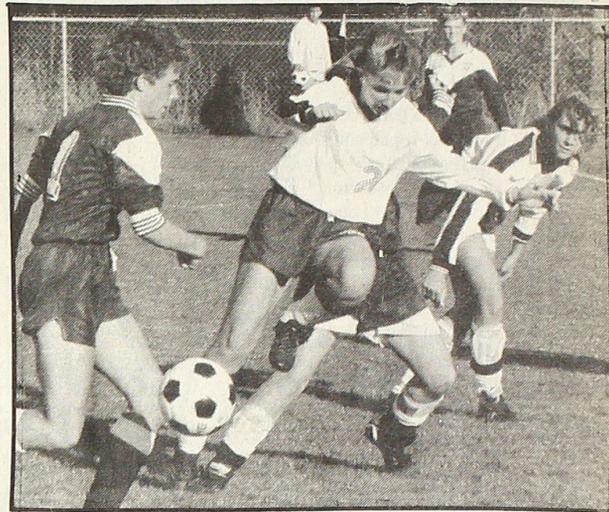
By Laura "Sparky" Holmes  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team is improving immensely with each opponent they face. Their record is deceiving because it only shows the losses. It never mentions the dramatic improvement of all the players or the level of play.

The most recent games for the lady Scots were league matches against Hope and Calvin. They traveled to Hope Saturday where the defenses battled with Hope managing to secure the win with one lone goal. The Scots then played Calvin on Wednesday which proved to be the Scots best performance yet, despite injuries to three of Alma's starters (Tricia Todd, Michelle Wemple, and Janet Webster). Calvin claimed the win with a score of 5-0.

Despite losses, the team continues to have a good attitude. Coach Mapes has high hopes for women's soccer and she has picked a tough schedule for her young team this year. They have played mostly division I and II teams testing their abilities. Nancy McIntyre commented, "It's a learning experience for all of us; there are five people on the team who have never played soccer before this year." The team is getting used to each other and learning new skills and improving with each game and practice.

In the coming weeks the team will be playing league matches including Adrian and Albion. Team members are excited about playing some very competitive MIAA matches.



Women's soccer in full swing. Photo by Estrada

## Overcrowding in Alma's Training Room

By Ann Fuller  
Staff Writer

The Alma College training room is filling fast as more and more athletes are finding themselves on the injured list. The main cause of these injuries, according to head trainer Denny Griffin, is pure luck or lack thereof. Karla Steinke, senior volleyball player, is one example of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Steinke obtained a severely sprained ankle three weeks ago when she landed on an opponent during a game.

Other causes of injuries tend to be lack of appropriate stretching before practices and games as well as ath-

letes who have not done enough pre-season conditioning. The women's soccer team has been victimized by the latter. Being a new team this year, several girls were unprepared for the season and consequently injured themselves resulting in the highest percentage of injuries of any fall sport. Michelle Wemple, junior soccer player, spends two times a day in the training room after having torn her quad muscle and then re-injuring it in a game. Wemple receives ultra-sound training which is a electronic deep-heating method for the muscles. "It

would have helped me to train during the off-season," said Wemple, "But also I didn't do the ultra-sound one day before practice and my muscle wasn't warmed up enough."

The training facilities on campus are in good condition. "Some of the equipment needs to be updated," said Griffin, "But from a division three standpoint they are very good." Griffin also expressed his satisfaction with the student trainers and their ability to make good decisions regarding therapy. "The training room is not only

for those athletes on sports teams. It is for any injured person requiring therapy, from no matter what cause, and students should not be afraid to use it."

Helpful hints to current and future athletes would be to always stretch well before and after practice and if ever starting a new season, do some preconditioning beforehand to insure a healthy season and refraining from pushing an injury too hard in order to prevent it from turning into something more permanent.

## Team Improves League Record

By Michael Stargardt  
Staff Writer

The Alma Scots Men's Soccer team shot down the Olivet Comets Saturday with a score of 3-1. The Comets scored the first goal early into the game, but Alma's offense rallied, enabling them to take a number of shots on goal. After pressing Olivet's defense, Carl Leas scored a beautiful goal through the goalie's hands with only 38 seconds left in the first half, evening the score to 1-1.

Five minutes into the second half, Chris Riker scored on a nice shot off a penalty kick. The Scots continued their attack, leading to Todd Albany's goal midway through the second half. The score, 3-1, remained the same for the remainder of the game, as Alma defeated the Olivet Comets.

Andy Mehl, goal keeper for the Scots, said of the game, "We started off a little slow, but things really started to click when the offense started working the ball and knocked in a few goals." Alma's offense countered Olivet's, with 18 shots on goal in comparison to their 8 shots. Defensively, Alma made 11 saves, while Olivet had 6.

Carlos Toro, the soccer team's coach, said, "This is the best we've seen so far. We finally started playing together as a team. If we continue playing like this, we should do really well."

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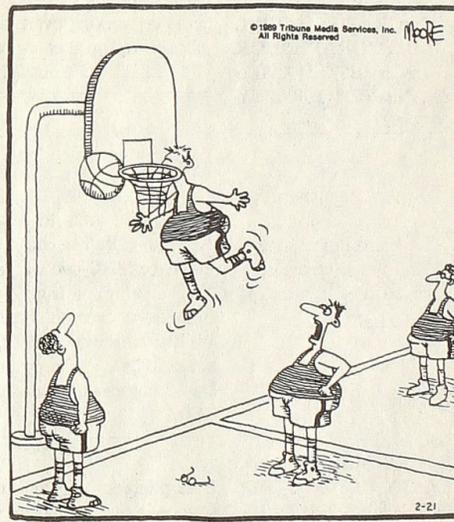
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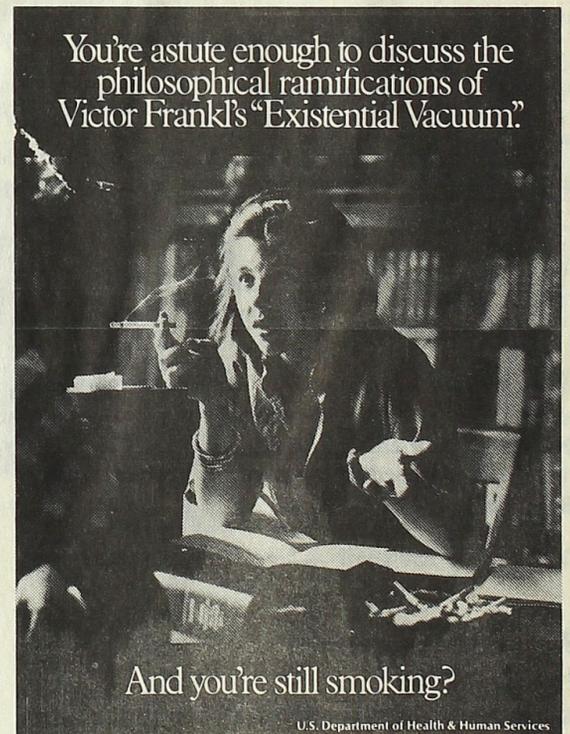
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