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Alleged rape by security guard raises questions Other female students complain of past misconduct, but records show nothing

By Brian Haara
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News of an alleged sexual assault during winter break greeted returning students this past Monday. The alleged third-degree criminal sexual conduct involved an Alma College student lifeguard and an Alma College security guard on the afternoon of Jan. 3. Other complaints over the guard's behavior have since surfaced.

Police arrived at the scene at approximately 3:00 p.m. and arrested the alleged assaulter, Joseph Cowdrey, at about 9:00 p.m. They interrupted his unauthorized, after-hours game of racquetball in the Physical Education Center.

Cowdrey's pre-trial last Wednesday in the 65th District Court of Ithaca resulted in tentative trial scheduling in February or March.

Cowdrey pleaded not-guilty.

According to a campus-wide Jan. 6 memo from President Alan J. Stone, Cowdrey has worked for the College for more than a year, and, before being hired, had been screened by the local police. Additionally, Cowdrey is forbidden to return to College grounds without

administrative approval.

The memo did not address the question of previous complaints concerning Cowdrey. According to Stone, two female students had scheduled a meeting with Duane Knecht, director of Physical Plant, to discuss concerns about Cowdrey.

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student's summer supervisor, said that he cannot recall whether the updated memo was sent out before Cowdrey keyed into the student's room. He stated, "Nobody told me that the security guard (Cowdrey) made them feel awkward."

Despite this assertion, three

"I reported the guard to the assistant hall director at that time and I also mentioned it to Dean of Students Jim Kridler," the alumnus said. She also emphasized Cowdrey had no reason to key into her room and gave questionable excuses.

Another female student lifeguard has complained about Cowdrey. She stated that he had been "feeling my legs and told me that 'I owed him something,'" a statement which she believed had sexual overtones. This student informed Swim Coach Gregory Baadte of Cowdrey's advances and, he, in turn, assured her that "it would be taken care of." According to the student, this incident happened after Bob Eldridge, associate athletic director and men's basketball coach, prepared a two-page report for Physical Plant voicing concerns about security.

In a statement to *The Almanian*, the woman involved in the alleged sexual assault on Jan. 3 stated, "the whole situation could have been avoided if Alma College had acted upon earlier complaints."

According to the *Morning Sun*, "third-degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment."

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Unfortunately, this meeting was postponed until Monday Jan. 4—the day after the alleged assault.

The student lifeguard was one of the two students preparing the complaint.

Carol Merchant, office manager and head of security for Physical Plant, initially declined comment on the alleged sexual assault and the security guard's prior record.

Stone said, "To the best of my knowledge, no formal complaints have been filed concerning this se-

at 4 a.m. without knocking.

The woman slept with her refrigerator in front of her door for the remainder of the summer.

Merchant said, "This was not an incident because this student was supposed to be in a different room." She explained that the guard keyed in because he heard a radio.

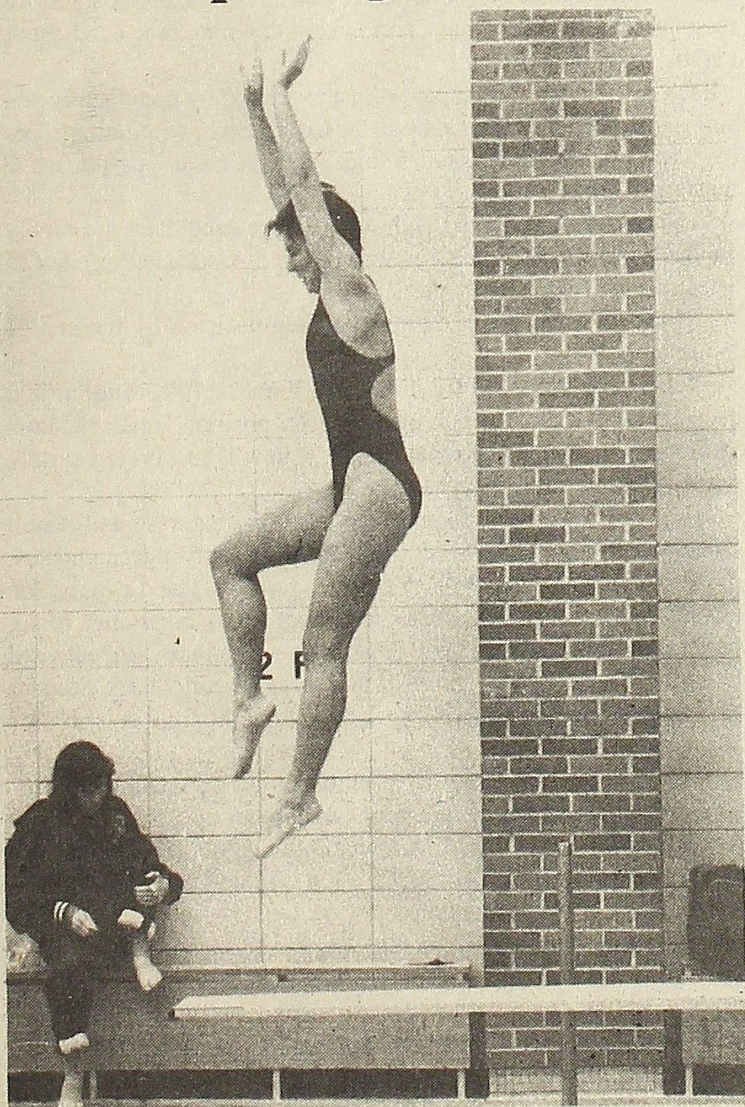
Other sources report that a memo had been sent, informing security that the room was occupied.

Ken Borgman, director of personnel and conferences and the

women informed *The Almanian* that they did mention to Borgman that Cowdrey made them feel uncomfortable or awkward over the summer.

A 1992 graduate of Alma College also reports complaining about Cowdrey. This former student alleges that during a break last year Cowdrey keyed into her Carey Hall room in the middle of the night without knocking, and again in the morning just as she was getting out of the shower.

True springs to a win



Senior Karris True took first place in the diving competition in a home meet last night against Albion. Photo by M. Stargardt

New Four Year Plan steps forward

By Cathy DeShano
Staff Reporter

Vision: our country was built on it, businesses are born thanks to it, and Alma College continues to function because of it. On Friday, Feb. 8, administrators, faculty and several students attended meetings in VanDusen to continue discussing the College's new four year plan. Nine departments submitted their "wish list" for goals and changes they would like to see implemented into the new four year plan.

Increasing Alma's desired enrollment to 1,350 students, a chief goal considered, spurred debate. Concerns over matters such as housing, class size and faculty numbers, and maintaining a close, friendly atmosphere were generated. Some agreed the enrollment increase will be an achievable and desirable goal.

"The College over the next four years will probably move to an enrollment of 1,350 students. The biggest concern over this is not to lose Alma's personal touch. If we're going to add that many students, we've got to be concerned with the quality of life such as class size and facilities," said Dean of Students Jim Kridler.

Others feel the increase will cre-

ate insurmountable difficulties in these areas, making the College community a less satisfactory place to live and work in.

"Looking at the information, I think it would be awful to be a student with the present facilities if we increase enrollment to 1,350. There are no plans for another building for classes and we don't have the resources for it. The problems in crowding are going to occur where they do now, just to a larger extent: parking, the library, computer back-ups, and crowded classrooms at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. It will also put a stress on not only current faculty, but facilities and maintenance," said senior Shannon Hunt, a student observer from the President's Advisory Committee.

Hunt continued, "The feeling I got was that whether or not we go to 1,350, all the faculty are already asking for additional people for their departments. I think the people won't mind going to 1,350, if they get the staff they need."

Because of desires to keep a personal atmosphere, expansions in many areas were discussed by those who attended the meeting. Increasing the number of full-time faculty; adding a number of rooms, excluding residence halls; renovating the

library; and hiring more counselors were just a few of the ways mentioned to preserve Alma's congeniality.

Housing, an area which created concerns over the large first-year class last fall, should not pose many problems if the enrollment increases to 1,350 students.

"Housing will be affected very little because of the number of spaces we created over the summer anticipating the student increase this year. We can now house about 1,172 students and we have 150 commuters, so this year we could accommodate 1,322 students. In the next four years, it's possible that some more of the small housing around the campus that we'd like to purchase may become available, which we could use for student housing. Even if we didn't and everything stayed the same, we'd only have to let a few more students live off campus," said Kridler.

Further discussion involved maintaining contacts with the Presbyterian Church at current levels, determining whether the College wants to move toward establishing a stronger national reputation, and students' desires as indicated by the student long range planning committee's survey results.

Alma seeks increased national rank

By Chris Hayes
Freelance Writer

Did you ever wonder how Alma College actually ranks when compared to other colleges? Many people do, and the survey of colleges done by *U.S. News and World Report* provides some insights on how the College measures up to other ones around the country.

Each fall *U.S. News and World Report* ranks America's best colleges. In the September 1992 issue, Alma was ranked in the third quartile of National Liberal Arts Colleges along with Albion and Hope.

What does this mean to Alma students? It gives the students bragging rights for the College in a national magazine and it shows the nation how good Alma College is when you really compare schools. Not only is inclusion in the survey a plus to any college's reputation, it also boosts its publicity.

Alma is categorized with 141

National Liberal Arts Colleges and 115 were ranked in the survey. This survey is one of the most important and most read. In 1990, the college survey issue of *U.S. News and World Report* sold 2,339,258 copies, pro-

grams per student, first-year student return rate and graduation rate. These criteria, along with a vote by the college presidents and provosts, determine the rankings.

A current ranking in the third

quartile may result in smaller classes and better instruction for students.

"The move to quartile two would provide better classes because of a lower student to faculty ratio," said Karen Roeper, Centennial House

leges in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 2. Marriott will sponsor the reception, and Mel Efin, managing editor of the national ranking survey, will be the guest speaker. The added recognition by the attending presidents and provosts should give Alma what it needs to get voted into the second quartile.

The improved standing in the ranking system could provide better job opportunities for graduates and help in fundraising for Alma. The improvement in ranking would not affect tuition or scholarships.

"Moving up to quartile two would help in recruitment and in receiving grants," said Stone.

Not only would moving up to the second quartile make Alma more recognized as a distinguished college, it would also move Alma above Albion and Hope.

The improvement in ranking is just one part of the long-range plan to improve Alma's fundraising, recruitment and recognition.

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public relations director.*

viding the colleges surveyed with national recognition.

The survey works by ranking colleges according to academic reputation, average SAT/ACT scores, SAT/ACT percentiles, first-year students in the top ten percent of their high school class, acceptance rate, percent of faculty with Ph.D.s, student to faculty ratio, educational

quartile shows Alma's quality, but many reasons exist to push for a ranking in the second quartile. "We are already there (second quartile) with most criteria," said President Alan J. Stone.

Alma falls short in the areas of student to faculty ratio and percent of faculty with Ph.D.s. The benefits of reaching the criteria for second

public relations director.

Another area in which Alma could use help attaining the second quartile standing is in the recognition it receives from the other 141 National Liberal Arts Colleges. In an attempt to boost our recognition with these colleges, Stone will host a reception for National Liberal Arts Colleges at the Conference of Private Col-

Enrollment boom may lead to early admissions cut-off

By Brett Powers
Staff Reporter

The Alma College Admissions Office is humming with activity as it recruits the class of 1997.

"We are 20 percent ahead of last year in enrollment of new students for the fall," said Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs John Seveland.

The target number for the class of 1997 is 380 students, which is smaller than this year's present first-year student class of 413.

"Last year we had to stop accepting applications June first, and I'm sure we will again this year," said Seveland.

Diversity in the new class is near the goals that the Admissions Office is working toward. Out-of-state and minority students' applications are very promising.

"We look to get 10 percent out-of-state students and 8 percent minority students in each incoming class; we are right on track in those two areas," said Seveland.

But the Admissions Office is not

getting as many overseas applications as it wants. "That is a very competitive market. We just don't seem to be drawing the international crowd," said Seveland.

This new class is right in line with the College's new four year plan which is aiming for approximately 1350 total students by the end of the four years. This year's enrollment was 1275.

"After next year we plan on having two classes of about 350 students, this will keep us right on track towards the new goal," said Seveland.

In the past, large fluctuations in class size, such as this year's overly large first-year student class, can cause planning nightmares for administrators.

"We had to add about sixteen more classes because of the extra 100 students in this class," said Assistant Provost William Potter.

But the new plan for increased overall enrollment will not be a problem: the College has seven searches currently in progress for new professors, meaning an addition of more classes next year.

Dean of Students James Kridler is not worried about the expected increase in students either. He said, "We have 40 to 50 open beds right now. When we were told of this year's large class, we created more room in the basements of some residence halls, added the MacCurdy House and the apartments. We may have a few more seniors living off campus, or the school may buy another house bordering the school, but there is no need to build a new residence hall or anything like that. We are ready for this growth," said Kridler.

Faculty search continues without problem

By Denise C. Vittitow
Freelance Writer

The search to fill seven faculty vacancies is well under way. The departments with available positions are theater and dance (two available positions), exercise and health science, sociology, art, math and education.

The theater and dance committee reviewed several applications for the theater position and have narrowed it down to three candidates, two men and one woman.

Each of the three candidates will be evaluated by both faculty and students during upcoming visits to the College. The committee hopes to involve candidates in as much student interaction as possible while they are at Alma.

"The decision will be a tough one. All the candidates are highly qualified and we really can't go wrong," said Associate Professor of Theater and Dance Carol Fike.

The committee hopes to make a final decision by the end of January.

The position for technical director will not be filled until a final decision has been reached about the theater position. This will allow for input from the theater replacement, who will be working closely with the technical director.

After finishing eight phone interviews, the exercise and health science committee narrowed down its choices to only four candidates.

All four candidates will be on campus during the next two weeks. During their stay, the candidates will meet with a committee of six students. Each candidate will also give a seminar. Students are encouraged to attend the seminars and meet the candidates. Student input will be taken into account when making the final decision for this position.

The sociology committee has recently completed pooling applications and will soon begin the interviewing process.

Meanwhile, the art department will continue to take applications through Jan. 20. Immediately after the deadline the committee will review all received applications.

Similarly, the math position deadline for applications is Jan. 21. They have currently received over 400 applications.

The education department will hire a secondary education director. The committee accepted applications through Jan. 15, and is in the process of reviewing them.

All departments continue their searches for qualified applicants who meet Alma College standards.

Student enrollment figures from Long Range Planning Committee

	91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97
Seniors	329	305	261	255	378	333
Juniors	285	246	255	378	333	307
Sophomores	267	291	404	360	332	332
First-year	305	420	380	350	350	380
Total	1,186	1,262	1,300	1,343	1,393	1,352
Abroad	15	20	25	25	30	30
Net full-time (fall)	1,171	1,242	1,275	1,318	1,363	1,322

Editor's note:

The figures represent only approximations for future class sizes. Not all members of the Long Range Planning Committee hold the same views upon the issue of increasing enrollment to meet these standards over the next four years.

Civic leaders look toward county improvements

By William S. Hull
News Editor

County-wide improvements may soon become a reality in Gratiot County. The Gratiot County-Wide Strategic Planning Committee will release a report indicating where the county's greatest needs exist. The committee will release its report in late May or early June.

The committee currently consists of approximately 65 members. City managers, mayors, bank owners, other large business owners, educational heads and radio station owners comprise the 65-member committee. Committee members Consumers Power and the Department of Commerce act as consultants for the group.

"It is an attempt by civic leaders in the county to plan for an orderly civic, economic and business future for the county," said Associate Professor and Chairperson of Economics George Choksy.

The larger group split into sub-committees, each of which will tackle one of the six areas of concern. Those areas are: economic development, inter/intra governance, quality of life, infrastruc-

ture, education and health.

A steering committee oversees the progress of the sub-committees and the larger committee. The steering committee is comprised of 15 members and chaired by Alma College President Alan J. Stone.

Stone hopes the work of the committee will improve the community for residents and students alike. He feels the committee has done some good things so far, but added "what will come out of it, you will never know."

Stone will personally gain little from the improvements in Gratiot County which makes him a neutral figure on many of the issues of the committee.

"...that is one of the reasons I feel I was chosen to chair the committee," said Stone.

Through chairing the committee, Stone has only minimal duties. Making sure the sub-committees meet deadlines and achieve goals constitutes most of his job, but he also performs a public relations role. He answers questions from the press about the committee and attempts to explain the committee's progress toward its goal.

Other members of Alma's faculty

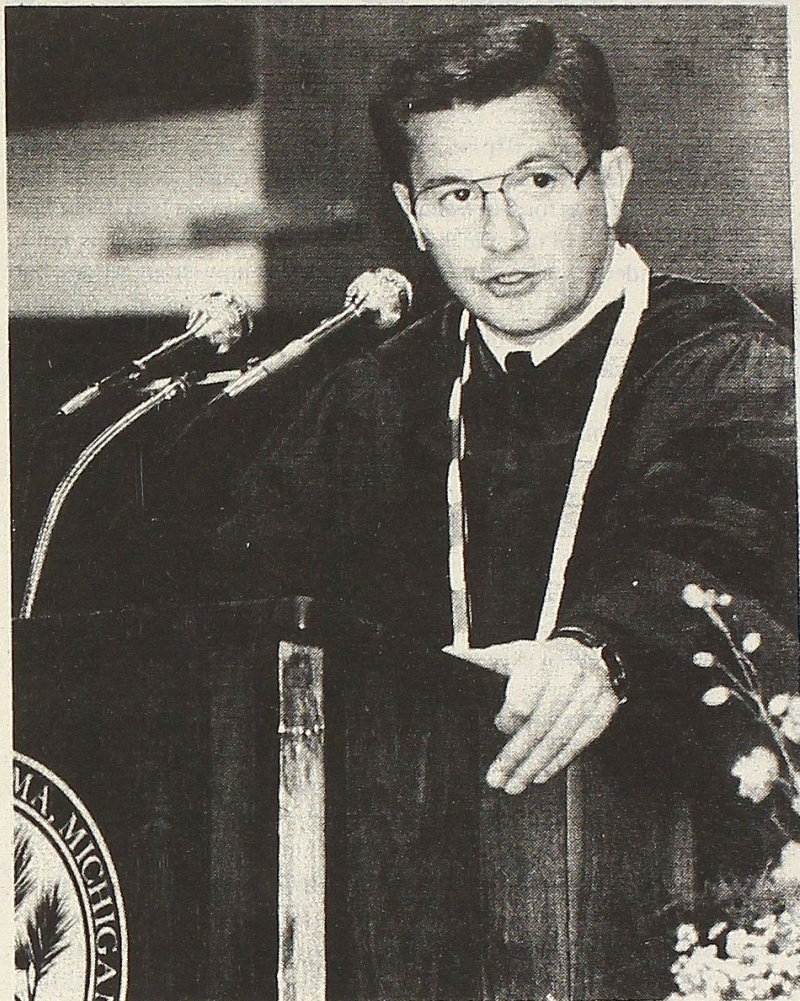
have also worked with the committee. Burnet Davis, chairperson and professor of political science; John Arnold, associate professor of German; and Choksy have made contributions to the committee. The three provide expertise in areas that the committee needs help and guidance.

Choksy provides the committee with quantitative analysis, demographic data and business and economic data. He also has experience working with vast data banks, allowing him to bring to the committee data about the different areas of its concern.

The outcome and improvements in Gratiot County's future lie in the hands of the Gratiot County-Wide Strategic Planning Committee. Stone and other members of the committee feel they will come up with good ideas and good solutions.

"The goals, I think, are very ambitious, positive, practical and could easily lead to long-range economic gain, not zero gain as has occurred in the past," said Choksy.

No one knows what the future holds for Gratiot County, but the committee feels once it reaches its goals, a much brighter future lies on the horizon.



Alma College President Alan J. Stone. Photo by J. Dial

Keeping You Informed

Heritage Center deaths investigation concludes

Results from the investigation into the Heritage Center deaths last October is expected within the next couple weeks. The two men died when a section of scaffolding on which they were standing gave way while they worked near the top of one of the walls of the Heritage Center.

Tom Swindlehurst, a safety officer with the Michigan Department of Labor Construction Safety Division, finished his probing into the accident last week. Swindlehurst's report should include why the accident happened and what citations and fines the Edgar Boettcher Mason Contractors will face, if any. A collaboration of supervisors will then meet to decide upon what the final citations will include.

Once the final decisions are made, the Department of Labor Construction Safety Division will notify the employer. At that time the results will then be made available to the press.

Blood drive returns to Alma

Gelston Hall and the Theta Chi fraternity co-sponsor the second blood drive of the year at Alma College. The drive scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 21, will run from 11 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. in Tyler Rotunda. The American Red Cross looks to Alma College and the surrounding community as one of its largest donors in Gratiot County.

Honor Bound author to speak to campus community

Joseph Steffan, author of *Honor Bound: A Gay American Fights for the Right to Serve His Country*, will speak to the Alma Community on Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel. Steffan, a homosexual, will speak about his discharge from the U.S. Naval Academy six weeks before graduation and also President-elect Bill Clinton's policy about the admittance of gays into the military.

Before his discharge Steffan ranked as one of the top ten highest-ranking officials in the academy and commanded over 800 midshipman. He made the decision to keep his integrity and admit to being a homosexual, instead of lying to his superiors and continuing toward graduation. His decision led not only to his discharge, but also to a controversial lawsuit looking to overturn the military's ban of gays and lesbian's in the service.

Overseas Spring Terms offer student body new options

By Steve Rummel
Freelance Writer

Traditionally, Alma College offers several overseas study opportunities during Spring Term. Spring Term 1993 is no exception. Trips focus mainly on the European continent with opportunities to study in Spain, France and Russia.

Alma College students have three new opportunities for overseas study this year. Although the students have fewer classes to choose from, the academic, as well as social opportunities, go far beyond the surface experience. Last year's overseas Spring Terms cost, on average, \$1,738. Spring Terms this year are more expensive, but prices are not out of sight. Students are asked for a non-refundable deposit and are given ample time to raise the remaining money.

The overseas trip to Spain and Morocco is headed by Carlos Mentley, assistant professor of Spanish. Students will fly from the United States on Apr. 27, and arrive back home June 3. Students will investigate the Moorish aspect of Spanish culture while working in a land where the language is somewhat familiar. They will then look at the historical effects of the Moors in Morocco.

"It is an exercise in traveling," said Mentley. "Traveling in two foreign countries without the aid of organized tours, and knowing the language of one country, but not the

other, is what makes the trip even more adventurous," he added.

The trip to Spain and Morocco with Mentley will cost \$2,400, plus additional costs for food and spending money. This covers all costs for the five-week trip. "This is real multi-culturalism. In addition to the

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culture shock of traveling to Spain, there is the additional shock of entering Morocco. It is a totally different world," said Mentley.

Julie Arnold, a French instructor, is heading the overseas Spring Term to Paris, France. The cost to students is about \$2,350, with a \$200 deposit, for all activities. The excursion begins May 1, and continues until May 30.

Arnold believes that "the best way to learn about a culture is to learn

through the language." Students will attend French classes in the mornings, while visiting museums, cathedrals, government structures and other historically significant buildings in the afternoons.

While living with families, the students are exposed to a different culture, and learning about it from the basic family structure. "The course is open to anyone, from someone interested in French to a foreign language major," encouraged Arnold.

Robert Rozier, associate professor of art and design, and Melvin Nyman, professor of math and computer science, are guiding a trip for students through Russia and the Baltics. A cost of \$2,975 with a \$300 deposit will send students on this trip.

Their goal is to make intercultural comparisons between Americans and Russians, along with comparisons of the different art styles in America with those of Russia and the Baltics. Students will make trips to Moscow and St. Petersburg, with stops in Estonia, Latvia and some Baltic islands. The journey concludes in Stockholm, Sweden, after a brief layover in Helsinki, Finland. This expedition leaves on May 30, and returns June 17, making it possible for these students to receive Spring Term credits.

Any student interested in going overseas must contact the respective coordinator.

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King's dream still unfulfilled

By J.C. Clarkson
Freelance Writer

On Apr. 4, 1968 at 6:01p.m. in Memphis, Tennessee, James Earle Ray changed our lives forever when he pulled the trigger of the rifle that fatally wounded Martin Luther King, Jr.

In *Stride Toward Freedom*, King stated, "If physical death is the price that a man must pay to free his children and his white brethren from a permanent death of the spirit, then nothing could be more redemptive."

He paid the price, but was it enough?

Twenty-five years later, are our spirits free, or are we still marching slowly down the path of permanent death?

The circumstances may have changed; the actions in which we as a nation engage, may be more advanced; but the problems that lead to these actions are still the same. We are still a nation disillusioned and blinded by our ethnocentricity. We are still a nation that resorts to violence and destruction to get its point across. We are still a nation that has a ridiculous number of poor and starving citizens. We are still a nation plagued by racism, prejudice and human oppression.

Some holidays are times for celebration while others are a time for remembrance. But King's holiday is much more important to us now than that. We need to take heed to

his brilliant words now more than ever. We as a world are on the brink of self destruction. In fact, we have just recently, with the aid of England and France, completed our second air attack on Iraq. King had the vision to see that war is not a testimony of how strong we are, but how incapable we are of communicating and separating our differences. We not only need to remember what King did, but why he was compelled to do it.

Perhaps no other man or woman in modern American history has lived his/her philosophy of life so purely and honestly. King built his philosophy on three key Christian concepts: *agape*, an overflowing love, for all men and women, including enemies, which seeks nothing in return; *caritas*, Christian charity, affectionate benevolence; and *philia*, a reciprocal love and the intimate affection and friendship between friends.

The strongest and most recognized force of King's philosophy has to be his beliefs on nonviolent resistance. His concept of redemptive suffering came from the Gandhian concept of *satyagraha*—love-force. This was said to be one of the most potent weapons available to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom.

"We will match your capacity to inflict suffering with our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. We

will not hate you, but we cannot in all good conscience obey your unjust laws. Do to us what you will and we will still love you...we will soon wear you down by our capacity to suffer. And in winning our freedom, we will appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process," said King.

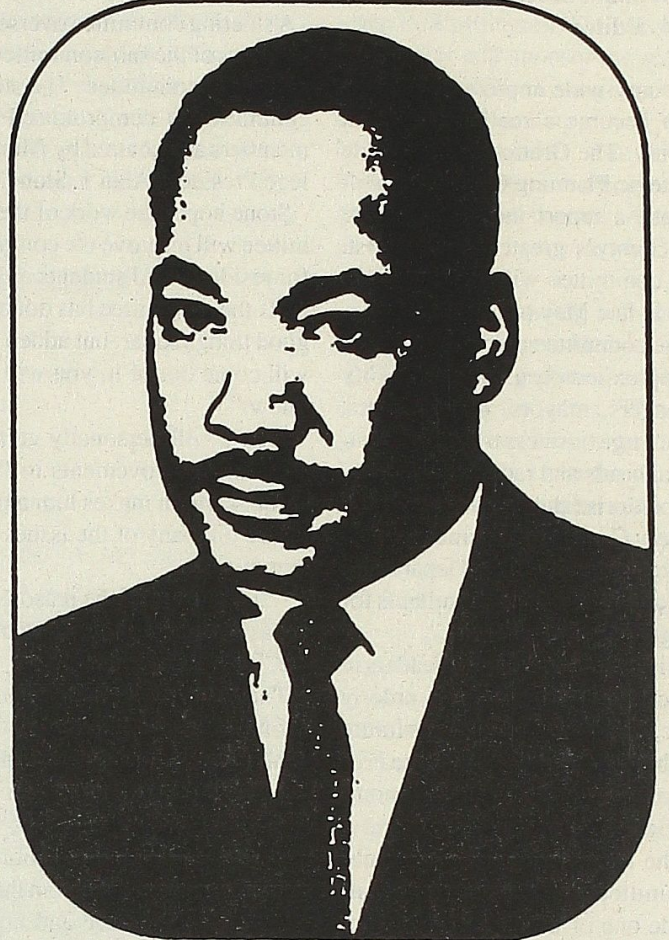
King believed that the universe was on the side of the just, which gave him and his followers faith in the future and strength to accept suffering. Individuals' conclusions about the ultimate meaning of the universe and about life itself depends upon individual perspectives and orientations; however, no matter what your perspective or orientation, King is a hero in all sense of the word.

Let us make sure the price he paid was enough. Let us continue the quest to free our spirits along with those of our brothers and sisters.

King's perseverance didn't come without daily sacrifices. He paid the price for freedom in many ways; sometimes he was arrested with handcuffs, sometimes with brutality. But, even on the night preceding his death, his faith in God kept him strong and unwavering in the final declaring of his convictions:

We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter to me now. Because I've been to the mountain top....

Like anybody else, I would like to



Martin Luther King Jr.

live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land.

I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as

a people will get to the Promised Land.

So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. (King's I See the Promised Land 4/3/68)

Alma will host Summer Institute for second year

By Brett Powers
Staff Reporter

During the summer when most students are back home working a job and getting a tan, the Alma College campus is invaded.

For two weeks in June approximately 100 high school students from across the state of Michigan converge here to take part in the Summer Institute for Arts and Sciences. "These are talented and specially selected high school students entering their junior or senior year," said William Potter, assistant provost and registrar.

The Summer Institute is run by the State of Michigan Board of Education. Ten different colleges participate in the program, including Western Michigan University, Olivet College and Adrian College. The schools must submit a proposal to the Board of Education for acceptance; not all the schools that want to host this event are selected. "The first year we sent a proposal in we were turned down," said Potter. "But we have been accepted the past two years."

"Each school gets to pick its theme; Alma's is 'Biomedical Sciences: The Wonder, the Horror, and Responsibility,'" said James Hutchison, chairperson of the chemistry department. This is the same theme that Alma had last year, and, with the exception of the addition of a psychology class, the program is similar to the previous year's.

The students attend 10 different areas of study which include such classes as biomedical ethics, sculpting, physiology and creative writing. "The students are taught by Alma professors, but there are no tests, no grades; just learning," said Hutchison.

"At night, we have a lot of social activities to keep them occupied," said Linda Harleston, associate dean of students. "We had a student talent show, movie nights, dances and even took them to the Bavarian Festival. This program really exposes a lot of students to Alma and to college in general."

"The Summer Institute is good for Alma because it brings in a lot of students that would not otherwise ever come to Alma, and it does get our name spread around the high schools in a positive way," said Hutchison.

Students join inaugural events

By John Williams
College Press Service

When Bill Clinton puts his left hand on the bible and raises his right hand to promise that he will uphold the Constitution of the United States as president, thousands of college students will be in Washington to see the transfer of power from one party to another, and from one generation to another.

And the youth vote that the Democratic former governor openly courted in his successful bid against Republican incumbent George Bush will be represented in activities culminating Jan. 20 when Clinton is sworn in as the 42nd President of the United States.

"There are so many people coming to Washington. There are students, herds of students, coming here," said Jamie Harmon, president of College Democrats. "We're expecting 300,000 people. The idea is to get in a solid day of work and a solid night of partying."

The events were scheduled to start in Monticello, Va. on Jan. 17 when Clinton rode a bus to Washington, D.C. At 6 p.m. EDT, the Bells for Hope ceremony was held. Clinton and Vice President Al Gore rang a replica of the Liberty Bell near the Lincoln Memorial, and across the nation bells will peal at the same

time.

Harmon said the College Democrats helped coordinate the Bells for Hope and worked with college and university officials nationwide so they could participate.

Seminars were planned for students in Washington, including a town meeting in which college students could meet Cabinet members. Also, hundreds of students are vol-

only student on the panel—the other 34 members were mostly presidents of associations, colleges or universities, she said. The primary concern passed on to the DOE was restoring financial aid money in the form of grants so students don't have to rely on loans.

Another issue discussed was Clinton's proposal made during the campaign to have a national student service program, in which students would pay off their educational loans by performing community service after graduation. No definitive plan has been established.

"It was good to be listened to. Clinton is making an effort to incorporate the voice of students during this transition," Leyton said. "But all the rhetoric in the world means nothing unless programs get funded."

For inaugural entertainment, the rock group Fleetwood Mac reunites to sing Clinton's campaign song, "Don't Stop (Thinking About Tomorrow)" at a televised gala this evening. The song became a standard for the Clinton-Gore campaign after it was played at the Democratic National Convention.

Also appearing at the events will be Barbara Streisand, Elton John, Aretha Franklin, Chuck Barry, Judy Collins and the Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe.

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--Jamie Harmon

unteering their time for the myriad of events planned in the city.

In other developments to the Clinton-Gore inauguration, Stacey Leyton, president of the United States Student Association, a Washington-based student advocacy group, was named to a council of advisers to identify issues and goals for the Department of Education (DOE). Clinton's educational transition team established various task forces to make recommendations to administration officials.

Leyton's council studied higher education issues, and she was the

Graduates continue to face tight job market

By Katie Novak
Feature Editor

College graduates face a tight job market for the fourth straight year according to a survey of the Michigan State University (MSU) Career Development and Placement Services. Researchers reported that improvement in the nation's economy has not yet been reflected in employment opportunities for new graduates as downsizing, job elimination and corporate mergers continue to affect the market.

Patrick Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute and of the annual study, however, cautioned graduates not to lose hope. While results showed a decrease in hiring quotas for 1992-93 of 2.1 percent, the decrease was significantly less than the 10 percent decrease in 1991-92, 9.8 percent in 1990-91 and 13.3 percent in 1989-90.

"New college graduates can find some hope in the fact that substantial erosion in hiring quotas is not expected and some improvement is anticipated in late 1993," Scheetz said.

The survey, part of MSU's 22nd annual national study *Recruiting Trends 1992-93*, was comprised of responses from over 500 employers in business, industry and governmental agencies. The employers commented on issues including problems facing campus recruiters, the level of competition for select candidates, factors affecting the hiring quotas, starting salaries and sexual harassment policies. Researchers also compiled a regional analysis of job openings.

Campus recruiters face a number of significant problems according to the study. Employers reported that they are troubled by a limited number of female and minority candidates (overall), the often unrealistic employment expectations of college seniors and a lack of adequate "career-related work experiences from job applicants," such as

practicums and internships.

While the survey noted a low number of female and minority applicants, it reported fierce competition among this group, especially in the fields of engineering, business and science. Competition among all college graduates increased as employers reported becoming even more selective in choosing interview candidates and offering employment positions. Scheetz noted that many companies will not even consider applicants with less than a 3.0 grade point average.

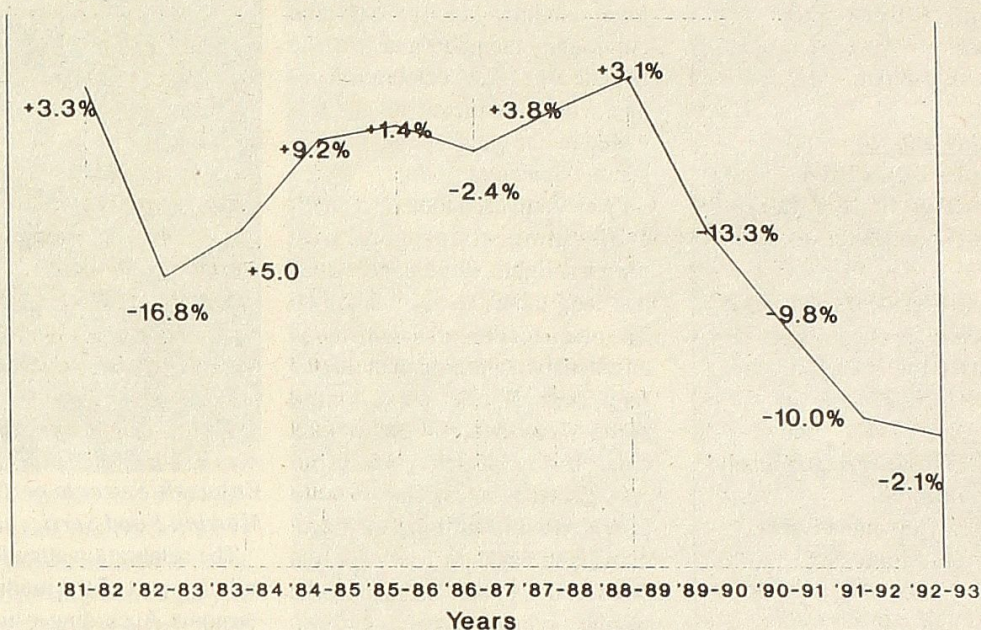
Scheetz reported a significant variance in starting salaries according to academic majors. Engineering graduates ranked highest: chemical engineering, \$40,173; mechanical engineering, \$35,619; electrical engineering, \$35,141; and industrial engineering, \$32,574, followed by computer science, \$31,572; nursing, \$29,452; and physics, \$29,367.

Though the study showed that markets continue to be competitive in all regions of the United States, it reported more job availability in the southeast and north central regions versus the southwest, south central, northeast and northwest regions.

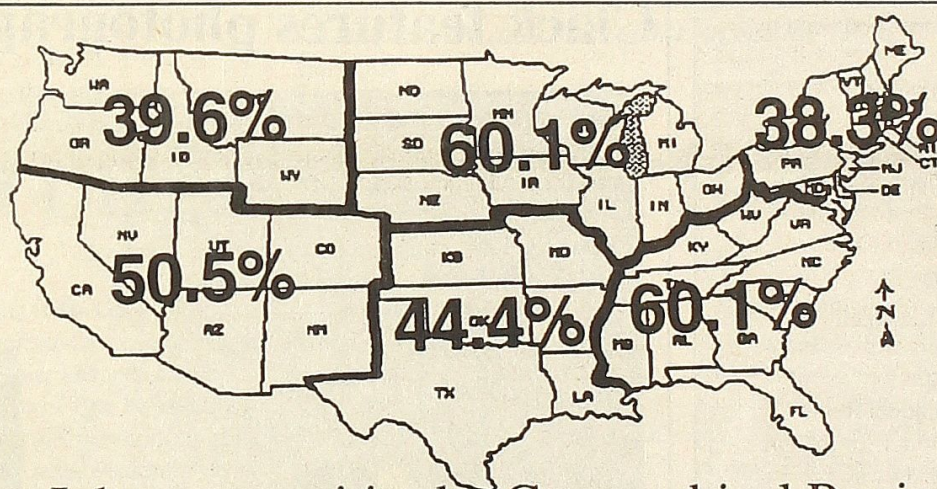
In addition to looking at quotas, salaries and regional opportunities, the survey included a discussion of sexual harassment policies. Ninety-three percent of the employers stated they have a tough policy on sexual harassment, the reporting of incidents and the enforcement of rulings.

Surveyed employers emphasized the changing qualifications needed in college graduates. "Significant changes in the work environment during the past five years have brought changes in employer expectations for new college hires. There is strong emphasis on flexibility, teamwork and providing customer satisfaction. Automation and technology have increased the education level requirements for adequate job performance, and more computer knowledge is considered mandatory," according to the study.

HIRING INTENTIONS AMONG EMPLOYERS OF NEW COLLEGE GRADUATES



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Job opportunities by Geographical Region

	This Year 1992-93	Last Year 1991-92
Southeastern region	60.1%	67.9%
Northcentral region	60.1%	71.4%
Southwestern region	59.5%	66.9%
Southcentral region	44.4%	54.1%
Northwestern region	39.6%	50.2%
Northeastern region	38.3%	42.3%

Health Beat

Seasonal disorder affects mood, energy levels

By Katie Novak
Feature Editor

Winter is definitely here. For the avid Michigander the low temperatures and foot of snow mean better skiing, sledding, snowmobiling and many more recreational opportunities. For others, the shortened days and cold weather may mean a drastic change in mood, energy level, appetite and sleep patterns—symptoms of a type of depression called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) in severe cases.

Researchers have found that most types of winter depression are mild, often triggered by hurried holidays or a decrease in physical activity. However, in the past ten years, SAD has been given

substantial attention. According to William Leber, a psychologist at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (UOHSC), SAD differs from general depression.

"SAD prompts a mood that is 'consistently bad' throughout the winter...There must be a pattern to it. They (sufferers) can't just get depressed once in the wintertime and consider that the disorder," Leber said.

Other symptoms necessary for diagnosis include at least one disabling depressive episode, no other major psychiatric disorders or possible explanations for mood change. In addition to having less energy, SAD patients tend to load up on carbohydrates and sweets and become less productive at work or school during the winter months.

While most researchers agree that seasonal depression occurs, they do not agree on how many people are afflicted. Estimates vary considerably: *The University of California-Berkeley Wellness Letter* reported that five percent of Americans are SAD sufferers, and the National Institute of Mental Health reported that approximately 25 percent are. The disorder occurs most often in women (four times as often as in men) and between the ages of 20-40.

Disagreement among experts surrounds the causes for SAD. Possibilities include a decreased supply of serotonin, an amino acid (tryptophan) derivative that affects the regulation of the appetite for carbohydrates; an increase in melatonin, a hormone that affects emotional

and physical health in terms of energy level and mood; and a disturbed secretion of stress hormones, that influences response to both emotional and physical stress.

Treatment of both mild seasonal depression and SAD is less of a mystery. For those experiencing "the wintertime blahs" or a form of mild depression, Roger Thies, a psychologist at UOHSC, suggests the following: "Exercise. Revving up the body to a higher speed tends to have a counteractive effect on depression...Bring some 'sunshine' into your life by altering your routine...Change your thought patterns. Instead of locking in on how things should be, adopt a more active and less negative set of thoughts."

People suffering more severe de-

pression or experiencing the symptoms of SAD should consult a physician. Common methods of treatment include stress-management counseling, antidepressant drugs and light therapy. Although reducing stress and taking medication may help improve one's condition, these treatments are not as widely used as light therapy—daily, timed exposure to extremely bright lights.

Editor's Note: Information in this article was obtained from *USA TODAY*, January 1992, *The University of California-Berkeley Wellness Letter*, January 1992, and *Women's Sports & Fitness*, November-December 1989.

Jan. 19, 1993

Calendar of events

January 19-24

ON CAMPUS:

Tuesday, Jan. 19
Academic Effectiveness Seminar
Dow L-1, 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 20
Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Gelston Hall
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tyler Rotunda

Meet the President Open Forum with Alan J. Stone
VanDusen Fireside

Friday, Jan. 22
ACUB Films: *Raising Cain* and *Innocent Blood*
7 & 9 p.m., Louanna Baker Jones Auditorium

Sunday, Jan. 24
Gelston Hall Program: Winterfest
1 p.m. Gelston Hall

Burns Dinner-sponsored by Marriott
6 p.m. VanDusen

ACUB Film: *Raising Cain*
8 p.m. Louanna Baker Jones Auditorium

MIDLAND:
Wednesday, Jan. 20
Slide Lecture Series: Frank Lloyd Wright
7 p.m., Founders Room-Midland Center for the Arts
1801 W. Andrews

Saturday, Jan. 23 and Sunday, Jan. 24
Bye, Bye Birdie
New York Touring Company
Midland Center for the Arts
3 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 Sunday

ANN ARBOR:
Saturday, Jan. 23
Pigface
"The young hipsters version of the Travelling Wilburys"
The Blind Pig
208 S. First St.

Sunday, Jan. 24
Roomful of Blues
The Blind Pig

Dinner, ensemble provide taste of Middle Ages

By Katie Novak
Feature Editor

The Co-Curricular Committee and Marriott Food Service combined efforts Thursday, Jan. 14, to give students, faculty, staff and community members a taste of the Middle Ages. The celebration began with a medieval dinner followed by the entertainment of Ensemble Seicento.

Tyler VanDusen took on a medieval dining atmosphere with dimmed lights, large candleabras and long tables covered in white. The menu for the evening included an extensive sampling of medieval fare: tart de brie, apple glazed cornish hens, beef roll-ups, mulled cider, barley, parsnips, dried fruit and assorted cakes. Guests were provided with traditional medieval utensils to eat their food—only a knife and a spoon because forks were a medieval rarity.

Senior Jeremy Evans opened the celebration and each course of the

dinner with humorous descriptions of what was to come. Approximately 125 people attended.

about 10 a.m., after most of the lord's (of the manor) business had been transacted." While seating was

servants would carry the lukewarm food rather long distances to the tables, where it was passed along the banquet-style tables. Had Thursday evening's guests been members of a medieval court, they would have shared dishes and drinking glasses with their significant other.

Table manners evolved as an important part of the dining routine for the nobility as well as the lower classes. "Table manners were formalized. Various 'Bokes of Curtesye' adjure readers not to burnish bones with their teeth, butter bread with their thumbs, poke their fingers in eggs, wipe their knives or teeth on the tablecloth, spit across the table," Bishop wrote in *The Middle Ages*.

While class determined seating arrangements, it also determined food selection. The nobility ate fine meats and light breads and drank wine at dinner; the peasant class ate more fowl, vegetables, dark bread and beer. Marriott's menu included traditional dishes for all classes.



Ensemble Seicento performed at the medieval dinner held by the Marriott Food Service last Thursday evening. Photo by A. Mull

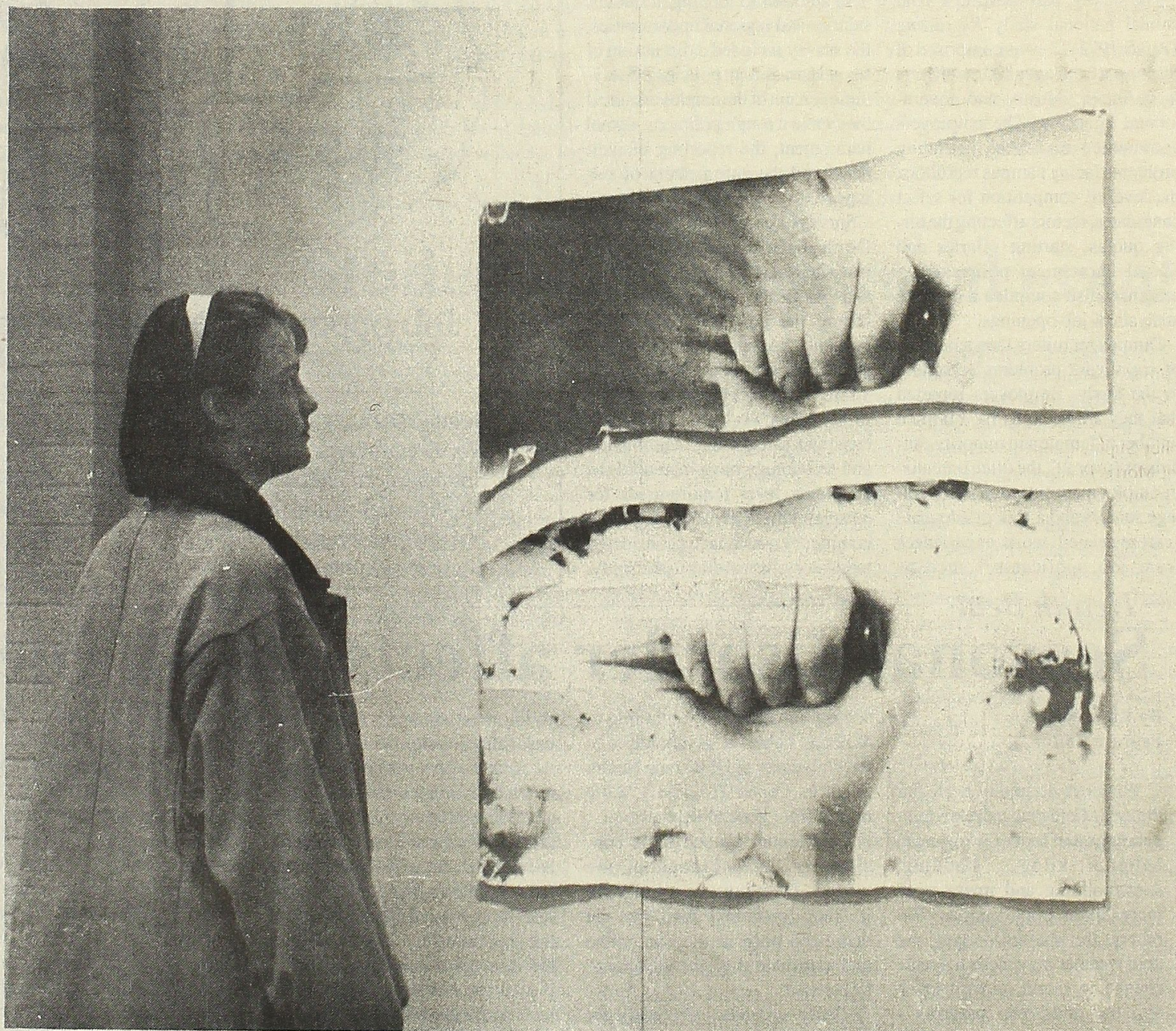
The celebration attended to a significant part of the medieval social customs. According to historian-author Morris Bishop, "The great event of the day was dinner, served at

open at Alma's dinner, it was normally determined by rank and class.

The medieval dining routine was formal. After the customary hand-washing ritual and blessing, kitchen

Art Exhibit

Clack features photographic installation, drawing exhibits



Barbara Shinn, a contemporary photographic installation artist, has works on exhibit in the theatre of the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery in Clack Art Center. A New York resident, Shinn presented a slide lecture about her work on Monday, Jan. 11. "The only time that anything of any importance ever gets done in this world is when fear and necessity hit their peak; whether it's revolution or artmaking. Everything depicted in my works are my implements for revolution," Shinn said. The Clack Lounge Gallery is currently housing an exhibit of drawings by Desiree Allen of Scottsdale, Arizona. Senior Tracy Thompson views the exhibit above. Photo by A. Mull

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Women come alive against Calvin, 85-70

By Lisa Shoemaker
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team finally delivered on Saturday. The Scots desperately needed a win against first-place Calvin, and they got it with a dominating performance that showcased glimpses of the magic of old.

A blistering first-half shooting spree enabled the Scots to knock-off Calvin 85-70, thus reestablishing Alma as a title contender in the MIAA.

After Saturday's results, Calvin, Adrian, and Alma are all now bottlenecked at the top of the conference standings with identical 3-1 MIAA records. Saturday's victory coupled with Thursday night's 66-42 win at Kalamazoo, now boosts the Scots overall mark to 7-6.

On Saturday, Alma was in command from the start as they shot an incredible 61 percent (22-36) from the floor enroute to a 51-36 halftime lead. Calvin was similarly impressive shooting 48 percent (13-27) for the half, but were not able to keep pace with the red-hot Scots.

"We knew we needed to go out and have a strong first half," said

junior center Katie Mans. "We got scoring from several people which gave us a boost going into the locker room."

Calvin was not even able to mount a challenge in the second-half as Alma maintained its comfortable cushion throughout. The lead grew to as much as 23 points during the final stretches.

Alma's offensive execution included five players scoring in double figures, led by Mans' game-high 18 points. Senior guard Lauri LaBeau poured in 15 points in addition to seven assists. Junior Kelly Jaster contributed 11 points, and Colleen Wruble and Ashley Reagh each chipped in with 10 apiece.

The Scots held the rebounding edge 45-37, including 21 on the offensive end of the court. Jaster, Wruble, and Sherman each hauled in seven boards to lead Alma.

The Scots efficient offensive execution resulted in only seven turnovers on the day as compared to Calvin's 16. Alma's defense produced 10 steals and limited Calvin to only eight offensive boards.

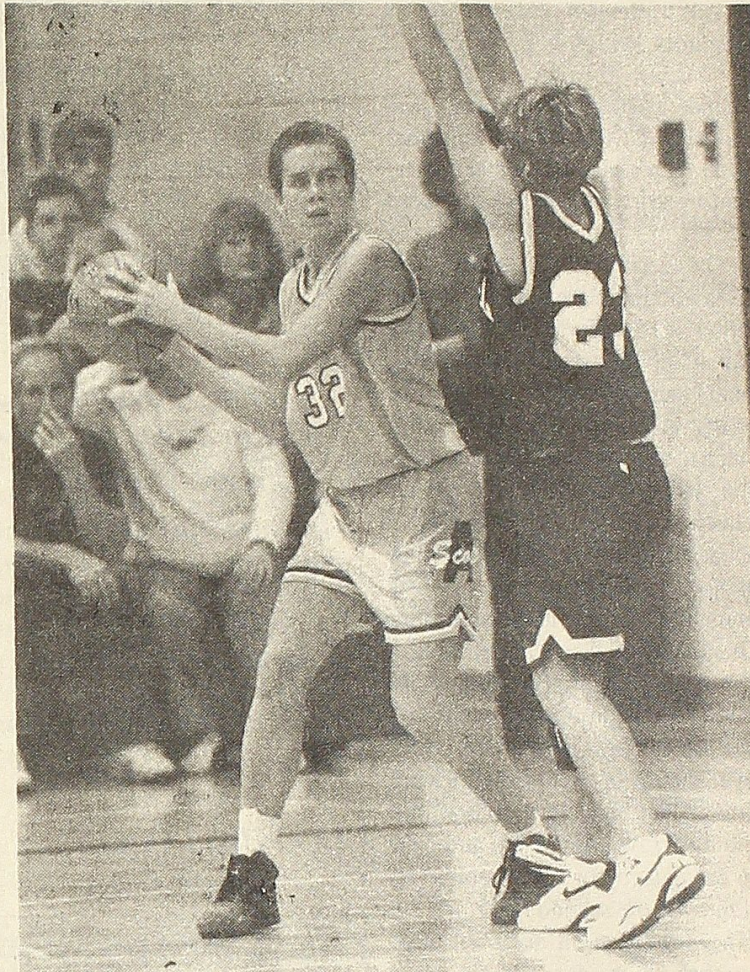
This victory not only puts Alma back in the title race, but the team's performance also signals that they

may be starting to recapture some of their championship form. The Scots displayed a confidence and cohesiveness that has been lacking up to this point.

Junior Tara Sherman recalled, "LaBeau came into the locker room at halftime and told the two new people - 'see we *can* play good'." It is just that bit of confidence that the Scots had been lacking as they struggled earlier in the season.

On Thursday night, Alma traveled to Kalamazoo and came away with a 66-42 victory. The Scots shot just 35 percent from the floor, but that was enough for them to defeat the Hornets (1-2 MIAA, 3-9 overall). Wruble led Alma with 19 points and nine rebounds. Mans added 15 points and eight boards.

Whether or not the Scots' performance this week is a barometer of things to come remains to be seen. Certainly their impressive play in the win over Calvin is a step in the right direction. Next up for Alma is tonight's non-conference clash at Aquinas. The Scots will then be back home on Saturday to entertain Albion.



Senior Colleen Wruble looks to dish off against Calvin. Photo by M. Stargardt

Redefining sport through the martial arts

By Jennifer Cosbey
Freelance Writer

Even with the addition of the Aikido class to Alma College's EHS repertoire, the martial arts are not a big focus here on campus or in the Alma community. Despite the lack of obvious enthusiasm, the Alma student body sports two accomplished black belts in junior Christopher Supnick and first-year student Morris Pearlman.

Supnick, from Kalamazoo, first became interested in karate in sixth grade. "I like the intense competition and self-discipline. It's an individual sport and I really enjoy the

individuality of it."

Supnick took Judo for his first two years of involvement in the martial arts. Then he moved on to Uchei-Ryu Karate Do, and this past year began studying Aikido.

Practicing a very traditional style, Supnick feels the new sort of American style is too flashy. "I work more with self-discipline and mind and body unity."

Pearlman explained that, "The new style involves full-body contact. We wear thick pads on our chests and heads, with optional padding for our hands and feet. Most of the tournaments now are done in this style."

Pearlman, from Grand Rapids, became interested in karate when his older brother began taking it. At the young age of five he asked for lessons for his birthday and has been with it ever since. Presently he is studying Tae Kwon Do. Now that he is away at school it has become more difficult for him to train, and must travel home to class every Saturday, in addition to doing stretches while here at school.

Supnick also commutes and is on the road at least six hours a week. He drives back and forth to Kalamazoo three times a week for class because he finds it difficult to practice on campus. He also instructs

at Grand Rapids Joynars Okinowan which is a great accomplishment for someone of his age and rank.

"A lot of the traditional styles concentrate more on a person's core and self-discipline instead of the tournaments," commented Supnick.

Yet both Supnick and Pearlman have been in their fair share of tournaments.

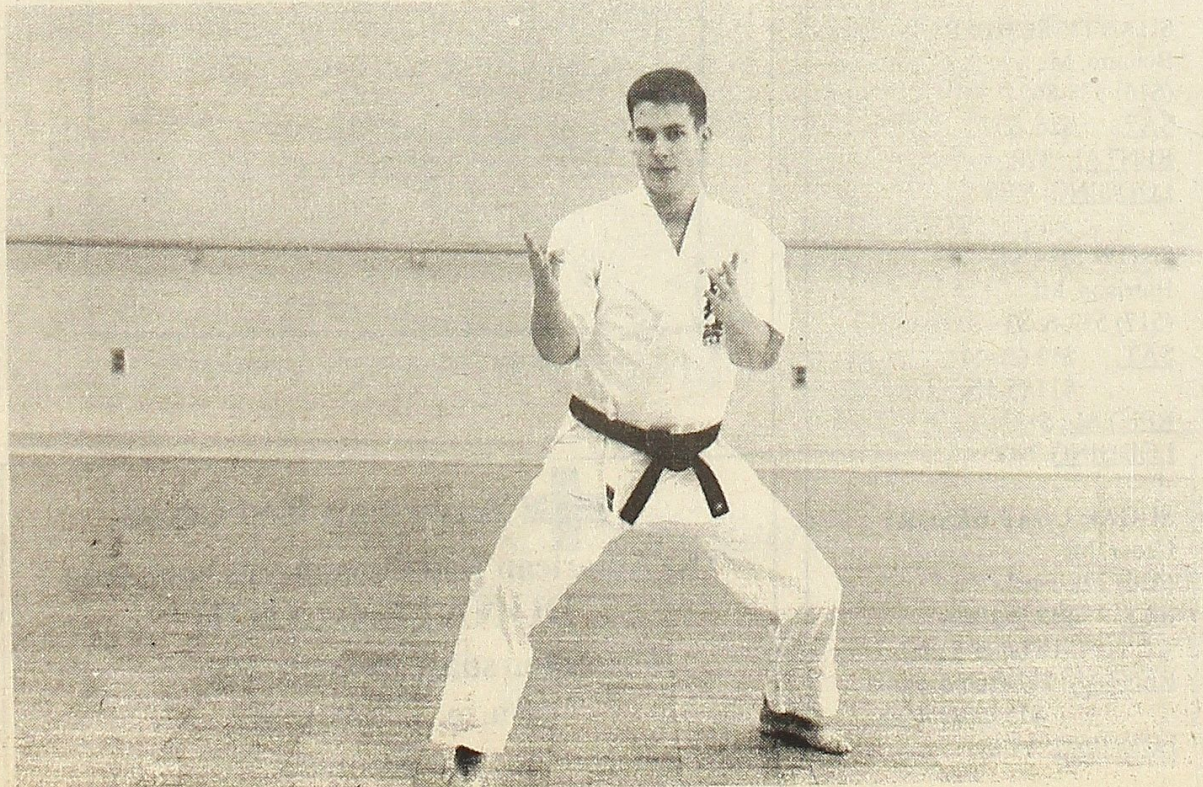
Pearlman recently competed in the Grand Championships Tournament here in Michigan where he took first place in form. "I beat someone who was in the Olympics, I thought he was going to kill me. I got lucky, he was tired."

Supnick competed at the Nationals this past August. He had the obstacle of recovering from a concussion before heading off to Antioch, California. Where he bounced back from the injury and ended up taking second place in fighting and fourth place in forms.

Next November, Supnick jets off to Okinawa, Japan for the World Championships. "I have a lot of hard training ahead of me. But I'm not setting outrageous goals for myself. I don't plan on finishing in the top five, it will just be a great experience."

Both Pearlman and Supnick have a lot of pride for and dedication to their martial art schools. This pride supersedes any trophies won at tournaments.

Supnick concluded, "Everyone can benefit from the martial arts. It's not a sport, it's a way of life and a study of hand-to-hand combat. With all traditional martial arts the concept of strength comes from the center. Someone may look weak, but instead be very strong as long as they have a center. Size is a western idea. How much someone can bench press means nothing in combat situations."



Junior Chris Supnick prepares for his challenger. Photo by L. Coleman

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Alma men recieve old-fashioned whipping, 108-55

By Bill Ballenger
Freelance Writer

Since its thrilling comeback win against UM-Dearborn on December 11, the men's varsity basketball squad went 4-5 to improve its overall record to 6-11.

On December 21, Alma blew Northwood off the hardcourt with an impressive 85-65 victory. Nine days later, at the four-team Oakland University tournament, the Scots downed Spring Arbor in the consolation match to capture third place. A week later, Hope spoiled Alma's MIAA debut by handing the visitors a 73-63 defeat. Over the ensuing weekend, the host Scots edged Adrian 89-80 for its first MIAA win of the season.

On January 13, Scots fell to visiting Kalamazoo, 76-71. The loss would make a nice addition to this season's ever-increasing chapter of "could have, should have, but didn't win" games. The Scots entered halftime with a narrow 36-34 edge and held the advantage for the opening 12 minutes of the second half.

The turning point occurred midway through the second half, when Alma botched an opportunity to build a comfortable lead. After the Hornets were unable to convert on three consecutive possessions, the Scots responded by turning the ball over on their subsequent possessions. It would later haunt the Scots as the Hornets, with 7:30 remaining, soared ahead 49-47 for the first meaningful

lead change since the opening minutes of the contest. It was a lead that Kalamazoo would relinquish only once.

All-America candidate Colon Lewis led Alma with 19 points, while Alma's other star forward, Todd Blomquist, added 13 points on six of eight shooting. Sophomore center Matt Lotterman

"We didn't play well and they played great, and it all snowballed from there. We are going to put this game behind us... Things will get better from now on."

*Head Coach
Bob Eldridge.*

grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

This past weekend, Alma suffered a 108-55 annihilation at the hands of Calvin, the 1992 Division III National Champions. The home team shot a blazing 58 percent from the floor, including 11 of 26 from beyond the three-point arc, compared to the Scots' 33 percent. As

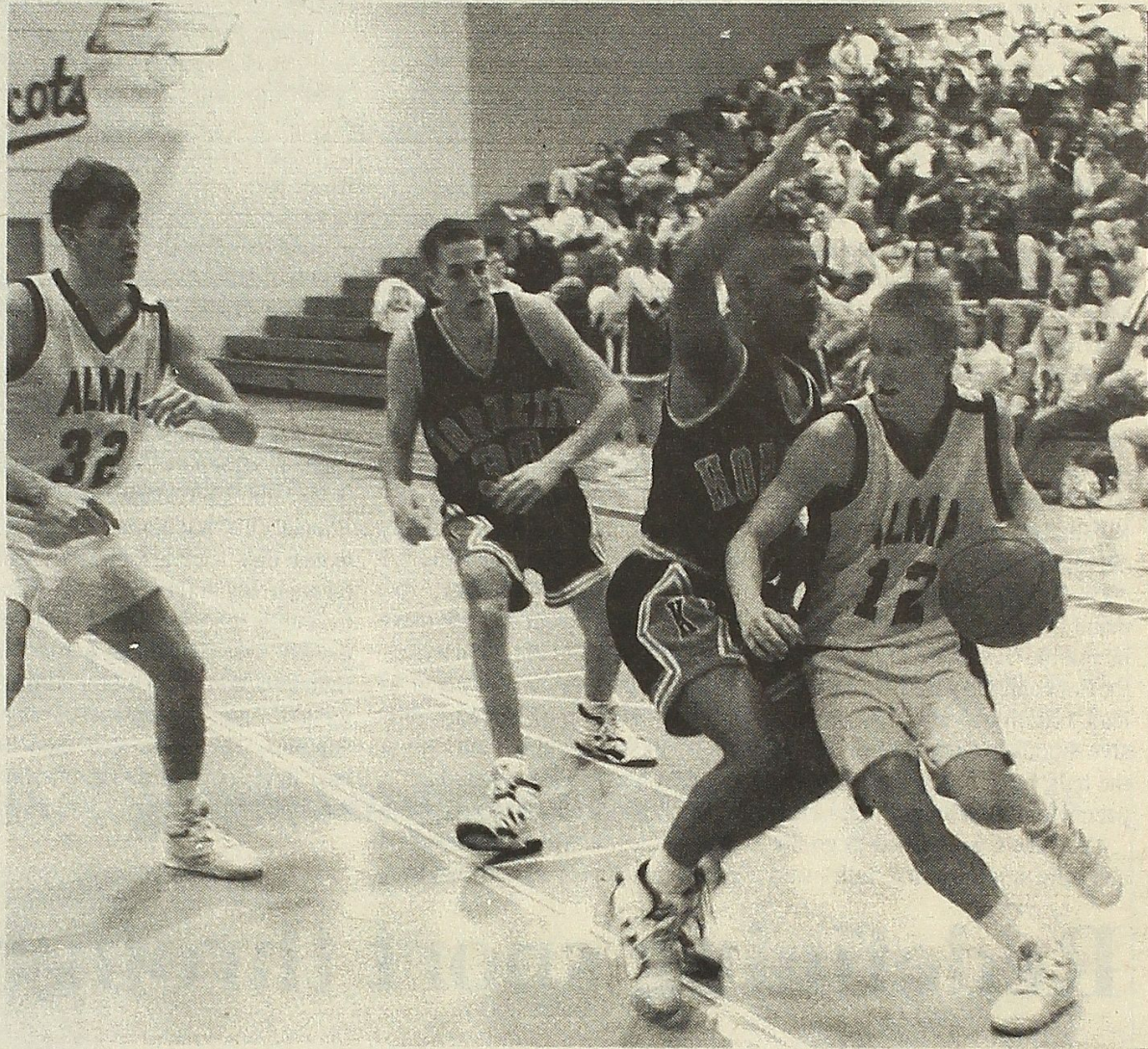
center Chad Reigh said, "They shot the lights out."

Starting point guard Mike Bjorne scored 10 points, while first-year reserve Hedlun Walton snagged a

team-high five rebounds.

"We didn't play well and they played great, and it all snowballed from there," said Coach Bob Eldridge. "We are going to put this

game behind us... Things will get better from now on because we just finished the two toughest games of our schedule—away games against Hope and Calvin."



First year player Jim Elliot drives past a Kalamazoo defender. Photo by M. Stargardt

Local resorts offer exciting skiing at affordable rates

By Lisa Shoemaker
Sports Editor

Fresh powder has arrived, the skies are waxed, the cocoa is warming—IT'S TIME TO HIT THE SLOPES!

Yes, conditions are superb as Michigan's winter recreation season moves into full swing. While the boycott of Colorado may keep many from engaging in the star-studded lure of Aspen and Vail, many local skiing havens can surprisingly be found right here in our own backyard. More importantly, these local treasures can provide an exciting, yet affordable retreat for the budget-conscious college student.

Whether you are looking for a weekend getaway, an afternoon excursion, or a moonlit evening on the mountain, many packages are available. Most establishments offer a variety of skiing options, from afternoon and evening rates to daily and weekend packages. Several resorts are located within a relatively short driving distance from Alma. Attached is a sampling of the local favor.

BINTZ APPLE MT.

Freeland, MI
(517) 781-0170
SAT. \$12 (10-4:30)
\$12 (5-10 pm)
RENTAL: \$12
LODGING: NO

BOYNE MT.

Boyne Falls, MI
1-800-GO-BOYNE
SAT. \$35 (full day)
\$18 (6-10 pm)
RENTAL: \$22
LODGING: YES

CABERFAE

Cadillac, MI
(616) 862-3301
SAT. \$24 (full day)
RENTAL: \$24
LODGING: YES

CRYSTAL MT.

Thompsonville, MI
(616) 378-2911
SAT. \$28 (full day)
\$3 per hour
RENTAL: \$3 per hour
LODGING: YES

MOTT MOUNTAIN

Farwell, MI
(517) 588-2945
SAT. \$12 (10-5 pm)
\$12 (5-10 pm)
RENTAL: \$11
LODGING: NO

SHANTY-SCHUSS

Bellaire, MI
(616) 533-8621
SAT. \$26, \$32
RENTAL: \$20
LODGING: YES

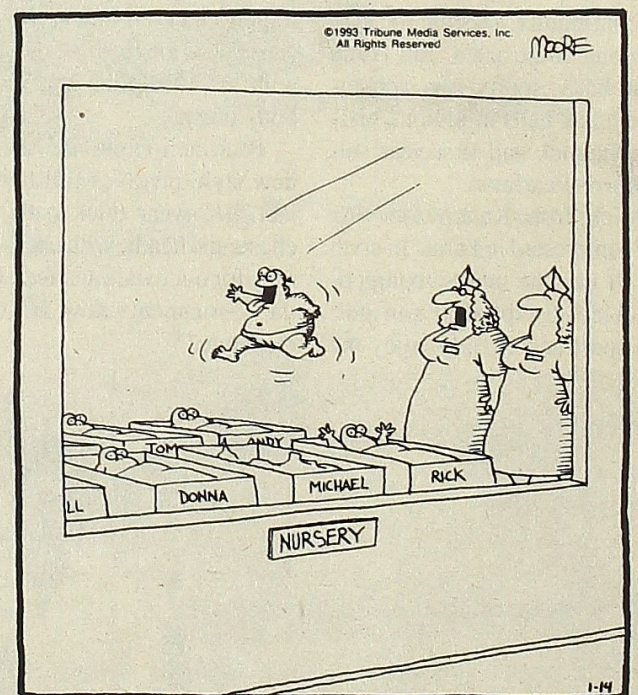
SNOW SNAKE

Harrison, MI
(517) 539-6583
SAT. \$13 (10-5)
\$11 (5-10)
RENTAL: \$13
LODGING: NO

SUGAR LOAF RESORT

Cedar, MI
(616) 228-5461
SAT. \$32 (full day)
\$15 (after 5 pm)
RENTAL: \$22 (full day)
\$15 (after 4 pm)
LODGING: YES

In the Bleachers by Steve Moore



"That Jordan kid gives me the creeps."



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Thursday, January 21st

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Sports Commentary by Brad Engle

Crusading for the rambunctious fan

I was hoping that the new year would bring more topics for this column. Really, I had hoped that I would return with a plethora of ideas that would peak the interest of my loyal readers. But, in light of recent events, I feel it necessary to dredge up the continuing saga of the sports fan at Alma.

I had the opportunity to attend the men's basketball game last Thursday and be thoroughly disappointed once again with the fans. Granted, there were more people in attendance for the first half than I had been witness to in a long time at a home game, save for the women's opening game. I took this as a sign of encouragement and wrongly assumed that the students of this institution made mass new year's resolutions to attend the games in '93. But no such luck.

While the Scots did get off to a slow start, they gained the lead and held on most of the game, only to relinquish the lead in the game's closing minutes. This was an exciting game till the final buzzer sounded - the kind where the fans at the home court could really make a difference. Sadly, however, the fan support was virtually nonexistent except for a few rowdies waving a flag high up in the stands.

I believe that the fans could have made a difference in the outcome of the game by becoming loud and boisterous, taking the other team off its game plan. I don't support completely outrageous behavior that is unsportsmanlike or mean to the other team's players, just some good-natured, loud fun.

In the last couple of days I've

been present at a few high school games in this area and elsewhere. The teams I've watched play range in caliber from being ranked in the state to teams without a win. These games proved interesting in that the crowds were lively and attentive throughout the entire game, leaving the visiting team little doubt as to whose gym they were in.

As a spectator who had little personal interest in any of the teams, there was not a game that I didn't have fun while attending. I hate to say that I don't always have fun at the Alma games, and I'm a loyal fan. While I'm not going to stop attending the games and having as good a time as I can, one can't help but wonder what it would be like to attend the game with a hundred or so screaming maniacs.

Maybe the athletic department should start advertising the games more, or offering some kind of free

promotions to get the fans interested. Some type of contest to see who the loudest fans are, or who the loudest fraternity or sorority is are examples of possible promotions. Make the games something to be excited about by offering something for everybody.

It seems that I have made it a personal crusade to get fan support for our athletic teams. OK, I'll go along with that. But the best thing I can say is try it just one time. It doesn't matter if you know a thing about basketball, just go sit in the stands and scream your head off when the other team has the ball. It's fun, doesn't cost a thing, and most of all it's a great stress reliever/study break.

1993 Winter Sports schedule

Men's Basketball

Wed. 1-20	7:30	BLUFFTON
Sat. 1-23	3:00	at Albion
Wed. 1-27	8:00	OLIVET
Sat. 1-30	3:00	HOPE
Wed. 2-03	8:00	at Olivet
Sat. 2-06	3:00	ALBION
Sat. 2-13	3:00	at K'zoo
Wed. 2-17	8:00	CALVIN
Sat. 2-20	3:00	at Adrian

Wed-Sat. MIAA Conf. Tourn. 24-27

Women's Basketball

Tue. 1-19	6:00	at Aquinas
Sat. 1-23	3:00	ALBION
Wed. 1-27	8:00	at Olivet
Sat. 1-30	3:00	at Holland
Wed. 2-03	8:00	OLIVET
Sat. 2-06	3:00	at Albion
Sat. 2-13	3:00	KZOO
Wed. 2-17	8:00	at Calvin
Sat. 2-20	3:00	ADRIAN

23,26&27 MIAA Tourn.
3-5 or 3-6 NCAA
Regional
3-12 & 13 NCAA
Sectional
3-19 & 20 NCAA Finals

Swimming and Diving

Sat. 1-23	1:00	at K'zoo
Tue. 1-26	6:00	at Wayne State
Fri. 1-29	6:00	HOPE
Sat. 2-06	1:00	CALVIN
Sat. 2-13	1:00	at Adrian
Wed. 2-17	6:00	at Olivet

25-27 MIAA Championships
3-11&13 NCAA Men's
Championships
3-18&20 NCAA
Women's Championships

SPORTS STAT S

MEN'S BASKETBALL

K'ZOO 76, ALMA 71
Thursday, January 14

Kalamazoo (76)
Lester 7-13 2-2 16, Miller 0-2 0-0 0,
Carpender 0-1 0-0 0, Njus 9-17 7-7
28, Foor 0-1 2-2 2, Cole 3-5 6-7 12,
Chappell 2-3 1-3 5, VanderWiere 1-2
0-1 2, Passage 4-6 3-9 11. Totals 26-
50 21-31 76.
Alma (71)
Bjorne 2-6 3-4 7, Elliott 2-2 0-0 5,
Kren 1-3 0-0 3,
T. Blomquist 6-8 1-2 13, Lotterman
4-6 0-0 8, Lewis 5-9 6-6 19, Reagh 0-
2 0-0 0, Reed 5-12 4-4 16. Totals
25-48 14-16 71.

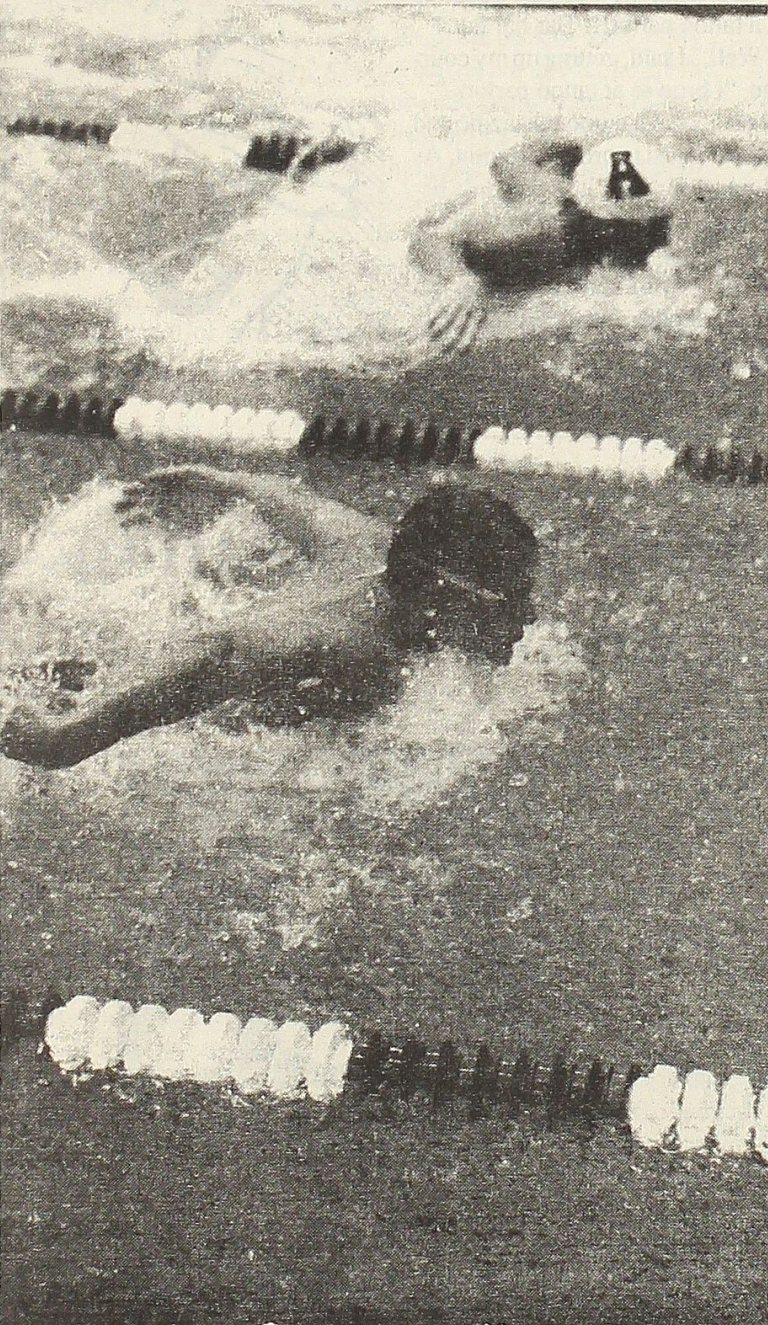
Halftime - Alma 36, K'zoo 34.
Three-point field goals-
K'zoo 3-7 (Lester 0-1, Njus 3-6),
Alma 7-17 (Bjorne
0-1, Kren 1-3, Lewis 3-5, Reagh 0-1,
Reed 2-6).
Rebounds - K'zoo 31 (Njus,
VanderWiere 5), Alma 28
(Lotterman 8). Total fouls - K'zoo
16, Alma 24.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ALMA 85, CALVIN 70
Saturday, January 16

Alma (85)
McCallister 0-3 0-0 0, Doucette 3-5
0-1 6, LaBeau 6-11 3-5 15, Reagh
4-6 0-0 10, Hogan 0-2 0-0 0,
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Halftime - Alma 51, Calvin 36.
Three-point field
goals - Alma 4-19 (Reagh 2-4,
VanDamme 1-4,
Jaster 1-4), Calvin 7-16 (Essenburg
1-2, Bajema
4-8, Bartman 1-3, Hiskes 1-1).
Rebounds - Alma
45 (Sherman, Wruble, Jaster 7),
Calvin 37 (Wubben,
Hiskes 6). Total fouls - Alma 14,
Calvin 17.



Junior Matt Lajune races through the 200 medley last night. Photo by M. Stargard.

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Lifting the Kilt by Sara Groves

Bernie, Harleys, real men, and tattoos

Editors Note: "Lifting the Kilt," a satirical column written by Sara Groves, will now resume after its semester absence.

It had been another rough day of Christmas break. My mom made me get out of bed when she came home for lunch. I spent the afternoon lounging about on the couch watching bad soap operas and cartoons. I took a shower after dinner and was trying to decide how to amuse myself in the evening hours when the phone rang. It was my dad's friend, Bernie.

Now Bernie is no typical dad-type friend. Bernie is not someone my dad, Big Mike, meets at the club to tee off with a few times. Nor do Bernie and Big Mike get together for a few beers, pizza and the game. Bernie and my dad get together and ride Harley Davidsons and smoke and drink and probably even make sexist jokes about women. They are, as Big Mike often tells me, two of the last *real* men left.

But Bernie didn't want to talk to Big Mike. He wanted to talk to me.

"So, I understand that you want to get a tattoo," he said.

"Well, yeah. I've been thinking about it."

"Well, Rick said he'd stay open late tonight and cut you a deal if you wanted to go get one. Say, in an hour?"

In an hour? I felt like I had just rammed my head into a brick wall. One hour? A mere sixty minutes? Whoa.

"Oh geez Bernie. Thanks a lot, but uh..." my voice trailed off.

"But what?"

I had to think fast. I didn't want to sound like the all-talk-no-action-

"Aladdin, huh?" Bernie said. I could just hear the disappointment in his voice.

"Well, if you change your mind, you just give me or Rick a call," he said.

"Yeah. Sure thing," I said, hanging up the phone and feeling like more of a wimp than ever.

What was my problem? I was the biggest loser this side of the Mississippi. All talk and no action. And I had told a biker who was going to

swept out the door.

So I was on my way, thinking to myself the entire time, "What the heck am I doing?" I was going to voluntarily let someone hurt me. I was going to voluntarily let someone shoot ink into my skin with an electric needle.

As I walked in, someone else was just putting on their coat to leave. They looked a little harried...a little worse for the wear. But all in all, not bad. They still had all of their body parts, as far as I could tell. They weren't black and blue or bleeding profusely. Maybe this wouldn't be quite as bad as I thought.

And then Bernie, Big Mike and Jan, Bernie's girlfriend, walked in.

"You just couldn't resist, could you? Har har har," laughed Bernie.

All of a sudden, I was petrified once again.

"Now I haven't said I'm going to do this for sure. I'm just browsing right now," I told him.

"Browsing?!!!! You don't browse at a tattoo parlor!!! Har har har."

"Well," I said, getting up my courage, "I browse at tattoo parlors."

I picked up a tattoo magazine and opened it just to prove my point. As I looked through it, I couldn't believe my eyes. There in front of me were some of the most hideous things permanently placed on people's bodies: pictures of people's

mothers and kittens playing with balls of yarns to name a few. That is just exactly what I would want forever on my upper thigh.

And then I saw it. I think I heard angels singing. I think God came down and said to me, "Yes, this is the one. You must get this forever etched on your body."

So, much to my own surprise, I did. I just sat in the chair and did it. Granted, I was shaking so much that I almost fell out of the chair, but I did it anyway. And it wasn't so bad. It felt like a cat scratching for a long period of time and deep into my skin, which really isn't all that painful but can get a little annoying after a while.

Afterwards, Bernie complimented me on my high level of pain tolerance. I felt like I had arrived, like I was one of the gang. Then we all jumped into his Taurus (Harleys are out of season) and celebrated with a large popcorn and Coke at



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wimp that I am, especially to a 6'5" guy with a handle-bar moustache, numerous tattoos himself and a *real* Harley Davidson.

"Well, um...I've got plans to see..." I drew a blank. I couldn't think of any movie titles. "Plans to see..." And then one hit me. "Plans to see Aladdin."

Oh man. *Aladdin*. Five million movie titles in the world and I choose *Aladdin*. A kid's movie. Now I really sounded like a wimp.

take me to a tattoo parlor that I was going to see *Aladdin*. How humiliating.

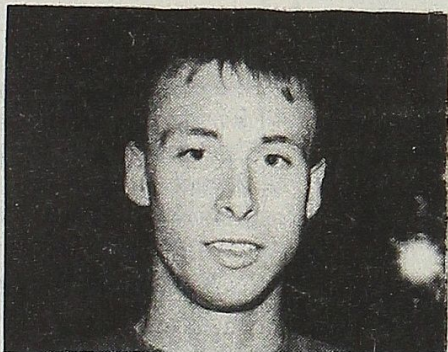
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"Dad, I'm going to the tattoo parlor. If Angie calls, tell her that I'll meet her at *Aladdin*," I said as I

Campus Comment

Q: How well do you think the college administration deals with sexual assault cases on campus?

Photos by Jeffery Spalding



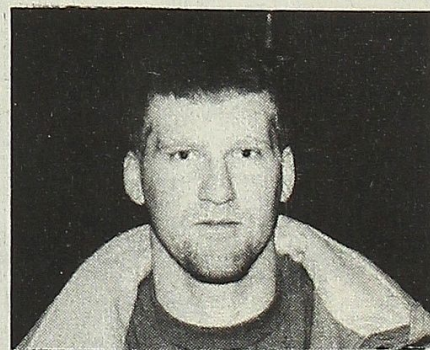
"I think they are pretty strong on it."

—Chad Mills '96



"There is not enough education so that students know what sexual assault/rape is, and so that they know how to report it and feel comfortable doing so. There's too much 'blaming the victim' rationale in the administration's excuses for these incidents."

—Maria Stephens, '93



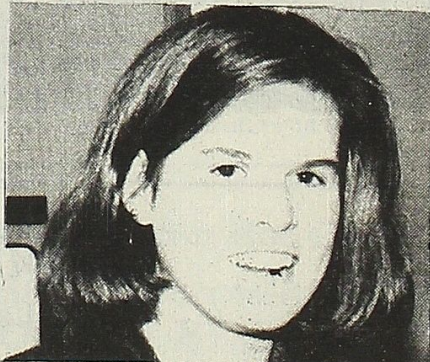
"On a politically correct campus, they do what is politically right and not morally right."

—Adam Hines '96



"If it is a more serious offense, they handle it well; but in minor cases I think they should take it more seriously."

—Teri McDowell '94



"They deal with it very poorly. They don't think about the victim. They only are concerned with the image of the College."

—Dana Grant, '95

'Think' before you wear your 'X' hat

By Liberty Reiter
Freelance Writer

One day while I was at home over Christmas break something on the television screen caught my eye. Robin Williams was sitting on the panel of one of those afternoon talk shows, and on his head he wore a cap with the word "Think" ciched across the brim. Now, the hat with the word on it may very well have been nothing more than an advertisement for his latest film, but it struck me as being much more. Robin Williams is a smart guy, and while his entire comic repertoire is not political, a good portion of it is. He knows what is going on in the world; he knows that when one wears a hat with a word written on the

brim, it means something.

I believe that Robin Williams was attempting to convey a message to people by wearing that hat on national television. It is an incredibly simple message, which is why, in part, it is so meaningful, so moving. I believe that he was sending this message out to one group above all others. It is a certain group of trend-following, MTV-watching, Sassy magazine-reading young people who would not know a political movement if it slapped them in the face. This group is one in the same with the group that runs around wearing the baseball caps with the big letter "X" on the front. "Think."

Oh, yes this fad is all the rage

right now with those who are in the know. White-bred television babies who have never even bothered to pick up a copy of Malcolm X's autobiography see nothing wrong with turning the man who led a people into nothing more than a fashion statement. There are some of you even at this school: those of you who know nothing of the struggle, or of what the "X" really stands for.

I think that it is wonderful that Spike Lee is making money from the sale of these hats. A portion of the proceeds is fed back into his African-American owned and operated "40 Acres and a Mule Production Co.," along with myriad other African-American companies and organizations. What I do not find so wonderful however, is the fact that many

people are running around claiming to espouse some sort of ideology. And, yes, that is exactly what they are doing by wearing those hats when they do not even know what it is that they are trying to say. "Think."

Malcolm X was a brilliant orator; his speeches have been compiled into books which can be found in any library, including the Monteith Library. His autobiography was written in 1965, with a little help from his friend Alex Haley; this too can be found in any library. If you are not hip to that sort of literature and you have an extra three hours on your hands, then might I suggest a film called X directed by, you guessed it, Spike Lee. "Think."

There is a lot of scary stuff going on today. This summer we watched, in

the safety of our own homes of course, the streets of L.A. burn to a crisp. We watched riots destroy Los Angeles; and then we watched a bunch of white commentators on the six o'clock news say things like "Gee, I just cannot understand why those black folks are burning down their own city." We watched as President Bush said that he was going to rectify the travesty of the decision that had come down in the Simi Valley courthouse by setting up a grand jury proceeding. We watched as Rodney King asked the people to please stop, to please come together. "Think."

Christmas time 1992, I saw Robin Williams on T.V. he was wearing a hat that said "Think." So I sat down and I thought. That is all.

FAC fee rips off students

By Maria Stephens
Freelance Writer

My father and I have just driven through eight hours of snow on our regular trek up from Indiana to bring me back to school. My mother has been anticipating a phone call on our arrival, so I pick up the phone in my small housing unit and begin to dial before I remember the usual "9-FAC code" rigmarole.

I dial it in, but I'm greeted with that lovely, high-pitched two-note tone, an auditory brick wall meaning "nope, sorry." Ah, I must have forgotten to pay my phone bill before break. I dial switch, politely explaining my situation and explaining the slight emergency, asking if the operator could simply dial the TOLL-FREE number for me, or could just connect me to an outside operator.

"Well, I really shouldn't," the voice answers in a scolding quaver, and then I know I'm really back at Alma: a stranger is talking to me like she's my lecturing Aunt Betsy.

Yes, I admit my culpability: for a one month delinquency on a \$22 phone bill, I surely deserve to be cut off from the outside world, unable even to make an eight-cent local call or dial a toll-free number.

So I call my mother from the pay phone in the nearest dormitory. Needless to say, I pay my phone bill in full promptly the next day.

However, I am baffled to receive the same unnerving tone at every attempt for the next two days, until a switch operator reminds me of that little detail I had successfully managed to forget from previous years here: the \$10 FAC re-connection fee.

Ten dollars—what is \$10, right? Perhaps if I had not just re-sold my textbooks for less than 1/6 of their original cost, perhaps if I had not just turned in the check in the registration line which has been never been a day late in four years, perhaps then this little \$10 would not be the straw that broke the camel's back.

Fifty percent of my phone bill—and what does it cost the College to type that little code back into the computer?

I know, it's supposed to be a deterrent. But I wonder, where does the College think we, enrolled students, are going to run off to and not pay our phone bill? They have our parents' addresses. Why am I treated like someone with a criminal record and a bad credit rating?

The end effect of this is that about 75 percent of the students I know don't have FAC codes that work. If any of these students needed to access emergency services, they would have precious little options. If it were past midnight, they could only call the one security guard on campus, who could be anywhere on campus. Furthermore, the recent incident involving the security guard cannot but cause students to feel hesitant to call security. In addition, what if the situation demanded immediate emergency services, such as a fire in small housing?

Haven't we paid enough to attend this college? Shouldn't we be afforded a bit more credit if we have always paid our bills on time? Shouldn't we at least be able to make local, toll-free and emergency calls?

Why can't they at least re-connect our FAC when we've paid our bill, without the additional charge? I guess they figure if they've sapped us of thousands, we won't even notice another 10 bucks.

Weird in a Serious Way by Dan Baker

Hi. So, how was your break?

Picture it, fifth grade and the first day back from Christmas break. Young friends are reunited after two weeks and are sporting the latest in Air Jordan footwear when the teacher struts in and promptly announces that, due to the excess amount of fun that was had over the holidays, recess would have to be cancelled for the remainder of the year. Keeping a stern face in tears, and the other half partakes in releasing massive secretions in their new Levis, the giggling educator (?) then announces her little joke, excuses half the class to go change themselves and assigns a paragraph in which the students are to describe what happened over the break.

We are in college now, and in addition to possessing better control over our bodily functions, we are past writing about the presents we got and how many siblings you sent to the hospital in "freak" sledding accidents. Yes sir, we as college students, "The Future of America," are more concerned about what happens when we get back to school!

And concerned we should be. When we come back, we are pulled in 30 directions at once. Move all your stuff in, talk to this professor, sign up for that class, try to remember what time meals are, show off all your new clothes, scrape the mold out of your warm refrigerator and most importantly—ask every person you meet (remembering to use a deeply concerned and genuinely interested voice) how their break was. Not to mention going to the Book Store, to spend all the

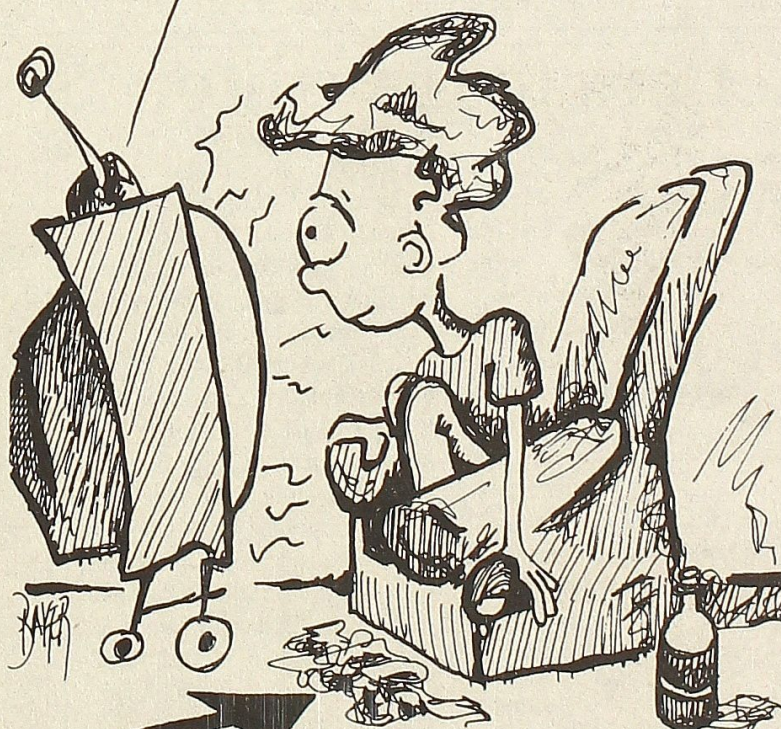
burger flippin' money you made over the holidays and the registration line, to spend all the burger flippin' money your parents made in the last five years. Afterwards, going back to your room and doing impressions of famous cartoon characters seems a very logical thing to do.

One minute, I was at home watching David Letterman and Bob Costas till I ran out of Twinkies and Mountain Dew (waking up the next day with only enough time to

run to the store for more Twinkies), and the next minute, I am at school with responsibilities, classes and no time to sleep or even to watch Letterman.

So why do we do it? What do we get from all this stress? I don't have all the answers, but at least we are surrounded by our peers and are using our minds in classes again. Besides, we all need to brush up on our Porky Pig and Donald Duck voices every now and then.

How do you know this college student is home on break and not at school?



Jan. 19, 1993

Staff Editorial

College practices lax security screening

Violent crime occurs every day across America. No town or city, regardless of how small or remote it may be, is immune from this ugly reality. The alleged third-degree criminal sexual conduct by one of our security guards toward a female student proves that both the City of Alma and Alma College, in particular, cannot escape the cold, hard truth.

In fact, this incident causes one to question whether or not actual safety on this campus, and whether or not the College's own security guards can be trusted. How many students, especially females, will still be willing to call Security and ask to be escorted across campus from the Grant Street parking lot for example, or call them with *any* problem for that matter? Probably a lot less than before.

Although this incident only involved one security guard who works part-time and should in no way be used against the three full-time guard staff, one cannot help but ponder the pre-hiring screening process, the necessary job qualifications and the training they receive before beginning work.

The Jan. 6, 1993 memo from President Alan J. Stone regarding the alleged sexual assault during Christmas break stated, "As all Alma College guards, he had been screened by the local police before being hired for the position." In addition to the LEIN check performed by the Alma Police Department, perspective guards are required to fill out a written application, submit references and be interviewed by potential supervisors.

That's it.

Shouldn't backgrounds be checked more thoroughly through references other than those from past employers? Shouldn't security guards be submitted to some sort of psychological testing and evaluation to determine whether or not he—the Alma College security force is currently all-male—is mentally and emotionally competent to withstand the rigors of the job and the problems and "opportunities" it presents?

Because of one individual's courage, the College is, according to the Jan. 6 memo, "...first reviewing the pre-hiring screening procedures for the future selection of security guards." But doesn't it seem strange that it is only now, after one student has been victimized, that the College is considering the use of psychological tests to evaluate individuals, especially security guards, and is consulting with other schools currently using such practices? How many other students and Alma campus community members were victimized in the past, but too afraid to speak up?

Furthermore, isn't it odd that due to this incident Director of Physical Plant Duane Knecht met with all the security guards to review the College's expectations and job procedures? Should not such procedures take place annually, regardless of such incidents, as part of Security's on-going training and job performance evaluation?

For that matter, what sort of actual job training does a guard receive? Although, according to Stone's memo, the "unarmed force's primary responsibility is to lock and unlock facilities and serve as general watch people to call the local police when necessary," some basic training and skills are needed, especially when trying to control a situation requiring police assistance. What sort of training do they receive? Is it adequate to ensure students' safety and their perceptions thereof?

We agree with Stone that "...as a community we must be able to trust that guards will protect us and, certainly, not harm us," but how can we when a "trusted" College employee, a **security** guard nonetheless, violates and betrays that trust? Obviously, better pre-hiring screening and training of present and future Alma College security guards is needed to remedy this situation and avoid similar incidents in the future. It's just a shame that the College did not have the forethought to upgrade this process earlier; a lot of needless pain and embarrassment could have been avoided for both the individuals involved, and the College.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Let's give a big round of thanks to the ground crew for the way they handled the big snow last Wednesday. They were at work all day and well into the night cleaning up the biggest snowfall in recent memory. I know how heavy that snow was after cleaning out my driveway and walks. By Thursday morning they had the campus in good shape for getting around.

I think they deserve a round of applause (and maybe a few Nuprin).

John H. Johnston
Controller

Dear Editor,

Millions of my Catholic brothers and sisters voted for pro-abortion candidates such as William Clinton in the November election. These Catholics had sufficient knowledge of the politicians' position on abortion. They deliberately chose to ignore the infallible moral counsel of Pope John Paul II as well as their consciences, weakened by the com-

mission of unrepentant and unconfessed mortal sins.

Our God, the Author of all life is not a benevolent idiot. The crisis of murdered unborn children demands this response. Only Jesus' mercy and the perpetual pleading of the Blessed Virgin Mary inhibit God's chastisement. Since legions of Catholics and other children of God became "new accomplices" to abortion by their vote, the Lord's justice must be considered as immanent.

On August 8, 1988 Jesus spoke to Theresa Werner of Lubbock, Texas. The Son of God shouted: "Slaughter of the innocents! Taking the breath of your offspring. Man, what are you doing? You vipers. Life from God is sacred. You run from the wrath to come. Lo, man, where shall you run? Where shall you hide? Like that of Rachel long ago, she wept for her slaughtered. Death your songs shall be. For the innocents' blood has colored your nation."

Joseph E. Valley
Third Order Franciscan

Opinion Potpourri By J. Spalding

Remember MLK

Was it my imagination or did it seem like it took about a hundred years for Physical Plant to get the snow removed from campus last week after the storm? It seemed especially slow in small housing and South Complex...

I have to compliment Marriott for the new selection available in the breakfast cereal section. Captain Crunch Crunch Berries really spice up the dreary January grind at mealtime. It would be even better if more new cereals were added, or at least rotated to offer more variety...

Yes, I realize I was one of the hardest campaigners for Bill Clinton last Fall, but I'll bash him anyway. He sure seems to be just a politician doesn't he? It really burns me to think he is already backing off campaign promises such as the middle class tax cut and protection of Haitian refugees...

I know it would cost a tremendous amount of money, but a new student intramural and athletic building sure would be nice. The wait for the racquetball and basketball courts is ridiculous...

Words to remember: "And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring—when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last, Free at last, Thank God a-mighty, We are free at last.' Remember Martin Luther King, Jr., We've come a long way, but there is still a long way to go.