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## Community Service exeplified by S.O.S.

By Cathy DeShano  
Staff Reporter

Community service: one of the key concepts for the 1990s. Schools across the country both at the secondary and college level have begun implementing community service projects as part of their graduation requirements. This past year, Alma College created the Students Organizing Service program as part of its effort to encourage volunteering.

"S.O.S. began because of a summer leadership conference sponsored by the Michigan Campus Compact at which students and Dr. [Susan] Root [associate professor of education] attended. They worked on creating a student service group and renamed the Access group to S.O.S. They wanted to reorganize Access to get more people involved. Students developed and created S.O.S. pretty much by themselves," said Karen Gross, Service Learning Coordinator.

nator.

On Wednesday, Apr. 7, a banquet was held honoring those students and faculty whose volunteer efforts went beyond the call of duty. In addition, the banquet featured speaker Jennifer Banchoff, a senior at the University of Michigan who has been involved in a number of volunteer activities and programs at both the state and national levels. Banchoff discussed the importance of people working together as a community not to hide societal problems, but to get at the root of them.

Numerous students were honored for their involvement in S.O.S., among them the following: Shana Case, Ruth Clendenin, Cathy Conrad, Kori Crandall, Erin Emery, Ann Gibbs, Mike Happel, Donna Harrier, Sharilee Hines, Beth Hughes, Tim Miller, Jamie Putney, Kelly Sanborn, Stacey Weinrick. In addition, senior Stephanie Hirschert and Root were recognized for receiving the Michi-

gan Campus Compact Award at Michigan State University on Apr. 2. Those chosen for the award were nominated by their college for exemplary work in service involvement.

Hirschert, one of only three students from the state to receive the award, has participated in numerous volunteer programs during college, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, S.O.S., and Head Start. She believes service work plays an important role, one which many people don't utilize.

"I think community service is important because I think people are important. I'd like to tell people who haven't volunteered that you find a lot out about yourself, that you're not that different from others. After a while you don't even think of it as community service, you think of it as community involvement," said Hirschert.

As part of her award, Hirschert will receive \$1,000 she can donate to the organizations of her choice.

Hirschert decided to contribute \$500 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Gratiot County and the rest to S.O.S.

"I'm giving \$500 to S.O.S. because it's new this year and I want it to become more prominent on campus. It's an intermediary between the college campus and community. The big thing they'll use the money for is a spring term 'Into the Streets' project which will take place May 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.," said Hirschert.

Root has participated in a number of service organizations and projects which allowed her to receive the award. She helped to co-write the Kellogg Foundation Grant which began S.O.S. She also co-chairs the Service Learning Task Force and developed the Saginaw Summer Literacy Program in which Alma College students help tutor elementary and secondary school children.

Students honored for their participation in S.O.S. during the 1992-1993 academic school year.

### Seniors—

Ruth Clendenin  
Donna Harrier  
Stephanie Hirschert  
Tim Miller  
Jami Putney

### Juniors—

Sharilee Hines

### Sophomores—

Shana Case  
Erin Emery  
Mike Happel  
Beth Hughes  
Stacey Weinrick

### First-year Students—

Cathy Conrad  
Kori Crandall  
Ann Gibbs  
Kelley Sanborn

## Announcement of Outstanding Senior Leader draws SAA to focal point

By Brian Haara  
Investigative Coordinator

With this Thursday's announcement of the Outstanding Senior Leader at Honors Convocation, the Student Alumni Association (SAA) is once again a focal point of campus interest. What students may not know is that the SAA has been involved in campus and community service all year long. Have you ever received exam survival kits?

Dan Raleigh, former Director of Development and Alumni Relations, was the advisor for the SAA and emphasized that the group is involved in a multitude of both campus and community service projects. These activities range from the ever-popular exam survival kits to Homecoming activities, and from Big Brother/Big Sister events to providing donations of money and time to the Gratiot County Senior Center and the Masonic Home.

Noteworthy SAA activities the campus-at-large has probably not heard of include "sponsoring a child in Brazil through the Christian Children's Fund, donating money to the St. Louis Rescue Unit for a Cardiac

Defibrillator and sponsoring a scholarship for an incoming first-year student who exhibits leadership in high school," according to Raleigh.

"We take part in the Big Brother/Big Sister Swin-gym, the African Fellowship auction, exam treats, we send volunteers to the Senior Center and the Masonic Home to set-up and put on their parties, we take part in Homecoming, little siblings weekend and the Charlie Brown toy drive," said sophomore secretary of SAA Kari Tousain. She added, "I don't think everyone realizes all that we (SAA) do, but I feel the recognition we get is appropriate."

"Originally, the function of the SAA was primarily homecoming," according to Raleigh, but with Raleigh's arrival in 1984 the SAA became more community service oriented. "Because of my involvement in the community, I know the need existed and that students were interested—the new focus of the SAA was a way to match these up," added Raleigh.

For students who want to become involved in community service projects, SAA provides them with this opportunity.

Raleigh said "Students get an awareness of what it's like to be

involved in alumni activities and a sense of what it's like to be involved in community service."

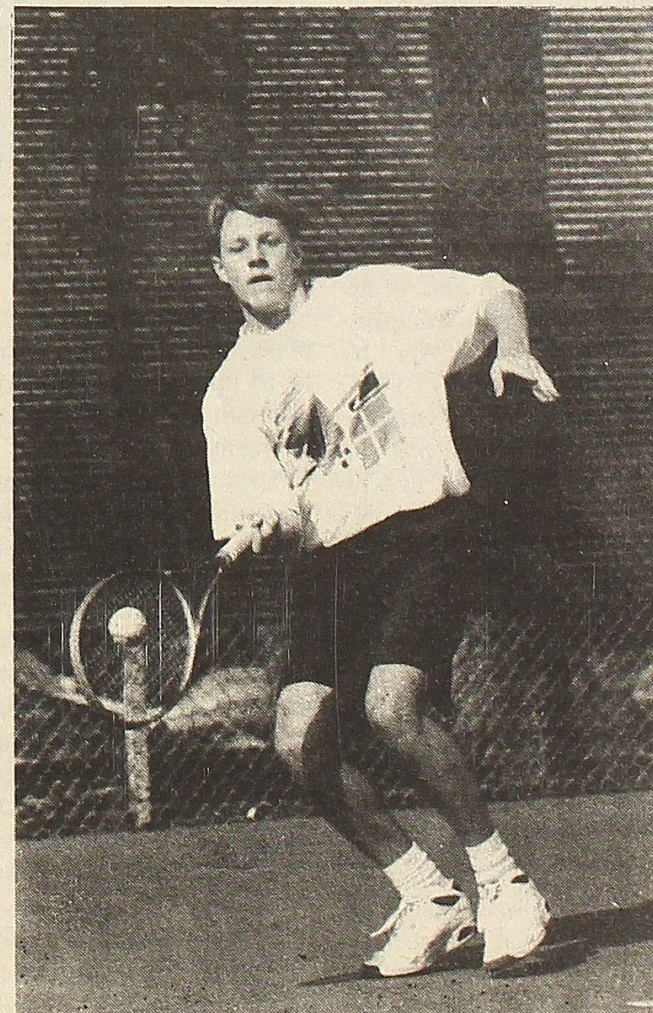
Senior Amy Warner, president of the SAA, anticipates increased student involvement in the group and acknowledges Raleigh's commitment and his positive effect.

Concerning the upcoming announcement of the Outstanding Senior Leader, Warner said "I'm looking forward to awarding this honor at Honors Convocation. The Campus Leadership award and Outstanding Senior Leader awards show our appreciation to campus leaders who are most deserving of the recognition."

Nominees for the Outstanding Senior Leader were determined by a committee of students, faculty and administrators. After being narrowed to eight students by the committee, the senior class voted to determine the Outstanding Senior Leader.

Approximately 50 students are involved in the SAA, with about 25 actually participating. New officers were elected this past Friday, but were not available yet. Those interested in becoming involved in the SAA should contact Warner, or Debbi Smith of the Alumni Relations Office.

## Tennis team goes down in history



Junior Matt Zayko helped lead the Scots to the only victory against Hope in the history of Alma College.  
Photo by M. Stargardi.



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# Faculty O.K.'s major changes in physics, math and computer science departments for next year

By William S. Hull  
News Editor

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) presented a proposal to the faculty at their last meeting to make an exception in the requirements for a major in the physics department, math department, computer-science department and the foreign language department. The faculty gave its O.K. to the EPC to allow the exceptions in those departments.

"We agreed to a policy satisfying the status quo," said EPC member and Associate Professor of English John Ottenhoff.

Currently 36 credits are required for a major and a department may allow up to 20 cognate credits. Interdepartmental majors may require 56 to 64 credits for the major.

The exceptions accepted by the

faculty allow the physics department to require 24 cognate credits, mostly in mathematics, the math department and computer science department to require extra cognate credits from the opposite's curriculum and the foreign language department to exceed the total number of credits in a major

To keep even with other MIAA schools Gibson feels the department needs the 20 credits in mathematics and the four in computer science as a requirement for the major. He based much of his position to allow the extra cognate credits on comparisons to other MIAA schools which require similar cog-

ments for a major. The following two paragraphs come from a memo given by the EPC to the faculty at their meeting expressing the feelings of the EPC toward the further investigation of the issue.

"We have also recognized in our discussions that the root issue does not rest upon a prescribed number

accrediting agencies? Do we need to re-examine our credit structure? Most important, we must continue to ask how we can best educate our students.

Thus, while we ask for acceptance of this current policy, we also seek a larger discussion about the issues that have been raised. As a committee, we will promote that discussion in the year ahead in conjunction with efforts being made in outcomes assessment and long-range planning."

The further investigation of this issue will continue next year, led by the EPC. The information and possibilities discovered with its recent investigation they felt warranted more time than it could devote to the task this year.

"We agreed that their needed to be further discussion about these issues before anything is finalized," said Ottenhoff.

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by requiring proficiency through the 112 level before credit goes towards the major.

"In order for our program to be an effective program we need this much math training. Math is the language of our science," said Chairperson of Physics John Gibson.

nate classes for a physics major.

Although the proposal accepted by the faculty was the key event of the evening concerning the EPC, they also proposed future discussion into the topic next year looking into the possible outcomes uncovered through recent investigation of a change in the require-

of credits. More substantial questions lie behind our debates: What impact will the Outcomes Assessment study have on majors and general education at Alma College? How can we strengthen general education at Alma and clarify our goals? How can departments respond to increasing pressures from

## Keeping you informed

### Honors Convocation Thursday

A reminder to everyone planning his/her week to include Honors Convocation on Thursday morning at 11 a.m. in Cappaert Gymnasium: Convocation is a mandatory event for all students and full-time faculty. The highlighted speakers will be Charles Gray, professor of exercise and health sciences and Phillip Griffiths, chairperson of theater and dance. Both are retiring this year after 28 years of service to the Alma College Community.

### Alma College Dance Company performance coming up

The yearly performance of the Alma College Dance Company will be held Friday, Apr. 16 through Sunday, Apr. 18. Performances on Friday and Saturday are at 8 p.m. and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. All performances will take place at Alma High School.

Carol Fike, assistant professor of theater and dance, said this performance has proven the company's most challenging and definitely moves the company to new performing level.

Six pieces of the performance were planned by Thomas Morris, adjunct instructor of Ballet. They include three ballets, a solo, a neoclassic piece and a Degas-like piece. Adjunct Instructor of Jazz Kathleen Francis choreographed two jazz pieces which push the dancers to their limits. Finally, Barry Fischer, a guest choreographer from New York designed a solo for Fike. The

piece is dedicated to all of his colleagues who have died of AIDS.

Tickets will be on sale Monday, Apr. 12 through Friday, Apr. 16. To pick up tickets go to SAC 230 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., or call extension 7130 during those same hours to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door before the performance.

### Research writing contest for 1992-1993

The entry deadline for the contest is Friday, April 16. Prizes for the winning entries are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 dollars for third place.

Each applicant may enter two entries from the 1992-1993 academic school year, but not more than one from any academic discipline. Each entry must be signed by an instructor saying the piece was turned in as an assignment during the year.

Papers will be judged on quality of writing, the synthesizing of sources, methods of investigation, the use of primary sources and documentation consistent with standard style in the academic discipline. Length of the paper must meet the standard of major research writing for undergraduate courses. The entry must also have a detachable title sheet with the author's name on it and the author's name should not appear anywhere else in the text.

Entries should be turned in to the Provost's Office in a manila envelope. Announcement of the winning entries will be made as soon as the judges determine the winners.

## General Motors Executive to speak to class of 1993

By Anthony Siefker  
Freelance Writer

The graduation speaker for the graduating class of 1993 is the Executive Vice President of General Motors Company William Hoglund.

"He is the number two man at the biggest company in the world, he is a friend and his wife has been on the Alma College Board of Directors for many years. He has also been a good supporter of the college over the years," said President Alan J. Stone.

Hoglund just recently received his promotion to Executive Vice President of General Motors (GM) putting him in charge of the new Corporate Affairs and Staff Support Group. But he has been with GM since 1958 when he took his first job. Since time, Hoglund has served as assistant comptroller for Pontiac Division, assistant treasurer for GM, comptroller of GM, general manager of Pontiac Division. In 1984 he was put in charge of Central Office Operation Staff's Group which led to his position as President of the Saturn Corporation in 1985 and finally to his current position.

Hoglund is also a major manager of GM's North

American operations. He is on the GM President's Council and the new Saturn division reports directly to him.

The process to bring Hoglund to speak to this year's graduating class was not a difficult one for Stone. The decision process falls into his hands every spring, as it does for most college presidents. He consulted faculty and administrators asking for possible candidates they would like to see speak.

"I made the decision after talking to several people," said Stone. "We narrowed the field to two people we talked to, before picking Hoglund," Stone added.

Hoglund was born in 1934 in Sweden to American parents and attended Princeton University and the University of Michigan, where he received his MBA in 1958.

Graduation ceremonies take place on Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m. in Cappaert Gymnasium. Stone believes Hoglund's powerful speaking ability will please both the graduates and the audience.

"I think it is a good idea to have someone with a connection with the college, it makes good sense. I think everyone will really enjoy what he has to say," Stone concluded.

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# Winter dance concert marks new beginnings

By Katie Novak  
Feature Editor

The Alma College Dance Company's winter dance concert is a last and a first. Opening night, Friday, Apr. 16, at 8 p.m., will mark the last time the company must perform at Alma High School. But it also marks the premiere of their revised, more "professional, technical" dance company, according to Carol Fike, associate professor of dance and director of the dance program.

"While we are appreciative of Alma High School's hospitality, we are very excited about our performing arts center which will open in the fall," Fike said.

The high quality of the facility spurred changes within the program. "The Company was charged with matching the facilities. We've gone to a more professional, technical company," said Fike.

This new image will be evident in the concert as a result of new instructors, a guest choreographer and strong student performances, Fike said.

"The addition of part-time instructors Thomas Morris, ballet, and Kathleen Francis, jazz, with their teaching techniques and cho-

reographing, have helped raise the level of quality for the group," she said.

Three student-choreographed works should also enhance the concert. Sophomore Kathy Bailey, will perform a jazz dance, *Do You Have Faith Like Me?*. Junior Laura Hickman has designed a spiritual dance, *Freedom is Coming*, which will include singing by members of the Glee Club. Lastly, junior Jessie

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Mlotha choreographed an African-Caribbean piece that closes the performance. Mlotha designed and constructed the costumes for her dance as well.

The winter concert consists of eight additional numbers. "The Kiltie (Highland) dancers with an opening dance, directed by Christie Freestone will off set the closing piece," Fike said.

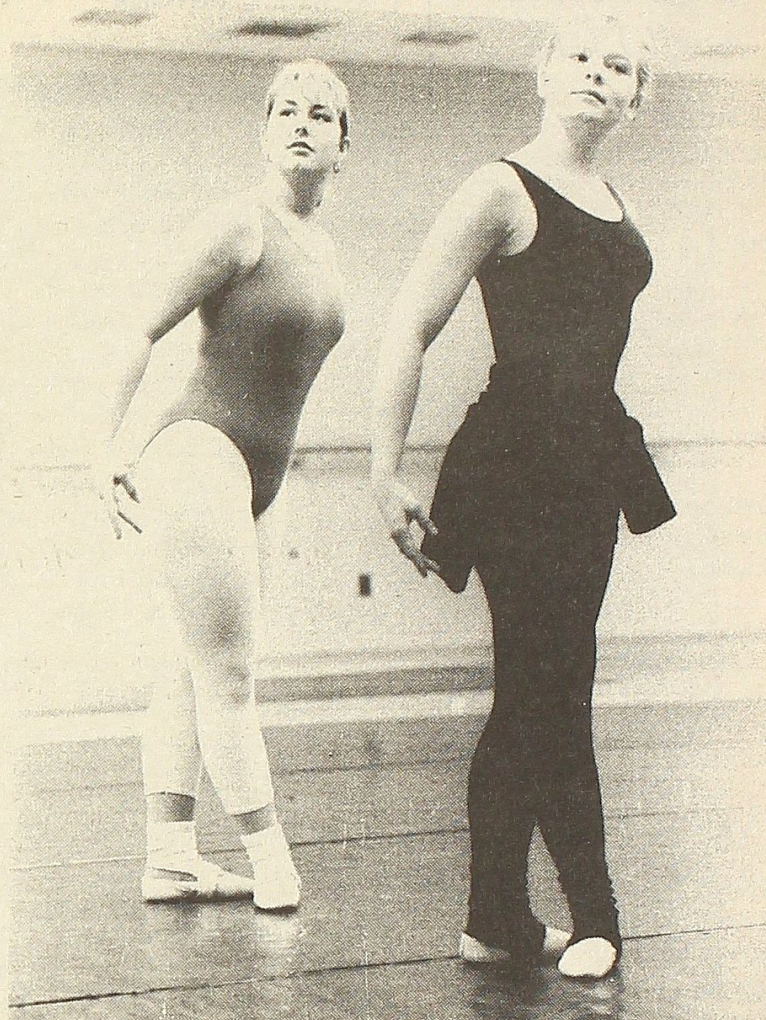
Fike will also perform a solo, *Lamenting Echo*, set by New York guest choreographer Barry Fischer.

"It's a very rich, dramatic piece dedicated to Fischer's colleagues and friends who have died of AIDS," said Fike. "This is a first for me. I've never had a solo designed specifically for me."

Fischer, who received a doctor of education degree in dance and dance education from New York University, has performed in repertories by Doris Humphrey, Jose Limon, Anna Sokolov, Mary Anthony and Martha Graham. He visited the campus to work with Fike in the fall.

Fike anticipates successful performances by all members of the company. "I am thrilled with the commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of our students... We wouldn't be where we are today without them," she said. "They do it because they love it; it's a love that's instilled in them, the driving force. If more of us would do things we love, maybe the world could improve a bit."

In addition to opening night, the company will perform Apr. 17 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. They may also be reserved by calling the Ticket Office at ext. 7130 beginning Apr. 12 from 1-5 p.m. Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students.



First year students Ellen Allsop and Nicole Bibee prepare for the upcoming winter dance concert. Photo by M. Stargard

## Facts For Students

### Federal Trade Commission offers 'Facts For Students'

By Katie Novak  
Feature Editor

The Federal Trade Commission has published a "Facts For Students" program that offers a wealth of information for the college crowd. The following is just a portion of last month's booklet:

**Environmental Claims.** To evaluate environmental claims when you buy products, look for product labels with specific information about the product or its packaging. For example, if a label says "recycled," check how much of the product or packaging is recycled. Some products and packages state that they use less material. Look for specific claims such as "20 percent less packaging than our previous package." "Recyclable" claims are relevant only if this material is collected for recycling in your community. Labels with unqualified claims that a product is "environmentally friendly," "eco-safe," or "environmentally safe" have little meaning.

**Smokeless Tobacco Products.** Smokeless tobacco products—such as chewing tobacco, moist snuff and plug tobacco—must include one of the following warning labels on the package:

Warning: This product may cause mouth cancer.

Warning: This product may cause gum disease and tooth loss.

Warning: This product is not a safe alternative to cigarettes.

**Cosmetic Surgery.** In the quest to look better, millions of Americans each year turn to cosmetic surgery. As with all surgical procedures, cosmetic surgery carries with it certain risks. If performed poorly, it can be disfiguring or even life-threatening. It is essential, therefore, to select a doctor who is well-trained and experienced in performing the specific procedure you want. No responsible doctor should mind you asking the following questions:

1. What is your area of specialty and what training do you have in the specific cosmetic surgery procedure I want? Ask about the doctor's medical credentials and any specific training related to the operation. Find out if the doctor is certified by an appropriate medical board.

2. Do you have hospital privileges? Hospital privileges generally assure that the physician you select has been reviewed by his/her peers.

3. How many operations like mine have you performed in the past year? During your career?

4. How safe is this operation?

5. What are the potential side effects of my surgical procedure? How long will these last?

6. What are your fees? Insurance usually does not cover costs for elective cosmetic surgery, and many doctors require payment in advance.

7. How realistic are my own expectations for this operation?

## Desire to help drives new MEGA co-coordinator

By Cathy DeShano  
Staff Reporter

She likes to bike and camp. Ask her what she hopes to do for a career and she'll tell you "help people." The new Mentoring to Enhance Growth at Alma (MEGA) co-coordinator, sophomore Erin Emery, places a tremendous amount of importance on people and relationships.



Sophomore Erin Emery.

"Relationships are ideally a two way street, especially in MEGA. One person may give more sometimes, the other more at other times. MEGA is set up so the mentees get a lot out of it, but the mentor also takes something from the relationship. I like having the satisfaction of knowing that I've helped give someone advice, made someone happy," said Emery.

Emery has been involved in the MEGA program as a mentor for the past year and will be joining junior Jason Paradowski as co-coordinator. She will be replacing Stephanie Hichert who graduates in April. The program originated during the 1991-92 academic year in a mold similar to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organizations; first-year students, or mentees, are matched with upperclass students, mentors.

"In being a mentee, you get an edge a lot of people wouldn't have, such as advice about classes and professors, and you have someone to talk to. As a mentor, you get the satisfaction of knowing you've helped someone. You can also make a friend

because a lot of upperclass students don't get a chance to meet the new students," said Emery.

As part of her new job, Emery has already been discussing ways to improve the program. She hopes to see the number of people involved in it grow, as well as encourage others to enhance their commitment to MEGA. In addition, Emery and Paradowski have developed several ideas to get more men involved in the program, a top concern.

"It kind of seems like being a mentee is an uncool thing to do if you're a man; it really isn't. To get more men involved, we've been discussing promoting the academic side of it more. We also want to make it clear that the mentee helps establish what the relationship will be like. I'd like to talk to men who aren't involved with it to find out why," said Emery.

Emery emphasizes the idea that students shouldn't hesitate to become involved because they fear time commitments. The program places few demands on those involved, but rather projects a relaxed atmosphere.

"It's not that big of time commitment. You see them every once in a while, you might meet them at Joe's. It's the same thing as meeting a friend, it's just that you've met them through MEGA. Organized activities are there to give them something to do, if they can't attend that's O.K.," said Emery.

As a psychology major and exercise and health science minor, Emery hopes to work at a hospital counseling patients and families who are coping with disease or major surgery. She believes her work as a coordinator will aid her career.

"Part of the first year experience is adjusting to being here and that's what mentors do, so in that way, my career and this job will be kind of similar. Mentors are there to give continuous support as I hope to do," said Emery.



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## Calendar of events

### April 13-18

#### CAMPUS:

**Tuesday, Apr. 13**

Student Honors Recital  
8 p.m., Dunning Memorial Chapel

**Wednesday, Apr. 14**

Junior recital: Erik Janners, percussion  
8 p.m., Dunning Memorial Chapel

**Thursday, Apr. 15**

Honors Convocation  
11 a.m., Cappaert Gymnasium

**Friday, Apr. 16**

Alma College Dance Company-Winter Concert  
8 p.m., Alma High School Auditorium

ACUB Film: *Beauty and the Beast*  
7 & 9 p.m., Louanna Baker Jones Auditorium

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## Helpful Hints

### Seniors learn about financing life after college

By Stacie L. Herriman  
Editor-in-Chief

With graduation less than two weeks away, most seniors will begin a new phase of their life and move permanently away from Mom and Dad as they begin a new job or attend graduate school in the fall. Along with this big move comes new responsibilities and concerns.

Seniors enter the real world, where they have to cook their own food, clean their own apartment and pay their own bills, and reality hits them fast. Everyone wants what little money they have, causing seniors to ask "It costs how much?" everywhere they go.

"It Costs How Much?!", a "Life-After-College" dinner/program for seniors, co-sponsored last Thursday by The Center for Student Development and the South Complex Resident Assistant Staff, offered helpful suggestions on budgeting techniques and what to look for when buying a car and renting an apartment. A rental agent from RE/MAX and a car salesman from Advanced Auto Sales in St. Louis were on hand to answer questions.

#### Budgeting techniques

(1) Identify spending (i.e. auto, school and personal loans; utili-

ties; insurance; subscriptions; food; clothing; household equipment; grooming; health (not covered by insurance); recreation/entertainment; gifts and goals (vacations, new car, etc.)).

(2) Identify whether payments are monthly or yearly.

(3) Estimate average payment.

(4) Prioritize spending with the letters A, B and C (A—Fixed cost necessities; B—Flexible costs that are necessities; and C—Flexible costs that are not necessities).

(5) Shop and spend wisely. Keep a financial diary for a month and examine it at month's end to determine where spending can be trimmed, especially with regard to discretionary items.

(6) Anticipate and make conscious decisions. Create some self-discipline in the beginning as it will make it easier in the long-run.

(7) Only have one to two credit cards, and don't abuse/overuse them. Using a credit card to create some credit history is a good idea.

(8) Rule of Thumb: Pay yourself first. Make that a priority. Save money now, before paying all the bills, as it may be needed later for unplanned expenses.

#### What to look for when renting an apartment

(1) Obtain a copy of the book *Tenants and Landlords* by writing the Michigan Attorney General. This book details tenants' rights

and the rental law in Michigan.

(2) Determine what you can afford. Figure 25 percent of your income.

(3) Determine what else you will pay (i.e. electric, water, cable, phone, gas, trash, washer/dryer, turn on fees, etc.).

(4) Remember the apartment is being rented the way it is that day. Try everything out beforehand. Is it sanitary? Is there enough hot water to take a shower? Water pressure? Are there electrical outlets in convenient places? Are there storm windows, screens and a smoke detector?

(5) A landlord cannot charge for normal wear and tear, only damages.

(6) Always get written receipts for everything paid to the landlord.

(7) Get a year lease as it is easier than a month-to-month lease, and it's harder for the landlord to make tenants move out. Moreover, with a month-to-month lease landlords can raise the rent every month; they cannot do this with a year lease.

(8) Get renter's insurance.

(9) "Pay the rent, don't be noisy and don't mess up the place, and you'll do fine and the landlords can't bother you," said Carol Herman, a rental agent for RE/MAX.

#### What to look for when buying a car

(1) Visit three to four car dealers

to find the desired deal. Visiting any more than that will only confuse the car buyer.

(2) Decide whether to buy a new or used car or to lease a car. If buying a new car or leasing, figure an average monthly payment of \$350 (This figure may vary depending on the car.).

(3) Test drive any car first. How are the brakes? Transmission? How does it handle? Use common sense.

(4) When buying a used car, check the exterior and interior, and get a mechanical evaluation before buying. Looking the car over beforehand will save a lot of time, money and grief.

(5) Don't let miles on the car be a major overriding consideration when deciding whether or not to buy.

(6) Plan on eight to 15 percent interest rates, with older cars having a higher rate. A credit history is needed to receive a car loan so keep credit up.

(7) Don't forget the other car costs when buying, such as a four percent sales tax, \$11 title, license plates (\$30-60 depending on the size of the car or its cost brand new; they must also be renewed every year) and insurance.

(8) Once a car is bought, keep it up! Change the oil every three months or 3000 miles. Check all strange noises and stop if engine lights come on.

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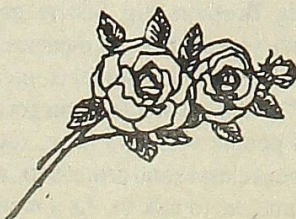
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# Scots give Kalamazoo the Saturday sweep

By Bill Ballenger  
Freelance Writer

The Alma College baseball squad kept its title hopes alive last week by prevailing in three of four games against league rivals Adrian and Kalamazoo. The Scots' MIAA record currently stands at 4-2, dating back to their doubleheader split against Albion on Mar. 27.

Due to the inclement weather of the previous week, the Scots were forced to postpone their two-game season series against Adrian until Monday. Sophomore starting pitcher Ryan Kimbirauskas coasted through the first two innings, allowing no runs, but he ran into trouble in the third. With one out and a runner on first, the Bulldogs scored three manufactured runs on sacrifice flies, stolen bases and singles, to provide the home team with a three run lead it would never relinquish.

Kimbirauskas was relieved by junior Mark Church in the fourth inning. Church pitched three innings of shutout ball, but the Scots failed to make use of it as they mustered only three hits and were shutout 3-0 in the opener.

In the second game, sophomore Tim Spedoske pitched the first four innings, allowing two runs, before junior southpaw Brian Hood took the mound in the fifth. In the seventh inning, senior first baseman Jake Boss led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice fly. After Adrian intentionally walked senior second baseman Dustin Ducham, sophomore centerfielder Brent Neubecker scored Boss with a double, propelling the Scots to a 3-2 victory. Hood earned his second win of the season for his three innings of shutout relief.

"Our pitching was pretty good," graded Coach Bill Klenk, now in his 20th year as head baseball coach. "Church pitched very well and Hood pitched very well in relief. . . We played well again defensively; we committed only one error between the two games."

Alma swept last Saturday's doubleheader against Kalamazoo in the MIAA home debut at Bahlke Stadium. Alma erupted for five first inning runs, highlighted by junior rightfielder Tim Bailey's three-run dinger—his first collegiate homer. Alma went on to score at least two runs in each of the following innings, with the exception of the second inning, in the 17-2 annihilation. Church received a well-deserved win, allowing only two runs and four hits in six innings.

The second game began much like the first. Alma exploded for seven runs in the second inning, and added one run in the third, fifth and seventh, en route to a lopsided 10-4 victory. Spedoske gave up each of the Kalamazoo runs, before first-year student Corky Thompson pitched four innings of shutout relief.

"We are obviously really pleased with the way we played," said Boss. "We hit the ball well, and they were two really big wins for us."

"Defensively, we were really strong today," said sophomore third baseman Jason Crain. "We got on track again."

"We hit extremely well," said Hood. "If we play like this for the rest of the year, we have a good chance."

"It was a good doubleheader win for us," summarized Klenk. "We played well overall. We fielded well, hit well and Church and Thompson both looked good."



Sophomore Brent Neubecker runs to score for Alma. Photo by A. Torrence

## Men tighten track race with two victories Men and women's track sporting identical 3-1 records

By Lisa Shoemaker  
Sports Editor

The men's track team had an impressive week, as it first defeated Hope (93-61) on Wednesday, and then traveled to Calvin Saturday to claim victory over the six-time defending league champions, 82-67. The men raised their season record to 3-1 against MIAA competition.

The women's track team, however, did not fare quite as well. The Scots were victorious over Hope (98-47), but saw their league title chances diminished after their defeat in Saturday's meet against defending MIAA champion Calvin (102-43). The loss drops the women's record to 3-1 in the conference.

Double-win performances by

sophomores Adam Burhans in the 1500 m (4:11.8) and 800 m (2:00.9), and Chad Reagh in the discus (141-2) and javelin (154-7) boosted the Scots to their victory over Hope.

Also picking up victories were first-year students Chad Mills in the 400 m hurdles (55.4), Chris Wiley in the 110 hurdles (16.2) and Alex Lengeman in the high jump (6-4). Seniors Mike Holik in the 3000 m (9:06), Jim Demarest in the triple jump (40-8 1/2) and sophomore Hao Luc in the long jump (21-4 1/2) also earned victories.

Senior Kim Vennard again turned in a powerful performance for the women, earning victories against Hope in the shot put (39-8 1/4), javelin (108-6 1/2) and discus (128-6 1/2). Senior Karris True was a double-winner in the long jump

(15-8 3/4) and 100 m hurdles (17.0), as was first-year sprinter Kelly Mills in the 100 m dash (13.3) and 200 m (26.9).

Other first-place showings for Alma included seniors Amanda Paul in the high jump (5-2) and Colleen Wruble in the 800 m (2:23.4), sophomore Amy Doucette in the 1500 m (4:49.8) and first-year student Wendy Bovee in the triple jump (31-11). Alma's 4 x 100 m (52.7) and 4 x 400 m (4:09) relay teams were also first to cross the tape.

In Saturday's meet against Calvin, the men swept 10 of the 18 events. Double-winners included seniors Chris Mansur in the 100 m (11.1) and 200 m (22.6), and Demarest in the long jump (20-10 1/4) and triple jump (43-3).

Victories were also earned by Reagh in discus (135-7), Mills in the 110 m hurdles (15.0), sophomore Wade Huddleston in the 400 m (53.4), first-year student Lyle Simmons in the pole vault 13-4 1/2 and senior J.C. Clarkson in the shot put (47-4). The 4 x 400 m relay also earned a victory with the time of 3:24.91.

Despite their loss, the women were led again by Vennard who

turned in two victories in the shot put (36-11) and discus (126-1). She came up six inches short in javelin from earning another triple victory in the field events.

Other winners for the women included repeat performances from Doucette in the 1500 m (4:47.6), Wruble in the 800 m (2:19.4), Paul in the high jump (5-4) and Bovee in the triple jump (33-3 1/2).

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# Men's tennis scores victory over Hope

By Bill Ballenger  
Freelance Writer

Alma's men's tennis team breezed through its opening week of MIAA competition, knocking off rival Hope for the first time in school history and defeating the hapless Olivet squad. The two victories lifted the Scots above .500 for the first time this season (5-4) and extended their consecutive winning streak to four matches.

On Tuesday, Alma jumped out to an early 4-0 lead over visiting Hope, as the first four individuals recorded decisive wins over their respective opponents, en route to the 6-3 MIAA opener victory.

Number one singles player, junior Cliff Hodgman, won handily (6-0, 6-1), followed by number two junior Dustin Snell's (6-0, 6-2) Flying Dutchman demolition. Number three, junior Matt Zayko, continued the trend (6-1, 6-2), before number four Chris Stacey, a first-year student, made it a 4-0 Scot advantage.

After the Flying Dutchmen narrowed the deficit to 4-2, with number five senior Daren Hill and number six senior Dave Lee both falling in their individual bouts, the number one doubles tandem of Hodgman and Snell solidified the Scot victory (6-2, 2-6, 6-4). Hill and Zayko fell to Hope's

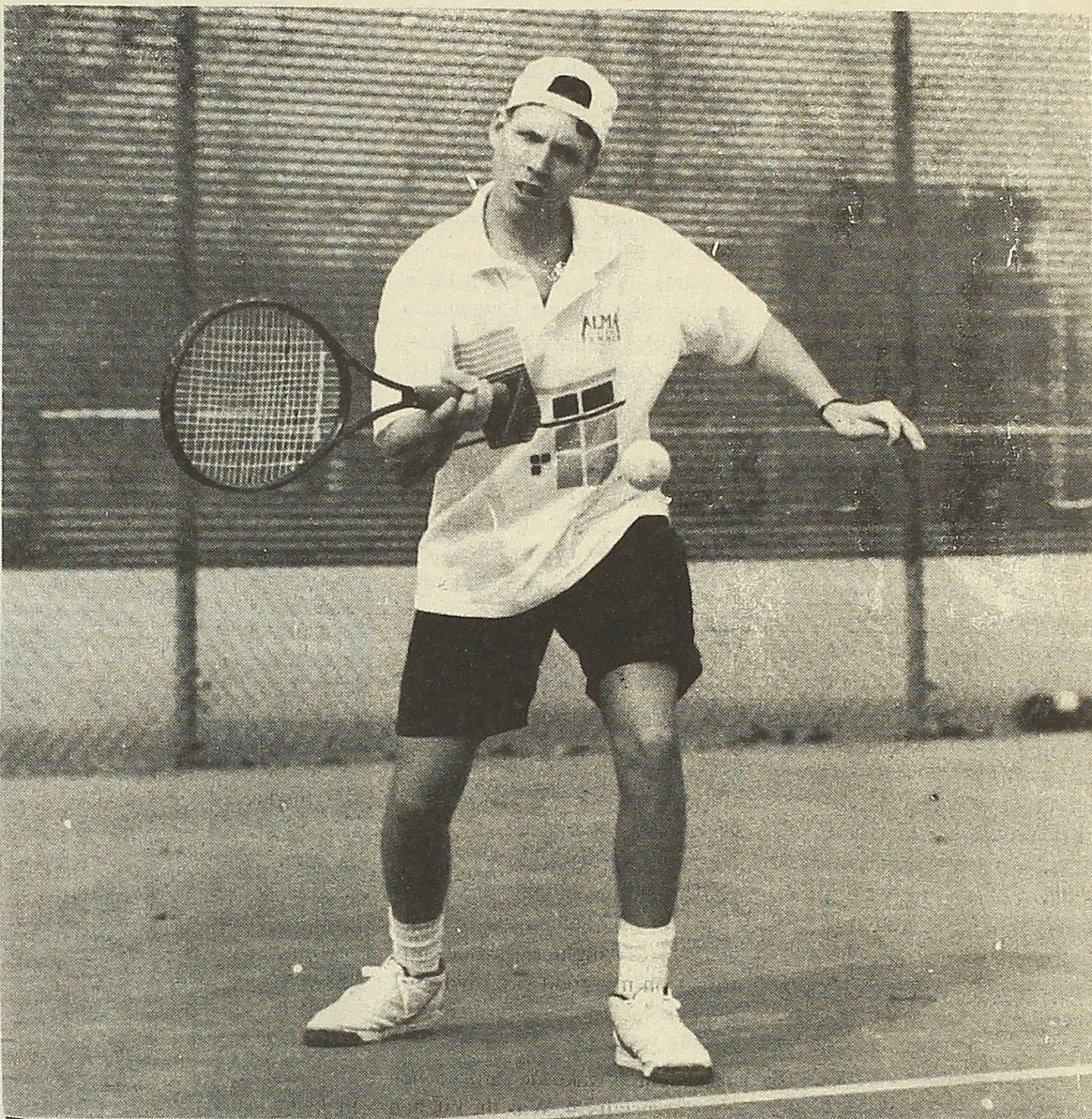
number two combination in a close three set bout, but Stacey and junior Matt LaJune appropriately wrapped up the evening with a win at number three doubles.

"It was a big win for our team (the Hope match), and it really boosted our confidence for the MIAA race," said an elated Hodgman. "It helps keep us on track in the MIAA."

"It was a great win over Hope," Snell remarked. "Especially since we lost some really close ones during the last two years here."

After a well-deserved day of rest, the Scots traveled to Olivet on Thursday to face the lowly Comets. Due to the fact that Olivet had only four players, the Scots automatically began the match with three points (No. 5 and No. 6 individuals and No. 3 doubles) and needed only two more to win a majority of the possible nine points. Coach Brian Zimmerman bumped both the normal number three doubles team of Stacey and LaJune and number five individual Hill up to the number one spot of doubles and individuals, respectively. Both responded with expedient wins, and the Scots were able to return home in unprecedented time.

The men's tennis team boosts a busy schedule this week, traveling to Adrian Tuesday, Aquinas College Thursday and Michigan Tech this weekend.



Junior Cliff Hodgman prepares to belt a forehand and help Alma defeat Hope. Photo by M. Stargardt.

# Softball falls to Hope, rebounds with tourney win

By Brett Powers  
Staff Reporter

The Alma College women's softball team lost both its games in a sour doubleheader against Hope last Tuesday. This defeat, along with their previous loss to Adrian, drops the Scots' record to 0-4 in the conference and diminishes their chances of a title run in the MIAA.

However, the Scots were able to rebound over the weekend from their disappointing conference performance, returning home victorious from the North Central Invitational in Naperville, Illinois.

Losing to Hope 3-1 in both ends of the doubleheader, Alma played well but could not score. "We out hit them eight to five, but we could not get our hits together; they did. They also made three errors while we only made one," said Coach Denny Griffin.

A trio of Scots led the hitting. First-year shortstop Jennifer Ludlum went two for four, while sophomores Jeannine McWilliams and Deb Quackenbush were both two for three at the plate.

"We were hitting the ball well, but we were just hitting it right to people," said junior rightfielder Lisa Knowles.

Hope scored two runs in the first

and one in the third, then were held scoreless for the remainder of the game. For Alma, junior Rachel Butler scored one run in the fifth.

"We played hard throughout the whole game. We just need to play up to our potential," said Quackenbush.

In the second game, Hope scored all three of its runs in the third inning. Alma did not score until the bottom of the seventh when first-year student Miranda Devereaux, pinch hitting, knocked one out of the park. "She hit it straight over centerfield," said Griffin. This blast gave Alma its lone run of the game.

"It was a frustrating day. We couldn't get our hits close together, and they got some breaks," said Knowles.

Despite the team's poor record so far in the conference, attitudes remain positive and confidence high. "We still have 20 games to go, we could still be conference champions. We are a good team. I'd rather have a slump at the beginning of the season, than the end," said Griffin.

After a postponement of Thursday's match-up with Olivet, the Scots traveled to Illinois Friday and Saturday for the North Central Invitational. The Scots defeated John Carroll 7-0 and North Central

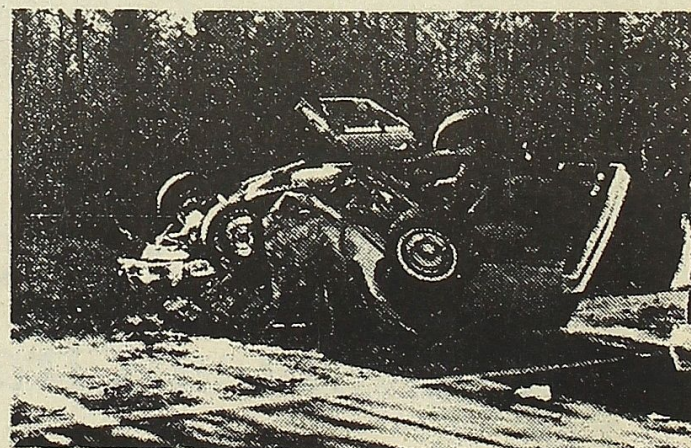
6-1 to earn its tournament victory.

Sophomore Julie Hoffman was dominating on the mound in the first game against Carroll, carrying a perfect game into the sixth inning before a Carroll player blooped a single into leftfield to end the string. On the day, Hoffman's one-hit shutout included nine strikeouts and no walks.

Offensively, the Scots pounded out 12 hits en route to victory. Hoffman and first-year player Danelle Volk each had two RBIs in the contest. Ludlum and senior Lisa Shoemaker chipped in with two hits apiece.

Against North Central, the Scots' offense again exploded for 10 hits, including a decisive five-run fifth inning. Alma was led at the plate by Hoffman (2-3, two RBIs), Knowles (2-3) and Quackenbush (2-3).

Sophomore hurler Beth Aulerich earned the mound victory scattering seven hits in the 6-1 victory. The win improves Alma's overall season record to 9-7.



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*Lifting the kilt by Sara Groves***Big Mike thrives on manual labor**

A few days ago, my telephone rang. "Who cares?" you might say. Well, this was no ordinary telephone call. This was Big Mike, my dad.

"I'm looney. Come home and see your old man," he asked me.

"Sorry Dad. I've got way too much to do to come home and see you," I told him.

"Fine. Go right ahead and keep on doing homework. No big deal. I'll probably drop over dead tomorrow and you'll never be able to spend time with your old man again, but don't worry about me," he said wistfully.

"Listen Big Mike. You're in no danger of dropping over dead tomorrow so I will see you again. There's no way I can make it home for a few hours," I said.

But after hanging up the phone, I started to feel guilty. He was near-sighted. What if he accidentally walked out in front of a semi-truck and was flattened like a pancake on the street? And he isn't very good around the house. What if he tried to fix something and electrocuted himself.

So, belabored with guilt, I went home. And no sooner had I pulled in the driveway than Big Mike came rushing out to greet me with a rake in his hand.

"Here! Take this rake. We're going to kill snow," he said, so excited that he could barely contain himself.

Kill snow. Ah, yes. That yearly spring ritual that only we Groves partake in. "Kill snow?" you ask. That's right. Simply rake piles of snow into thin layers on cement and it melts much faster than if it were just lying about in regular

piles. The result: a snow-free yard days before the rest of the neighborhood.

But after a few hours of quality time with my dad (i.e. killing snow), I remember why I never come home when just my dad is around. Because he makes me suffer through manual labor.

When I moved out of the house after high school graduation, I vowed never to do any sort of manual labor again. And although I am at home only a few days every year, it seems as if the majority of my time is spent completing lists that my dad sets out for me to do.

In high school, I used to be able to lay around all day, then half an hour before my dad was supposed to get home, rush around and do the items which were on the list. But no longer. It seems as though as I get older the list of things to do not only gets bigger, but more difficult. Before I would have to do the dishes, pick up the house and vacuum. But now, now things are a little different.

Now, when I wake up in the morning, I can see, even without my contacts in, the list that awaits me on the kitchen table.

"Dearest daughter, (he does this to get on my good side) before I come home today I expect the following to be done: 1. Clean the basement. 2. Rake the yard. 3. Dust the downstairs. 4. Wax the kitchen floor. 5. Clean the pool. Love, your dear old dad."

Now this may be fine and dandy for one week's worth of work. But I'll tell you right now that you can't do all of this in a day unless you come equipped with super human powers or unless your name just

happens to be Big Mike Groves.

But, I have only eight hours to do all of this. Actually, I usually have about three hours since I tend to sleep until mid-afternoon. So the first job I tackle is cleaning the basement.

Next to killing snow, cleaning the basement is Big Mike's favorite past-time. Every single break that I have, it seems as if I spend at least one day sorting through piles of junk and dodging dustballs amidst the lovely dankness of our basement.

How does a basement get so dirty that it must be cleaned every seven weeks? Well, our basement is no ordinary basement. Our basement is a storage center for the mid-Michigan community. We have complete bedroom and living room sets that don't belong to us. We have old air hockey tables that don't work and broken pool tables and dismantled ping-pong sets. We have weight sets and woks and crock pots and hockey sticks and football equipment. Our basement is a virtual cornucopia of junk that we never use.

But God forbid that we throw anything away. Because regardless of whether or not it works, Big Mike may use it for parts some day. So, when I am cleaning, I simply straighten piles and make new ones and hope they're good enough.

And then it is on to the next task since my vacations are simply a race against time to see if I can beat Big Mike's clock. Manual labor may be two dirty words in my book, but they are what makes Big Mike tick.

*Opinion Potpourri by Jason Ricks***Survey needed for new exam treats**

Why doesn't Scottie's, the convenience store in the basement of Hamilton Commons, sell alcohol? Marriott Food Service does have a license to sell and serve alcohol so why not sell to students who are 21. If Scottie's sold beer, 21-year-old students' munch money be gone within the first few weeks of each term. And once that munch money was depleted, students would be more likely to buy alcohol there rather than walk or drive into town. It seems this would also be a huge money-maker for Marriott since the mark-up is so high on items sold there...

And what about nicotine, chewing tobacco and cigarettes. Granted, these items are detrimental to our health, but how many people actually buy health food on a trip to Scottie's or Joe's place—not very many...

To conclude my convenience store spate, with all the extra space in the lobbies of the residence halls on south campus, why not set up a smaller scale Scottie's convenience store for south campus and small housing residences. A trip to 7-11 is nearly equidistant, if not shorter than a trip, to Scottie's for these students, and again, Marriott would benefit as well...

Have you seen the grass along any of the sidewalks that were plowed this winter? It looks terrible—where there is actually grass left. Physical Plant completely tears up the grass in the winter with its broad snow plowing technique leaving less than aesthetically pleasing mud in the spring and more work for the grounds crew for the spring and summer. I've heard at other campuses that snow is removed from sidewalks by a large revolving brush rather than a large metal plow. This makes sense as anyone who has shoveled and swept sidewalks knows that sweeping is much more effective in actually removing snow from concrete rather than packing it down to later form ice, and it saves the surrounding grass as well...

Back to Marriott. Although Marriott has impressed me this year with improvements, such as meal advantage, napkins on the table and other subtle changes in Hamilton, Joe's and Van Dusen, once again I must criticize. With exams on the horizon, we can all look forward to exam treats, which are a fabulous idea and an appreciated service. However, the thought of one more hot dog bar or nacho night just makes me sick. Some suggestions for exam treats: deli bar, cereal, chicken patty sandwiches, french fry bar, grilled cheese and tomato soup, pizza bar—or maybe poll students to see what they would really like to eat at exam treats...

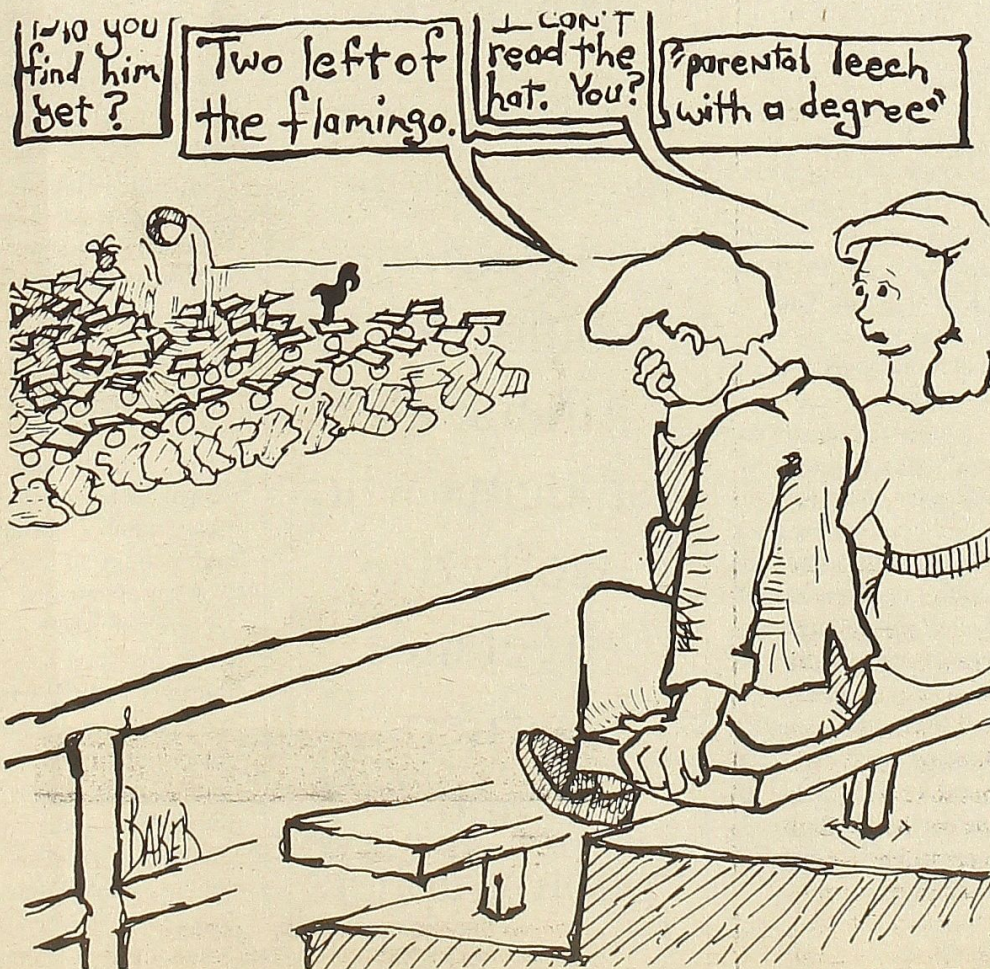
With exams come quiet hours—24-hour quiet hours. It is very relieving in Mitchell Hall every night during quiet hours from 9:45-10 p.m. when we have our "Loud Moments." At 9:45 p.m. exactly, Mitchell explodes into heavy metal, rap and thrash music and we all just get a little crazy. Something for all Hall Directors to think about...

Why are we all so stupid when we go to the bar? Honestly, how many of you have driven home from the bar when you know you probably should not have. Or even better, how many of you have been pulled over by the police coming home from the bar and survived to drive home drunk again. Well we should all be ashamed of ourselves. It only takes 20 cents to call your fraternity brother or sorority sister at the house to come pick you up. If you are not Greek, you should make an agreement on your hall to always have someone to call if you need a ride home. It takes very little effort and could save you a weekend in jail, if not somebody's life...

Is it just me or are college students the laziest people in the world? We ALL procrastinate—just look at the library and computer labs at this time of the year when many things are due and they're always full. We all have two or three or more friends who never seem to go to class. How often have you not answered your phone while you were napping in your loft, although you heard it ring? Look around, we do things all the time to make our lives just that much easier. How often will you go to your 8:30 if you wake up at 8:29? How often will you go to brunch if you awake at five to one? Especially at the end of Winter Term I think our laziness and apathy reach their height—it seems everybody just wants to get the funk out of Alma...

Why are switches in the residence halls closed in the afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. and then open until 10 p.m.? Why not remain open during the day when students are traversing through the lobbies on their way to and from lunch, labs and classes and then have them close around 7 or 8 p.m....

To end Opinion Potpourri today, in the style of its famed creator, former Almanian Opinion Editor Jeffrey S. Spalding, I will conclude with a quote. Today's quote is by Perry Farrell of Jane's Addiction: "I wish I knew everyone's nickname, all their slang and all their sayings; every way to show affection, how to dress to fit the occasion." In an effort to break the confines of prejudice and fear, Farrell continues to strive, through his music, to increase awareness by influencing his listeners to be accepting of one another—advice we would all be better off to take.

**Weird in a serious way**

by Dan Baker



April 13, 1993

## Staff Editorial

## Seniors look to graduation with optimism

Once again we find ourselves nearing the end of the academic year and for those students who entered Alma back in 1989, a real-world scenario awaits us. *The Almanian* congratulates all of the graduating seniors and wishes them the best in job searches and graduate school.

For at least the past month, and for some this entire year, many seniors have been fervently running around completing their resumes and cover letters as well as participating in the Center for Student Development sponsored Chicago trips, critiquing services and most recently, the senior exit interviews.

Despite the forboding job market, these seniors—many of them business majors—press onward into the unknown. Optimistically, we hope that our Alma education and career preparation have given us the skills we need to compete in the real world.

Those seniors looking for jobs should be confident that Alma has prepared them to enter the job market. According to Robert Perkins, Director of Student Development, 59 percent of last year's senior class moved directly into employment related to their major (while 30 percent entered graduate or professional schools and 11 percent returned to undergraduate or are looking for work). Of these students, half of them earned over \$20,000 and nearly one quarter earned over \$25,000. The unemployment rate for last year's seniors—following national trends—is about six percent. Alma has obviously prepared these students to be competitive and successful.

Alma College prides itself in its high percentage of students who are accepted to graduate programs—an 89 percent placement rate—and the class of 1993 provides another strong testament as to the

quality of Alma students. Most seniors have already been accepted to at least one graduate or professional program, and many have the good fortune of being able to choose between a variety of graduate programs.

Those moving on to graduate programs will undoubtedly have an edge on many of the other graduate students: Alma's science laboratory facilities have prepared students for future research and medical practice; M.J.J. Smith's Socratic method and the social sciences have prepared pre-law students for the rigors of law school; the education department has prepared students for teaching positions through "hands-on" experience; and the gallery opening and professional critique of student's artwork has helped to prepare art majors for life outside of the bubble.

*The Almanian* believes Alma College has given its graduating seniors the basic necessities required for a successful career, whether it will begin immediately upon graduation or in another three to eight years of post-graduate education.

We would also like to congratulate those seniors who have received various academic and leadership awards. These students are truly worthy of recognition because of their ongoing commitment to bettering themselves, the campus community and the community at-large.

With this in mind, while at Honors Convocation this Thursday, underclass persons should join in congratulating the seniors and also make a conscious effort to emulate them during their remaining years as an undergraduate.

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## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

The mere fact that Dr. Elizabeth Cameron's article in the March 1993 *Womanews*, "Landing a Job—What Does It Take?" will help to prevent some people from being victimized by unemployment, one of the cruelest results of this capitalist system, serves neither to make the system forgivable, or her article anything but a step backwards for the cause of women, which must always remain identical with that of human freedom. Human freedom can only be done a disservice by such a laundry-list of tips on how to prostitute oneself to the bourgeoisie. And I use the word "prostitute" appropriately: evidence, "8. Sell yourself. Treat yourself like a product."

However "metaphorically" Dr. Cameron may mean this regrettable statement, combined with others, which can be taken at face value ("Do extensive research regarding mergers, profits/losses, customers served, market position, etc."), her position, all too "standard" and unsurprising, is unquestionably clear. She wishes to maintain the status quo of this historical stage of advanced capitalism. Doing so (and, in particular light of where the article appeared and what may be supposed to be its nauseating, rather statistically reactionary significance), trying to "improve" the lot of either men or women by playing shell-games with the genders in either the pathetically reactionary scarecrow or Gumby role of the "breadwinner," or the absurdly retrograde role of Aunt Bea "homemaker," even if they are both lumped into either category, will serve neither gender. Equality of oppression cannot be equated with freedom.

"The accumulation of wealth at

one pole" leads to "the accumulation of misery, agony of toil, slavery, ignorance, brutality, mental degradation at the opposite pole," Marx wrote. In an economic sense in which he meant it, one of the worst situations in which the proletariat can find itself is unemployment. The fact is that unemployment is not a necessary feature of economy: in the Soviet Union it did not exist, but the hypocrisy of capitalism never led it to give that country, whatever may have been its faults, credit for achieving what it claimed was one of its goals. In fact, Western capitalism has never aimed to eliminate unemployment. Through a subtle system of manipulating wage-slavery and unemployment, the bourgeoisie and their bureaucrats will be able to keep most of the proletariat from having the "leisure opportunities" to revolt while maintaining a small pool of professional scapegoats, the unemployed, about whom they can tell lies (most of them have been too brainwashed by, and are merely suffering under the bourgeoisie; they are not noble enough to be lazy), a dying society, its back against the wall, fights bitterly for its own life.

Surrealism shall be happy to deliver it to the firing-squad. "We hurl this formal warning to society," it declared in its "Declaration of 27 January" [1925]. "Beware of every one of your deviations and faux pas, we shall not miss a single one."

Bourgeois-realist society has not hidden from us that its balance-sheet (to use an unfortunate color) is going further and further into the red. As a Surrealist, I must decry any attempt to subjugate human freedom to the demands of "profits" and "market position."

If Surrealism's absolute commitment to the cause of human free-

dom means anything, it means that it is feminist—devoted to the freedom of women from masculine oppression. If feminism means anything, it cannot seek to present continuing to maintain the oppressive employment system as a "women's issue."

"There are no limits to masculine egotism in ordinary life," wrote Leon Trotsky. "In order to change the conditions of life we must learn to see them through the eyes of women." If her gaze is now our own, we can only hope that her eyes will refuse to become clouded by the monstrous, confusionist "freedoms" of imperialism.

Dan Boyer  
Class of 1996

Dear Editor:

I have worked for Alma College two years this August and I could no longer remain silent! The first time I read *The Almanian* I was particularly drawn to an article entitled "Lifting the Kilt" by Sara Groves. After all, haven't we all wondered what is really under those kilts?

Well, I wanted to publicly acknowledge Sara's writing skills. Sara, you never cease to wonderfully amaze and entertain our office! We look forward to your articles with great anticipation to see which of your family members we will learn about this week. You are truly a gifted writer and bring many giggles on Wednesdays to our area. Keep up the good work Sara and all the staff writers on *The Almanian* for that matter. You are appreciated!

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